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<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary of issue</b>	<b>Outcome/Resolution</b>
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020  (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Board and Health Scrutiny Committee)	Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing	To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members noted that it would be wrong not to acknowledge the work of Officers and of partner organisations in the local response to the Covid pandemic.</li> <li>• The Chair noted conclusion of the presentations and the question and answer session, suggesting it was necessary for the Joint Committee to meet further and collate information to be used to support lobbying of MPs and other parties.</li> <li>• Noted that some consideration of inequalities would need to be given at a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Equalities Strategy to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Financial Outturn for 2019/20	Financial Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council’s financial position for the financial year 2019/20 be noted.
	Quarter 4 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Creating a Better Place	Review Principles	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the proposed review of Creating a Better Place and the review principles be noted.
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Delivery of Additional School Places and Admissions	To include medium and long-term planning	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The update on the Delivery of School Places and Admissions be noted.</li> <li>2. The PVFM Select Committee received an update in 12 months’ time.</li> </ol> <p>The item to be included in the appropriate Committee work programme for 2021/22.</p>

	Financial Resilience of Local Authorities And Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 3	Financial Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Select Committee note the financial position of the Council as outlined in the report and the information provided.
	Unity Partnership	Performance Report	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Unity Partnership Limited End of Year Reports including the summary of performance be noted.
	SEND	Performance Plan and progress against the Written Statement of Action (WSOA)	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The Local Partnership be commended for the significant improvement in the timeliness identified in the national data and the ongoing improvements to quality and consistency of EHC plans being delivered and quality assured through effective partnership. 2. An update report be provided to the PVFM Select Committee in February 2021 on the revisions made to the APP and progress made to address the two areas of the original written statement of action not signed off in the revisit letter.  Item further considered by Committee on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020  (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Board and Health Scrutiny Committee)	Covid-19 – Scrutiny Briefing	To provide an update on the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and allow scrutiny Members to ask questions relating to that response.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: 1. The information provided be noted. 2. The questions and responses provided be noted.
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Quarter 1 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The Corporate Performance Report June 2020 be noted. 2. The information and updates provided at the meeting be noted.

	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 4	Budget Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the financial position of the Council as presented in the report be noted.
	Improving Attendance and Health and Wellbeing	Progress Report on Sickness Absence and Fit for Oldham Programme.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the update on Employee Attendance, Workforce Covid Response and the Fit for Oldham Programme be noted.
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 5	Budget Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Highways Capital Programme	Delivery performance issue	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the actual detailed measured successful outputs of the programme so far, the ongoing detailed interactive monitoring of the programme and the need to review, update and expand the corporate indicator(s) accordingly be noted.
	Creating a Better Place	Delivery performance issue	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 'Creating a Better Place' as a revised comprehensive vision and strategic framework for the borough to deliver the ambition for regeneration, homes, jobs and skills-pathways be endorsed.</li> <li>2. The proposed amendments to the Council's capital programme to accelerate economic recovery be noted.</li> <li>3. The acceleration of the potential for contributing revenue savings to the Council's financial plans be noted.</li> </ol>
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 6	Budget Update/Monitoring	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Finance Update – Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 at Month 6 be noted.</li> <li>2. A further updated be provided at the next meeting of the Select Committee.</li> </ol>

	Planning	Performance issue, including major and minor applications response times	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the performance of the Planning Service be noted especially with regard to performance levels pre/post Covid-19 restrictions being introduced and additional measures being introduced within the team to provide continued improvement.
	Repeat Referrals in Children's Social Care	Performance Issue	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommendations as contained within the sensitive report be noted.
	Ofsted – Children's Services	Update on Financial Performance and update on Improvement Plan	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommendations as contained within the sensitive report be noted.
	Update on General Matters		<b>RESOLVED that:</b> 1. The Update on General Matters be noted. 2. The Select Committee Work Programme be reviewed to incorporate increased scrutiny around financial resilience.
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Administration Budget Proposals and related Matters	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22;  Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2025/26;	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> a) The Council Tax Reduction scheme be unchanged in 2020/21. b) The financial position during 2021/22 be reviewed to assess whether resources could be found to support additional Exceptional Hardship Payments to support those residents in most need in 2021/22 and to alleviate the impact of the loss of COVID Hardship Fund grant awards.  <b>RESOLVED that the Select Committee accepted and commended to Cabinet:-</b> 1. The policy landscape and economic context in which the Council was setting its revenue budget for 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2023/24. 2. The impact of Oldham Council Policies and Strategies on the Council's budget setting process and the development of its Medium Term Financial Strategy. 3. The financial forecasts for 2021/22 to 2023/24 having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and associated funding announcements. 4. The key issues to be addressed in continuing to respond to the financial challenges facing the Council.

		<p>Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2021/22 - 2025/26 and Proposed Outturn for 2020/21;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The proposal that the Council reviews its financial position during 2021/22 to determine if it is able to provide additional Council Tax hardship relief.</li> <li>6. The reaffirmation of the Council's commitment to the modified Housing Benefits scheme, a discretionary local scheme which allows the Council to disregard the value of any War Disablement Pension or War Widows Pension over and above statutory disregard limits.</li> <li>7. The recurrent 2021/22 Budget Reduction Proposals at a value of £8.793m.</li> <li>8. Flexible Use of Capital Receipts at a value of £2.000m.</li> <li>9. The proposed use of £42.578m of reserves to balance the 2021/22 budget including £0.127m for a one off budget reduction.</li> <li>10. The proposed use of £12.012m of reserves to support the 2022/23 budget.</li> <li>11. The approach to managing the budget during the COVID pandemic and the continuation of budget management measures introduced in 2020/21 as outlined in Paragraphs 12.6 to 12.11.</li> <li>12. The proposed fees and charges schedule included at Appendix 7.</li> <li>13. The draft pay policy statement included at Appendix 10.</li> <li>14. A proposed 2021/22 Council Tax increase of 2.99% for Oldham Council services resulting in the charges set out at paragraph 15.3 and Table 29 of the report.</li> <li>15. The proposal to draw on the Collection Fund for major preceptors of £115.669m for Borough Wide services and £98.552m for Council services.</li> <li>16. The proposed net revenue expenditure budget for 2021/22 for the Council set at £253.944m.</li> <li>17. Revised estimated budget reduction targets of £32.185m for 2022/23 and £21.564m for 2023/24 before any use of reserves and indicative budget proposals.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forecast HRA outturn for 2020/21 (as per Appendix A)</li> <li>2. Proposed HRA budget for 2021/22 (as per Appendix B)</li> <li>3. Strategic estimates for 2021/22 to 2025/26 (as per Appendix D)</li> <li>4. Proposed increase to dwelling rents for all properties by 1.5%.</li> <li>5. Proposed increase to non-dwelling rents as per individual contracts.</li> <li>6. Proposal that service charges were unchanged.</li> </ol>
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		Capital Programme & Capital Strategy for 2021/22 - 2025/26;	<p>7. Proposal to set Extra Care Housing concierge charges to fully recover actual costs; and</p> <p>8. That the report be commended to Cabinet.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and recommended to Cabinet:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Capital Strategy for 2021/22 to 2025/26 at Appendix 1 of the report and summarised at section 2.1.</li> <li>2. The capital programme for 2021/22 and indicative programmes for 2022/23 to 2025/26 at Annex C of Appendix 1 and summarised at sections 2.2 to 2.6 of the report.</li> <li>3. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy as presented at Annex D of Appendix 1.</li> </ol>
		Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22;	<p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted and recommended to Cabinet:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capital Expenditure Estimates as per paragraph 2.1.2;</li> <li>2. MRP policy and method of calculation as per Appendix 1;</li> <li>3. Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) Projections as per paragraph 2.2.4.</li> <li>4. Projected treasury position as at 31 March 2021 as per paragraph 2.3.3.</li> <li>5. Treasury Limits as per section 2.4.</li> <li>6. Borrowing Strategy for 2021/22 as per section 2.6</li> <li>7. Annual Investment Strategy as per section 2.10 including risk management and the creditworthiness policy at section 2.11.</li> <li>8. Level of investment in specified and non-specified investments detailed at Appendix 5.</li> </ol>
		Section 151 Officer Report	<p><b>RESOLVED that the following be accepted:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed General Fund Balance currently calculated for 2021/22 at £15.641m.</li> <li>2. The initial estimate of General Fund Balances to support the Medium Term Financial Strategy was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £17.349m for 2022/23 and</li> <li>• £18.602m for 2023/24.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. The intended report to be presented to the Audit Committee on Earmarked Reserves to ensure this area was subject to appropriate scrutiny.</li> </ol>

			<p>4. The actions necessary to secure a properly balanced budget as presented in paragraph 3.6.</p> <p>5. The actions necessary to ensure the prudence of the capital investments as noted in Section 4.</p>
	Revenue Monitor and Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 Month 8	Budget Update/Monitoring	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the following be noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forecast revenue outturn for 2020/21 at month 8 being a £8.330m adverse variance having regard to the action being taken to manage expenditure</li> <li>2. The forecast positions for the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund.</li> <li>3. Use of reserves as detailed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1</li> <li>4. The revised capital programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 at Month 8 as presented in Annex 2.</li> </ol>
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Opposition Budget Proposals	Budget item	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that none of the Budget Reduction proposals be recommended to the Cabinet for adoption.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Liberal Democrat Alternative Investment Proposals and Capital Programme proposals be noted.</p>
	Quarter 2 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	SEND	Revisions made to the APP and progress made to address the two areas of the original written statement of action not signed off in the revisit letter	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the SEND Local Partnership be commended for maintaining the significant ongoing improvements to quality and consistency of Education, Health and Care plans being delivered and quality assured through effective partnership work. In addition to the strong positive focus on attending schools and settings, despite the challenges presented by the Coronavirus situation;</li> <li>2. update reports be submitted to the Committee in August 2021 on (i) the completion of the actions identified in area 3 and continuing progress made to improve attendance, reduce exclusions and raise achievement for children and young people with SEND; and (ii) on the SEND strategy and refinements made to deliver strong recovery for children and young people with SEND.</li> </ol>



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Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Quarter 3 Performance Report	Corporate Performance Update/monitoring	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Corporate Performance Report December 2020 be noted.
	Secondary School Performance	Oversight of performance, including Sixth Form College results and Academy sponsors	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the secondary school and sixth form performance be noted; 2. the sector-led school improvement activity be noted.
	Not in Education, Employment or Training Position (NEET/EET)	Performance and Progress Report	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 1. the improvement in services provided to promote the participation of young people in education, employment and training be noted; 2. the current landscape and experiences of 16-18 year olds which is impacting on their participation in education, employment or training be noted.
	Free Early Education Entitlements for 2, 3 and 4 Year Olds	Overview of Key Trends and Developments	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	MioCare	Annual Update on Financial Performance	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Regional Adoption Agency	Review of Performance and Finance	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.
	Local Government Ombudsman	Annual Review of Performance	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review of Performance be noted.