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Actions from Council – 15th March 2023

ISSUE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p>1. That the Council recognises that care experienced people are a group who are likely to face discrimination.</p> <p>2. That the Council recognises that Councils have a duty to put the needs of disadvantaged people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration.</p> <p>3. That future decision, services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic.</p> <p>4. That in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council includes care experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual</p>	<p>All to note the resolutions and to incorporate into future actions</p>	<p>Work is ongoing</p>	<p>Work Ongoing with officers</p>

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<p>publication of information relating to people who share a protected characteristic in services and employment.</p> <p>5. That this Council will treat care experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic.</p> <p>6. To formally call upon all other bodies to treat care experience as a protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.</p> <p>7. For the council to continue proactively seeking out and listening to the voices of care experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.</p>			
<p>RESOLVED: That the Council</p> <p>1. Ensures that it continues its ambitious plans for the council to be operating as a carbon neutral council by 2025.</p> <p>2. Continues to work towards a carbon neutral Oldham by 2030, and a carbon neutral Greater Manchester by 2038.</p> <p>3. Explores further options for renewable energy schemes across the Borough.</p>	<p>Executive Director (Place and Economic Growth)</p>	<p>17th March 2023</p>	<p>Letter sent by Chief Executive on 17th March 2023 and response is detailed at Appendix 2.</p>

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<p>Specifically, by identifying companies who could be involved in running a Mine Water Heat Network and working with them to develop a successful plan for Oldham Borough.</p> <p>4. Commits to re-evaluating all council owned assets for the viability of having solar panels installed to maximise the renewable energy generated by the Council.</p> <p>5. Explores the creation of a Local Energy Market to sell excess energy generated by council renewable assets to residents at a reasonable price, independent of the main energy providers, and to support the development of privately owned renewable energy generation in Oldham which can also help residents and businesses to reduce their energy bills through schemes like the Oldham Energy Futures project - piloted in Sholver and Westwood – and the Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership.</p>			
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<p>6. Requests that Greater Manchester Pension Fund (GMPF) divest from fossil fuel companies by 2030 at the latest</p> <p>7. Requests that GMPF provide an annual report - until such a time that they are fully divested - to record active interventions they are making to change those companies' policies to become carbon neutral.</p> <p>8. Works alongside the partner agencies to identify more sites in the Borough which could potentially help Oldham reduce its reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p>9. Works alongside future governments to support the creation of a national public energy company, where the income generated will be reinvested into the UK, rather than into the pockets of shareholders or other nations who own energy companies operating in the UK.</p> <p>10. Reaffirms its commitment to a true windfall tax on the runaway profits of oil and gas giants. This tax revenue is</p>			
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<p>needed to support families who are struggling.</p>			
<p>The Council resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council instructs the Managing Director of Children and Young People to organise a campaign to further increase take up of Healthy Start vouchers in the Borough. 2. That the Chief Executive be requested to write to the Secretary of State for Education asking the Government to increase the value of the Healthy Start vouchers by at least 14% to match general food inflation to support residents with the cost-of-living crisis. 3. That the Council continues to push for reform to provide affordable childcare to all Oldhamers. 4. That the responsible Cabinet member(s) be requested to explore whether any extra support can be provided to early years providers in the Borough. 5. That the Council continued to work with schools on our poverty 	<p>Managing Director for Children and Young People/Chief Executive</p>	<p>17th March 2023</p>	<p>A reply from the Department of Education is attached at Appendix 3</p>

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<p>proofing audits – to make sure children from low-income backgrounds can participate fully in all aspects of learning and reduce stigma attached to poverty.</p> <p>6. That the Council commits to use the newly developed Equality Impact Assessment Tool to determine the impact of council decisions on Children and Young People.</p>			
<p>Further to Council on 14th December Keira Arnold and Hannah Miah attended to receive their Civic Appreciation Award 2023</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Council approved the report on 14th December 2022</p>	<p>Award ceremony was held prior to the meeting on 15th March 2023</p>
<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</p>	<p>Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth and Director of Finance</p>	<p>4th November 2022</p>	<p>No response received to date from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions</p>

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<p>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 more avenues of support for older people in the borough.</p>			
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<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 the Spindles Shopping centre.</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 from the Secretary of State for Transport</p>
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<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 maximising the opening of new</p>			
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<p>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 railway stations such as			
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<p>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>The Council resolved to:</p> <p>a. Continue to gather the evidence to monitor the situation, paying attention to minimise any potential negative</p>	<p>Chief Executive and Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth</p>	<p>4th November 2022</p>	<p>No response received to date from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities</p>

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<p>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</p>			
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<p>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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<p>changes of use in their boundaries.</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 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>9th September 2022</p>	<p>A 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, from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.</p>

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<p>commits to finding funding for this project at the soonest possible opportunity.</p> <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>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 from the Prime Minister's office</p>

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