

POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22 - OUTTURN

Tues 15 th June 2021	Green New Deal Strategy and Generation Oldham	To receive an update on the Strategy and Funding.	<p>RESOLVED – that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. it be noted that most of the activity in the Oldham Green New Deal programme is currently funded, with potential for further funding in the future from external sources; 2. it be notes that ‘Championing a green recovery’ is one of the priorities in Oldham’s Covid Recovery Plan, and that national government is also prioritising public sector investment in the low carbon and environmental sectors as part of its overall economic recovery strategy; and 3. a report be received at a future meeting focusing specifically on the potential for a strategic partnership with a commercial low carbon infrastructure provider, to support delivery of the 2030 Net Zero target for Oldham Borough; and 4. a supplementary report be submitted to the September meeting of the Committee to advise on the progress on projects identified.
	Minimum Licensing Standards for Taxis and Private Hire	To scrutinize final proposals prior to decision making at both GM and local level.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the findings of the GM Minimum Licensing Standards consultation.
	Covid-19 Recovery Strategy	To scrutinize the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy prior to consideration by Cabinet and Council.	<p>RESOLVED - that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the Covid-19 Recovery Plan 2021-2022; and 2. The Chair and nominee Vice Chair meet with Officers to discuss monitoring or oversight to report to the next meeting of the Committee.

	GM 2040 Transport Strategy – Update and draft sub-strategies	To receive an update on the strategy and be briefed/ scrutinise a number of draft GM 2040 Sub-Strategies prior to submission to Cabinet (for endorsement) and GMCA (for approval)	RESOLVED – that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) approved updated GM2020 Transport Strategy documents in January 2021, including a refreshed version of the long-term, statutory local transport plan – the GM Transport Strategy 2040, a final version of Our Five-Year Transport Delivery Plan (2021-2026), and ten new Local Implementation Plans (one for each GM Council, be noted; 2. the updates on the development of GM Local Bus, Rapid Transit and Freight and Logistics strategies be noted; and 3. Officers investigate the issue of Housing Association and other tenanted properties becoming charge facility compliant and report back to this Committee.
	Equalities Strategy	To scrutinize the proposed Equalities Strategy	RESOLVED – That a report including programme would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee
Weds 21 st July 2021 Special Meeting	Joint Places for Everyone Development Plan Document (DPD)	To scrutinize a proposal to develop a DPD for jobs, new homes and sustainable growth, and related matters, prior to their consideration by Council and/or Cabinet.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend to Cabinet and Full Council approval of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the Places for Everyone: Publication Plan 2021, including strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments, and reference to the potential use of compulsory purchase powers to assist with site assembly and the supporting background documents, for publication pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for an 8-week period for representations to begin not earlier than 9th August; and 2. Delegate authority to the Oldham Council Cabinet Member for Housing in consultation with the Executive Director to approve the relevant Statement of Common Grounds (s) required pursuant to the National Planning Policy Framework 2019; and

			3. Approve submission of the Places for Everyone Publication Plan 2021 to the Secretary of State for examination following the period for representations.
	Statement of Community Involvement	To receive an update on the Statement of Community Involvement in light of the proposed Places for Everyone Joint DPD.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend approval of the SCI 2021 for consideration at Full Council and upon adoption to make it available to view alongside the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) 2020.
	Local Development Scheme 2021	To receive an update on the Local Development Scheme in light of the proposed Places for Everyone Joint DPD.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend approval to Cabinet of the LDS 2021 and for publication upon adoption.
	Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan	To scrutinize final proposals in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan.	RESOLVED – That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorses the Clean Air Plan and Strategy.
Tuesday 27 th July 2021	Covid-19 Recovery Strategy	Committee to receive an update.	RESOLVED – 1. That quarter performance reports in respect of delivery against the Recovery Plan be presented to the Performance Committee in line with its terms of reference; and 2. That, in fitting with its terms of reference, any matter appropriate for the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider, via scrutiny of the quarterly performance report, be directed to it by the Chair/Vice Chair of the Performance Committee, through minutes of its meetings and/or the Head of Strategy and Performance.
	Outturn Work Programmes 2021-22		RESOLVED – 1. That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the Overview and Scrutiny Board Outturn Work Programme 2020/21, Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee Outturn Work Programme 2020/21 and the Health

			<p>Scrutiny Committee Outturn Work Programme 2020/21; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee reserve the right to convene Joint meetings of the Scrutiny Committee when required; and 3. Requests that a Budget Training Workshop be scheduled for the Committee; and 4. That an update be sought regarding the outstanding Youth Offer as detailed on page 18 at Appendix 1 of the report; and 5. That an update be sought regarding Place Based Integration.
	Policy Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-22		<p>RESOLVED –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/2022; and 2. That the Committee request a report from the Greater Manchester Police Authority in relation to the issues as highlighted above; and 3. That clarification be sought in relation to MASH.
Weds 1 st September 2021 Special Meeting	Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy	To be briefed on/the Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy, a sub-strategy of the GM 2040 Transport Strategy.	RESOLVED that the draft Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy be noted and an update be provided to the Committee in 12 months' time.
Tues 21 st September 2021	Delivery of low carbon infrastructure in the borough.	Scrutiny of the potential to secure a strategic commercial partner to deliver required infrastructure	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the progress in securing funding for some of the Council's previously unfunded projects and programmes, and the forward planning to progress others be noted. 2. the contribution from GMCA-level decarbonisation initiatives and programmes to Oldham's Green New Deal programme.

			3. the proposed approach to engaging the private sector in Oldham's Green New Deal programme for more detailed consideration by senior officers and Cabinet members be endorsed.
	Northern Care Alliance (NCA) NHS Group - employment support, local recruitment, and ongoing items.	Update on employment and training issues related to the Royal Oldham Hospital/NCA NHS Group, including T Levels, post-Covid/Covid compliant plan, and apprenticeships.	RESOLVED that: 1. A four-way conversation between the Northern Care Alliance, Oldham Council, Oldham College and Department for Work and Pensions be held to discuss employment support and local recruitment within Oldham. 2. An update on the report be provided in 6 months' time.
	Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy	To consider the Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2021-26	RESOLVED that: 1. The report be endorsed to Cabinet to approve the contents of the Oldham Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2021-26 and its associated delivery plan. 2. An update be provided to the Committee in 12 months' time.
Tues 9 th November 2021	Gambling Act 2005 Policy - refresh	To scrutinize proposed revisions to the Policy.	RESOLVED that the draft Gambling Policy be noted and commended to the Council for approval.
	GM Taxi Standards – Vehicle recommendations	To consider the GM taxi Standards for Vehicle recommendations	RESOLVED that the recommendations being submitted to Greater Manchester Combined Authority be noted.
	Creating a Better Place	To receive updates one year after adoption of Creating a Better Place and acquisition of the Shopping Centre.	RESOLVED that: 1. The progress and updates provided for the Creating a Better Place strategic programme be noted. 2. An update be provided to the Committee in June 2022.
	Youth Justice Plan	To scrutinise the Youth Justice Plan for 2021/22	RESOLVED that the report be noted.
Tues 14 th December 2021	Policing in Oldham	Presentation on policing issues in Oldham	RESOLVED that: 1. The presentation be noted.

			2. An update be provided to the Committee in March 2022.
	Northern Roots Project	Presentation and update on the Northern Roots project	RESOLVED that the content of the presentation be noted.
	Youth Service Update	Update on matters related to the work of the Youth Council	RESOLVED that: 1. The update be noted. 2. An update be provided in March 2022 3. A workshop be set up between the Youth Service, Employability and the Committee to look at employment opportunities for young people. NOTE – Further report provided in January 2022
Thurs 20 th January 2022			
	Covid Update	Update on local matters related to the Covid pandemic.	RESOLVED that: 1. The update be noted. 2. A further update be provided to the Committee in 6 months' time.
	The Digital Sector: Developing a workshop to review apprenticeships across Oldham and the offering of digital apprenticeships by the Council	Discussion of issues raised through a Youth Council Motion to Council.	RESOLVED that: 1. A workshop be set up with those identified at point 3.3 in the report. 2. The workshop be held between 4.00pm and 7.00pm to accommodate maximum attendance by the Youth Council Members.
Thurs 27 th January 2022	Administration Budget Proposals and related Matters	Month 8 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report	RESOLVED that the following be accepted and commended to Cabinet, the : 1. Forecast revenue outturn for 2021/22 at month 8 being a £2.672m surplus variance. 2. Forecast positions for the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund 3. Use of reserves as detailed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1

		<p>Revenue Budget 2022/23</p>	<p>4. Revised capital programme for 2021/22 to 2025/26 at Month 8 as presented in Annex 2.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepted and commended the following to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The policy landscape and context in which the Council is setting its revenue budget for 2022/23; 2. The key issues to be addressed in continuing to respond to the financial challenges facing the Council; 3. A proposed 2022/23 Council Tax increase of 3.99% for Oldham Council services (1.99% for general purposes and 2% Adult Social Care Precept) resulting in the charges set out at Table 19 of the report; 4. The financial forecasts for 2022/23 having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and associated funding announcements, an overall budget reduction requirement of £33.826m; 5. A revision to the Budget Reduction proposals approved for 2022/23 at the Budget Council of 4 March 2021 to a value of £5.467m; 6. The Flexible Use of Capital Receipts at a value of £2.500m; 7. The proposed use of £20.951m of reserves to balance the 2022/23 budget including £0.405m to support the delivery of budget reductions for 2023/24 and a transfer to reserves of £1.360m for Retained Business Rates; 8. The proposal to draw on the Collection Fund for major preceptors of £120.698m for Borough Wide services and £102.932m for Council services (subject to confirmation);
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		<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27</p>	<p>9. The proposed net revenue expenditure budget for 2022/23 for the Council set at £258.588m;</p> <p>10. The proposed fees and charges as set out in the schedule included at Appendix 7;</p> <p>11. The draft pay policy statement included at Appendix 8.</p> <p>With regard to the 53 recurrent 2022/23 Budget Reduction proposals at a value of £6.268m with a further £1.895m for 2023/24 and £1.150m for 2024/25, the Committee commended 52 of the proposals to Cabinet. It however requested that Cabinet considered its approach to the 2022/23 proposal, REF-BR1-526 Get Oldham Growing at a value of £0.062m, with a view to withdrawing the proposal, given the impact that it would have.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered, accepted and commended to Cabinet, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The policy landscape and economic context in which the Council is setting its Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27; 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 2022/23 to 2026/27 having regard to the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, three-year indicative Spending Review, key White Papers and associated funding announcements; 4. The key issues to be addressed in continuing to respond to the financial challenges facing the Council;
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Tues 8 th February	Lead Opposition Groups Budget Proposals	<p>To consider budget proposals presented by the Liberal Democrat Group</p> <p>To consider budget proposals presented by the Conservative Group</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee referred the Liberal Democrat revenue and capital budget reduction and investment proposals to Cabinet for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee referred the Conservative revenue budget reduction and investment proposals to Cabinet for consideration.</p>
	Oldham Green New Deal – 2030 Carbon Neutrality Target and Growing the Green Economy	To receive an update on initiatives in the Oldham Green New Deal programme which would contribute to achieving the 2030 carbon neutrality target for Oldham Borough.	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the progress on three key complementary strategic initiatives be noted:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping the green economic sector to identify opportunities for growth; Mapping the low carbon infrastructure opportunities across Oldham borough; and Soft market testing exploring the potential for a Strategic Low Carbon Investment and Delivery Partnership with the private sector the proposed approach to developing a Strategic Low Carbon Investment and Delivery Partnership for more detailed consideration by senior officers and Cabinet members be endorsed.
Tues 22 nd March	Policing in Oldham – Neighbourhood Working		RESOLVED that the update be noted and a workshop be set up with Greater Manchester Police.

PENDING ISSUES

	Oldham Plan	Review of the Oldham Plan (formerly the 'sustainable community strategy')	Rebekah Sutcliffe, Strategic Director – Communities and Reform	To be refreshed following approval of the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy; timetable to be determined (provisionally January or March 2022)
	Poverty	Task and Finish Group		The O&S Board in January 2021 referred a report arising from a task and finish group exercise to the Cabinet for consideration.
	Selective Licensing Scheme	To scrutinise proposals	Portfolio – Housing. Deputy Chief Executive. Neil Crabtree, Head of Public Protection.	Consideration noted as delayed on the O&S Board 2020/21 Work Programme <i>Been to cabinet, 3/22</i>

OTHER ACTIVITY

Meeting to be arranged between the three O&S Committee Chairs and the Youth Council to assist in the appreciation of young people's concerns and to assist in looking to ensure that the interests of young people are reflected in matters coming before the O&S Committees.	Head of Service (Youth Service and Outdoor and Environmental Education Service). Chris Lewis, Lead Youth Worker working directly with the Youth Council.	Consideration would relate to both the Employment, Work and Training and the Youth/Young People 'themed'/significant issue considerations. As noted previously in an earlier work programme, the workshop session had not been convened to date due to Covid-19 related issues. <i>Issues have been progressed by the Policy O&S Committee (above)</i>
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<p>Place Based Model - To receive an update on the development of the Place Based Model</p>	<p>Portfolio - HR and Corporate Reform. Strategic Director – Communities and Reform.</p>	<p>Item requested by O&S Board, March 2021. <i>To be programmed</i></p>
<p>Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) - To receive an update on participation and NEET rates and on activities looking to ensure appropriate opportunities for 16-18 year olds.</p>	<p>Portfolio – Education and Skills. Managing Director – Children and Young People. Donna Lewis, Head of Inclusion and Post 16.</p>	<p>Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration <i>Item deferred to June 2022 meeting</i></p>
<p>Economic Recovery Plan - To be consulted/scrutinize the draft Economic Recovery Plan which will encapsulate the Work and Skills Strategy with the Business Growth and Investment Strategy into one document and which will include a key focus on youth unemployment, with Care Leavers also featuring as part of the action plan.</p>	<p>Portfolio – Leader of the Council. Managing Director – Children and Young People. Jon Bloor, Head of Lifelong Learning, Employment and Skills Service</p>	<p>Part of the Employment, Work and Training – ‘themed’/significant issue consideration.</p>