

Report to Council

The Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report 24/25

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor Arooj Shah, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham

Officer Contact: Steve Hughes, Assistant Director of Strategy & Transformation

Report Authors: Jonathan Downs, Corporate Policy Lead / James Mulvaney, Policy Manager

12 November 2025

Reason for Decision

The Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report 2024/25 showcases the progress we have made together since the launch of Pride, Progress, Partnership last year. It captures the real impact of our shared ambitions and highlights achievements across our communities, the economy and public services, while being honest about the challenges we face. By bringing partners and residents into one story of change, the report helps us celebrate success, learn from experience, and focus our collective energy on the opportunities ahead.

Executive Summary

The Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report 2024/25 captures the progress made in the first year of delivering Pride, Progress, Partnership. It highlights how partners across the borough have worked together to make Oldham a great place to live, grow and thrive. Examples of what's been achieved range from major regeneration projects in the town centre and new housebuilding, to initiatives that support people directly in their day-to-day lives.

Recommendations

1. Note the content of the Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report 24/25
2. Acknowledge the continued work of the partnership to improve the Borough.

1. Background

- 1.1. The Oldham Partnership brings together business, community, and public sector leaders from across Oldham to tackle the challenges we face together. By working across different sectors, we can create lasting positive change for everyone in Oldham.
- 1.2. The Oldham Plan is a blueprint for the borough, setting out the collective vision for Oldham over the next six years. The Plan provides a shared roadmap for addressing key challenges such as health inequalities, housing, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.
- 1.3. When Pride, Progress, Partnership was published in 2024, we made a clear commitment to provide an annual update to Council on the impact of the Oldham Plan. This update is designed to track progress against our shared missions, highlight achievements delivered through partnership working, and ensure that members and residents can see the difference being made year on year. The 2024/25 Impact Report is the first of these annual updates.

2. Current Position

- 2.1. Oldham is one year into delivering the ambitions set out in Pride, Progress, Partnership, and positive change is beginning to take shape. The regeneration of the town centre is well underway, with visible improvements that are helping to build confidence in Oldham's future. New housing developments are creating more places for people to live, while community-led initiatives are tackling everyday challenges. Programmes such as Inclusive Bytes are supporting residents to overcome digital exclusion, and the expansion of the Live Well model is helping more people access the support they need to live healthier, happier lives.

3. Options/alternatives

- 3.1. Option 1: Note the content of the Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report 24/25 and acknowledge the continued work of the Leading Oldham Partnership. This course of action acknowledges the important work of Oldham Council's strategic partners and the significance of our cooperation.
- 3.2. Option 2: Do not note the content of the Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report 24/25. This option would potentially undermine the efforts of the Leading Oldham Partnership.

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1. Option 1 would be the preferred option, supporting and acknowledging the effective and strategic action with our partners.

5. Consultation

- 5.1. N/A

6. Financial Implications

6.1 All actions set out within the Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report are either undertaken by our partners or have already been funded through existing council resources. No further financial obligations are anticipated

(Matthew Kearns – Finance Manager)

7. Legal Services Comments

7.1. The report seeks to note the Report. There are no legal implications contained in this report's options. The recommended option is however supported to help ensure maximum resident focus and a regular update on relevant projects and Council objectives. (Alex Bougatef – Director of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer)

8. Community cohesion, including crime and disorder implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

8.1. None

9. Equality Impact – including implications for Children and Young People

9.1. N/A (James Mulvaney, Policy Manager)

10. Key Decision

10.1. No

11. Background Papers

11.1. None

12. Appendices

12.1. The Leading Oldham Partnership Impact Report 24/25