

**Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

## **Oldham Poverty Action Network**

**Portfolio Holders:**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

To provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board about the work of the Oldham Poverty Action Network over the last 12 months.

### **Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board**

Report is for information, and for the Board to consider how to strengthen the connection between the work of the Oldham Poverty Action Network and the Health Inequalities Plan.

## **Oldham Poverty Action Network**

### **1. Background**

Oldham Poverty Action Network launched in October 2022 bringing together the existing strands of anti-poverty work in the borough, with the recommendations and the Lived Experience members of the Poverty Truth Commission. The work of the network has been resourced by LocalMotion, a movement of six national funders who are investing in Oldham alongside Carmarthen, Enfield, Lincoln, Middlesbrough and Torbay.

### **2. Current Position**

The Network is made up of VCFSE groups, public sector partners, Greater Manchester Poverty Action and people with Lived Experience of Poverty. The Network has been coming together monthly to co-design and develop 'test and learn' workstreams based on the recommendations from the Oldham Poverty Truth Commission under the headings of:

- Building out from the cost-of-living response
- Hope and Aspirations: Creating routes out of poverty
- Building a joined-up approach to poverty alleviation & prevention.

### **3. Key Issues for Health and Wellbeing Board to Discuss**

The key issue for the Health and Wellbeing Board to discuss is how to strengthen the connection between the work of the Oldham Poverty Action Network and the Health Inequalities Plan.

### **4. Recommendation**

1. For Health and Wellbeing Board members to connect members of their teams who are not currently involved to the Poverty Action Network.
2. To consider how to strengthen the connection between the work of the Health Inequalities Plan and the Oldham Poverty Action Network.