Actions from Council -10th July 2024 Meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
Administration Motion 1: A voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham RESOLVED that:			
 The Chief Executive be requested to write to the Home Secretary requesting a Home Office led Public Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in the borough of Oldham. That the Council continues the work with survivors and others affected in preparing the framework and to commission an Independent Inquiry should the Home Office refuse the above request. That any Inquiry should provide a voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham and provide the very best support and protection to those who wish to come forward with their testimony. 	Chief Executive	Ongoing – letter sent to the Home Secretary	Awaiting a reply
Administration Motion 2: Get Veterans Moving More RESOLVED that: 1. To request that the Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Communities liaise with Oldham Community Leisure on the implementation of a concessionary membership for veterans of HM Armed Forces. 2. To request that the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Defence asking the Ministry of Defence to explore	Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Communities Chief Executive	Ongoing – letter sent to the Secretary of State for Defence	Awaiting a reply

further opportunities for discounted gym/leisure passes nationally.			
 Opposition Motion 1: Removing Oldham Borough from Places for Everyone (as amended) RESOLVED: 1. That Council requests that the relevant council officers deliver an all-member workshop in September (after recess to ensure maximum opportunity to enable all members to attend) to understand the issues, options and opportunities associated with Oldham Council seeking revocation of its involvement in the Greater Manchester Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan (PfE). 2. That on the back of the workshop, Council requests that the relevant council officers to requested to present a thorough and full report to Council in November 2024 to inform a decision in writing to the new Secretary of State to revoke PfE insofar as it relates to the Borough of Oldham. 3. That should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'. 4. That if the Plan is revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state. 5. That if the Plan is revoked Officers be asked to develop an Oldham-led housing strategy that prioritises brownfield and ex-industrial sites, while protecting greenbelt and green spaces for future generations. 	Deputy Chief Executive (Place)	Ongoing	All-member workshop arranged for late September 2024
Opposition Motion 3: Extend Burial Times in Oldham Cemeteries (As amended) RESOLVED:		Ongoing	

	. Bring forward a pilot scheme at cemeteries across the	Deputy Chief	
	Borough to explore the possibility of further extending	Executive	
١,	operational hours	(Place)	
4	2. Determine the appropriate tariff, using the data from the pilot	Director of	
	scheme, ensuring it covers the operational costs while	Environmental	
	remaining affordable.	Services	
(Following the outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will		
	further resolve:		
í	a. To continue to run inclusive, supportive and an equitable		
	burial service for all residents, by giving more time for		
	bookings and paperwork, we are enabling funeral directors		
	and families to be able to book a burial within the same day.		
k	o. To continue to meet the needs of residents of all faiths and		
	none, that cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham		
	will continue to offer same day burials seven days a week.		
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'	c. To continue to remain in dialogue with Oldham Mosques		
	Council, and other representatives of Oldham's faith		
	communities, regarding changes to burial charges.		

Actions from Council -13th March 2024 Meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
Labour Motion 1(as amended): This Council calls for a lasting peace in Palestine and Israel	Chief Executive	Ongoing	Ongoing

RESOLVED:

This Council:

- 1. Condemns the terror attacks carried out by Hamas on 7th October 2023 and the taking of hostages.
- 2. Condemns the scale of the Israeli military actions in Gaza where they have targeted civilian infrastructure, and not adhered to international law by making a clear distinction between military and civilian targets; and for imposing a total siege on the civilian population Gaza denying them adequate supplies of food, water, medicines and power.
- 3. Reiterates calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, observed by all sides, to allow urgent aid into Gaza, and secure the release of hostages and detainees.
- 4. Urges all international powers to work together to establish a diplomatic process to deliver the peace of a two-state solution, the creation of a viable Palestinian state, the two states living side by side in peace and security.
- 5. Recognises that a Palestinian state is key to lasting peace in the region, and that statehood is the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and not in the gift of any neighbour.
- 6. Resolves to support the Oldham Interfaith Forum and Community Safety Partnership to combat any incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism in Oldham.
- 7. Supports diplomatic efforts to ensure rapid and unimpeded humanitarian relief is provided in Gaza.

8. Regrets that previous attempts to pass a ceasefire resolution at the UN Security Council have failed.9. Believes an Israeli ground offensive in Rafah risks catastrophic humanitarian consequences and must not take place.			
Liberal Democrat Motion 1 (as amended)	Chief Executive	Ongoing	Ongoing
Save Oldham Coliseum Theatre			
RESOLVED:			
1. That Council resolves to examine the feasibility of refurbishing and investing into the Fairbottom Street building alongside the current option to create a long-term home for a producing theatre in the Borough.			
2. That officers continue to Explore funding streams that could help finance the redevelopment of the existing venue, including the reallocation of funds from other initiatives linked with the future of Oldham Coliseum.			
3. That a report be brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet, as soon as possible, outlining the steps that this Council is taking to support the Oldham Coliseum Theatre to retain a producing theatre in the borough including the potential option to remain at home, on Fairbottom Street, which would also help regenerate that part of Oldham town centre and Yorkshire Street.			
Oldham Group Motion 3 (as amended):	Chief Executive	Letters sent as	A response
The Conflict in Gaza		per Resolution.	letter from Lord Tariq Ahmed,

 That the Chief Executive, be instructed to write to the Prime Minister reiterating the United Kingdom's commitment to adhering to the Geneva Convention and International law and request that His Majesty's Government communicate this with all. That the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Secretary General of the United Nations informing him that the citizens of Oldham stand alongside millions from across the world and support the United Nations demands for an immediate ceasefire and for Humanitarian aid to be provided to all those in need in the affected area of Gaza. 	Minister of State for Middle East was reported to the 10 th July 2024 Council meeting as was a response from the Ministerial and Treat Official Correspondence Team Foreign,
3. That the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Foreign Secretary and the Shadow Foreign Secretary requesting that our government and a future Labour Government does everything possible to help bring the governments of Israel and Palestine together to resolve the issue and create a two-state solution so that innocent lives are no longer at risk.	Commonwealth and Development Office.

Actions from Council - 13th December 2023 Meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
Youth Council Motion: Unused Stationery Within the Council and its Partners	Chief Executive	Letters forwarded to council's partner	Partner agencies are working to

RESOLVED:		agencies	progress the
That the Chief Executive be requested to write to all		including -	resolutions in
department heads asking that teams look at current stocks of pens,		Miocare,	this Motion
pencils, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, rulers and calculators		Greater	
(including badged merchandise), and any items not required for the		Manchester	
running of that department, to be donated and used to create packs		Police, NHS,	
that can be distributed to students most in need.		Action Together,	
		positive steps,	
2. That the Chief Executive be requested to write to partners		OCL, and	
(including Miocare, Greater Manchester Police, NHS, Action		Greater	
Together, positive steps, OCL, and Greater Manchester fire		Manchester Fire	
service) asking that they also donate any unused stationery.		Service)	
3. That the Council work with Oldham Youth Council to create			
packs containing essential stationery items and help us distribute			
them to schools.			
Labour Motion 2: Boys Need Bins	Leader of the	Ongoing	No reply has
RESOLVED:	Council and		yet been
That the Cabinet Member for Reform and Regeneration	Cabinet Member		received
should consider as soon as reasonably practicable the	for Reform and		
provision of at least one sanitary bin in all Council male	Regeneration		
toilets – both public and in council buildings.			
2. To encourage other providers of public and workplace toilets			
in our area to make male sanitary bins available in their			
facilities.			
3. To support Prostate Cancer UK's 'Boys need Bins'			
campaign.			
4. That the Leader of the Council should write on behalf of the			
Council to our three MPs asking them to support Prostate			
Cancer UK's 'Boys need Bins' campaign and their request			
for Government to update any necessary regulations to			l.
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ensure that 'suitable means for the disposal of sanitary dressings' is provided in all toilets			

RESOLVED: Council resolves: 1. To establish an all-group working party to seek to implement a Council-wide 20mph speed limit on residential roads as soon as practical subject to consultation and cost analysis. This should include identifying roads where the lower speed limit may not be appropriate and exploring enforcement measures such as average speed cameras, in locations determined by TfGM criteria and current national guidelines, and Community Speedwatch initiatives. 2. That the all-group working party works with all other Councils in the region that haven't already implemented 20mph speed limits as the default in their authority area as part of the GM wide Vision Zero.	Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive (Place)	To establish an All-party Highways Group	Meetings of the working party commenced in April 2024
RESOLVED: That the Council commits to support the vision for Community First Aid by: 1. Raising awareness of the importance of learning First Aid by sending a delegation of senior Elected Members and Officers of the Council to visit our local St. John's Ambulance Unit(s) and supporting/promoting the vision across social media and the local printed media platforms; particularly emphasising that anybody in Oldham can access free First Aid training by SJA. 2. Recognising voluntary sector organisations such as St. John's Ambulance within local resilience arrangements to support emergency preparedness and crisis response by commissioning the Chief Executive Officer and Cabinet Member for Health &	Chief Executive	Letter sent to the Prime Minister calling on the Government to introduce legislation to enable volunteers of all ages to deploy at times of national and local emergency	No reply has yet been received and follow up letters have been issued regarding this matter

Social Care to survey and utilise the skills of Oldham's local and			
voluntary sector to support community response to local			
emergencies as recommended by the NHS Volunteering Taskforce.			
This can be done through supporting voluntary sector			
representation on local resilience forms and inclusion within			
emergency preparedness, resilience, and response exercises at			
local level.			
3. Engaging with auxiliary partners to utilise the potential of			
volunteers to respond to community health emergencies, improve			
patient outcomes and reduce NHS pressures; working with the			
voluntary sector to strengthen first aid resilience by empowering			
communities through access to first aid training and equipment to			
improve health outcomes and help save lives.			
4. Empowering young people to strengthen community resilience			
by supporting the expansion of St. John's Ambulance NHS Cadets			
and Young Responder programmes.			
5. Advocating for a Statutory Right to Volunteer by writing to the			
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom calling on the Government to			
introduce legislation to enable volunteers of all ages to deploy at			
times of national and local emergency. An effective system would			
enable volunteers to request a set period of leave to deploy at			
times of crisis.			
6. Requesting the Leader of the Council, as the Greater			
Manchester Combined Authority Member for Equalities &			
Communities, to circulate this to her colleagues at GMCA so that			
they may seek to commit to these actions in their Local Authorities			
too.			
Failsworth Independent Party Motion (as amended): The	Managing	Ongoing	Ongoing
Protection and Safeguarding of Children	Director		
RESOLVED:	(Children's		
That the Council continues to facilitate relevant sessions	Services)		
across the Borough.			
2. That the Council continues to bring together all departments			

3. 7	vithin the Council and work with other external bodies to leliver specific sessions on CSE and grooming. That the Council continues to create age-appropriate		
r	naterials and sessions that are made available to all schools		
I	n Oldham, both Primary and Secondary.		

Actions from Council - 1st November 2023 meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
Labour Motion 1 - Battling Oldham's Housing Crisis Council Resolved: 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 & Social Enterprise sector, and relevant Council Officers and Cabinet Members at Oldham's	Chief Executive	Letter forwarded to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	A reply was presented to Council on 13 th March 2024.

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Housing Summit at the		
earliest opportunity.		
2. Council recommits to		
its Housing Strategy		
and affirms its ambition		
that every Oldhamer		
should live in decent		
and affordable homes.		
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.		
4. This Council further		
resolves to call on the		
Government to:		
a. End rough		
sleeping within a		
Parliament and		
tackle the root		
causes of		
homelessness,		
including		
insufficient Local		
Housing		
Allowance		
Rates.		

b. Finally implement the promised ban on Section 21 'No Fault' Evictions to give private rented tenants the security they need. c. Back first-time buyers on ordinary incomes with discounted homes and give priority to local people on new homes built in their area.			
Conservative Group Motion: Holding Housing Associations Accountable for Damp and Mould Issues The Council resolves to: 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	Chief Executive	Letters forwarded to Housing Associations that operate in the Borough of Oldham	Replies were reported to Council on 13 th December 2023

	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		
	ensure that tenants are		
	not put at risk.		
2	Work with housing		
	associations to provide		
	alternative		
	accommodation whilst		
	works are being		
	undertaken in cases		
	that homes are		
	deemed un-inhabitable		
3	Continue to follow best		
	practice and ask all		
	residents approaching		
	Housing Options		
	questions to identify		
	vulnerability or		
	membership of the		
	Armed Forces		
	Community.		
4	Continue to use		
	discretion on a case-		

by-case basis to support members of the Armed Forces Community accessing housing support in Oldham.			
Liberal Democrat Motion: A Fair Deal for Private Renters This Council resolves to protect private renters by: 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 2. Serving improvement notices for excess cold in homes that fail Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards 3. Helping private renters claim back rent through rent repayment orders when they are eligible to do so 4. Enforcing the ban on letting agent fees by issuing fines to criminal letting agents	Deputy Chief Executive (Place)/Director of Economy	Work commenced by officers	Reported to Council on 13 th December 2023

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5.	Taking action on		
	overcrowded homes		
	through licensing,		
	increased inspections		
	and a strategy for		
	increasing the supply of		
	homes for families and		
	single adults		
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0.	Committing not to use		
	landlord licensing to		
	enforce immigration		
_	law		
/.	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.		
8.	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		
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areas, to help inform		
policy making in the		
future.		
9. Joining with Generation		
Rent, the national voice		
of private renters, and		
the Labour Party, in		
campaigning for the		
legislative change		
private renters need to		
live in safe, secure and		
affordable homes.		
10. Supporting Generation		
Rent's campaign for a		
National Register of		
Landlords.		
11. 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.		
12. 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		
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.		
13.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.		

Actions from Council - 6th September meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE

Council Motion: No More	Chief Executive	Letters forwarded to	Replies from the
Profits Over Pollution		United Utilities and to the	Borough's Members of
RESOLVED		Secretary of State at the	Parliament were
Council Resolves to:		Department for	reported to Council in
 That the Chief 		Environment Food and	November 2023 and a
Executive writes to		Rural Affairs	reply from the
United Utilities			Department for
requesting that they			Environment Food and
respond to each of			
these 3 points			Rural Affairs was
separately,			presented to Council
giving detailed plans,			on 13 th March 2024
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. 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. 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.			
Council Motion: Raw Sewage Discharges This council resolves to call upon Central Government to firmly establish the 'Polluter Pays Principle' across the industry". Water companies must operate in the interests of the Public, not shareholders. They must make meaningful provision for the monitoring of water quality, publish a strategy with targets for the reduction of sewage discharges, including meaningful economic impact	Chief Executive	ongoing	A reply from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs was presented to Council on 13 th December 2023

assessments, and provide for financial penalties in relation to sewage discharges and breaches of monitoring requirements.		
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