

SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE
20/10/2025 at 6.25 pm



Present: Councillors Brownridge, Goodwin, Jabbar, Shah and Taylor

Also in Attendance:

Shelley Kipling – Chief Executive

Mike Barker -Deputy Chief Executive (Health and Social Care)

Adrain McCourt – Interim Managing Director of MioCare

Fiona Greenway – Executive Director of Resources

Jayne Ratcliffe – Director of Adult Social Care/(DASS)

Alex Bougategf – Director of Legal

Jack Bailey – Executive Policy and Research Advisor

Peter Thompson – Constitutional Services

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Resolved:

That Councillor Shah be appointed as Chair of the Shareholder Committee, for the remainder of the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Shah in the Chair).

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

3 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following item of business, on the grounds that it contains exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 3, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the documents considered.

6 MIOCARE - REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Shareholder Sub-Committee considered a confidential report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Health and Social Care) advising Members on the outcome of a strategic review of the commerciality and sustainability of MioCare and which put a series of recommendations.

The Deputy Chief Executive (Health and Social Care) had commissioned an independent commercial consultant with a history of supporting Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (OMBC) on multiple commercial engagements to undertake a commercial and sustainability review on behalf of OMBC specifically by Adult Social Services of Miocare, one of its traded service companies.

The focus of the review, highlighted in the report, was an analysis of governance structures, strategic direction, financial sustainability and stakeholder dynamics, rather than the quality or effectiveness of front-line care provision, which would require a more specialist review.

The review was held because of a number of issues relating to: concerns about a potential unmitigated liability on equal pay depending on the outcome of a case in Sunderland, affecting another similar organisations run by a Council elsewhere. Concerns about rules changes by HMRC on VAT impacting local authority trading companies. The need to understand MioCare's capability and readiness to be able to absorb other areas of work. Observations by the Deputy Chief Executive (Health and Social Care) about weaknesses in governance but no firm evidence to support those observations. Concerns about financial impacts. To consider the governance arrangements at MioCare.

The submitted report sets out the findings from that review work and presented a series of remedies for the Shareholder Committee to consider.

Options/Alternatives considered:

Various options and alternatives were detailed in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Health and Social Care).

Resolved:

That the Shareholder Committee approves the remedies as set out in the Deputy Chief Executive's (Health and Social Care) report, to enact a more commercial and sustainable model for Miocare, including:

- a. Realining the goals and work programme of the Interim Managing Director.
- b. Restructuring the Corporate Board of Miocare to improve the Council's relationship with this critical organisation,
- c. Re-setting the corporate goals and business and commercial strategy of MioCare, improving engagement with Oldham Council's Senior management and political leaders.
- d. Preparing Oldham Total Care Ltd for future integration into MioCare.
- e. Ensuring that effective communication and change management strategies are in place to support the programme of work required.

The meeting started at 6.25pm and ended at 6.42pm