

Outstanding Actions from Council – Municipal Year 2022/23

ACTION	ISSUE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED	RESPONSE
Youth Council Motion – Holiday Activities and Food Sessions	The Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP; The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP, Secretary of State for Education; The Rt Hon Bridget Philipson MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education, and the three Members of Parliament representing the Oldham Borough; Jim McMahon MP, Debbie Abrahams MP and Angela Rayner MP to ask them to lobby parliament to extend the offer of the Holiday Activities and Food programme to all young people not just those on free school meals to support all those impacted by the current cost of living crisis.	Chief Executive	4 th November 2022	No response received to date.
Administration Motion 1: Housing Policy	The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to ask for urgent clarification of the Government's Housing and Planning policies and seeking assurance that:	Chief Executive	4 th November 2022	No response received to date.

	<p>1. Section 21 evictions will be abolished in this session of Parliament.</p> <p>2. Any reforms of the Planning system will ensure local democratic control of the planning process</p>			
Administration Motion 2: Cost of Living Pension Credits	<p>1. To ensure that the council continues it's joined up approach to supporting residents during the cost-of-living crisis, working across all areas to ensure that no resident suffers hardship due to their financial situation.</p> <p>2. Continue to support residents to access all the benefits they are entitled to access, through the Council's Welfare Rights Team.</p> <p>Commit to working alongside Age UK to identify how the council can support older people during the cost-of-living crisis, including ensuring that everyone has access to food and heating.</p> <p>3. The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, asking them to make changes to the benefits system to ensure that eligible residents receive benefits automatically, rather than having to claim them; asking them to</p>	Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth and Director of Finance	4 th November 2022	No response received to date.

	<p>commit to raising all social security benefits in line with inflation.</p> <p>4. To work alongside the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Ageing Hub to identify more avenues of support for older people in the borough.</p>			
<p>Opposition Motion 2: Provision of Local Services</p>	<p>The Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council continues to use her position on the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to monitor the Places for Everyone plan and ensure that Oldham's housing needs are met.</p> <p>Brownfield sites to continue to be prioritised over Green Belt development by the administration.</p> <p>To continue to ensure 'shovel ready' projects on brownfield sites are not held back by delays, and notes that they are included in the overall housing supply (SHLAA) in the Oldham Metropolitan Borough.</p> <p>Oldham Council to continue to rationalise its brownfield site assets where reasonable and practicable, including the regeneration of the civic centre site after the council moves into</p>	<p>Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth</p>	<p>4th November 2022</p>	<p>No response received to date.</p>

	<p>the Spindles Shopping centre. The Council confirms that homeownership is one of the fundamental tenets of building stronger communities and regrets that due to the recent Conservative Government crashing the economy homeownership is now unattainable by many Oldhamers. The Council continues to deliver its plans for Place Based Integration, as set out in the Oldham and Corporate Plans, to district and neighbourhood level.</p> <p>The Leader of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council will look to create a Pennines Economic Co-operation Board which works with the GMCA, WYCA and both Mayors, to maximise the potential economic benefits of maximising the opening of new road and rail links between Oldham and West Yorkshire.</p> <p>The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to:</p> <p>a. Seek a meeting with the</p>			
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	<p>Department of Transport, TfGM, and the relevant Oldham Council Cabinet member to restore public transport funding that has been cut by consecutive Conservative Governments.</p> <p>b. Build on the initial work done by Oldham's Members of Parliaments regarding the option of reopening existing railway stations such as those at the Middleton Junction in Chadderton, Diggle in Saddleworth or a new Oldham line which connects to Oldham, Manchester and West Yorkshire for both freight and passenger services which can service the Borough more widely</p> <p>c. Request that the government restore brownfield remediation funding to help make brownfield sites more attractive to developers, instead of insisting that Oldham meet its housing targets</p>			
<p>Opposition Motion 3: Regulation of HMO's</p>	<p>The Council resolved to:</p> <p>a. Continue to gather the evidence to monitor the situation, paying attention to minimise any potential</p>	<p>Chief Executive and Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth</p>	<p>4th November 2022</p>	<p>No response received to date.</p>

	<p>negative impacts HMO's are having on areas. Also, to work with Councillors and residents to protect the interests of the residents, in the future development of HMO's.</p> <p>b. That automatic development rights for HMOs of up to six occupants be removed IF and WHEN the threshold for an Article 4 Direction is met. So developers are required to seek planning permission for a HMO of any size.</p> <p>c. Recognise that when managed by good landlords HMO's meet the housing needs of some Oldhamer's, but that residents have concerns around the number of inadequate landlords converting decent homes into HMOs solely for profit in particular neighbourhoods.</p> <p>d. Where HMOs are developed that require Planning Permission, the council will continue to</p>			
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	<p>consult with neighbouring residents, when development opportunities are sought by landlords to develop HMO's.</p> <p>e. That the Chief Executive will write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities and request that the current planning regulations are reviewed and insist that local planning authorities are able to have more control over developments and changes of use in their boundaries.</p>			
Administration Motion 1: Cost of Living Crisis	<p>That letters be sent to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer demanding that they 'offer more support to residents, particularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. for the energy price cap to be frozen to protect families this winter b. for the Government to come good and deliver on their levelling up 	Chief Executive	9 th September 2022	No response received to date.

	<p>promises to deprived areas who need investment and support more than ever</p> <p>c. to deliver on their promises to fix social care, alleviating the burden from local authorities and</p> <p>d. increase the support offered to local authorities so those of us who knew our communities best can make the most difference here on the ground</p>			
Administration Motion 2: Fireworks	<p>That a Letter be sent to the Government (Secretary of State for Business, Energy and industrial Strategy) urging them to introduce legislation to:</p> <p>a. Limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.</p> <p>b. To review current laws on the sale and use of</p>	Chief Executive	9 th September 2022	No response received to date.

	<p>fireworks including a requirement for purchasers to state when how and where the fireworks would be used.</p> <p>c. To strengthen national restrictions governing how, when and where fireworks can be purchased, and in what volume per transaction including online sales.</p> <p>d. Restrict firework sales to 'all year round' retailers to reduce risks associated with 'pop up' sellers who appear for short periods.</p>			
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Can the Council Dare to be Brave</p>	<p>To exercise its power to change speed limits on roads responsibly and ensure speed limits on roads across Oldham are appropriate and realistic for their surroundings and the times we now live in.</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth</p>	<p>9th September 2022</p>	<p>A formal review has commenced and any identified changes will be recommended for implementation.</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 2: Meeting the Human Needs for Food and Warmth</p>	<p>That letters be forwarded, on behalf of Oldham Council as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oldham Council will write to the three MPs representing Oldham 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>9th September 2022</p>	<p>Response letter received from the relevant department and provided to Council on 2 November. Still awaiting response on Part 4 of the resolution .</p>

	<p>Borough, asking them to confirm their commitment to action to cut the costs of energy for residents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Oldham Council will write to the Secretary of State for Energy to demand investment into the Oldham Mine Water Heat Network, which would provide an alternative way of delivering a secure heating source for hundreds of homes in the borough and commits to finding funding for this project at the soonest possible opportunity. 3. Oldham Council will write to the Secretary of State for Education to ask that damaging cuts to Free School Meals are reversed. 4. Oldham Council will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging him to reinstate the uplift for Universal Credit and extend Free School Meals to all families on Universal Credit. 			
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<p>Administration Motion 1: New Deal for Workers</p>	<p>Letter sent to the Prime Minister 'demanding an end to 'fire and rehire' and keep his promise to local residents to protect their employment terms and conditions, and to ask that all key workers get a pay-rise that is at least equal to inflation'</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>26th July 2022</p>	<p>No response received to date.</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Making Fairer Decisions</p>	<p>Chief Executive to amend the standard assessment criteria within the decision-making reports and records to include a requirement to consider the implications of all decisions on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The potential impact of the decision on children and young people which should include any potential impact on the risk of harm to children. 2. Authority spending into the local economy. 3. Direct the Chief Executive to make and introduce these changes, in line with current plans for a fresh approach to impact assessments, within three months of this Council meeting. A progress report and any financial implications be reported to future cabinet meetings as and when appropriate. 	<p>Chief Executive and Executive Leadership Team</p>	<p>Council approved the Motion on 13th July 2022</p> <p>Impact Assessment developed and ready for use December Cabinet.</p>	<p>A verbal update was provided at the 2 November Council meeting. A written update on the progress made regarding the implementation of the Corporate Impact Assessment Tool was shared with all Members on the 7 November 2022. A presentation was also made at a Group Leaders meeting on 29 November 2022.</p>

