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Dear Shelley

Response to the Oldham Council Motion dated 16th September 2026: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Thank you for your letter in respect of tackling Anti-social behaviour, with specific reference to fireworks, speeding vehicles and the nuisance riding of off-road vehicles.

I note that you have also written to the Chief Constable regarding these matters. I can confirm that Chief Superintendent Wes Knights has received this at the Oldham district and will respond separately.

In respect of full Council's request to the Home Secretary, Policing Minister and Mayor of Greater Manchester for extra dedicated funding for GMP and a review of laws to strengthen powers against masked riders and reckless speeding, there are few points I would like to make.

On funding, the Mayor and I share your assessment that GMP requires additional funding in order to meet the complex and diverse demand across Greater Manchester. GMP has worked hard to secure significant efficiencies wherever possible, and has made significant savings, but we are clear that further savings will undoubtedly risk affecting operational performance.

Unfortunately, demands on GMP are increasing due to our increasingly apparent status as the second-city, including hosting both Number10 North and the Prime Minister's private residence; being the regional centre of protest outside of London; and our growing profile on the global stage, including major events such as the G20, the Brit Awards and the Oasis reunion. The root cause of the funding challenge is in the funding formula, which is recognised as disadvantaging metropolitan forces like ours due to an overreliance on council tax returns. This, taken with the mainstreaming of previously ringfenced grants has resulted in GMP receiving the second lowest percentage funding increase nationally in this financial year.

The Mayor and I will continue to make representations to Government on the need for a funding settlement that fairly reflects the demands faced by GMP. We will maintain our close working relationship with the Chief Constable to ensure the effective use of available resources and powers.

The Crime and Policing Act 2026 makes provisions for the police to immediately seize vehicles, including off-road bikes, being used in an anti-social manner. This provision replaces the need for police to issue a warning to the person that their vehicle will be seized if they continue to use it in an anti-social manner.

Before reclaiming a vehicle, the individual will have to prove that they are the legal owner of the vehicle and that they have valid insurance and a driving licence. I understand that the Government plan to consult on proposals to allow the police to dispose of seized vehicles more quickly.

I think there is scope to utilise existing powers more broadly across Greater Manchester. Under existing arrangements, I am consulted on local plans for the use of Public Space Protection Orders and we have used them previously to prohibit car meets where speeding and anti-social use of vehicles causes concern to communities. Where there is evidence to support the use of PSPOs for such behaviours, including the wearing of face coverings to conceal identities, then we should explore these avenues. Should this be something Oldham wishes to explore, then my office can support with engagement with areas across the country where this has been done, for example in Nottingham.

You will be aware that I have placed an emphasis on protecting and investing in frontline policing over the last couple of years, supported by precept increases. This includes additional resources for Neighbourhood Policing to ensure effective engagement with communities and response to local concerns. This, coupled with GMP's commitment to the Home Office Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, improves the focus on named officers community meetings, and ASB, with GMP having published a new ASB Action Plan in April this year. This Plan will form the basis of a new GM ASB Framework that is being developed by a Strategic Group which will bring together a robust partnership response to the ASB, including fireworks and vehicle nuisance.

I also wanted to ensure you were aware of the new Transport Policing and Crime Command (TPACC) which is now in place. Again, as part of the commitments made when the precept was set last year, the new GMP Command will enable a dedicated focus to tackling crime and ASB on the Bee Network and on the road network. A key strand of this Command is the work of the Operation Hurricane team which can be deployed across Greater Manchester to tackle illegal and anti-social use of off-road bikes. I would advise the Council to liaise with the local policing team regarding the request for support of this unit.

Additionally, TPACC will retain its focus on tackling speeding vehicles as part of the Vision Zero Strategy. Mobile speed enforcement is taking place at both data hotspot and sites of community concern and more average speed cameras are being installed across the network. Policing operations are being run to identify and take

action against those who drive illegally or try to evade detection. This includes identifying and stopping those using ‘ghost’ plates to conceal official registrations and a monthly operation targeting those who are driving or riding uninsured. GMP are currently seizing over 1,000 vehicles a month.

GMP continue to welcome community submissions via Op SNAP (camera footage of nuisance/dangerous motor vehicles) which aims to improve road safety and to prosecute those that place others at risk.

I also wanted to make you aware that a Community Speedwatch scheme is in place across Greater Manchester. The scheme aims to tackle local speeding issues and allows residents to become police-trained volunteers to monitor vehicle speeds in their communities, with the aim of changing the behaviour of road users who drive above the speed limit through that area. If elected members wish to support the development of a scheme in their area, they should contact the respective local policing team for more information.

Finally, my officials are currently working with GMP and wider partners on the development of a new campaign to raise awareness on the legal and safe use of off-road bikes, e-bikes and scooters and to think twice before considering them as presents in the run up to the festive period. I will ensure that details of this campaign are shared with the Council in due course.

Thank you again for writing to me on this matter. I share the concerns of Council members and hope that this update provides assurances that we do, and will continue, to take these issues seriously.

Yours sincerely



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