

Actions from Council 14th December 2016 and 1st March 2017

| ACTION | RESPONSE | WHO RESPONSIBLE | DATE COMPLETED |
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| Ward Member Question from Councillor Sheldon re new pedestrian refuge at Oaklands Road and Oldham Road Grasscroft | See Note 1 Below. | Councillor F. Hussain | 6 January 2017 |
| Outstanding Business: MND Association | RESOLVED that the Charter be adopted and positively influence the lives of people living with MND in Oldham. | Constitutional Services | Information related to MND emailed to all Councillors on 19 December 2016 |
| Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2020/21 – Policy Landscape and Forecast Budget Gap Update | RESOLVED that: 1. That financial forecasts and budget gap estimates for 2017/18 to 2020/21 and the key issues to be addressed in formulating a response to the financial challenges faced by the Council be endorsed. 2. Noted that the budget reduction target may be revised early in 2017 in accordance with local priorities and Government funding and policy announcements together with new developments related to the risks and uncertainties as set out in Section 5 of the report. | Council | Council approved the report on 14 th December 2016 |

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| <p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2020/21 – Administration Budget Proposals</p> | <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The £6.147m of detailed budget reduction proposals presented in the report be approved. 2. The information contained within the Equality Impact Assessments be taken into consideration. 3. The consultation responses from the Parish Councils be noted. 4. The amended information as distributed be noted. | <p>Council</p> | <p>Council approved the report on 14th December 2016</p> |
| <p>Treasury Management Half-Year Review 2016/17</p> | <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Treasury Management activity for the first half of the financial year 2016/17 be approved. 2. Amendments to both the Authorised and Operational Boundary for external debt as set out in the report be approved. 3. The amendments to the Capital Financing Requirement as set out in the report be approved. 4. The inclusion of Green Energy Bonds as an alternative investment as detailed in the report be approved. 5. The purchase of LEP Loan Notes be noted. | <p>Council</p> | <p>Council approved the report on 14th December 2016</p> |

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| <p>Leader and Cabinet Member Question: Cllr Sykes – Tourism Strategy</p> | <p>Production of a brochure for real ale pubs, live music and comedy venues around the Borough and links to public transport and for the information to be available in print, web and an app.</p> | <p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p> | <p>Information forwarded on 5 January 2017</p> |
| <p>Cabinet Member Question: Cllr J Larkin – Closure of Natwest in Royton</p> | <p>Councillor Stretton would write to the Natwest setting out the points raised and they be asked to reconsider.</p> <p>Response from RBS dated 29 December 2016 received 9 Jan 2017</p> | <p>Councillor Stretton</p> | <p>Email sent to RBS on 22 December 2016</p> |
| <p>Cabinet Minutes Question, Councillor Harkness, Shared Information Management and Governance Centre of Excellence – Estimate of Savings</p> | <p>The response to the question of the saving on shared information management and governance centre of excellence, the proposal will be implemented in 3 phases:</p> <p>The first phase will generate £21k; £8.5k for Rochdale and £12.5k for Oldham. The saving is to be retained in year 1 to support the cost of change. Staff will transfer to Oldham under a TUPE arrangement but will not be co-located initially.</p> <p>The opportunity for further savings will be assessed when phases 2 and 3 are developed.</p> | <p>Constitutional Services</p> | <p>Email sent to all Councillors on 14th December 2016</p> |

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| <p>Administration Business 1 – Local Government Spending</p> | <p>Write to the Borough’s three MPs to challenge the Government’s approach to public spending</p> <p>Work through the LGA to push the case for the urgent need to put social care on a sound financial footing</p> <p>Support for Oldham’s residents to be continued.</p> <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 21 Dec 16 Received 5 Jan 17</p> | <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Council</p> | <p>Letters sent 19 December 2016</p> <p>Letter sent 19 December 2016</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> |
| <p>Administration Business 2 – Women’s Pension Changes</p> | <p>Write to the three borough MPs to inform them of the Council’s position and request they use whatever parliamentary means available to raise the matter with government</p> <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 21 Dec 16 Received 5 Jan 17</p> <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 10 Feb 17 Received 14 Feb 2017 covering response from DWP dated 9 Jan 2017</p> | <p>Chief Executive</p> | <p>Letters sent 19 December 2016</p> |

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| Opposition Business 3 – Railway Station Access | To be rolled over to the next Council Meeting | Constitutional Services | 22 nd March 2017 |
| Update on Actions from Council | Council noted the actions received regarding motions and other actions agreed at previous Council meetings. | Council | The Council noted the report on 14 th December 2016. |
| Joint Authority Minutes – Peak Park Authority – Planning Policy Requested | Peak Park Changes to the Planning Policy and affected on affordable housing, design and numbers be provided to elected members. | Councillor McLaren | Information sent on 31 January 2017 (also attached for information) |
| Joint Authority Minutes – GMCA, 28 Oct 2016 – GM Connect Funding | Details of what the GM Connect Funding to be provided to elected members. | Councillor Stretton | Response sent to Councillor Harkness on 21 February 2017 (See Note 2 below) |
| Political Balance Update | <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The tables appended to the report which showed the proposed Constitution of Committees affected by applied from 14th December 2016. 2. The changes in membership in accordance with the allocation of seats as shown in the table to the report be approved. | Constitutional Services | 15 th December 2016 |
| Civic Appreciation Nomination | RESOLVED that the nomination of Dave Benstead for the Civic Appreciation Award 2017 be approved and the ceremony to take place on 22 nd March 2017. | Mayoralty Manager | <p>Council approved the report on 14th December 2016.</p> <p>Award to be presented on 22nd March 2017.</p> |

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| European Union Referendum – Impact on Oldham and Greater Manchester | RESOLVED that the report on the European Union Referendum and the Impact on Oldham and Greater Manchester be noted. | Council | The Council noted the report on 14 th December 2016. |
| Appointment of External Auditor for the Financial Year 2017/18 | RESOLVED that the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP, as the external auditor for the financial year 2017/18 for the Statement of Financial Accounts, Housing Benefit Subsidy grant claim and the Teachers' Pension Agency return be approved. | Head of Corporate Governance | The Council approved the report on 14 th December 2016. |
| Appointment of External Auditor from the Financial Year 2018/19 (1 March 2017) | RESOLVED that the procurement of the Council external auditors by PSAA from 2018/19 be agreed. | Head of Corporate Governance | The Council approved the report on 1 st March 2017. |
| Appointment of Local Returning Officer at Combined Authority Mayoral Elections (1 March 2017) | RESOLVED that the Chief Executive, Carolyn Wilkins, be appointed as the Returning Officer for the Council at the Combined Authority Mayoral elections. | Director of Legal Services | The Council approved the report on 1 st March 2017. |
| Results of the Failsworth East By-Election (1 March 2017) | RESOLVED that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The result of the By-Election be noted. 2. The composition of the political groups as outlined in the report be noted. | Director of Legal Services | The Council noted the report on 1 st March 2017. |

Previous to 14 December 2016 Council:

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| <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 Partnership agreement is currently with officers at Manchester and Salford Council for review. Once this is complete, it will be taken to the GM Director of Public Health forum and hopefully passed up through the Gm health & Social Care Partnership for agreement. Action and activity in Oldham will be developed off the back of this agreement.</p> |
| <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. A report is included on the Council agenda for 22 March 2017.</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</p> |

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| | | | <p>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 update is expected to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 14 March 2017.</p> |
| <p>Administration Business 1 – International Women’s Day – 23 March 2016</p> | <p>1. Supported the idea of and investigating funding sources for a permanent memorial to Annie Kenney in the town centre.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods – email sent 5 April</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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| <p>Opposition Business 1 – Bin Collection App (13 July 2016)</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p> | <p>After a significant IT upgrade and subsequent work to achieve a stable IT operating environment to support the new bin collection changes in late 2016, the bin app proposal has now been reviewed by the relevant parties.</p> <p>An understanding of high level requirements and next steps for further scoping has been established, with one of the main next stages being a review of the information governance implications of implementing the app.</p> <p>This review will now be progressed in order to produce a definitive picture of the scope and scale of work needed to establish the resource needed both to implement project in the first place and to support and maintain the app going forward.</p> |
| <p>Opposition Business 3 – “Night Blight” (13 July 2016)</p> | <p>Overview and Scrutiny Board and Planning Committee to look into the merits and practicalities of adopting the recommendations in the Borough</p> | <p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p> | <p>At a link meeting held on 6th December 2016 it was discussed that the Council already took account of all associated regulations, guidance and codes of practice and any future best practice related to light pollution would</p> |

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| | | | continue to be reviewed and accommodated. The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board and the Chair of the Planning Committee met on 14 December 2016 and agreed that as the Council was already undertaking the recommendations as outlined in the motion, the workshop was not necessary. |
| Ward Member Question – Councillor McLaren – Wall at the Corner of Middleton Road and Firwood Park (7 Sep 2016) | Council would work with residents and appropriate officers from the Council for a positive solution to be identified. | Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods | In Progress. |
| Outstanding Business: Greater Manchester Moving Strategy (7 Sep 2016) | Council resolved to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | The draft strategy is due to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Progress was going as expected. |
| Cabinet Minute Question – Councillor McCann Question related to Annual Statement of Accounts (7 Sep 2016) | Briefing session for all councillors on Financing and Supported Borrowing | Director of Finance | A training session will be arranged during the 2017/18 Municipal Year. |
| Opposition Motion 2 – Making Oldham More Dementia Friendly (7 Sep 2016) | 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 |

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| | | | back on an on-going basis. This issue is still progressing through Health Scrutiny. |
| Opposition Motion 4 – Royal Mail (7 Sep 2016) | Further letter to be sent. Response was full of inaccuracies. (Actions from 9 Nov 2016 Council) | Chief Executive | In progress. |
| Outstanding Business 1: Obesity Strategy (9 Nov 2016) | Council led by Public Health Officers and the Health and Wellbeing board to campaign promote Healthy Lifestyles and Healthy Eating through local campaigns | Health and Wellbeing | Information provided to Council in 14 December 2016 action report. Work continues. See Note 3 below. |
| Cabinet Minute Question: HTS Transport from Councillor Williamson (9 November 2016) | The impact of mobility benefits on Home to Transport Appeals. | Councillor Chadderton | The impact to be reviewed in six months after implementation of the Policy and be reported back. |

Note 1: Response to Councillor Sheldon regarding the Pedestrian Refuge at Oaklands Road and Oldham Road, Grasscroft:

The primary aim of the measures are to help reduce excessive or inappropriate speed at the junction, in particular at the off-slip road from Oldham Road into Oaklands Road. This has been achieved by re-aligning the access from Oldham Road into Oaklands Road and the installation of a traffic island to better control speeds, separate traffic and restrict injudicious overtaking manoeuvres. In addition, improvements to the Give-Way signs on Oaklands Road have also be carried out.

It is worth noting at this point that the new pedestrian island has been constructed fully within the existing white lines that provide the right turn lane facility and there is no actual physical reduction in lane widths on Oldham Road.

Whilst there is not currently a serious pedestrian injury accident at the junction, the presence of the new traffic island is likely to attract people who now wish to cross the road at a safer location. Consequently the traffic island has been constructed with lowered kerbs to facilitate this activity.

The works were carried out as part of the Council's obligations to reduce the number of collisions and casualties on the highway.

Since 1999 there have been a total of 13 injury collisions at the junction resulting in 20 casualties. During the last five years there were two collisions resulting in 5 casualties, three of which sustained serious injuries. There were number of common factors within the collision data that indicate an issue with drivers both entering and leaving Oaklands Road.

Note 2: Response to Councillor Harkness re GM Connect Funding

At the AGMA/GMCA Executive Board in January 2016, a budget allocation of £4m was earmarked for the GM-Connect projects which supported the enablers of reform with a particular focus on information sharing and technology. This £4m allocation formed part of the one-off £12.4 Transformational Challenge Award.

It was agreed that £0.5m of this £4m funding was to be allocated to support the initial implementation stages of GM-Connect. Current projections were that the final costs of this initial Phase One, due to end in November 2016, would be approximately £6.10m, an overspend of £0.110m.

The report sought the call down of a further £1.4m of the funding allocated to continue the project and add additional resources to the team (£600k for staffing). It would concentrate on 4 broad areas of work:

- Information Sharing Support £150K
- Architecture Design and Commissioning £250k
- Use Case Progression and Delivery £250k
- Resident and Partner Engagement £150k

There were no additional funding requirements for Oldham as the project was fully funded from resources already earmarked for this initiative.

Note 3: Update on Obesity Motion

Supporting the creation of healthy environments and enabling healthier behaviours are key areas of work. Current initiatives being undertaken which contribute to improving oral health , to addressing obesity and to reducing the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes include the following:

Weight Loss Voucher Scheme

Public health is in discussion with Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the potential for future integrated commissioning of weight management services. In the interim, funding has been allocated for short term group weight loss support for approx. 900 eligible individuals referred by primary care health professionals, the Early Help scheme and Fit for Oldham, the Council Employee Health Scheme.

Cooking Skills Project

Cooking classes to support Oldham residents to raise awareness of the role of diet in health and in the prevention of diabetes and to enable them to develop healthier cooking skills have been commissioned from a local experienced chef/ nutritionist/ health educator. Volunteers will also be trained to become 'Cooking Champions' to support them to roll out knowledge and skills and healthier cooking activity to their local communities.

Healthy cookbook

The well-received 'Chapatti and Chat' cookbook of healthy recipes developed by the Arts Development Team with the CHAI ladies community group is to be reprinted and distributed to communities across Oldham.

Healthy Living Pharmacy

A commission has been awarded to CHL (Community Pharmacy Greater Manchester Healthcare Ltd) to roll out the concept of Healthy Living Pharmacies across Oldham, in line with Greater Manchester standards. Pharmacies will provide brief interventions on healthy lifestyle topics. Outcomes will be monitored to inform the potential future roll out of the concept to other primary care providers (including dentists).

Oral Health Book for Early Years

The Senior Oral Health Practitioner (a member of the Right Start Service) has been working closely with a local dentist to develop a book on oral health care and healthy drinking and eating habits to be distributed to parents of all children aged 2- 2 1/2 years across Oldham. Funding has been allocated to cover the cost of production. It is intended that 10,000 will be printed to provide a supply for approx. 3 years, to be distributed via the Book Smart initiative and local libraries.

Replace sugary drinks with water campaign

A small working group is developing a project to raise awareness of the sugar content of drinks and encourage a group of secondary school pupils to replace sugary drinks and energy drinks consumption with water. The project also intends to train the teenagers to become peer educators and support them to roll out health messages to fellow pupils and younger children in feeder primary schools.

Change4life 'Be Food Smart'

Public Health has been co-ordinating local activities to promote healthy lifestyles, including supporting the launch of the Public Health England Change4 Life 'Be Food Smart' app in Oldham.

The 'Be Food Smart' campaign helps parents identify the health harms of children eating and drinking too much sugar, saturated fat and salt, including becoming overweight or obese and developing tooth decay.

The roadshow team visit to the Spindles Shopping centre, Oldham was on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February 2017 from 9am – 5pm. The staff demonstrated the new 'Be Food Smart' App highlighting how much sugar, saturated fat and salt can be found in everyday food and drink which children and families consume. The free app also features activities for children. Visitors to the stall received a free information pack, making it easier to make the healthier choices at home.

As the 28th February was Shrove Tuesday, 'Pancake Day' Public Health focussed on healthy cooking to accompany the 'Be Food Smart' display. A local chef/ nutritionist was funded to cook healthy recipes and offer samples to the public. Staff from Public Health, Right Start Service and Sports Development were on hand to talk with people about healthy food and drink choices, and healthy lifestyle options, and to encourage the public to visit the 'Be Food Aware' stand in the Spindles. PHE staff encouraged people to visit the cooking stall to try the healthy, tasty treats.

Development of the Obesity Strategy and Action Plan

The Oldham Obesity Improvement Strategy and Action Plan 2017 -2019 is currently in development. The aims and objectives and key actions will be presented to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28th March, as part of the requested update on work being undertaken to tackle obesity.