

Oldham Live Well Implementation

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Public Health

Directorate: Adults & Health

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Date of Decision: 20th July 2026

1. Power to make the decision

The decision is being taken under the authorisation contained in Section 9C – Delegations to Specific Officers of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council Constitution for the Chief Executive to take any emergency decisions in respect of the Council's executive functions which cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting.

2. Decision Sought

To accept a grant from GMCA & NHS GM to support the continuation of Live Well implementation in Oldham in 26/27. This presents an opportunity to accelerate and intensify the work already started in Oldham to shift to a preventative approach where residents get the support they need, in the way they need it, in their own communities.

3. Reason for urgency

GMCA has allocated funds to be spent within this financial year, and require Oldham Council to sign a grant agreement to accept the funds. A requirement of the grant conditions is that 50% of the funding be allocated to the VCFSE sector. Until Oldham Council accepts the funds we cannot transfer 50% of the funds to sector, these funds are committed to work which Action Together are leading and is due to take place this financial year.

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

Any delay to Oldham Council accepting the grant funding presents a risk that we cannot spend the funds within this financial year, as required by GMCA, and some or all of the grant funding is clawed back. This will impact on Oldham's ability to deliver on Live Well and reduce the benefits to Oldham residents of Live Well activity. Delays to the Council accepting the funding also impact on the ability of the VCFSE sector to deliver the elements of the programme which they are committed to. This will have a direct impact on VCFSE organisations in the borough who will benefit from this investment, and for the residents they support.

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

There is a risk that Oldham does not benefit from some or all of the Live Well funding available from GMCA and NHS GM if we do not accept the grant funding and sign the agreement in enough time to spend the money within this financial year.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh
Date 2 July 2026
Comments

The preferred option is to accept grant funding of £844k from GMCA & NHS GM to support the continuation of Live Well implementation for 2026/27. The report allocates £424k as a grant to Action Together, to be held on behalf of the VCFSE sector, to be utilised in line with plans developed and agreed by the Oldham Live Well Sponsorship Group and within the terms & conditions of the funding. The grant will be monitored to ensure that the funding achieves the outcomes in line with these conditions.

This funding presents minimal financial risk for the Council and does not create any ongoing financial commitments.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name: Alex Bougatef
Date: 8th July 2026
Comments:

The exercise of emergency powers should be undertaken in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council. However, the Council has not yet appointed a Leader or Deputy Leader for the current municipal year, it is therefore not possible to consult them. In addition, there is no certainty about when a Leader or Deputy Leader will be appointed as the Council has failed at three successive meetings to do so. For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision relating to the report is required and it cannot await until the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.

