

Actions from Council 7th September 2016

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Public Question – Fitton Hill Bulldogs: Lease of Playing Fields on Rosary Road	A meeting to be arranged.	Leader of the Council	A meeting has been scheduled for 2 November 2016.
Ward Member Question – Councillor Hewitt - Fireworks	A discussion group would be set up to review options and would report back on what could be done.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	Further to the questions raised regarding the sale of fireworks throughout the year and the setting off of fireworks during the night causing disruption to other residents, it can be reported that the following actions are currently ongoing as well as how concerns should be reported to enable officers to investigate. At this time of year, there is a lot of partnership activity taking place with Trading Standards Officers from the Council working with the Police and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue. Visits are carried out to all the registered sellers across the Borough (40 in total) together with an 'underage sale' operation to ensure fireworks are only sold to persons over the age of 18. The Council can investigate the setting off of fireworks outside the times stipulated by Councillor Hewitt, however, the

			officers based in Environmental Health would need to know the specific address so that investigations can be pinpointed and action taken. By its very nature, firework noise is short-lived and in practice, it can prove very difficult to locate the source. If there is a pattern of activity that can be traced to an address, the officers will investigate and take the appropriate action.
Ward Member Question – Councillor S. Bashforth – Problems on Edge Lane Street, Royton	A meeting to be arranged with the Cabinet Member and appropriate officers.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	Discussions are ongoing with relevant members and officers.
Ward Member Question – Councillor McLaren – Wall at the Corner of Middleton Road and Firwood Park	Council would work with residents and appropriate officers from the Council for a positive solution to be identified.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	In Progress.
Nomination for the Title of Honorary Freewoman	Nicola White to receive the nomination	Mayoralty Manager	Ceremony arranged for 9 November 2016.

Outstanding Business: Greater Manchester Moving Strategy	Council resolved to: 1. Give its support to the Greater Manchester Moving Strategy 2. Instruct the relevant officers to develop an action plan to detail how the pledges will be developed and implemented in Oldham	Health and Wellbeing	A draft action plan is due to be discussed with the Cabinet member in support of the Greater Manchester Moving pledges.
Leader of Main Opposition Question 2: Pokemon Go	Officers to work with members and the Youth Council to develop innovative ways to connect with residents.	Policy and Governance / Youth Council	Please see Note 1 below.
Leader of the Conservative Group – Granada Report on Elderly Care	Contact ITV on the Council's point of view of the biased report	Health and Wellbeing	A briefing note was sent to all Councillors on 27 October 2016.
Cabinet Minute Question – Councillor McCann Question related to Annual Statement of Accounts	Briefing session for all councillors on Financing and Supported Borrowing	Director of Finance	Dates are the in the process of being arranged.

<p>Administration Motion 1 – Financial and Food Poverty</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council and its partners establish an action plan 2. The plan identifies actions to address food poverty. 3. Write to the Clinical Commissioning Group 4. Chief Executive to write to the borough's three MPs and the Prime Minister 5. Chief Executive to write to the End Hunger Campaign UK <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 September 2016 received 22 September 2016</p> <p>Response received from the Prime Minister's Office dated 22 September 2016 received 30 September 2016</p> <p>Response D Abrahams MP dated 28 September 2016 received 30 September 2016</p>	<p>Policy and Governance</p> <p>Policy and Governance</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>In Progress – Please refer to Note 2 below.</p> <p>In Progress.</p> <p>14th September 2016</p> <p>14th September 2016</p> <p>14th September 2016</p>
<p>Administration Motion 2 – Obesity Strategy</p>	<p>Motion to be rolled to the next ordinary Council meeting to be held on 9th November 2016</p>	<p>Constitutional Services</p>	<p>9th November 2016</p>

Administration Motion 3 – Speed Kills	Motion to be rolled to the next ordinary Council meeting to be held on 9 th November 2016	Constitutional Services	9 th November 2016
Opposition Motion 1 – “Count Them In”	<p>1. Elected Members be urged to sign up as individual supporters</p> <p>2. Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Covenant write to the Secretary of State for Defence</p> <p>3. Chief Executive to write to the Borough’s three MPs</p> <p>Letter from J McMahon OBE MP dated 19 September 2016 received 21 September 2016</p> <p>Response D Abrahams MP dated 28 September 2016 received 30 September 2016 with a response from the UK Statistics Authority dated 11 August 2016</p> <p>Further information in response to a survey is below at Note 3.</p>	<p>Email sent to Elected Members with link to the RBL website</p> <p>Councillor Brownridge</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>12th September 2016</p> <p>12th September 2016</p> <p>12th September 2016</p>
Opposition Motion 2 – Making Oldham More Dementia Friendly	Referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Board	Overview and Scrutiny Board	O&S Board at its meeting on 11 th October 2016 referred the issue to Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee who would report back on an on-going basis.

<p>Opposition Motion 4 – Royal Mail</p>	<p>1. Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive and Chair of Royal Mail plc</p> <p>2. Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; subsequent letter sent to Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</p> <p>Acknowledgement from Royal Mail dated 19 September 2016 received 21 September 2016</p> <p>Information received verbally and via email on 19 September 2016 and 23 September on attached briefing note</p> <p>Response received from Royal Mail dated 30 September 2016 received on 4 October 2016</p> <p>Response from Minister for Small Businesses, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility dated and received 12 October 2016</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>14th September 2016</p> <p>14th September 2016</p> <p>20th September 2016</p>
<p>Joint Authority Minutes – Transport for Greater Manchester – Councillor Sykes</p>	<p>TFGMC be contacted to discuss a direct connection to Piccadilly</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Letter sent on 23 September 2016</p>
<p>Update on Actions from Council</p>	<p>Council noted the actions received regarding motions and other actions agreed at previous Council meetings.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council noted the report on 7th September 2016.</p>

New Powers to GMCA Consultation – Oldham Council Response	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The response submitted to the second GMCA consultation be noted. 2. The Council’s response as outlined at Appendix 1 of the report be noted. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.
Annual Statement of Accounts 2015/16	The Council’s Statement of Accounts for 2015/16, the Audit Findings Report and the comments in the report were noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.
Treasury Management Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Actual 2015/16 prudential and treasury indicators as outlined in the report be approved. 2. The Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16 be approved. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.
2016/17 Minimum Provision Policy Statement – Outcome of Review and Proposed Revision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The revised 2016/17 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement as set out in Appendix One which replaces Section 2.3 of the 2016/17 Treasury Management Strategy Statement approved by Council on 24 February 2016 be approved. 2. The new MRP Policy which would generate a saving which could be used to support the 2016/17 financial position and would revise the base budget requirement for future financial years be noted. 	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16	The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015/16 be approved.	Council	The Council Approved the report on 7 th September 2016.
Welfare Reform – Thematic Analysis: Debt and Finances of Local People	The report related to Welfare Reform Thematic Analysis on the Debt and Finance of Local People be noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 7 th September 2016.

Previous to 7 September 2016 Council:

<p>Opposition Business 1 – NHS Blood and Transplant Services</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board. Emails sent to the relevant directorate.</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>The Motion was discussed at the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 15th March 2016 where a number of options were considered. It was agreed that Oldham as a place to work with the NHS Blood and Transplant Service. The service is due to be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Development Session on 19 July 2016 with a further update to Health Scrutiny on 20 September 2016.</p> <p>Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee was informed on 20 September that work was underway for the development of a partnership agreement. Officers were working with Greater Manchester and have similar arrangements as Manchester and Salford. A conclusion should be reached by December.</p>
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<p>Opposition Business 2 – “Who Put That There Campaign”</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny. Emails sent to the relevant directorate.</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>An update was provided to O&S Board on 22 March. The Board appointed a representative to work with officers from Policy. A charter would be discussed with partners/agencies and a report to be brought back to O&S Board. O&S Board received an update on 11th October 2016 who endorsed the report. This has now been commended for discussion with Cabinet Members.</p>
<p>Leader & Cabinet Question Time – Cllr Sykes to Cllr McMahon – Community Shop (4 February 2015)</p>	<p>Referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p><u>Community Shop</u> – a report was presented to O&S Board in July 2015. A workshop was organised for elected members on 28 September 2015. A visit also took place to the Community Shop in Barnsley and Fare Share in Ashton.</p> <p>The Board endorsed that a risk assessment and cost benefit analysis be carried out on a “combined model” which brought together the opportunity for the delivery of both the Community Shop and Fare Share models for the redistribution of surplus food, opportunities for joint investment from partners and other sources be explored; and</p>

			findings be reported back to the Overview and Scrutiny Board at a future date.
Administration Business 1 – International Women’s Day – 23 March 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supported the idea of and investigating funding sources for a permanent memorial to Annie Kenney in the town centre. 2. Supported the idea of and investigating funding sources for a permanent memorial to those killed and injured at Peterloo at Cheapside (outside the Civic Centre tower) near where the Oldham contingent gathered before marching to Manchester, and that the proposed memorial ideally be in place to mark the 200th anniversary of the massacre. 	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods – email sent 5 April	A plinth has been identified as the preferred location for the Annie Kenney statue. A foundation was being installed to support the statute. This is subject to fundraising.
EU Referendum – Impact on Oldham and Greater Manchester (13 July 2016)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report be noted. 2. Letter to be sent to the Prime Minister jointly signed by the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Main Opposition 3. Councillor Jabbar take lead Cabinet responsibility 	Council Chief Executive	13 th July 2016 30 th August 2016
Administration Business 2 – Houses of Multi-Occupation (13 July 2016)	Officers be instructed to establish a robust evidence base outlining the impact HMOs.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	A Policy Document will be prepared for consideration. Discussions have taken place with the Chair of Planning to discuss the constraints of legislation and the options to inform a policy. This work

			would continue and a policy addressing the issues would come forward as part of the refresh of the Local Plan to replace the existing HMO policy.
Opposition Business 1 – Bin Collection App (13 July 2016)	The merits and costs of the introduction of a bin app for the Oldham Borough be looked at and an update be provided to elected members.	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	In progress.
Opposition Business 3 – “Night Blight” (13 July 2016)	Overview and Scrutiny Board and Planning Committee to look into the merits and practicalities of adopting the recommendations in the Borough	Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	A workshop is to be organised for Overview and Scrutiny Board Members and Planning Committee Members.

Note 1: Response to Leader of Main Opposition Question 2: Pokemon Go

The idea of using digital crazes such as Pokemon Go to enable us to increase physical activity, reduce obesity and engage people with our services is definitely one which is worth pursuing. The key factor in phenomena such as this is responding quickly and capitalising on the opportunity this brings as the shelf-life of these crazes is very short indeed.

In the case of Pokemon Go, it launched in July 2016 and quickly became popular with over 27 million daily downloads being recorded globally at its peak. However, it is in rapid decline and has been since the middle of August 2016, with the number of daily downloads in mid-September reduced to 700,000.

Pokemon Go will not be the last craze and there are already a number of reports of other augmented reality games in development such as Mario Brothers and a Game of Thrones version.

So, the question is how we can capitalise on these crazes as they emerge in future?

We can:

- Monitor the latest trends and crazes and see whether there is an opportunity to capitalise on them in respect of helping us achieve against some of our key priorities e.g. getting more people active.

- Develop our own understanding of these crazes and utilise them to develop our own ways of using them in Oldham.
- Work with partners such as HACK Oldham to develop quick understanding of how we can capitalise on the crazes for Oldham and work with partners to help implement them.

Note 2: Further Information on the Financial and Food Poverty Motion, 7th September 2016

A meeting was held in early October and discussions took place as to which organisations were involved in different parts of the motion.

The End Hunger Oldham campaign launched on the 15 October which encompassed a partnership approach to tackling local food poverty, including specific asks of leaders across Oldham to help raise the profile and communicate key messages outside the Borough. This is being led by the Oldham Poverty Agenda Group (specifically by Action Together) and there is a follow-on to the launch event scheduled on 28th October 2016 which will determine the next practical steps. An initial roadmap of the current activity in Oldham set against the council motion will help inform the discussion.

The meeting will also consider how the wider Oldham partnership engages with this agenda (poverty/food poverty) and the best route for engaging the partnership clusters. One thought is to actively involve local users of services to present the reality of poverty/food poverty for them and share their own stories and experiences.

Note 3: Further information related to the “Count Them In” Motion, 7th September 2016

The campaign questions had been raised by the GM Armed Forces Steering Group to inform the Greater Manchester response. Oldham Council responded as follows:

1. Which services would this new information from the Census help you to plan better? Please provide examples:

Housing – knowledge of veteran population in the borough and the housing situations they are in will help us to develop support groups and structures to ensure settling of veterans and a community that allows them to fully reengage in civilian life. This could be activities such as breakfast clubs and community events, with knowledge of the numbers and household structures of veterans informing the most suitable actions; a high number of veterans living alone will require different support mechanisms to a high number of veterans living in family structures for example.

Training/Education/Employment – the specific, unique requirements of many veterans when returning to civilian employment may require targeted support. With no data about the number, distribution, and age of the veteran population, these services cannot be planned and offered as the appropriate scale of activities required is unknown.

2. Would this information from the Census help you to further your understanding of the Armed Forces Community? Please provide examples of specific areas.

Currently there is no accurate and up-to-date information of even the number of veterans in the borough, let alone their distribution/age profile/gender, etc. Census information would provide hard figures about veteran populations to complement soft data gathered through discussions and outreach desks.

3. From where do you currently draw information on the Armed Forces Community and why would data drawn from the Census be an improvement on this?

Information currently drawn from the usual dated NHS figures. Development of directly asked questions for council services and partners (e.g. CCG/NHS) will improve local data when implemented, but will be patchy as it relies on collecting information from individuals approaching services. Conversations with individual veterans and outreach desks provide 'soft' data for issues in the armed forces community, but these are very specific and should be used to support hard data rather than being used in isolation to inform actions. As the census (theoretically) captures information for all residences in the UK, a much fuller and more up-to-date set will be available than is possible through borough-scale activities.