

Actions from Council on 6 November 2024

Actions / Issue	Responsible officer	Update	Completed? (✓, X, ●)
<p>Administration Motion 1: Increasing Pension Credit Take-up</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That the Council launches an Awareness Campaign – to develop a targeted campaign to educate residents about Pension Credit, including its eligibility criteria, application process, and potential benefits. 2 That the Council collaborates with Local Organisations to partner with community groups and local charities to disseminate information and assist residents with applications. 3 That the Council increases capacity to support residents – to identify and temporarily re-prioritise staffing capacity to support residents with applications where they may struggle to apply themselves and do not have anyone who can help them. 4 That the Council monitor and report – to establish a system to monitor the impact of the awareness campaign and report back to the council within six months, providing data on the increase in Pension Credit applications and any feedback from residents. 	Acting Chief Executive	<p>1 The Council launched a pension credit campaign in early October. The focus of the campaign is threefold – increasing awareness amongst potential claimants and their friends and family, reducing any stigmas of claiming and to support residents to make an application ahead of the cut-off to claim Winter Fuel Allowance on 21 December.</p> <p>Over 5000 leaflets have been distributed to council and partner organisations and have been placed in buildings including Libraries, Town Halls and GP surgeries. We have also posted key campaign materials on social media channels, targeted at those over pension credit age.</p> <p>2. In November the Council and Age UK jointly wrote to 179 residents who from our records were likely eligible to receive pension credit and 309 within £1k above the threshold for claiming.</p> <p>The council's Welfare Rights Team have provided training on pension credits to Action Together.</p> <p>In late November to early December the council's Helpline team made a follow-up phone call to each resident who received a letter. The Helpline team asked whether a resident had received a letter and provided additional information about claiming. They made referrals into our District Teams who have provided one to one home visits to complete an application with a resident. As part of the call, the Helpline Team also undertook a Winter Welfare check with a focus on making sure</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

		<p>no pensioner living in Oldham on a low-income goes cold or hungry this winter. Multiple referrals have been made to Warm Homes Oldham to support with fuel costs and winter warm packs and to Citizens Advice and the Support and Inclusion Team to support with personal budgeting and income maximisation. The team have also made foodbank referrals and have issued emergency support to access food and essentials through supermarket vouchers.</p> <p>Cllr Jabbar, Cllr Dean, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Mushtaq have all visited the Helpline Team to listen in to some of the outbound calls made and digital communications have been developed following on from the visits to continue to raise awareness of applying for pension credit.</p> <p>3. Pension Credit applications can be made over the phone and on paper and sent by post as well as completing online. Paper forms have been printed for residents to collect from the Customer Service Centre and we have also posted forms for residents to complete at a pace that suits them. Engagement Officers from the District Teams have received training and have provided additional capacity to support with applications. All requests for support have been met with a minimum of 22 visits to date with residents to support a digital application to be made.</p> <p>4. We are closely monitoring the impact of the campaign and will report back to the council within 6 months sharing the impact of our support. The phone calls we have made and home visits to complete applications have been much valued from residents. The Helpline team have received fantastic feedback with residents particularly grateful for the support received and linkage into wider council and partner services to support this winter.</p>	
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<p>Administration Motion 2: Supporting Kinship Carers (as amended) RESOLVED: The Council resolves to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruct the Director of Children’s Services to urgently review the new statutory guidance and ensure that the Council is compliant, particularly in making available the Kinship Local Offer on the Council’s website. • Become a Kinship Friendly Employer as soon as is practicable, working towards achieving the Gold Standard. • Record its thanks to all those who provide Kinship Care and mainstream Foster Care in Oldham. • Make sure the policy will have adequate financial support to implement all the aforementioned policies that the Council should already be adhering to and that a report will be made available at the next Council meeting on the implementation of this policy. 	<p>Strategic Director of Children’s Services</p>	<p>1 & 4 - The statutory guidance has been reviewed and process commenced of completing the Kinship Local Offer. Corporate Parenting Panel in January will receive an information report, with a Kinship Local Offer published on the Council website by March 2024. This will be a whole system offer with contributions across the partnership and all areas of Children’s Services. In addition, financial support, respite, training and therapeutic support will be key features. Alongside developing the Kinship Local Offer, the service will provide policy reviews on foster carer Skills and Allowances and the Special Guardianship Order Policy.</p> <p>2 - The Local Authority is a Foster Friendly Employer which includes Kinship carers. Officers attended a launch event for GM authorities celebrating all councils being Fostering Friendly. The service is listed on The Fostering Network website confirming our approval as a Fostering Friendly employer. Gold standard offer on kinship.org is being achieved by the service and under continual review.</p> <p>3 - Thanks to carers have been recorded.</p>	<p>☑</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Stop the Winter Fuel Payment Cuts (as amended) RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council agrees to re-confirm its resolution to launch a targeted Awareness Campaign to maximise the uptake of Pension Credit; to collaborate with local organisations to inform and to assist residents with applications; to identify and prioritise staff to help residents complete application; and to monitor and report on the effectiveness of the campaign. 	<p>Acting Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letters forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the three MP’s who represent the Borough in Parliament, following Council on 6th November and awaiting replies.</p>	<p>⊙</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council request that the Acting Chief Executive be authorised to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to express Council’s view that the policy on linking Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit receipt should be reviewed and a new threshold to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments be considered. Council further requests the Acting Chief Executive write to the Borough of Oldham’s three MPs asking them to give their formal support to a new threshold to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments be considered. 			
<p>Opposition Motion 2: The Budget Challenge (as amended) RESOLVED: This Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To request that the Leader of the Council write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to congratulate her on being the first woman to deliver a budget in the history of our country. • That the Acting Chief Executive be requested to write to Oldham’s three MP’s asking them to give their support to a new threshold to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments be considered. • That the Council will do all it can to help alleviate those struggling paying for winter fuel bills this winter, given the Energy Price Cap has increased by 10% also adding £150 to the average fuel bill, including implementing the agreed Awareness Campaign. 	<p>Leader of the council</p> <p>Acting Chief Executive</p> <p>Acting Chief Executive</p>	<p>The Leader of the Council wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 12/11/24 as instructed by Council. The Acting Chief Executive wrote to Oldham’s three MPs as instructed by Council</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 3: Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza (as amended)</p>		<p>A letter has been forwarded to the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer MP, in line with the resolutions passed by Council on 6th November and a reply is awaited</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Council calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, urging all parties involved to halt hostilities, prioritise the protection of civilian lives and the immediate release of the Israeli hostages taken on 7th October 2023. • That the Council support the rapid entry of humanitarian aid to address the urgent needs of the population affected by the ongoing conflict. • That the Council support the UK Government's decision to withdraw export licences to Israel, preventing equipment that would be used in the conflict in Gaza from reaching the front line • That the Council condemn the decision by the Israeli Knesset to ban the UNWRA from operating in Israeli controlled territory, including Gaza, the West Bank and occupied East Jerusalem, noting that this has been met with widespread international condemnation, including from the United States government and the Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer. • That the Council condemn both Hamas and Hezbollah for their terrorist attacks on civilians and the taking of hostages by Hamas on October 7th 2023 and support calls from the international community to lay down arms and instead work with international partners to reach a diplomatic solution that safeguards innocent civilians in Lebanon, Palestine and Israel. • That, furthermore, the council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister, urging the UK government to: 	<p>Acting Chief Executive</p>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-iterate calls for an immediate Ceasefire in both Gaza and Lebanon and work with international partners to achieve this. • Facilitate the rapid entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and Lebanon. • Continuously review export licences for international Arms Sales and suspend any that could be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of International Humanitarian Law. <p>Through these actions, the council seeks to contribute to the restoration of peace and the protection of human rights in the region.</p>			
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Actions from Council on 11 September 2024

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<p>Youth Council Motion: Holiday Activities and Food Programme (As amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>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>	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letters were forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Education on 16th September 2024</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>Administration Motion 1: Strengthening the Online Safety Act</p> <p>RESOLVED: This Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • To write to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation & Technology to ask that his department: • Undertake a review of the Online Safety Act to identify areas for improvement. • Strengthen enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance and increase penalties for violations. • Provide resources and training for parents, schools, and third sector organisations to help them protect and guide children in the digital world. • Ensure victims of online abuse and crimes are supported. 	Chief Executive	<p>Letter wrote to the secretary of state</p> <p>Letter from Baroness Maggie Jones Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Department for Science, Innovation & Technology</p>	✓
<p>Administration Motion 2: A Welcome Start to Delivering the New Deal for Workers</p> <p>RESOLVED: This Council resolves to:</p> <ol 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 	Chief Executive	<p>The Chief Executive wrote to the three Oldham MPs, Deputy Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Business and Trade as instructed by Council</p> <p>Government response received from Justin Madders MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets (Appendix 2c)</p>	✓



<p>Business and Trade, reaffirming our support for the New Deal for Workers.</p> <p>3 To promote awareness of the New Deal for Workers in Oldham through our communication channels.</p> <p>4 To encourage local businesses to adopt the principles of the New Deal for Workers voluntarily, ahead of any legislative changes.</p>			
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Two Child Benefit Cap (As amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister welcoming: • The development of a Child Poverty Strategy including reviewing the impact of both the two-child limit and the family benefit cap. • 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. • That Council further instruct that the Chief Executive to write to all of Oldham's MPs, asking them to commit their public support ending child poverty as quickly as possible. • Ensure the number of children a family has is considered when a hardship grant is given out by the council. • Explore ways to support families impacted by the two-child limit across Oldham Borough, including through free school meals. 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>The Chief Executive wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister and the three Oldham MPs as instructed by Council.</p> <p>Response from the Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP Minister of State for Social Security and Disability</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>and associated racial disparities in motor insurance premiums. This coalition should lobby the government and associated groups, like the ABI and FCA, for the development and implementation of policies that ensure fair treatment for all citizens, regardless of ethnicity.</p>			
<p>Opposition Motion 4: Graves in Oldham Cemeteries</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • That the Council implements and publicises a clear procedure that provides those seeking their loved ones, a professional, sensitive and transparent process. • Provides relatives with a dedicated point of contact who can support and assist people in this traumatic time. 	<p>Director of Environment</p>	<p>Actions requested have been completed by the Director of Environment. Benches are to be installed to commemorate unmarked graves.</p> <p>Burial records continue to be digitised, all adult burial records both in private and communal graves are available to view on line, stillborn baby records are being currently digitised and will be completed next year, burials of stillbirths going back to 1940's have been digitised so far.</p> <p>Signs have been erected at each cemetery entrance, on notice boards, informing residents how they can research deceased relatives, either online or via contacting the cemetery office.</p> <p>The manager of ARCC has agreed to be a single point of contact for any calls. ARCC can be contacted on 0161 770 7777 option 2. We have to manage expectation of the callers so if there is a request for support we will signpost accordingly.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 5: Collective Spirit Free School</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>The Chief Executive wrote to the Secretary of State for Education as instructed by Council.</p> <p>Response from Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for school Standards (Appendix 2d)</p>	<p>✓</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. To offer the inquiry any support or resources as requested by the DfE. 			
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Actions from Council on 10 July 2024

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<p>Administration Motion 1: A voice for those affected by Child Sexual Exploitation in Oldham RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Chief Executive	<p>The Chief Executive wrote to the Home Secretary as instructed by Council Response from Jess Phillips MP Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls (Appendix 2e)</p>	✓

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			
<p>Administration Motion 2: Get Veterans Moving More RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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>Director of Public Health</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>The Chief Executive wrote to the Secretary of Defence as instructed by Council.</p> <p>The Director of Public Health is in discussion with OCL to explore the options on concessionary membership for veterans of the Armed Forces</p> <p>Response from ALISTAIR CAIRNS OBE MC MP Minister for Veterans and People (Appendix 2f)</p>	
<p>Opposition Motion 1: Removing Oldham Borough from Places for Everyone (as amended) RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). That on the back of the workshop, Council requests that the relevant council officers to requested to present a thorough and full report 	<p>Deputy Chief Executive – Place</p>	<p>The Deputy Chief Executive, with support from other officers ran an all-member briefing as requested by Council.</p> <p>A paper was presented to 6th November 24 council and was considered by Council.</p>	

<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That should the request be approved Oldham Council' withdraw engagement and support for the defence of the judicial review of 'Places for Everyone'. • That if the Plan is revoked the Green Belt boundaries should be restored to their pre-adoption state. • 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>Opposition Motion 3: Extend Burial Times in Oldham Cemeteries (As amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring forward a pilot scheme at cemeteries across the Borough to explore the possibility of further extending operational hours • Determine the appropriate tariff, using the data from the pilot scheme, ensuring it covers the operational costs while remaining affordable. • Following the outcome of the pilot scheme the Council will further resolve: • 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. • To continue to meet the needs of residents of all faiths and none, that cemeteries in the 	<p>Director of Environment</p>	<p>The Director of Environment has undertaken all of the recommendations requested in the resolutions as instructed by Council</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>Metropolitan Borough of Oldham will continue to offer same day burials seven days a week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to remain in dialogue with Oldham Mosques Council, and other representatives of Oldham's faith communities, regarding changes to burial charges. 			
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Actions from Council on 13 March 2024

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<p>Labour Motion 1 (as amended): This Council calls for a lasting peace in Palestine and Israel</p> <p>RESOLVED: This Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condemns the terror attacks carried out by Hamas on 7th October 2023 and the taking of hostages. 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. 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. 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 	Director of Communities	Councils noted all the asks within this motion and the council continues to work closely with the Oldham Interfaith Forum and Community Safety Partnership	✓

<p>viable Palestinian state, the two states living side by side in peace and security.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Resolves to support the Oldham Interfaith Forum and Community Safety Partnership to combat any incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism in Oldham. • Supports diplomatic efforts to ensure rapid and unimpeded humanitarian relief is provided in Gaza. • Regrets that previous attempts to pass a ceasefire resolution at the UN Security Council have failed. • Believes an Israeli ground offensive in Rafah risks catastrophic humanitarian consequences and must not take place. 			
<p>Liberal Democrat Motion 1 (as amended) Save Oldham Coliseum Theatre RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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 	<p>Director of Economy</p>	<p>Completed refurbishment works are now actively on site at Fairbottom Street as we move towards the facility being open for the 2025 pantomime season. This includes the appointment of our main contractor, Tilbury Douglas who have demonstrated a passion, drive and track record for the restoration and protection of historical buildings including Diggle Clock Town and the Old Library.</p> <p>Running alongside this, the Council continues to work alongside the wider Oldham Cultural Partnership to identify and pursue all applicable funding opportunities both to support the physical works but also in respect of the future of performing theatre within the Town. A key component of this work is the establishment of Culture Co-operative model which will see the flexible use of resource across the borough helping to deliver a sustainable delivery model both now and into future</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>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>			
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Actions from Council on 13 December 2023

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<p>Youth Council Motion: Unused Stationery Within the Council and its Partners</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • That the Council work with Oldham Youth Council to create packs containing essential stationery items and help us distribute them to schools. 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>The Chief Executive wrote to all management board and partner organisations - MioCare, Greater Manchester Police, NHS, Action Together, positive steps, OCL, and Greater Manchester Fire Service).</p> <p>Internally in the council, linked to the move to Spindles, a stationary amnesty was completed and items given to the Youth Council</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>Labour Motion 2: Boys Need Bins RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • To encourage other providers of public and workplace toilets in our area to make male sanitary bins available in their facilities. • To support Prostate Cancer UK’s ‘Boys need Bins’ campaign. • 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</p>	<p>The Leader has committed that as a council we’re committed to supporting Prostate Cancer UK’s campaigns on this issue.</p> <p>In Spindles, provisions have been made to provide sanitary bins in male toilets.</p> <p>In October 24, the council also opened new Changing Place across district town halls which are fully accessible toilets for people with disabilities and additional needs. These facilities also have sanitary bins available.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Liberal Democrat Motion (as amended) 20 is Plenty RESOLVED: Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Deputy Chief Executive – Place</p>	<p>An all party working group was established to explore this issue in more detail. The group is meeting.</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>national guidelines, and Community Speedwatch initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Conservative Motion: Community First Aid</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council commits to support the vision for Community First Aid by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 	<p>Director of Communities</p>	<p>The District Offices are liaising and engaging with relevant charitable and voluntary organisations to ensure that the resolutions of Council are being carried out fully.</p>	<p>●</p>

<p>emergency preparedness, resilience, and response exercises at local level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Empowering young people to strengthen community resilience by supporting the expansion of St. John's Ambulance NHS Cadets and Young Responder programmes. • 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. • 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. 			
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