

Report to PLACE, ECONOMIC GROWTH & ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY BOARD

Grant Acceptance: Community Regeneration Partnership

Portfolio Holder:

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Reason for Decision

Following receipt of grant notification on 21 February 2025, from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on behalf of national government, this report seeks approval to accept £20,100,000 (twenty million, one hundred thousand pounds). Members will recall previous announcements about Oldham being included in the Levelling Up Partnership on behalf of national government. The notification has also confirmed that the programme has changed its name to the Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership.

Within MHCLG, a sub-team called the Communities Delivery Unit (CDU) have led the work which began in April 2024, and included community engagement and, data insight and assessments to assess the “need” for Levelling Up Oldham. The CDU undertook further scoping work, desk-based research, literature reviews and work with analysts to develop an evidence base on the opportunities and challenges for Oldham.

Due to the timing of the General Election, the programme was paused from June to November 2025; however, all the work then resumed and informed a cross-government process to develop a long-list of policy options and interventions, as set out in this report. The finalised selection of projects / list of interventions was developed and confirmed by the CDU in February 2025, following ministerial sign off and approval: again, the detail of which is set out in the report.

On acceptance of the grant, the Council and the MHCLG will form the Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership, and after reviewing the identified programme, the proposals are

fully aligned with the Oldham Plan and Creating a Better Place framework to create jobs, build homes, and enhance buildings and communities across the borough.

Recommendations

Cabinet members are requested to approve:

- Acceptance of the £20,100,000 grant funding award from the MHCLG.
- Approve a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the MHCLG in respect of the grant award and establishment of the Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership.
- Note the extensive consultation and work undertaken by the MHCLG's CDU Team to collect and assess the longlist of projects and ideas submitted by Oldham's communities and partners and to note the projects selected by the CDU (after passing MHCLG business case approval) for progression.
- Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham, the Director of Finance and the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to oversee and approve: the expenditure of grant funding for the projects selected by MHCLG; the onward award of the grant funding for any policy intervention or project listed by the CDU team; and, any associated partnership or programme of activity.
 - Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham, the Director of Finance and the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to approve the procurement and appointment of contractors and service providers (and to authorise any sub-contractors) to supply any works, supplies or services needed to deliver the programme of activity following procurements undertaken in compliance with the Council's own Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (or Procurement Act 23, as of 24th February 2025).
 - Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to award onward grant funding and to enter into any associated grant agreements with delivery partners and / or community groups, as applicable, setting out clearly prescribed funding timescales, project scope as agreed with MHCLG and subject to appropriate terms and conditions, including any relevant provisions within the MoU entered into with the MHCLG.
 - Delegate authority to the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer and/or his nominee to formalise any necessary legal requirements including signing and/or sealing any documentation required to give effect to the recommendations and/or delegations in this report.
 - Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) and Borough Solicitor and/or their nominee(s) to approve the appointment of external legal advisors required to protect the Council's interests and/or give effect to the recommendations in this report, and carry out all necessary legal formalities in respect of any activity approved by virtue of this report.

Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership (ESR-03-25)**1.0 Background**

- 1.1 At the Spring Budget in 2023, twenty lower-tier local authority areas were selected for what was then known as Levelling Up Partnership Areas. Alongside the announcement of the programme, His Majesty 's Government, (HMG), published a methodology note on place selection. The list of twenty places was developed in accordance with the Levelling Up White Paper and examined a number of key metrics including skills, pay, productivity and health. Using the methodology outlined, Oldham ranked 13 on the list in terms of Levelling Up Need and was initially chosen for this round of engagement, to be conducted concurrently with Rochdale, Walsall, and Torridge.
- 1.2 The Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have led on the Levelling Up Partnership for Oldham on behalf of national government, and most recently have confirmed that the programme is now known as the Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership.
- 1.3 The overall objectives of the partnership are to:
- Support delivery of the objectives that address spatial inequalities in the UK and delivery of the missions. Improving outcomes in these 20 places is a necessary part of the overall progress of addressing inequalities.
 - Support places most in need of regeneration through a bespoke package of targeted support and complimentary policy interventions that provide tangible benefits to residents in the place within 24 months, and that align and contribute to long-term ambitions and strategies for places.
 - Share learning from partnerships across government to help establish and embed a culture place-based policy making, built on a deeper understanding of places and their unique needs.
- 1.4 The partnership's final policy package has also been developed with consideration of the government missions. The final policy package will, therefore, address the following in particular:
- Breakdown barriers to opportunity
 - Kickstart economic growth
 - Take back our streets
- 1.5 Within MHCLG, a sub-team called the Communities Delivery Unit (CDU) led the initial work and began initial scoping for the Oldham partnership in April 2024. Building on the scoping exercise, the CDU undertook a fieldwork phase, which took place over a three-day period where the team reached out to various community groups, partners,

young people, communities across the borough. The CDU also engaged with business leaders, academics, small business owners and the VCFSE sector. MHCLG have also gathered insights from other government departments to inform this diagnostic phase, working particularly closely with teams who have a strong local understanding of Oldham.

- 1.6 After the initial engagement phase, MHCLG then reviewed all the place-based statistics and data, and all the feedback from the community/partner engagement to provide a formal assessment of the 'need' for Levelling Up. Scoping work involved desk-based research, literature reviews and work with analysts and the DPMs Data Unit, formerly the Spatial Data Unit, in MHCLG to develop an evidence base on the opportunities and challenges for Oldham. MHCLG supplemented this research with fieldwork and engagement with local stakeholders to gain a qualitative understanding of the issues faced in Oldham, situated in the place itself.
- 1.7 Due to the timing of the General Election, the programme was pause from June to November 2025. However, on recommencement, the findings from the scoping work then informed a cross-government process to develop a long-list of policy options and interventions across a broad range of policy areas. The CDU initially short-listed these based on the:
- Local strategic fit – When considering local strategic fit. The CDU consider how an intervention will address the qualitative and quantitative findings from the partnership, consider how it aligns with local economic and social plans but also how it fits with government objectives and priorities. A further benefit of the CDU approach is that judgements can be based on the interactions between several challenges.
 - Value for money – The CDU engaged with policy experts in MHCLG and across government to judge likely value for money, as well as to assess how well they would contribute to departmental and governmental objectives.
 - Deliverability – Following these assessments, the package is stress-tested with the local council and other stakeholders to ensure that the proposed package is deliverable – taking into account local capacity and capability as well as local accountability and delivery structures.
- 1.8 The finalised Oldham policy and targeted programme of works / selection of projects / list of interventions was developed and confirmed by CDU February 2025, following ministerial sign off and approval, and includes the associated capital and revenue funding as set out in this report.

2.0 Recommended Interventions from MHCLG

Grant Award Projects

- 2.1 The policy intervention list identified by CDU for Oldham covers the following seven key areas of activity:
- 2.3 **Town Centre Housing Delivery** - A capital contribution of £5,000,000 has been allocated from the total award to support the development of a planning strategy and

associated pre-development costs for the four key town centre housing sites including Civic, Magistrates Court, Leisure Centre site and Princes Gate. The allocation of this funding will help to accelerate the development and delivery of sites leading to the provision of 2,000 new homes.

Significant progress continues to be made in conjunction with MUSE (who were compliantly procured by the Council) on the delivery of the identified new homes. This includes the adoption by Cabinet of the Spatial Development Framework for the Town Centre 18th November 2024 following extensive consultation undertaken throughout the summer. Site enabling works funded by external MHCLG One Public Estate monies are currently well underway on the former leisure centre site with works expected to commence on the Civic Centre and Magistrate Court sites over the coming months.

MUSE were confirmed to be making significant progress on the wider supporting planning strategy for all core sites with applications to be submitted in 2025. The investment in the planning strategy is circa £7,000,000 and securing associated planning approvals will position all sites strongly in terms of securing wider investment to unlock delivery.

Cabinet approval was obtained on the 18th November 2024 providing delegated authority for the Council to be able to explore a risk share funding mechanism in respect of the significant commitment that MUSE have made in respect on the planning strategy. It is intended that the allocated funding from the Oldham Regeneration Partnership will be utilised to contribute to the delivery of planning strategy eliminating any financial, procurement or legal risk for the Council. In the unlikely event that actual delivery does not progress within the Town Centre, the Council would see a significant uplift in the value of the core sites in respect of the associated planning permissions and an associated full suite of documentation. This intervention will therefore directly contribute to the delivery of 2,000 new homes within Oldham Town Centre.

The award of the funding is a major milestone in respect of the wider residential strategy as it positions the partnership strongly in terms of moving forward with actual delivery of homes within the next couple of years.

Reference was made to an “underwriting” in the previous Cabinet report (November 2024): this was incorrect and an error at the time due to the early / limited feedback on this project from the CDU at that time, and reassurance needed for the draw down of the planning strategy funding for continued delivery. This report now confirmed that no Council funds are required for “underwriting” MUSE. This is an external grant award from MHCLG which has passed their assessments and business case development work, in order to support the pre-commencement works and risk share of the town centre housing projects (as with One Public Estate grant award, and the Brownfield Land Housing Fund grant award).

- 2.4 District Growth Funding** - £4,400,000 of capital funding and £100,000 of revenue funding has been allocated to support the delivery of district growth priorities across Oldham. It is envisaged that this funding will compliment a £600,000 contribution from existing funding allocated through the Long-Term Plan for Towns, (subject to

approval of the investment plan by government), in the West of borough providing a notional area of £1m funding for each of the five district areas across Oldham.

The utilisation of district growth funding will embed community-based decision making, building on the work of the recently established District Councils which include public / private / community groups / residents / third sector. This fund will build on the Long-Term Plan for Towns programme and provide a smaller roll-out of the principles established by the programme – funding to support local projects identified by local communities for local communities. These district growth projects will be co-produced with the District Councils and will ensure that all residents, communities and businesses are engaged with the creation of local priorities.

The current One Oldham Fund has been identified as the basis of an accountable system and extended offer from which the different district areas can draw down the allocated funds once their investment plans and grant programmes are confirmed. A further assessment on the suitability of the One Oldham Fund as a delivery vehicle will be undertaken following approval of this report to help finalise the funding draw-down arrangements for each District area. The focus in terms of end-users will build on Oldham Plan's existing three priorities established through extensive engagement with residents and partners:

- A Great Place to Live
- Healthier, Happier Lives
- Green and Growing

These priorities reflect our shared ambitions for Oldham: vibrant, safe neighbourhoods where people are proud to live; opportunities for healthier, more fulfilled lives; and a sustainable, thriving economy.

District Councils will have a menu of activities from which local initiatives could be aligned including Health and Wellbeing, Cost of Living Crisis Support, Children and Young People, Hate Crime Awareness and Developing Recovery Communities. Sports Clubs will be included given their reach, role in community cohesion and contribution to the Health and Wellbeing agenda; and there will be an additional focus on Net Zero and Sustainability.

The Programme may build on the existing well established One Oldham governance arrangements. It is envisaged that the capital programme will be split 80% for larger projects and 20% for small scale grants. Deliverability will be a selection criterion, alongside benefits to end-users and strategic fit with priorities.

The capital grant Programme will seek to increase the sustainability of third sector organisations and improving local access to services by users. The grant programme will be developed in support of the District Growth Plans that are being developed through extensive community consultation based on the approach adopted with the Chadderton Long Term Plan for Towns approach. Many third sector organisations operate from premises or units in need of upgrade or improvements that would increase their ability to meet user needs or bring underused community assets back into use. These range from small scale improvements (warmer premises through

energy efficiency) to larger capital projects (creation/ fit out of additional space to meet demand).

- 2.5 Yorkshire Street and Implementation of the Cultural Co-Operative Model** – A £2,500,000 capital contribution has been secured and will be utilised to support the implementation of the Cultural Co-operative model which focuses on the redeveloped Fairbottom Street Theatre, (Towns Funding). This allocation will provide additionality and compliment the High Street Accelerator funding on Yorkshire Street by bringing back into use vacant retail units on Yorkshire Street providing rental income to support the sustainability of cultural assets across the Town Centre.

The initiative seeks to secure ownership and bring the void/vacant property back into commercial use. The future rental income accrued would then be ringfenced to help ensure the financial sustainability of the nearby Fairbottom Street Theatre. The Victorian theatre is a much-loved, treasured and culturally significant asset that sadly closed in 2023 and there is a significant public and political aspiration to bring the Theatre back into sustained use.

More widely, instigating a nighttime economy in Oldham Town Centre will ultimately contribute to wider place-making ambitions, including supporting the success of the major town centre regeneration underway, and the delivery of 2,000 new town centre homes.

- 2.6 Spindles Market Relocation** - Supported by a £2,000,000 capital allocation, this project seeks to support the Spindles Market relocation by establishing a new Grant Scheme to enable market traders to purchase modern, low-carbon fit-for-purpose kit.

The project also seeks to deliver renovation works up to six currently vacant commercial units within the Spindles Shopping Centre to enable the relocation of large market businesses which demonstrate growth potential and provide a complimentary offer to existing centre retail into more formal fit-for-purpose accommodation. A further aspect of the proposal will be to cover the costs of fixtures / fittings for a Pop-Up unit, marketing support for new tenants and other smaller project costs.

This initiative will ensure town centre vibrancy and vitality through the support of a diverse section of independent retail businesses.

- 2.7 George Street** – This project is closely linked to the Spindles Market project. It is proposed that £1,000,000 of capital funding will be allocated to the George Street project complimenting £1,000,000 of Oldham Council capital funding and seeks to radically transform George Square into a multifunctional high quality public space which will be the new home for the Oldham Outdoor Market.

George Street sits between the newly redeveloped Spindles shopping centre and is adjacent to two of the proposed Town Centre strategic residential sites. The site has excellent transport links being located adjacent to the bus station and newly delivered active travel routes.

Following the redevelopment of George Street, the area will become the home of Tommyfield Outdoor market and host the hugely popular Saturday Asian Market

which helps to attract shoppers from across the North of England. A refurbished and flexible area of open space also provides additional opportunities in respect of the wider cultural and events programme helping to sustain the overall vibrancy of the Town Centre.

The current outdoor Tommyfield Market sits on a site identified for redevelopment through the establishment of a new Town Centre park. Consequently, the project seeks to both retain as many businesses as possible within the town centre, by relocating traders into a new location closely aligned to the wider retail core.

2.8 SportsTown – Landowners around Boundary Park Stadium (public and private sector) are working with a range of partners to establish an ambitious vision which defines plans to bring together Oldham’s sporting excellence, health care and much needed enhanced educational pathways through the creation of a new centre of excellence whilst also increasing participation for a wide range of users at the heart of the community.

Sporting excellence within Oldham is well defined through Oldham’s Rugby Club, Women’s netball, Darts and Cricket. Latics, the Women’s Football team and Oldham Rugby already utilise the facilities housed at the Boundary Park stadium / complex, which neighbours the Royal Oldham Hospital, for which there has been a working arrangement for hospital staff parking for some time.

The overarching vision builds on the recommendations from the Oldham Economic Review to create ambitious opportunities for growth in the borough and to accelerate skills pathways and job opportunities to create an exciting future for young people and future generations. The public/ private partnership overseeing the site want to drive forward SportsTown as a key asset in central Oldham providing opportunities and excellence in sport (in football, rugby, netball, darts and cricket), higher education skills provision, improved facilities and increased access and participation by local groups, contributing to social cohesion and addressing health inequalities.

A proposed capital allocation of £5,000,000 will be utilised to support the delivery of SportsTown Phase 1 which will include:

- Create new facilities for Higher Education, (HE), skills provision in the top floor of the Joe Royle Stand, including classrooms, access to specialist kit and changing facilities.
- Modification of the Joe Royle Stand to facilitate the above, including relocation of gym to create a new safeguarding access to the venue.
- Creation of new all-weather pitch on “Little Wembley” facility and 3G pitch, substantially increasing local use, access and participation.
- Provision of new outdoor netball court facilities (Oldham is a top-performer in netball) and University 5G.

There is a strong identified need for the project; HE lacks all-weather facilities in a central location to help develop its sports science and related HE offer; high levels of health inequalities; and high levels of income, crime and education deprivation.

The project is part of a longer-term plan for SportsTown, which includes a netball arena, indoor 3G sports facilities and further main stadium improvements. The overall investment package for Sports Town is circa £70m with a robust governance / partnership framework to formalise the public / private partnership land interests and investment into the joint vision. *(This will be reported separately on completion of due diligence due to the commercial nature of the partnership).*

2.9 Private Rented Sector Enforcement Pilot – Oldham Council & Greater Manchester Combined Authority, (GMCA), have worked to develop a pilot project which seeks to use housing benefits as a lever for property improvement in Oldham. The project funding through a £100,000 revenue contribution will seek to roll out a substantial increase in use of Rent Repayment Orders, (RRO), where landlords have committed a relevant offence.

A core objective of the pilot scheme is to remove barriers to using RRO's through joint working between GMCA, Oldham Council, MHCLG and the Department for Work and Pensions, (DWP). It will consider how to most effectively use Housing Benefit and Universal Credit payments that have been clawed back to improve property quality and disincentivise poor landlord practice.

This project will ultimately aim to help to improve overall housing standards across the borough ensuring that our residents are able to live in safe, warm and secure homes.

Grant Funding Awards

2.10 Below is a summary of the funding resource:

Project	Capital	Revenue
Town Centre Housing Delivery	£5,000,000	£0
District Growth Funding	£4,400,000	£100,000
Yorkshire Street and Implementation of the Cultural Co-Operative Model	£2,500,000	£0
Spindles Market Relocation	£2,000,000	£0
George Square	£1,000,000	£0
Sports Town	£5,000,000	£0
Private Rented Sector Pilot	£0	£100,000
Total	£19,900,000	£200,000

3 Options/Alternatives

3.1 There are two options:

Option 1 (preferred option): accept the list of projects identified by MHCLG and the proposed grant funding allocation as set out in this report which will create the opportunity to delivery significant outcomes across the borough aligned to the Oldham Plan priorities and expend the grant in accordance with the development and delivery plan approved in line with the delegations recommended in this report. Parts

of the grant may be used by the Council to purchase works, supplies or services or it may be used to make onward grants to third parties.

Option 2: decline the offer of the external funding. This option is not supported or recommended as it would result in a significant missed opportunity to deliver a range of activity, across the borough, where funding does not currently exist and associated outcomes will not be achieved.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 A set out in this report, the CDU have undertaken extensive engagement in the formulation of these proposals which including direct community engagement, desk top assessment, detailed fieldwork assessments within Oldham and cross government departmental consultation.
- 4.2 Extensive engagement has also been undertaken with market stallholders, businesses and various delivery partners.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership grant funding totalling £20.1m is split as £19.9m capital funding and £0.2m revenue funding to support the projects detailed in the body of the report. The grant will be paid under Section 50 of the UK Internal Markets Act 2020, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into with MHCLG. The MoU applies until March 2027.
- 5.2 The Council will be the Accountable Body for the grant funding and will be required to report to MHCLG on progress on a quarterly basis. In addition, MHCLG will require the Council's Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) to confirm that the grant has been used to fund the delivery of the schemes described in the report.
- 5.3 The projects will require strong project management and oversight to ensure that the proposed schemes can be delivered. For projects delivered directly by the Council this can be ensured via established mechanisms as part of the Creating a Better Place Programme. Where delivery will be via the Council awarding grant funding to third parties, the Council will need to ensure that the grant funding conditions mirror the terms of the MoU with MHCLG and ensure that the outcomes and outputs of the project can be demonstrated to have been delivered.
- 5.4 Projects will need to be closely monitored to ensure that they can be delivered within the existing funding envelope as MHCLG will not fund any cost overruns and they will need to be financed from Council resources.

James Postle, Finance Manager

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 The MHCLG grant to the Council is of significant value and, therefore, gives, rise to a number of legal considerations.
- 6.2 Regarding the acceptance of the grant, the memorandum of understanding produced and shared with the Council is non-enforceable and light touch. There are reporting obligations and a requirement to take part in any case studies, but nothing which would be considered to be onerous at this stage.
- 6.3 If the Council intends to spend the money on works, services or supplies, all procurement activity must be conducted in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules, which make provision for compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Procurement Act 2023 and any associated regulations. The commissioning team must also liaise with the Commercial Procurement Unit to design and implement procurement activity.
- 6.4 The receipt of the grant funding from the MHCLG is not subject to any requirements, under the Constitution, save that the decision to accept or reject the grant must be taken to the correct decision maker, which is the Cabinet in this case.
- 6.5 In making an onward allocation of any part of the grant funding, the Council will need to comply with the MoU. The payment terms will need to consider how the grant monies will be paid to the Council and when they will be paid to any third party. All individual grant awards will be formalised in writing and all grant recipients will be required to enter into a grant funding agreement on fit for purpose terms and conditions. Relevant provisions from the MoU will be included in the grant funding agreement so that the Council can not only report to the MHCLG but also so it can take part in the case studies. Clawback provisions will be included in each grant agreement to protect the Council's position.
- 6.6 Prior to the award, by the Council, of an onward grant, a subsidy control analysis will need to be undertaken to determine if the grant funding award would amount to a subsidy and (if it would), whether the award would be deemed lawful when the subsidy control principles are applied. If required, specialist advice would be obtained on the application of the subsidy control regime and any reporting obligations to ensure full compliance with the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the accompanying Statutory Guidance and any other relevant guidance.

Sarah Orrell – Commercial & Procurement Solicitor

- 6.7 S1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives Local Authorities a general power of competence to do anything which an individual may do for the benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in their area.
- 6.8 In terms of the exercise of its powers the Council must ensure that it acts reasonably in the exercise of its powers. It must take account of all relevant matters, disregard irrelevant matters, act for proper purposes, observe procedural requirements, not act in bad faith and not take a decision that no reasonable local authority could take.

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- 6.9 In addition to establishing powers the Council must also have regard to its duties whether relating to general public law duties such as:
- Wednesbury reasonableness
 - Rationality of decisions
 - Due process
 - Fiduciary duties – when making a decision the Council must properly consider the available options to determine which is the best means of delivering its functions having regard to the effectiveness of the option to deliver its proper objectives and the commercial, financial, risks and legal implications of each option.
 - Statutory duties – for example, rights under the Human Rights Act, securing best value, consultation, securing wider, social, economic and environmental benefits.
- 6.10 The Council must be satisfied it can meet the objectives and terms and conditions and milestones of funding imposed by any funding authority including any obligation to provide match funding and to monitor and keep any necessary records and file any necessary returns. Client Officers must also check the terms do not conflict with other funding conditions already in place.

Rebecca Boyle – Group Lawyer (Corporate)

7 Procurement Implications

- 7.1 No specific procurement activity can be defined in this report where it predominantly relates to the acceptance and generally intended use of the grant funding outlined. Any goods, works or services requirements identified in utilising the grant funding need to be directed to CPU for appropriate support. Funds would need to be used compliantly with Council's own CPRs and relevant legislation (PCR2015, PA23 and any associated Regulations).
- 7.2 The Head of Commercial Procurement must be consulted to ensure the Council spends the money in a legally compliant way and doesn't make decisions which could lead to challenges particularly post 24th Feb 2025 when the Procurement Act 23 goes live and has been created with increased transparency requirements and exposure of the spending of public money and is therefore subject to higher levels of scrutiny. As such, it is recommended that a process be agreed as soon as possible, to ensure any potential spend plans are shared with CPU in advance of any engagement with potential suppliers and in order to ensure legally compliant use of the funds outlined in this report. As part of this process, CPU will assess the rules stipulated by the grant funder relating to the procurement of goods, works and services using the grant monies.

Jasmine Banks-Lee, Procurement

8. Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People

- 8.1 A full EIA has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 1 to this document.

9 Co-operative Implications

- 9.1 The approval of the grant acceptance of the Oldham Community Regeneration Partnership supports a host of activities which are in line with the Council's cooperative agenda. The objectives of the Partnership include targeting support and interventions which will provide tangible benefits to residents. Fieldwork for the proposal was undertaken with local businesses and VCSE representatives. Within the proposal are policy interventions which include housing delivery, growth, a cultural co-operative, market support, public space projects, and the development of a multi-sport centre of excellence. These projects will deliver benefits to the lives of Oldham residents, primarily through employment, health and wellbeing, arts and culture provision, and pride in place. To conclude, the proposals in this report are highly supportive of the co-operative agenda.

James Mulvaney, Policy Manager

10 Key Decision

- 10.1 ESR-03-25

11 Background Papers

- 11.1 None

12 Appendices

- 12.1 Appendix 1 EIA Assessment