

Creating a Better Place

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Presentation format for discussion with Members

Summary:

Cabinet approval was obtained in August 2020 for the revised Council's 'Creating a Better Place' strategic framework and capital regeneration programme, following discussions with Scrutiny Committee members. The new programme reflected on the priority areas to support the borough's economic and social recovery in support of the financial implications associated with responding to the Coronavirus (CV19).

The very best towns and cities around the world have one thing in common – they are both people and quality focused. Quality of place is paramount to thriving communities and we want Oldham to be a place where people feel they belong, an exciting place where people can live, work and spend time. With a refreshed focus on economic and social recovery, alignment with ensuring Oldham meets its housing need continues to be of paramount importance.

Committee members have requested an overview on the progress of the programme to date and the future ambitions as projects progress through the various stages of development to deliver the intended outcomes for Oldham's residents. The update will reference the challenges of delivery as a result of Brexit and the pandemic, but also includes updates on external funding secured and new funding opportunities to bring forward development on brownfield sites in the town centre and across the borough. Finally, the update will also highlight the ongoing consultation and engagement with local communities, members and businesses which continue to help shape, steer and influence the projects within the Creating a Better Place Programme.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note the progress and updates provided for the Creating a Better Place strategic programme.