

Actions from the Council meeting on 16 July 2025

Council Agenda item	Action/Issue	Responsible Member/Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
Notice of Administration Business – Motion 1: Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMOs)	1. As soon as possible, Cabinet to consider and make a direction pursuant to Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 on a borough wide basis. Withdrawing the permitted development rights to convert a dwellinghouse (C3) to a House in Multiple Occupation (C4) is appropriate, and justified, to prevent harm to local amenity and promote the wellbeing of the aforementioned areas.	Emma Barton/Peter Richards	On the agenda for this Council meeting. Report to the Cabinet's meeting on 22 nd September 2025 Report to Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny in October 2025	✓
	2. To delegate authority to OMBC Planning Department to carry out all necessary consultation and to notify the Secretary of State in accordance with statutory requirements.	Peter Richards	Report to Cabinet on 22 nd September to authorise this	
	3. That, the Borough wide Article 4(1) Direction will come into effect once made.	Peter Richards/Alex Bougatef	Report to Cabinet on 22 nd September to authorise this	

	4. To put existing and prospective HMO landlords on notice that OMBC will look to implement the Article 4(1) Direction on 1st January 2026.	Peter Richards/Alex Bougatef	Report to Cabinet on 22 nd September to authorise this	
	5. Houses of Multiple Occupation. A report to come to September Council	Councillor Taylor/Emma Barton	On the agenda for this Council meeting	✓
Notice of Administration Business – Motion 2: Fair Funding Review	That the Council resolves to respond to the Fair Funding Review consultation supporting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed changes to improve funding for councils like Oldham who have a lower tax base, a lower Business Rates base and a higher level of demand for their services. 2. A three-year funding settlement that will support long term planning 3. A level of funding that will ensure Oldham Council can provide the level of essential services needed by Oldham residents. 	Lee Walsh	The Director of Finance to respond to the consultation exercise on behalf of the council	✓
Questions to Leader and Cabinet	1. To provide a response to Councillor Lancaster in relation to rewarding volunteers	Councillor Taylor	Councillor Taylor responded to Councillor Lancaster	✓
Questions to Leader and Cabinet	2. Timings relating to questions to Leader and Cabinet. Review as part of Constitution Working Group	Alex Bougatef /Heather Moore	To be considered as part of the Constitution Working Group's agenda	✓

Notice of Opposition Business: Motion 3	List of gullies that have been cleaned across the borough. Information to be shared with all Councillors	Nasir Dad	<p>Copy of correspondence from February 2025 and June 2025 provided to Councillor Akhtar.</p> <p>Email provided to all Councillors.</p> <p>The current programme aims to clean all 48,000 gullies across the borough on a ward-by-ward basis. Given the volume of work that needs to be completed, we cannot always engage with ward members on a street-by-street basis or provide specific data at the time. However, as we've committed to previously, where members have specific concerns, we will work with them. As we pick up outstanding gullies, we will be communicating with ward members to seek their support in completing the programme.</p>	✓
Motion 1: Adult Neurodevelopmental Assessment and Support	1. Work closely with NHS Greater Manchester on the new pathway and model of services for adults	Mike Barker		

	<p>2. Ask NHS Greater Manchester, who are the commissioners of these mental health services for our residents, to come to the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board to provide updates and an account. We need assurance that there will be robust provision of these vital health services for adults, and that there will be a safe transition for children and young people into adult services at the appropriate time.</p>	<p>Mike Barker Peter Thompson</p>	<p>Arrangements are in place for NHS Greater Manchester, who are the commissioners of these mental health services for our residents, to attend a meeting of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Board on October 7th 2025.</p>	✓
<p>Motion 2: Investing in Coldhurst:</p>	<p>West End Street Pitch letter to Jim McMahon MP regarding his support for previous work done at this location</p>	<p>Peter Thompson</p>	<p>Letter forwarded to Jim McMahon MP (attached at Appendix 2 and the reply on behalf of Mr McMahon is attached at Appendix 3)</p>	✓
	<p>Reaffirm its full support for widening access to local sports and recreation facilities and recognises that the plan in place for West End Street will help deliver this.</p> <p>Request that officers prepare a report for Place Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity, which will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assess the current physical condition, legal arrangements, 	<p>Nasir Dad</p>	<p>A report to be scheduled for presentation to the Place, Economic Growth and Environment Scrutiny Board (November)</p>	✓

	and ownership or lease status of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West End Street pitch (Coldhurst) ○ 			
	b. Explore further opportunities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider how existing and future government regeneration funding streams might be aligned with the improvement of community sports assets at ward level. ○ Consult relevant community organisations, residents, and funding bodies in developing options. ○ Secure investment or external funding to improve access and quality to West End Street Pitch. ○ Develop open-access use models that prioritise youth, health, and local sport. ○ Consider how existing and future government regeneration funding streams might be aligned with the improvement of community sports assets at ward level. 	Nasir Dad		✓

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consult relevant community organisations, residents, and funding bodies in developing options. <p>Ensure that any resulting recommendations are inclusive, transparent, and aimed at increasing the quality and accessibility of recreational spaces in Coldhurst.</p>			
Motion 3: A revision of the 'Don't Trash Oldham' Policy with regards to Gully Clearing	<p>This Motion asks for a revision of the 'Don't Trash Oldham' Policy with regards to Gully Clearing</p> <p>Gully cleaning and Don't Trash Oldham Policy. Councillor Goodwin to provide information to Councillors Byrne and Hamblett</p>	Nasir Dad	<p>Information provided to Councillor Byrne two active vehicles - one is our permanent vehicle, one is leased. It is our intention to maintain a minimum of two vehicles at any time given the demand for gulley cleaning across the borough: these services, both the planned maintenance (rolling programme to clean/clear every gulley (48,000) across the borough; and, reactive maintenance when there are localised issues which need immediate attention (for example - when gullies get blocked during periods of heavy rain causing localised flooding or highway safety issues).</p> <p>To date, 18,000 gulleys have been treated – a number of those treated need to be revisited due to more substantial works being needed</p>	✓

			<p>(significant blockage / collapse or blocked by parked car on the day we did the work in the area). This will take place once the current wards have been completed and 1 wagon will begin to address blockages/repairs and those that were inaccessible. HM has asked for timescales for this.</p> <p>Nasir Dad has offered to visit site regarding the culvert matter, as this is the responsibility of the land owner where the culvert is located, and may potentially have multiple owners.</p>	
Update to Pay Policy Statement and Organisational Framework	<p>1. Approves the designation of the Director of Finance as the Council's Chief Finance Officer for the purposes of s114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and shall fulfil all the statutory duties of that post and in accordance with S151 of the Local Government Act 1972 shall be the officer with responsibilities for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs, and the Constitution be updated where required.</p>	Chief Executive	Changes to be presented to the Constitution Working Group.	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approves the designation of the Director of Legal as the Council's Monitoring Officer/Borough Solicitor for the purposes of Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Constitution be updated where required. 3. Agrees to update the Pay Policy Statement to reflect these changes. 4. Agrees to update the Constitution to reflect these changes. 			
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Outstanding actions from the Council meeting on 9th April 2025

Action/Issue	Responsible Officer	Update	Completed ✓ In progress ●
<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 	Chief Executive	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>)	1-5 ✓

<p>recently as March 2023, Oldham Labour were still campaigning to put that injustice right.</p> <p>3. This Council also notes that despite the parlous state of the public finances and scorched earth policy pursued by the previous Conservative 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) RESOLVED: 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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