

Actions from the Council meeting on 9th April 2025

Action/Issue	Responsible Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
Youth Council Motion – Young People’s Mental Health This Council resolves to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an overview and scrutiny study of Mental Health service’s waiting times (including CAMHS). That the Chief Executive be requested to write to the Prime Minister and to the Secretary of State for Health to ask for an increase in children and young people’s mental health services spending without any reduction in spending on adult mental health; to again ask the Government to ensure that adequate funding and resources are made available to schools and colleges to allow them to invest in the early intervention services; and for an update on their manifesto commitments. 	Chief Executive	<p>The Children and Young People Scrutiny Board, at its meeting on 17th June 2025, resolved: That the recommendations of the report be noted, establishing a task and finish group to investigate the issue of Mental Health service’s waiting times (including CAMHS) and that the composition of the Task and Finish Group be as follows: Councillors Z. Ali, Bishop, Hobin, Hughes and McLaren.</p> <p>Letters from the Chief Executive to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health are attached at Appendices 2 and 3. <i>(Replies awaited)</i></p>	1. ✓ 2. ✓
Administration Motion 1 – Houses of Multiple Occupation: Resolved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This Council welcomes the recent announcement by the Chancellor of an additional £2 billion for social and affordable housing. This funding provides an opportunity to address the shortage of genuinely affordable homes and to ensure that people in Oldham have access to safe, secure and high-quality housing. 	Chief Executive	<p>Letters from the Chief Executive to the borough’s three Members of Parliament and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government attached at Appendices 4 – 7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is ongoing to collect boroughwide data on HMOs ahead of a report being brought back to Council in September Members workshops / Scrutiny discussion on this information (once finalised) will be confirmed 	1-3. ✓ 4-6. ● 7. ●

<p>2. This Council calls on the new Labour Government to reverse the changes introduced by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition Government in 2010 which removed the requirement for planning permission for small houses of multiple occupation.</p> <p>3. This council further requests that the Chief Executive writes to the borough's 3 MPs and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, asking for their support in reversing the aforementioned changes.</p> <p>4. This Council calls on the Cabinet Member responsible to provide a report back to Council at the soonest opportunity on the work that has been carried out to establish whether a case can be made for an Article 4 direction; to continue efforts to establish that case, and to report back on a regular basis.</p> <p>5. This Council will wherever possible ensure that any building being used as an HMO is defined as such, with a view to ensuring that any work towards an Article 4 direction is provided with the best available information.</p> <p>6. This Council will provide information on forthcoming HMO applications, with any personal information removed.</p> <p>7. The Council will establish a right for Councillors to make representations to the Council on HMO licence applications and renewals.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advice has been sought on the other matters within this resolution, as the release of information contained within any application for a HMO licence application would constitute private information under GDPR until such time as we are deciding to grant an HMO licence. 	
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<p>Administration Motion 2 – Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage Oldham Schools to submit examples of good practice to <i>'Inclusion in practice'</i>. 2. Support the LGA's call for urgent action in the Spending Review to address the deficit in High Needs Spending by Local Authorities and put spending to support children with SEND on a sustainable footing. 	<p>Director of Education, Skills and Early Years</p>	<p>The Director of Education, Skills and Early Years, has confirmed that both actions required under this Motion have been completed.</p>	<p>1-2 ✓</p>
<p>Opposition Motion 2: Expressing disappointment at government failure to compensate the WASPI Women RESOLVED (As amended):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Council notes that more than 11,600 WASPI women across Oldham Borough stand to lose out on compensation after the Labour Government decided to ignore the independent ombudsman's assessment and go against their long-held policy to support WASPI women. It is estimated that the compensation owed to impacted women across Oldham Borough would be a minimum of £11,642,500. 2. This Council notes that previous Labour Leaders of this Council have referred to the situation facing WASPI women as "an injustice" and as recently as March 2023, Oldham Labour were still campaigning to put that injustice right. 3. This Council also notes that despite the parlous state of the public finances and scorched earth policy pursued by the previous Conservative 	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Letter from the Chief Executive to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the Right Honourable Liz Kendall MP, asking her to look again at this decision. (<i>Reply awaited</i>)</p>	<p>1-5 ✓</p>

<p>Government, the current Labour Government has committed to the 'triple' lock on the state pension which means the state pensions is rising by £470 a year in April 2025.</p> <p>4. This Council reasserts its support for the WASPI women and regrets the previous Conservative Government's delay in responding to the Ombudsman's report leaving the incoming Labour government to decide whether the independent ombudsman's assessment that compensation should be paid to them.</p> <p>5. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the Right Honourable Liz Kendall MP, asking her to look again at this decision.</p>			
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Actions from the Council meeting on 18 December 2024 (adjourned until 20th January 2025)

<p>Opposition Motion 3 (Independent)– The Old Failsworth Library (as amended)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to keep the current tenant of the former library on Main Street up to date with information regarding the lease and potential repairs to the building. 2. That Council officers will keep all Failsworth Councillors up to date potential renovations and future uses of the former Failsworth library building. 3. Explore opportunities to renovate the former Failsworth Library on Main Street so that it can be used by other local community groups and or businesses subject to funding. 4. That all Failsworth Councillors are given opportunities to be involved in plans to potentially renovate this building for future community use. 	<p>Director of Communities</p>	<p>This work is ongoing -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refurbishment proposals are still progressing through feasibility and due diligence processes • engagement with the tenant continues as / when needed • members will receive an update once the feasibility work is concluded 	<p>1-4 ●</p>
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