

Public Questions - Full Council: Wednesday, 25th March 2026

	From / Date	To	Question
1	John Whatmough 8/01/2026 17:29	Councillor Taylor	Why has this food hub/allotment been built, without consultation with residents, impacting on a resident's house, a pensioner in poor health, unable to access her boundary hedge and fencing impacting her privacy and adding stress. The council had a whole lot of space on the park to put this on but chose to erect against a homeowner's property, blocking off green space promised as a privacy area, many years ago
2	Hannah Roberts 14/01/2026 11:34	Councillor Dean	Please can I ask the following question at the next available Council meeting? 2026 is the National Year of Reading. Could the Cabinet Member report on activities in Oldham so far and outline what else is planned to get people reading across the borough?
3	Michael Powell 22/01/2026 19:47	Councillor Goodwin	Oldham Council's response to reported potholes now states that defects assessed as "low priority" will be monitored rather than repaired. Given that a reported and actionable defect can deteriorate rapidly, does the Council consider this approach sufficient to rely on a Section 58 defence if damage or injury occurs? Is the Council concerned that delaying repairs could increase legal and safety risks? Additionally, considering recent government funding specifically allocated for pothole repairs, can the Council explain whether this change in approach will result in fewer potholes being repaired overall?
4	Samuel Hollis	Councillor Taylor	Could the appropriate Cabinet Member clarify the approved uses at Clough Manor Hotel & what enforcement action the Council is taking to restrict activities to those uses? Local residents are very concerned about the

	04/02/26 17:08		damaging impact on the local environment, road safety & repeated attempts to expand uses unsuitable for this site.
5	Shona Farnworth 10/2/26 18:49	Councillor Jabbar	A new £1 billion-a-year Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) launches in April 2026, replacing the Household Support Fund to provide multi-year, local council-administered assistance for essentials, including emergency cash for financial shocks. This long-term support targets vulnerable households with food, energy, and cost-of-living help. When will this be available in April and to make sure the funds also go to UNPAID CARERS in Oldham
6	Roger Blackmore 18/2/26 15:11	Councillor Goodwin	Please could a senior Oldham Council officer support local Councillors who have asked for an on-site meeting to review the effectiveness of traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures in the Station Road area of Uppermill. Residents have observed the frequency with which the 20mph limit has been ignored and are convinced it is only a matter of time before there are serious accidents. Pedestrians including visitors to the doctors' surgery are particularly vulnerable as there is no pavement provided where Station Road approaches Smithy Lane.
7	John Shelley 18/2/26 18:37	Councillor Brownridge	Whilst we welcome the pause to the closure of Chadderton Park day centre, what happens now? All parties are now in limbo regarding this. Is there a time scale that Miocare/the Council are working to and what factors will affect the final decision. Will all stakeholders be advised on any decisions in a more professional way compared to previous correspondence?
8	Luke Goss 19/2/26 04:01	Councillor Goodwin	Why does Oldham Council planning/transport not support the installation of in the floor EV chargers on street and pavements outside of people's homes? These are chargers installed into the pavement/street for houses that don't have a driveway. So that residents can still own and charge their EVs. They are flush to the ground and maintained by installation

			companies and paid for by the resident. They are safe and cause no trip hazard. In a society where we are trying to encourage EVs and reduce air pollution this makes no sense”.
9	Jeff Garner 23/2/26 12:20	Councillor Goodwin	Oldham Council has been approached by Network Rail in compiling a Construction Traffic Management Plan to address diversions in relation to the closure for several months of the A627 Oldham Road at Greenfield Station bridge for the TransPennine upgrade. Has the Council approached the Emergency Services to ensure that the diversions will not affect their regulatory response times during the months this main road will be closed? Has the Council considered supporting requests for National Rail to provide a temporary Bailey Bridge so that diversions will not be necessary and school, business and residents' journeys will have shorter delays?
10	Jim Beresford 2/3/26 14:45	Councillor Goodwin	<p>Why does the Council continue to issue parking tickets to Disabled Blue Badge Holders on Sheepfoot Lane when it is clear there is not enough adequate parking available for these people when attending hospital appointments.</p> <p>I would also like to ask why the council do not issue parking tickets to car owners parking illegally on Broadway during school terms outside the Oldham Academy North and illegal parking on Oldham Road at the junction of Middleton Road when there is adequate parking nearby.</p>
11	Carita Smith 5/3/26 13:22	Councillor Goodwin	<p>I write to register dismay at the state of local roads, especially noting Carr Lane. Any repairs to the road have been of a poor standard.</p> <p>We are a community interest company, day service for adults with additional needs, based at the Satellite Centre, Greenfield.</p> <p>We have records of repairs which have become necessary to our vehicles and believe there is as a direct correlation between the state of the road and the damage to vehicles.</p>

			<p>As a small business, we do not have the extra resources to sustain the financial impact.</p> <p>When does the Council plan to make efficient and lasting repairs to the local roads?</p>
12	Tom Penketh 5/3/26 23:23	Councillor Goodwin	<p>Residents across Oldham feel the council is taxing more while delivering less on basic services. Roads remain riddled with potholes, drains go unblocked for months, weeds and litter build up, and parks appear neglected. Even when government funding is available for road repairs, there seems little urgency to utilise. Cuts to environmental services have had impacted despite assurances. Many residents also believe investment and enforcement focus mainly on Oldham Town Centre while district areas are overlooked. Can the administration explain what this budget will do to improve the essential frontline services residents say matter the most?</p>
13	Don Robertson 12/3/26 15:39	Councillor Brownridge	<p>Could you confirm that the delivery of this budget saving has not been rolled into another budget reduction measure eg ASC-BR26-024 MioCare Management Fee Reduction? its savings target by the same amount that the closure of Chadderton Hall Park daycare was going to save? At scrutiny on 23 Feb this measure was going to deliver £325K of savings, despite both documents being referred to at Version 1.0? ASC's total budget reduction has remained unchanged at £3.116 million which means that I'm worried that the closure is still planned but has just been rolled inside another measure? There is no mention of the closure in ASC-BR26-024, so please can you confirm that this measure (024) or any other does in no way authorise the closure of Chadderton Hall Park Daycare in the financial year 26/27?</p>
14	Dhanyaal Rashid 19/3/26 08:54	Councillor Goodwin	<p>What steps is the Council taking to ensure that highways maintenance is effectively prioritised within Werneth Ward, and what urgent measures are being implemented to address the backlog of reported road and footpath defects? Additionally, will the Council commit to carrying out full and</p>

			<p>durable resurfacing where required, rather than temporary or inadequate repairs, to ensure long-term public safety?</p> <p>Given the severity of these issues and the frequency with which they have been reported, I urge the Council to take immediate action to review all outstanding cases and ensure they are assessed and resolved as a matter of urgency.</p>
15	Mohammed Imran Ali	Councillor Goodwin	<p>Werneth residents are concerned about abandoned cars in council carparks, which they believe contribute to low-level crime and a sense of neglect. They are asking the Cabinet Member to clarify the reporting process for these vehicles. Residents are also keen to understand what protocols are in place to ensure the prompt removal of these abandoned cars.</p> <p>Werneth residents are reporting blocked gulleys that haven't been cleaned in 6-8 years, despite contacting local councillors. Frustrated by the lack of action, they sought independent advice confirming the neglect. Residents are now demanding the council take immediate action and publicly disclose all information regarding gulley cleaning schedules and dates on the council's website.</p>