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Actions from Council – 12th July 2023

ISSUE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p>Youth Council Motion – Disposable Vapes Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chief Executive, be requested, to write to the Secretary of Health asking that, in the review of regulations related to vaping, that the sale of all disposable e-cigarettes be banned. 2. The Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board convene a Workshop to consider issues relating to vaping. 	<p>Letter forwarded to Secretary of State for Health – 19th July 2023</p>	<p>Work is ongoing</p>	<p>Awaiting a reply from the Secretary of State for Health.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with officers and members to schedule a scrutiny board workshop</p>
<p>Administration Motion 1 – Oldham Assurance Review – Final Stage Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Chief Executive writes to the Home Office to request: 	<p>Letters forwarded to the Home Secretary, the Borough's three MP's and the Mayor of Greater Manchester - 19th July 2023</p> <p>Chief Executive/Managing</p>	<p>Work is ongoing</p>	<p>Awaiting a reply from the Home Secretary, the three MP's and the Mayor of Greater Manchester.</p>

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<p>a. That they accept each of the 20 recommendations made by the national Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse, and that a plan for implementing each of the recommendations in the current parliament is secured.</p> <p>b. That following the national Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse (CSE) led by Professor Alexis Jay, and Oldham Assurance review into historic safeguarding practices in Oldham, the government will support the final stage assurance review announced by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, the terms of reference of which will include current operational practice across key agencies.</p> <p>2. That the Chief Executive writes to the borough Members of Parliament to request:</p> <p>a. That they make representations to the Home Office supporting the Council's request for the government to accept each of the 20 recommendations made by the national Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, and</p>	<p>Director for Children's Services</p>		
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<p>that a plan for implementing each of the recommendations in the current parliament is secured.</p> <p>4. That the Council develop and adopt a Victims and Survivors Charter in consultation with victim and survivor groups outlining the rights and support which will be provided to those affected by child sexual abuse and exploitation, and the requirements placed on officials in administering and investigating reports of abuse, and to secure its adoption by all relevant statutory authorities.</p> <p>5. That the Council support further work to raise public awareness among young people in all relevant settings, and with the general public to support prevention, early identification of child sexual abuse and exploitation, and to promote the greater reporting of safeguarding concerns.</p> <p>6. That the Council develop and adopt a mandatory duty to report safeguarding concerns, including child sexual abuse</p>			
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<p>and exploitation, to be enshrined in the Code of Conduct for elected members, and consult on the duty for officials employed by Oldham Council.</p> <p>7. That Oldham Council will fully support any further investigations that are brought forward into pre-existing cases of child sexual exploitation.</p> <p>8. That the Chief Executive be requested to write to the Mayor of Greater Manchester in his capacity as Police and Crime Commissioner overseeing Greater Manchester Police to request:</p> <p>a. Support in the development of a Victims and Survivors Charter, outlining the rights and support which will be provided to those affected by child sexual abuse and exploitation, and the requirements of officials in administering and investigating reports of abuse, and it's adoption by all relevant statutory authorities.</p> <p>9. That an update on Operation Sherwood be provided to the Children and</p>			
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<p>Young People's Scrutiny Board</p>			
<p>Administration Motion 2 – Block Lane, GP Surgery Resolved: That the Council regrets the decision taken by partners at Block Lane practice to relinquish their contract by mid-July. 2. That this Council notes that this is the second surgery the partners at Block Lane have closed in Oldham within the last twelve months and regrets that this decision has had a detrimental impact on our residents. 3. That this Council thanks the local NHS for its hard work to try and keep Block Lane practice open, operating and serving residents in Werneth and Chadderton. 4. That this Council pledges to support the local NHS in anyway it can, to ensure patients smoothly transition to nearby practices.</p>	<p>Letters forwarded to Accountable Officer Oldham NHS, Oldham Integrated Care Centre 19th July 2023</p>	<p>Work is ongoing</p>	<p>Awaiting a reply from the Accountable Officer Oldham NHS</p>

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<p>The Bee Network - Improving Greater Manchester's Transport Governance</p> <p>The Council resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council agrees to the establishment of a new joint transport committee (The Bee Network Committee) of the GMCA, the Mayor, and the ten Greater Manchester Constituent Councils. 2. The Council approves the appointment of Members to the Bee Network Committee as set out in Appendix 1, of the submitted report and appoints Councillor Elaine Taylor, to the Bee Network Committee. 3. The Council approves the Terms of Reference of the Bee Network Committee, as set out 	<p>Director of Legal Services</p>	<p>Council approved the report on 12th July 2023</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
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<p>in Appendix 2 of the submitted report.</p> <p>4. The Council notes the delegations of the functions of the GMCA, as set out in the Terms of Reference of the Bee Network Committee and notes the delegations of Mayoral functions as set out in the Terms of Reference, as detailed at Appendix 2, of the submitted report.</p> <p>5. The Council agrees the delegation of the functions of the Local Authority Constituent Councils as set out in the Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix 2, of the submitted report (which for the avoidance of doubt were the same delegations given to</p>			
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<p>the former Transport Committee)</p> <p>6. The Council approves the Rules of Procedure for the Bee Network Committee as set out in Appendix 3 of the submitted report</p>			
<p>Political Balance review Council resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the composition of the Council's political groups, as shown at paragraph 1.1 of the report of the Director of Legal Services, be noted. 2. That the number of seats on the various Committees for the 2023/24 Municipal Year, as detailed at paragraph 1.5 of the report of the Director of Legal Services, be approved. 3. That Council confirms the allocation of seats to the political groups and makes appointments to fill the 	<p>Director of Legal Services</p>	<p>Council approved the report on 12th July 2023</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 as far as is practicable, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, including those Committees that are not strictly politically balanced – Scrutiny Boards, Appeals Committee and Standards Sub-Committee.</p> <p>4. That any outstanding appointments to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the main opposition group</p>			
<p>Constitution Update Council resolved to approve the proposed amendments, detailed in the Director of Legal Services’ report in respect of:</p> <p>a. the Contract Procedure Rules (detailed at Appendix 1).</p>	<p>Director of Legal Services</p>	<p>Council approved the report on 12th July 2023</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>b. the Code of Conduct and Arrangements (detailed at Appendix 2)</p>			
<p>Recruitment to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service</p> <p>Council resolved to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorises an external recruitment exercise to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service. 2. That, in accordance with the authority's Pay Policy Statement, approves the remuneration for the post be £165 - 180k per annum. 3. Notes that the post incorporates the responsibility for the roles of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Returning Officer for Local Elections and for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election. b. Returning Officer for any Parliamentary 	<p>Assistant Chief Executive</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Council will formally appoint the new Chief Executive</p>

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<p>Elections, for which is subject to a separate payment as determined by central government and the role of Electoral Registration Officer.</p>			
<p>RESOLVED: That the Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensures that it continues its ambitious plans for the council to be operating as a carbon neutral council by 2025. 2. Continues to work towards a carbon neutral Oldham by 2030, and a carbon neutral Greater Manchester by 2038. 3. Explores further options for renewable energy schemes across the Borough. 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. 4. Commits to re-evaluating all council owned assets for the viability of having solar 	<p>Executive Director (Place and Economic Growth)</p>	<p>17th March 2023</p>	<p>Response from the Executive Director, Place and Economic Growth is detailed at Appendix 2.</p> <p>A Letter sent by Chief Executive on 17th March 2023 to the Greater Manchester Pension Fund is still awaiting a reply.</p>

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<p>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> <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'</p>			
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<p>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 needed to support families who are struggling.</p>			
<p>The Council resolved:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Managing Director for Children and Young People/Chief Executive</p>	<p>17th March 2023</p>	<p>An email reply from the Department of Education is attached at Appendix 3</p>

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<p>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.</p> <p>3. That the Council continues to push for reform to provide affordable childcare to all Oldhamers.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5. That the Council continued to work with schools on our poverty 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</p>			
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of council decisions on Children and Young People.			
<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</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>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>			
<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</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>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>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>			
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<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> <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			
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<p>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</p>			
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attractive to developers, instead of insisting that Oldham meet its housing targets			
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