

Public Questions - Full Council: Wednesday, 17th September 2025

	From / Date	To	Question
1	Dilber Shabir Tue 15/07/2025 16:19	Councillor Elaine Taylor, Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods	What is Oldham Council's plan for protecting the rights for the people and families living in a HMO?
2	Syed Maruf Ali Mon 21/07/2025 11:07	Councillor Barbara Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing	I would like to ask the Council what steps it is taking, in partnership with local NHS and public health bodies, to address health inequalities affecting British South Asian communities in Oldham. National NHS data shows only 57% of Bangladeshi/South Asian patients start treatment within 18 weeks, with delays even worse in deprived areas like ours. Many face barriers to access, digital exclusion, and a lack of culturally appropriate care. What targeted work is being done to reduce waiting times, improve access, and ensure fairer outcomes for Bangladeshi/South Asian residents?

3	Lewis Farnworth Wed 23/07/2025 19:18	Councillor Barbara Brownridge, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing	Due to the rise inflation of 3.9 what support will you give to the lowest paid households for example UNPAID CARERS and pensioners as food price continues to rise and the essentials becoming more unaffordable??
4	Richard Lowe-Jackson Sat 26/07/2025 13:06	Councillor Chris Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways	"Given the new EVCI strategy relies on commercially priced on-street chargers, what specific steps will the council take to mitigate the significant financial penalty imposed on the 60% of residents without driveways, many of whom have lower incomes, to ensure the transition to EVs is fair and equitable for all?"
5	Jeff Garner Wed 20/08/2025 14:50	Councillor Chris Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways	Please could Oldham Council support the residents of Friezland, Greenfield, who lost the 356 bus service immediately after the Bee Network took over in April? This cut off the community by diverting the service elsewhere, due to having insufficient suitable vehicles to negotiate narrow roads. The service previously ran successfully. I am asking the relevant person at the council to request the Mayor of Greater Manchester to insist that suitable vehicles are found immediately. Then local residents, in particular the disabled and those without cars, can resume using public transport for essential shopping and medical appointments. Five months on and they are still waiting.
6	Michael Powell Thu 21/08/2025 17:33	Councillor Jabbar, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Sustainability	To ensure good governance and accountability, this Council's leadership must be subject to effective scrutiny. At the previous meeting, just one opposition group leader was able to question the Leader. The other two main opposition leaders could not, and no other councillors were able to directly challenge the Leader either. Scrutiny was also limited when

			<p>questioning cabinet members, as they appeared to read the reports throughout question time.</p> <p>Will the Leader of the Council commit to upholding democratic principles by allowing all opposition leaders and councillors to scrutinise her and cabinet members at every Council meeting?</p>
7	Matthew Broadbent Fri 22/08/2025 08:05	Councillor Taylor Statutory Deputy leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods	The Beal Valley-Broadbent Moss PFE allocation, covering the wards of Shaw, south Royton, and St. James', will see 1,600 houses built. Places for Everyone requires development to be in accordance with a masterplan agreed by the council. Approval of the masterplan will apparently be solely at the discretion of the cabinet. Given that no party in the chamber has a clear electoral mandate from the people of Oldham to govern and the impacted wards are excluded from cabinet representation, does the Leadership agree that it would be more democratic to let full council decide approval of the masterplan?
8	Pat Cliffe Sun 24/08/2025 20:51	Councillor Chris Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways	<p>"20mph zones are established in most Saddleworth villages but in Diggle, having Secondary, Primary, and Nursery Schools on the main road, there is, apparently, no progress, despite discussions with councillors, and speeds measured. Proposals are mooted for a scheme at the Secondary School, but not the whole village, where speeding cars are concerning residents, and where there have been two recent significant accidents - one near the Primary School, the other causing the main road to close due to injuries and police investigations.</p> <p>Please could the cabinet member update on residents' consultation, and commit to a scheme covering the whole village?"</p>
9	Rita Ireland Tues 26/8/25 16:48	Councillor Shah, Leader of the Council	Who decided on the name change for Oldham Library and did all councillors vote on this?

10	Dawn Bardsley Wed 27/08/2025 17:45	Councillor Taylor Statutory Deputy leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods	<p>As a resident of Shaw, I speak for residents with regards to the planning application of the 20-bedroom HMO at the former health centre, High Street, Shaw.</p> <p>Why were residents not given a fair opportunity to sign the official ePetition on OMBC website, which ran without a functioning signature option? • Will the council commit to reopening the petition so that genuine community opposition can be registered and considered? This application is fundamentally flawed, and these questions demand clear answers before any decision is made. Anything less would be a failure of due process and a disregard for Shaw residents.</p>
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