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Actions from Council -11th September 2024 Meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p>Youth Council Motion: Holiday Activities and Food Programme (As amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED That the Chief Executive be requested to write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Health and to the Secretary of State for Education asking that, as well as a blanket breakfast club for all primary schools, that they look at increasing the threshold for free school meals so that more young people (both primary and secondary age) can benefit; that they continue the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) program, making sure young people are fed during the school holidays while making this a universal service for all young people, to reduce the stigma in attending and making it more cost efficient.</p>	Chief Executive	Ongoing	
<p>Administration Motion 1: Strengthening the Online Safety Act</p> <p>RESOLVED: This Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To write to the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police and the Chief Superintendent for Oldham to thank them for the work their officers did to keep Oldhamers safe and violence off our streets. 2. To write to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation & Technology to ask that his department: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Undertake a review of the Online Safety Act to identify areas for improvement. b. Strengthen enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance and increase penalties for violations. 	Chief Executive		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Provide resources and training for parents, schools, and third sector organisations to help them protect and guide children in the digital world. d. Ensure victims of online abuse and crimes are supported. 			
<p>Administration Motion 2: A Welcome Start to Delivering the New Deal for Workers RESOLVED: This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To lobby for support for the Employment Rights Bill. 2. To request that the Chief Executive write to the Borough's three MPs, the Deputy Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, reaffirming our support for the New Deal for Workers. 3. To promote awareness of the New Deal for Workers in Oldham through our communication channels. 4. To encourage local businesses to adopt the principles of the New Deal for Workers voluntarily, ahead of any legislative changes. 	<p>Chief Executive</p>		
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Two Child Benefit Cap (As amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister welcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The development of a Child Poverty Strategy including reviewing the impact of both the two-child limit and the family benefit cap. b. The opportunity to develop a new partnership between Oldham Council and the Labour Government to tackle the shameful legacy of fourteen years of Coalition and Conservative Welfare policies which have embedded child poverty in Oldham and across the UK. 2. That Council further instruct that the Chief Executive to write to all of Oldham's MPs, asking them to commit their public support 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Response received</p>	<p>See Appendix 2 Rt Hon Sir Response Stephen Timms MP Minister of State for Social Security and Disability</p>

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<p>ensure fair treatment for all citizens, regardless of ethnicity.</p>			<p>Portfolio, scoping work is now underway on how best to deliver this work programme</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 4: Mass Graves in Oldham Cemeteries</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT THE Council recognises the loss and suffering in the past and present by publicly marking out each mass grave and erecting a memorial to all our babies born asleep and the many who lay with them forgotten. 2. That records of mass graves in our cemeteries be collated and recorded entirely online so that relatives can at last see the final resting place of their babies, children and relatives. 3. That the Council implements and publicises a clear procedure that provides those seeking their loved ones, a professional, sensitive and transparent process. 4. Provides relatives with a dedicated point of contact who can support and assist people in this traumatic time. 	<p>Director of Environment</p>		
<p>Opposition Motion 5: Collective Spirit Free School</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Chief Executive be requested to outline the tragic failings, impacts and alleged financial irregularities still unanswered in the Collective Spirit Free School scandal to the Secretary of State for Education the Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP. 2. To request that the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP, instruct the Department of Education (DfE) to carry out a full inquiry into Collective Spirit Free School; with the aims and objectives of fully highlighting the schools' failings and negative impacts on pupils and their families, by giving them a voice in said inquiry and to provide a platform to individuals who 	<p>Chief Executive</p>		

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<p>wish to make statements of evidence. And a comprehensive investigation into financial irregularities previously unanswered including the holding to account of any individual(s) accountable (and) or complicit in wrongdoing.</p> <p>3. To offer the inquiry any support or resources as requested by the DfE.</p>			
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Actions from Council -10th July 2024 Meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p>Administration Motion 1: A voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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. 3. 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	
<p>Administration Motion 2: Get Veterans Moving More RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities and Culture, the Director of Public Health and the	Ongoing	

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<p>Armed Forces.</p> <p>2. To request that the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Defence asking the Ministry of Defence to explore further opportunities for discounted gym/leisure passes nationally.</p>	<p>Director of Communities</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>		
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Removing Oldham Borough from Places for Everyone (as amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. That should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'.</p> <p>4. That if the Plan is revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive (Place)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>A report is on the agenda of this Council meeting</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 3: Extend Burial Times in Oldham Cemeteries (As amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Executive (Place)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring forward a pilot scheme at cemeteries across the Borough to explore the possibility of further extending operational hours 2. Determine the appropriate tariff, using the data from the pilot scheme, ensuring it covers the operational costs while remaining affordable. 3. Following the outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. b. 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. c. To continue to remain in dialogue with Oldham Mosques Council, and other representatives of Oldham's faith communities, regarding changes to burial charges. 	Director of Environmental Services		
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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 RESOLVED: This Council: 1. Condemns the terror attacks carried out by Hamas on 7th October	Chief Executive	Ongoing	Ongoing

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<p>2023 and the taking of hostages.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6. Resolves to support the Oldham Interfaith Forum and Community Safety Partnership to combat any incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism in Oldham.</p> <p>7. Supports diplomatic efforts to ensure rapid and unimpeded humanitarian relief is provided in Gaza.</p> <p>8. Regrets that previous attempts to pass a ceasefire resolution at the UN Security Council have failed.</p> <p>9. Believes an Israeli ground offensive in Rafah risks catastrophic humanitarian consequences and must not take place.</p>			
<p>Liberal Democrat Motion 1 (as amended)</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>Save Oldham Coliseum Theatre</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			
<p>Oldham Group Motion 3 (as amended):</p> <p>The Conflict in Gaza</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>15th March 2024 Letters sent as per Resolution.</p>	<p>Response letter from Lord Tariq Ahmed, Minister of State for Middle East</p> <p>and</p> <p>Response Letter from Ministerial and Treat Official Correspondence Team Foreign, Commonwealth</p>

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<p>be provided to all those in need in the affected area of Gaza.</p> <p>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.</p>			<p>and Development Office</p> <p>Reported to Council 10th July 2024</p>
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13th December 2023 Meeting

ISSUE/ACTION	WHO RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETED	RESPONSE
<p>Youth Council Motion: Unused Stationery Within the Council and its Partners</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Chief Executive be requested to write to all department heads asking that teams look at current stocks of pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, rulers and calculators (including badged merchandise), and any items not required for the running of that department, to be donated and used to create packs that can be distributed to students most in need.</p> <p>2. That the Chief Executive be requested to write to partners (including Miocare, Greater Manchester Police, NHS, Action Together, positive steps, OCL, and Greater Manchester fire service) asking that they also donate any unused stationery.</p> <p>3. That the Council work with Oldham Youth Council to create packs</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letters forwarded to council's partner agencies including - Miocare, Greater Manchester Police, NHS, Action Together, positive steps, OCL, and Greater Manchester Fire Service)</p>	<p>No replies have yet been received.</p>

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<p>containing essential stationery items and help us distribute them to schools.</p>			
<p>Labour Motion 2: Boys Need Bins RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Cabinet Member for Reform and Regeneration should consider as soon as reasonably practicable the provision of at least one sanitary bin in all Council male 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 ensure that 'suitable means for the disposal of sanitary dressings' is provided in all toilets 	<p>Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Reform and Regeneration</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No reply has yet been received</p>
<p>Liberal Democrat Motion (as amended) 20 is Plenty RESOLVED: Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive (Place)</p>	<p>To establish an All-party Highways Group</p>	<p>To commence meetings in April 2024</p>
<p>Conservative Motion: Community First Aid</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letter sent to the</p>	<p>No reply has yet</p>

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<p>RESOLVED: That the Council commits to support the vision for Community First Aid by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 & 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 		<p>Prime Minister calling on the Government to introduce legislation to enable volunteers of all ages to deploy at times of national and local emergency</p>	<p>been received</p>
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<p>this to her colleagues at GMCA so that they may seek to commit to these actions in their Local Authorities too.</p>			
<p>Failsworth Independent Party Motion (as amended): The Protection and Safeguarding of Children RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council continues to facilitate relevant sessions across the Borough. 2. That the Council continues to bring together all departments within the Council and work with other external bodies to deliver specific sessions on CSE and grooming. 3. That the Council continues to create age-appropriate materials and sessions that are made available to all schools in Oldham, both Primary and Secondary. 	<p>Managing Director (Children's Services)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>