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Actions from Council – 14th December 2022

| ACTION | ISSUE | WHO RESPONSIBLE | DATE COMPLETED | RESPONSE |
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| Youth Council Motion – Green Roofs and Walls | <p>The Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth be requested to investigate the feasibility of installing green roofs and living walls on buildings in Oldham.</p> <p>The Council agrees to support businesses and schools that wish to install green roofs and walls.</p> <p>That Green Roofs and Walls be considered as part of the Council's approach to climate change adaptation and resilience</p> | Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth | 16 th December 2022 | Work Ongoing with officers |
| Administration Motion 1: Don't Take It Out On Us: Properly Funded Public Services | <p>To aid the LGA's Don't Take It Out on Us Campaign, and highlight the extent of cuts of local government financing in Oldham:</p> <p>1. Asks the Borough's MPs to join our calls for properly funded local government and social care.</p> | Chief Executive | 16 th December 2022 | <p>Letter sent by CEX and Leader of the Council.</p> <p>No responses received to date.</p> <p>Work ongoing with collaboration.</p> |

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| | <p>2 That the Council works collaboratively and cross-party with colleagues in Oldham, Greater Manchester and nationally to lobby for fair funding for local government and social care.</p> <p>3. Continue to work with our partners across Oldham to provide good quality and cost-effective public services for Oldhamers.</p> <p>4. To invite all Group Leaders to write jointly to the Government to ask them to properly and fairly fund local government and social care so that local authorities aren't forced to hike Council Tax and invite Oldham residents to sign the letter</p> <p>5. Calls for multi-year financial settlements to enable local authorities to plan properly and deliver the best services for our residents.</p> <p>6. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to urge him to</p> | | | |
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| | expedite the review into Council Tax so our residents aren't continually hammered by this regressive tax. | | | |
| Administration Motion 2: Investing in Children's Social Workers | <p>The Chief Executive to write to the Department for Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ask them follow in Northern Ireland's footsteps and impose a ban or a quota on Agency Social Workers. 2. To publish its response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care as soon as possible and establish further regulation on agency social work as recommended. 3. To establish a fund for local authorities to set up not-for-profit staff banks to be the first port of call for temporary workers. <p>Council further resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. To instruct the DCS to work with colleagues across Greater Manchester, and potentially the North West, to work together to attempt to | Chief Executive | 16 th December 2022 | Response received 8 th February 2023 and attached |

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| | <p>reduce the reliance on agency social workers.</p> <p>5. To invest in Children's Services in order to recruit, retain and train the best social workers available and make Oldham an attractive place to be a social worker</p> | | | |
| <p>Opposition Motion 1: Supporting our Armed Forces Community</p> | <p>That consideration of this Motion be referred to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for examination and that Committee be requested to submit a report thereon to Council in due course</p> | <p>Referred to Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> | <p>16th December 2022</p> | <p>Matter with Overview and Scrutiny for examination and included as part of the Work Programme.</p> |
| <p>Opposition Motion 2: Free School Meals and Winter Care Packages</p> | <p>The Council resolved to:</p> <p>1. Explore opportunities to support Oldham's primary schools with free school meal budget pressures as part of this Council's cost-of-living support package and emerging priorities fund. Especially seeking to ensure that the positive impact of free school meal provision is not offset by the Conservative government's real terms cuts</p> | <p>Managing Director for Children's Services and Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth</p> | <p>16th December 2022</p> | <p>No response received</p> <p>Work is continuing on cost of living support packages, the 'We can Help' campaign and digital isolation and loneliness through warm hubs and assisting people.</p> |

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| | <p>to school budgets in our Borough.</p> <p>2. To continue the work of the administration in supporting all children eligible for Free School Meals, including ensuring that all eligible are claiming Free School Meals and that families claiming free school meals are signposted to other support packages as part of the administration's "We Can Help" campaign. Children and families who are struggling should not be forced to struggle more due to the Conservative Government's economic mismanagement, and it is the administration's priority to support residents through this crisis.</p> <p>3. Continue to work with partners to ensure that vulnerable households are prioritised this winter – offering warm clothing, household essentials, useful information about council services and support offered by other organisations; and a</p> | | | |
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| | <p>friendly knock on the door to our most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>4. Explore opportunities to tackle digital isolation and loneliness in Oldham Borough – ensuring that staff/volunteers at libraries, community spaces and warm hubs are resourced to assist people who may not have access to the internet, need help to access the internet, and need help to access Council and other agencies services.</p> | | | |
| Polling District Review | <p>The Council received a report that reviewed Poling Districts in the Borough.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Council approve the new polling districts and polling places and the polling stations be determined by the Returning Officer, as detailed in Appendix A, of the submitted report, further to the final proposal circulated, subject to the inclusion of the amended proposals for the Coldhurst Ward (moved and</p> | Chief Executive/Director of Legal Services | Council approved the report on 14 th December 2022 | N/A |

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| | seconded by Councillors Jabbar and Chadderton respectively) above. | | | |
| Clean Air Scrutiny Proposals | <p>Council received a report regarding 'Clean Air' Scrutiny proposals for Greater Manchester.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Council approves the establishment of a 'Greater Manchester Joint Scrutiny Committee' to scrutinise decisions of the 'Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee' and the 'Clean Air Administration Committee'</p> <p>2. That the appointment of a Lead Member and a Deputy member for the Greater Manchester Joint Scrutiny Committee, be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Council's Party Leaders.</p> | Chief Executive/Director of Legal Services | Council approved the report on 14 th December 2022 | N/A |
| Municipal Calendar | <p>Council received a report outlining a proposed calendar of meetings for 2023/24</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. The Council's Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal</p> | Director of Legal Services/Head of Democratic Services | Council approved the report on 14 th December 2022 | N/A |

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| | <p>Year 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.</p> <p>2. Approval of any outstanding dates be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders.</p> | | | |
| Civic Appreciation Nominations | <p>Council received a report nominating recipients for a Civic Appreciation Award.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Keira Arnold, Ibrahim Yousef and Hannah Miah be approved as recipients of the Civic Appreciation Award 2023, with the formal Ceremony to take place prior to the Council meeting on Wednesday, 15th March 2023.</p> | Chief Executive | Council approved the report on 14th December 2022 | Award ceremony to take place on 15 th March 2023 |
| Treasury Management Mid Year Review 2022/23 | <p>Council received a report regarding reviewing treasury management activity, thus far in 2022/23.</p> <p>RESOLVED: 1. That Council approves the Treasury Management activity for the first half of the</p> | Director of Finance | Council approved the report on 14th December 2022 | N/A |

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| | <p>financial year 2022/23 and the projected outturn position.</p> <p>2. That Council approves amendments to both Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt, as set out in the table at Section 2.4.5 of the report.</p> <p>That Council approves amendments to the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) as set out in the table at section 2.4.5.</p> | | | |
| <p>Youth Council Motion – Holiday Activities and Food Sessions</p> | <p>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</p> | <p>Chief Executive</p> | <p>4th November 2022</p> | <p>Response received 19th December 2022 attached</p> |

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| | school meals to support all those impacted by the current cost of living crisis. | | | |
| Administration Motion 1: Housing Policy | <p>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:</p> <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> | Chief Executive | 4 th November 2022 | Response received 15 th January 2023 and attached |
| 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> | 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. |

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| | <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 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</p> | | | |
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| | more avenues of support for older people in the borough. | | | |
| Opposition Motion 2: Provision of Local Services | <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</p> | Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth | 4 th November 2022 | No response received to date. |

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| | <p>site after the council moves into the Spindles Shopping centre.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> | | | |
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| | <p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Seek a meeting with the Department of Transport, TfGM, and the relevant Oldham Council Cabinet member to restore public transport funding that has been cut by consecutive Conservative Governments.b. Build on the initial work done by Oldham's Members of Parliaments regarding the option of reopening existing | | | |
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| | <p>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</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> |

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| | <p>potential 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</p> | | | |
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| | <p>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 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</p> | | | |
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| | changes of use in their boundaries. | | | |
| 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 promises to deprived areas who need investment and support more than ever | Chief Executive | 9 th September 2022 | Response received 4 th January 2023 and attached. |

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| | <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> | | | |
| <p>Administration Motion 2: Fireworks</p> | <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</p> | <p>Chief Executive</p> | <p>9th September 2022</p> | <p>No response received to date.</p> |

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| | <p>the public for private displays.</p> <p>b. To review current laws on the sale and use of 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> | | | |
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| <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 Borough, asking them to confirm their commitment to action to cut the costs of energy for residents. 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. | <p>Chief Executive</p> | <p>9th September 2022</p> | <p>Response letter received from the relevant department and provided to Council on 2 November.</p> <p>Still awaiting response on Part 4 of the resolution .</p> |
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| | <p>3. Oldham Council will write to the Secretary of State for Education to ask that damaging cuts to Free School Meals are reversed.</p> <p>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.</p> | | | |
| <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> |