

## Appendix 1

### Actions from Council – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p><b>Labour Motion 1 - Battling Oldham's Housing Crisis</b> Council Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council instructs the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) and the Assistant Chief Executive to bring together key partners in Oldham's housing sector – social housing, private rented and owner-occupiers, stakeholders from the Voluntary, Community, Faith &amp; Social Enterprise sector, and relevant Council Officers and Cabinet Members at Oldham's Housing Summit at the earliest opportunity.</li> <li>2. Council recommits to its Housing Strategy and affirms its ambition that every Oldhamer</li> </ol>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letter forwarded to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</p>	<p>No reply has yet been received</p>

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<p>should live in decent and affordable homes.</p> <p>3. The Council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, seeking far-reaching action to tackle the housing crisis.</p> <p>4. This Council further resolves to call on the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. End rough sleeping within a Parliament and tackle the root causes of homelessness, including insufficient Local Housing Allowance Rates.</li><li>b. Finally implement the promised ban on Section 21 'No Fault' Evictions to give private</li></ul>			
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<p>rented tenants the security they need.</p> <p>c. Back first-time buyers on ordinary incomes with discounted homes and give priority to local people on new homes built in their area.</p>			
<p><b>Labour Motion 2 – Permitted Development</b>  Council Resolved:  1. That Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to request that the 2015 Statutory Instrument (SI) be amended to ensure that operators who choose to erect telegraph poles and masts to deliver gigabit broadband would require planning permission and full consultation with local stakeholders.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letters forwarded to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and to the Borough's three Members of Parliament</p>	<p>No reply has yet been received</p>

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<p>2. That the Chief Executive be also asked to write to the borough's three Members of Parliament to support local residents in overturning the 2015 Statutory Instrument.</p>			
<p><b>Conservative Group Motion: Holding Housing Associations Accountable for Damp and Mould Issues</b>  <b>The Council resolves to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Request that the Chief Executive write to all housing associations operating in the borough stating this council's strongly held view that no one should have to live in a damp, cold or unsafe home, and remind them of their obligations to inspect properties at risk of mould and damp and to make timely repairs, otherwise the council will take the necessary action, through enforcement or legal proceedings, to</li> </ol>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letters forwarded to Housing Associations that operate in the Borough of Oldham</p>	<p>Replies have been received from First Choice and Yale Housing Associations (at Appendix 2)</p>

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<p>ensure that tenants are not put at risk.</p> <p><b>2</b> Work with housing associations to provide alternative accommodation whilst works are being undertaken in cases that homes are deemed un-inhabitable</p> <p><b>3</b> Continue to follow best practice and ask all residents approaching Housing Options questions to identify vulnerability or membership of the Armed Forces Community.</p> <p><b>4</b> Continue to use discretion on a case-by-case basis to support members of the Armed Forces Community accessing housing support in Oldham</p>			
<p><b>Liberal Democrat Motion: A Fair Deal for Private Renters This Council resolves to protect private renters by:</b></p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive (Place)/Director of Economy</p>	<p>Work commenced by officers</p>	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Serving improvement notices on homes with severe hazards to invalidate Section 21 notices and enable Rent Repayment Orders if the landlord fails to comply</li><li>2. Serving improvement notices for excess cold in homes that fail Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards</li><li>3. Helping private renters claim back rent through rent repayment orders when they are eligible to do so</li><li>4. Enforcing the ban on letting agent fees by issuing fines to criminal letting agents</li><li>5. Taking action on overcrowded homes through licensing, increased inspections and a strategy for increasing the supply of homes for families and single adults</li><li>6. Committing not to use landlord licensing to</li></ol>			
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<p>enforce immigration law</p> <p><b>7.</b> Working more closely with the local police force to protect private renters from illegal evictions and appoint one person accountable for enforcing the Protection from Eviction Act.</p> <p><b>8.</b> Utilise data available to the council to breakdown homelessness cases arising from the private rented sector, and publishing this alongside other relevant data including ethnicity, reasons for homelessness and areas, to help inform policy making in the future.</p> <p><b>9.</b> Joining with Generation Rent, the national voice of private renters, and the Labour Party, in campaigning for the legislative change private renters need to</p>			
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<p>live in safe, secure and affordable homes.</p> <p><b>10.</b> Supporting Generation Rent's campaign for a National Register of Landlords.</p> <p><b>11.</b> Support the plans of the next Labour Government to introduce a renters' charter that will abolish 'no fault' Section 21 evictions, introduce a legally binding Decent Homes Standard for the private rented sector, ban landlords from refusing to rent to those in receipt of benefits or with children, provide for longer notice periods, introduce a national landlord register and introduce a right to have pets.</p> <p><b>12.</b> Making sure the Council website has useful advice and information for private renters that is easy to find; makes it easier for private renters to</p>			
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<p>understand how the council can help enforce their rights, sets reasonable expectations; and allows for checking if a privately rented home has a landlord licence.</p> <p><b>13.</b> Use all the available tools at the council's disposal to engage with private renters, including the amazing work being done by the Doorstep Engagement Team.</p>			
<p><b>Independent Group Motion: Article 4 (1) direction on small HMOs</b></p> <p>That Council instructs the Planning department to collect and collate evidence on the number of HMOs in each ward across the Borough, identifying clusters and report back to the relevant cabinet member if any case can be made for an Article 4 direction, noting the National Planning Policy Framework requires that any such direction should apply to the</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive (Place)/Director of Economy</p>	<p>Work commenced by officers</p>	

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smallest possible geographical area based on this evidence.			
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### 6<sup>th</sup> September meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p><b>Council Motion: No More Profits Over Pollution RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>Council Resolves to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Chief Executive writes to United Utilities requesting that they respond to each of these 3 points separately, giving detailed plans, including a timetable, to ensure these discharges into our local waters are prevented in future and calling for the clean-up costs to be met by United Utilities and their shareholders and not paid for by customers.</li> </ol>	Chief Executive	Letters forwarded to United Utilities and to the Secretary of State at the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs	A reply from United Utilities is included at Appendix 3.

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<p>2 The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs asking for the government to strengthen environmental protections around sewage discharges, including increasing fines for discharges and stronger regulatory action including mandatory monitoring of all sewage outlets.</p> <p>2. The Chief Executive to write to the Borough's 3 MPs asking them to pressure the Government to require mandatory monitoring of all sewage outlets and an increase in fines for sewage discharges.</p>			
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