

**Report to Council**

# **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/2017**

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## **Reason for Decision**

To provide Council with an overview of the contribution made by Overview and Scrutiny during the 2016/17 Municipal Year as required in line with the Council's Constitution.

## **Executive Summary**

The report outlines the purpose of overview and scrutiny, the roles and responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Performance and Value for Money Select Committee and the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee, a summary of the work undertaken by overview and scrutiny during 2016/17 and an outline of how individuals can get involved in overview and scrutiny in Oldham.

## **Recommendations**

Council is asked to note the contribution of Overview and Scrutiny during the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

## 1. **What is Overview and Scrutiny?**

- 1.1 All local authorities with an executive model have an Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) function, which was introduced by the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.2 Further legislation for scrutiny was introduced under:
  - Health and Social Care Act 2001
  - Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committee Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002
  - Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
  - Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009
  - Localism Act 2011
  - The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012
  - Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013
- 1.3 Overview and Scrutiny bodies are made up of Elected Members (Councillors) who are not members of the Cabinet but who hold those decision makers who are members of the Cabinet to account. The Overview and Scrutiny process is not political – it is driven by the interests of the residents of Oldham.
- 1.4 O&S bodies cannot make decisions, but instead examine policies, decisions, areas of work and make recommendations to the Cabinet. It acts as a “critical friend” to the Council and its partners around the decision-making process and uses informed debate and evidence to make its recommendations.
- 1.5 Scrutiny works to drive forward improvements to the Council’s policies, procedures and delivery.

## 2 **Policy Development**

- 2.1 The key focus of overview and scrutiny work is to influence and develop policy. O&S can do this through the following ways:
- 2.2 Decision-Making Scrutiny - Holding the Executive to account is a key part of the O&S role. This is done through receiving reports at Committee, Call-in and questioning of Cabinet Members at scrutiny meetings.
- 2.3 Pre-Decision Input - Input on draft policies and strategies before they have been agreed by Cabinet or Council helps to ensure they are more robust and that a check and balance process is in place. It also provides an opportunity for cross party consensus to be developed on issues such as the Corporate Plan, Education Strategy and Council Tax Reduction. O&S can act as a consultee in respect of such policies and potential new legislation.
- 2.4 Monitor and Track Implementation of Recommendations - Ensuring that the views and contributions of Overview and Scrutiny have been considered when work is undertaken to improve services – an essential part of the scrutiny process.

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### 3 Roles and Responsibilities

#### 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

##### 3.1.2 Membership

- Councillor McLaren (Chair)
- Councillor Ball
- Councillor Dean
- Councillor Garry
- Councillor Goodwin
- Councillor A. Hussain
- Councillor Sykes
- Councillor Toor
- Councillor Williams
- Councillor Williamson
- Councillor Cosgrove (substitute)
- Councillor Ames (substitute)
- Councillor Briggs (substitute)
- Councillor Salamat (substitute)
- Councillor S. Bashforth (substitute)
- Councillor Harkness (substitute)
- Councillor Murphy (substitute)

3.1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board leads the development of the Overview and Scrutiny process in Oldham. The Board chooses issues and topics to look at during the year, be it reviewing a proposed policy in advance of decision or considering the impact of a key decision made by the Council.

3.1.4 The Board is also responsible for:

- Publicly holding the Executive to account for delivering the Council's priorities and for the decisions they make.
- Examining any matters of wider public interest (not just Council services) which affect the wellbeing of the Borough and its people.
- Having a statutory role scrutinising substantial developments or changes to National Health Services and Crime and Disorder issues.

3.1.5 During the last year, the Chair also continued to meet with the senior managers in each of the Council's Directorates. At these meetings, the Chair and officers considered issues Overview and Scrutiny could potentially add value to regarding the development of Council services, policies and the decision making process.

##### 3.1.6 Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee was established to discharge the responsibilities of the Council for health scrutiny functions, receive and respond to referrals from Healthwatch Oldham and also scrutinise the Health and Wellbeing Board and its appropriate policies and strategies to include the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

#### 3.2 Performance and Value for Money Select Committee

##### 3.2.1 Membership

- Councillor Wrigglesworth (Chair)
- Councillor Ahmad

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- Councillor M. Bashforth
  - Councillor Briggs
  - Councillor Brock
  - Councillor Dean
  - Councillor Malik
  - Councillor Blyth
  - Councillor Sheldon
  - Councillor S. Bashforth (substitute)
  - Councillor Cosgrove (substitute)
  - Councillor Ali (substitute)
  - Councillor Goodwin (substitute)
  - Councillor Hewitt (substitute)
  - Councillor McCann (substitute)

3.2.2 The Performance and Value for Money Select Committee considers how the Council and its partners are performing and whether value for money is being provided for the people of Oldham. It also monitors the implementation of recommendations which Overview and Scrutiny has had accepted by the Council's Cabinet.

3.2.3 One of the most important aspects of the Select Committee's role is to examine the Council's budget proposals each year. This involves considering various stages of both the administration's budget and any alternative budget proposals put forward by the opposition. During 2016/17 this included two tranches of budget proposals.

3.2.4 The Select Committee also examines the Council's corporate performance report on a quarterly basis and considers the performance and value for money of the Council's work undertaken with partners.

#### **4 Where has O&S contributed in 2016/17?**

##### **4.1 O&S Management Board: Key Plans and Strategies**

4.1.1 Locality Plan Implementation – The Board were informed of progress on the implementation of the Oldham Locality Plan for health and social care devolution. The Board were informed of the changes in the transformation programme and the development with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) of a joint model of commission and provisioning of health and social care for the achievement of greater integration of health and social care services. The Board were also informed of progress on the development of an Integrated Care Organisation (ICO).

4.1.2 Oldham Work and Skills Strategy 2016-20 – a strategy had been developed which complemented the new regeneration framework and focussed on social regeneration objectives for the borough and the development of a shared ownership across all partners and providers. The strategy was one of the three major components of the Oldham Strategic Investment Framework and positioned the Council in the context of GM Devolution of employment and skills. The delivery of the Oldham Education and Skills Commission objectives and improvement to colleges was highlighted. The Board sought and received clarification on the apprenticeship placement process and the outflow of jobs.

4.1.3 As part of the Work and Skills Strategy, the Board were informed of the development of the Career Advancement Service which extended the core Get Oldham Working (GOW) offer and provided an extended information, advance guidance services for residents already in employment to progress from low pay, low skills jobs. The

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service would work in partnership with key agencies. Members sought and received clarification on engagement with communities, what monitoring was in place, clarification on eligibility criteria and governance of the scheme.

- 4.1.4 Oldham Education and Skills Commission (OESC) – The Board were informed of progress on the 19 recommendations of the OESC Report. The report had made 19 recommendations and focussed on the achievement of two key targets – all performance indicators to be the national average or above and all education providers to be judged good or better by Ofsted. The Board were informed of progress against the recommendations and progress on the establishment of the Oldham Education Partnership. Members sought clarification on the impact of new communities and arrivals and those who had English as a second language. Members also sought information on the impact of class sizes.
- 4.1.5 Climate Change and ‘Brexit’ – The Board were provided with a summary of implications for climate change policy in Oldham and the UK. The UK had its own climate change legislation which had more challenging reduction targets than the EU. The Board were informed of the likely significant impact on energy policy and domestic energy markets. Oldham’s position was outlined which included Generation Oldham which aimed to build community owned renewal energy capacity and inward investment. A scoping study would be carried on for the potential of heat networks and the use of heat from disused coal mines. The Board sought and received clarification on how fuel poverty would be addressed.
- 4.1.6 Local Authority Policy on Academy Conversion and Guidance for Schools – the Council’s position was outlined with regard to schools who sought to convert to academy status or required to convert by legislation. There was a need for the local authority to set out how it would work with schools, proactively manage and influence the process and maximise influence over the choice of sponsors. It was important to have a policy for sponsors to understand the council’s expectations. The Board received clarification on engagement with the sponsors and support for those schools in special measures. The members referenced the policy where applied to voluntary aided schools and that it should also be applied to the Henshaw Trust for agreement. Members also sought clarification on the retention of influence with a school and recommended a meeting with governors.
- 4.1.7 Local Authority Policy and Process on Free Schools – the Board were informed of the provision of new school places which necessitated the establishment of a number of Free Schools. Members were informed of the criteria for providers, approval process as well as the degree of influence of the Local Authority. Members sought and received assurance on the selection of sponsors and received clarification on multi-academy trusts.
- 4.1.8 Virtual Schools – the Board were informed on the role and purposes of the Virtual School that was about championing the education needs of the children looked after by the authority, monitoring and tracking their education progress as if they attended a single school. The Board sought and received clarification on the number of pupils and financial implications. The Board were also informed of the online Personal Education Plan (PEP), quality assurance and training for social care staff and designated teachers to further improve the quality of the PEPs. Members were informed of the analysis completed year by year and actions put into place for underperforming cohorts.
- 4.1.9 Public Service Reform in Early Help and Prevention Strategy Early Help Service, Year 1 Report – the Board were informed of progress of the offer after the first year of delivery. A delivery model had been designed which worked with families and

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individuals who had a range of complex dependencies. The target had been exceeded. Members reflected that the service was working extremely well.

4.1.10 Homelessness Strategy – an update was provided on the Homelessness Strategy and homelessness issues in Oldham. All local authorities were required to take a more strategic and multi-agency approach which tackled all forms of homelessness and on prevention. The Council had developed strong relationships with partners and levels in Oldham were amongst the lowest in Greater Manchester. The Homelessness Reduction Bill sought to amend current legislation and could have significant funding implications for local authorities. Members were also informed of changes to the Local Housing Allowance and the impact on residents. Members sought clarification on the process of court action around notices served by private landlords and raised concerns on the potential loss of benefits.

4.1.11 Generation Oldham – The Board were provided with an update on the Community Energy Programme. Members were informed how the objectives were being met, progress on installations, feasibility studies and external funding. The Board suggested raising awareness of the scheme through district executives or drop in sessions.

4.1.12 Tourism Strategy – the Board were provided with an update on the development of the Tourism Strategy which supported the development and growth of the Tourism sector in the borough. Members raised the issue of the lack of disabled parking in the town centre and were informed that this was being reviewed as part of the parking strategy. Members suggested the recognition of national days with events in Parliament Square and were informed that a creative group was being established.

## 4.2 **O&S Management Board: internal and external consultations**

4.2.1 Refreshing the Social Value Procurement – The Board gave consideration to a report which outlined the overview of principles of the Social Value Procurement Framework which had been introduced in 2012. This had developed into a Social Value Charter as a result of a partnership approach. The framework had been successful and identified by the Cabinet Office as a pioneer of Social Value. An opportunity assessment tool had been developed and ensured social value was relevant and proportionate with each procurement. Social Value had also been incorporated into performance monitoring. A primary objective was to grow the community and voluntary sector. Members sought clarification on contract monitoring. Members raised concerns related to access of local contractors onto the portal system and received clarification on health contracts.

4.2.2 Area Based Review of Colleges – The Board were kept updated on developments related to the Greater Manchester Based Area Review of Colleges. The Board noted financial reductions to support funding and the impact of continued substantial reduction in publicly supported learning and skills resources. The Council had developed a Work and Skills Strategy and was driven by a clear analysis of Oldham's needs and employer demand. A special meeting was arranged with the Principal of Oldham College.

4.2.3 Greater Manchester Spatial Framework – the Board were informed of the implications for Oldham of the Framework which was being jointly prepared by the ten local authorities. The issues highlighted to members included the location of a number of significant strategic development allocations; indicative capacity for industrial and warehousing and office floorspace; requirement for additional dwellings; identification of new development sites; recognition that the town centre would continue to be recognised as the primary focus for economic, civic and cultural

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activity; and Dovestone Reservoir identified as a key tourist and recreation asset. Members expressed concerns about the lack of 'buffer' zones, commented that there was not affordability footprint over the spatial plan; concerns that residents who commuted outside the borough would not become part of the community where they lived; and that the current 3000 empty homes be tackled. Members also expressed concern about 'landbanking'.

4.2.4 Inclusion Policy – The Board were consulted on the draft Inclusion Policy. A recommendation from the Oldham and Education Skills Commission highlighted the need to address the high level of exclusions. An Inclusion Review had been undertaken and captured in the Policy. The Board commented on the link between inclusion, austerity and deprivation. Members commented on increasing the role of parents and were informed that this was addressed in the policy as well the importance of the role of the community.

### 4.3 **O&S Management Board: Services monitored**

4.3.1 Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) – The Board received an update on the service developments and improvements in the Hub. A number of developments had been introduced which included mental health services for children and young people; expansion of partner engagement and establishment of a single point of entry with integrated triage arrangements. The Board were also informed of performance. Members sought and received clarification on changes in policing and key issues around public protection and were informed of a robust relationship with the Police. Members raised concerns of any financial impact on the service as the expressed their strong support for the services provided by the MASH.

4.3.2 Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Business Plan 2016/17 and 2015/18 – The Board received the Business Plan which enabled board members to gain an understanding of the issues that the LSCB had undertaken in 2015/16 and what would be working towards related to safeguarding children in 2016-17. The ongoing process for audit and scrutiny, both internal and external as well as the programme of staff development and training was highlighted to members. The current priorities were identified to the Board which included Home and Child Sex Exploitation Sub-group, Missing from Education, Peer Abuse and Domestic Abuse and Transitions. The Board sought and received clarification on mental health issues related to safeguarding, the evaluation of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub in terms of assessments and interventions. The Board also received clarification on the involvement of children and that opportunities were made for young people to participate. The Board also sought and received clarification on support given to young people on life skills, resource issues and members training.

4.3.3 Children's Safeguarding: Getting to Good – The Board were informed of the improvement journey of the Children's Services since the Ofsted SIF Inspection, the evolving nature of the 'Getting to Good' Improvement Action Plan and the next steps proposed in terms of the assessments. Members sought and received clarification on training which included elected members training.

4.3.4 Safeguarding Adults – The Board were updated on the progress of the safeguarding adults improvement work which had been developed in response to the Care Act. This included the quality monitoring of care providers; co-ordination and administration of the Adult Safeguarding Board; Administration of the Deprivation of Liberty Standards (DoLS); and the undertaking of safeguarding enquiries into allegations of abuse at care homes. The Board were informed of legal developments associated with DoLS and the systems and procedures in place for electronic recording. The Board were also provided with an update on learning and

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development which included a multi-agency training strategy and training for elected members. Members also received clarification on Harm Levels and the investigation procedures.

- 4.3.5 Selective Licensing Scheme – The Board were updated on the implementation of the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme. The Board were informed how many licenses had been granted and the number of prosecutions. The Board were informed of the development of partnership working which included landlords, tenants, Greater Manchester Policy, Early Help, Social Services, Tenancy Relations and other Council directorates. The issues referred to officers included gas and electrical safety, overcrowding, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues. Warrants had been executed in partnership with Greater Manchester Police and Immigration Enforcement. The Board were informed that after the first year of the scheme being paper-based the teams in the designated areas were more proactive. Landlord forums had been held and the scheme had assisted both landlords and tenants. The Board received clarification on the feasibility of rolling out the scheme to other areas, the number of applications and assessment of improvements.
- 4.3.6 Free Early Education Entitlement for Two, Three and Four Year Olds – The Board were provided an update on the delivery of the free early education entitlement and progress towards the implementation of the extended 30 hour entitlement for three and four year olds. Access to quality early learning was central to the aspirations of the OESC. Members sought clarification on progress with Looked After Children and were informed of the development of a Virtual School. Members also sought and received clarification on the vulnerability of providers and the potential loss of income and also on the impact of children’s centres.
- 4.3.7 Provisions to Tackle Irresponsible Dog Ownership – the Board were provided with an update on the progress for bespoke Public Space Protection Orders and other initiatives. The Board were informed of bespoke orders which would be published for consultation and specific issues included dog ownership, professional dog walkers and dogs on leads. Members were also provided with an update on orders for other areas and the borough wide public space protection order. Members sought and received clarification on the Tidy Oldham App, size of notices and forms of consultation.
- 4.3.8 Resident First Programme Overview – The Board were informed of the Council’s approved co-operative customer strategy which embedded the Council’s cooperative approach with residents and services. The programme had been designed to support services transform the way they interacted with residents. Members raised the issue of acceptance of scanned documents and were informed that this was being investigated. The board asked for basic information packs to be available for members when speaking to residents and recommended information be given to District Executives.
- 4.3.9 Welfare Reform – The Board held an all member workshop on the upcoming Welfare Reform changes. This resulted in a number of actions such as highlighting the work of the welfare rights team with schools and increasing the awareness of members of the agenda.

#### 4.4 **Motions Referred to Overview and Scrutiny**

The following motions were referred to Overview and Scrutiny for investigation:



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- Community Shop – this item was referred to Board related to a social enterprise which has a network of social supermarkets which provided a means for retailers, brand and manufacturers to redistribute their surplus stock. The Overview and Scrutiny Board initial considered the report on 14<sup>th</sup> July and recommended a workshop for all elected members and a visit to another community shop. The further report was considered by the Board on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 which recommended that risk assessment and cost benefit analysis be carried out on combined model for Community Shop and Fare Share models. Work is still ongoing.
  - Mosquito Device – this was a Youth Council motion referred to the Board by Council related to the installation of mosquito devices and their impact on young people. Representatives of the Board met with representatives from the Youth Council, District representatives and Community Safety officers as part of a working group. It was agreed that the Council Policy would need to be reviewed and Community Safety representatives would meet with the Youth Council. The Policy was reviewed and updated and agreed in September 2016.
  - Street Charter – a motion was referred to the Board related to the “Who Put That There” campaign of the Royal National Institute for the Blind which endorsed that local authorities engage with blind and partially sighted people to develop a Street Charter for the removal of obstacles and hazards from the public realm. A charter was developed with several agencies and representative groups. Proposed solutions were outlined in the report which included a voluntary register, a review of the reporting system, more effective engagement with those who were blind or partially sighted. The Charter was commended for approval. The Charter was approved by Council on 22 March 2017.
  - Reducing Light Pollution – a motion was referred to the Board and Planning to looking in the merits and practicalities of the adoption of recommendations as set out in the motion. It was determined that the Council were already undertaking the recommendations as outlined in the motion. The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny met with the Chair of Planning Committee and determined that a workshop was not needed.
  - Making Oldham Council More Dementia Friendly – this motion was referred to Health Scrutiny and was still in progress.
  - Recycling – a motion was referred to the Board related to recycling. The Board were provided with information on a variety of avenues for further exploration regarding the more sustainable use of plastic bottles and cups by businesses and other organisations across the borough. Members were informed of the results of initial investigations which included drinking cups in Council buildings being recyclable, on-site recycling facilities, drinking water in schools, plastics recycling and the Courthauld Commitment. Members were informed of the free water supplies to primary schools and an initiative through Public Health on the provision to secondary schools. Members were also informed that the GMWDA had signed up to the Courthauld Commitment in October 2016 and that GMWDA already had a semi-formal position on plastics recycling and were lobbying for consistency in the use of plastic polymers.

#### 4.5 **PVFM Select Committee: Finance Scrutiny**

- 4.5.1 Scrutiny of Budget Proposals – The Council's overall budget proposals for 2017/18 were considered by the Committee at various stages during the 2016/17 Municipal

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Year. Initial outline proposals were presented to the Committee during November 2016 and they continued to be considered at various intervals up until approval at full Council in March 2017.

4.5.2 Income Generation Proposals were reviewed as part of the performance monitoring process.

#### 4.6 **PVFM Select Committee: Performance Scrutiny**

4.6.1 Quarterly Council Performance Report and Challenge – Reports were presented to the Committee in terms of how the Council was performing against its key local and statutory priorities. The Committee undertook more detailed scrutiny of a number of topics through examining the performance report. These topics included Planning Application performance, improving employees’ attendance, bailiff service reform, improved street and environmental cleanliness.

4.6.2 Single Inspection Framework (SIF) Improvement Plan – an action plan had been developed to address the recommendations identified by Ofsted and an internal service review assessed opportunities for future development of services. Assurances had been given that the action plan had been completed and significant improvements made. Highlights provided included peer review of procurement services, staff turnover, good practice across teams, use of pupil premium and “Framework-i”.

4.6.3 Improving Attendance and Health and Wellbeing – information was provided on the employees’ attendance position for 2016/17 and progress on the Health and Wellbeing Programme for the Council’s workforce. The position has improved compared to the same period in the previous year. The programme of events which were part of the Health and Wellbeing Campaign were outlined.

4.6.4 Income Generation Budget – proposals had been included in the 2016/17 budget. The forecast position against the achievement of the target was highlighted.

4.6.5 Planning Application Performance – a report had been requested as concerns had been raised and reported in the corporate performance report. It was clarified that relevant planning application data had not been collected and incorrect figures had been shown. The Government’s targets that had been set for the service had been achieved.

4.6.6 Education and Skills Commission Update – the Select Committee were informed of the two key target that had been set to be achieved by 2020: All performance indicators to be at the national average or above; and all education providers to be judged “good” or better by Ofsted.

4.6.7 Provision for Young People at Risk of Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) – the Select Committee were provided information on the provision of engagement activities and informed of the outcomes of the grant that had been paid to provide activities.

4.6.8 Get Oldham Working Update – the Select Committee received information on the outcomes of the campaign and figures showed that the programme had been successful. A significant number of employment opportunities had been created and filled.

4.6.9 Oldham Library and Information Services – the Select Committee were informed that the Oldham Library Services had performed very well compared with other local

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authorities in Greater Manchester. Performance indicators were used showed visits to libraries, book issues and computer usage.

- 4.6.10 Unity Partnership – The performance and value for money provisions and monitoring of the contract with the Unity Partnership for the annual period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were examined. Key performance indicators and targets were discussed. An update was provided on the IT system and related service performance. Recurrent and sustainable savings and budget improvements were reported as well as the social benefits delivered through Unity's support to Get Oldham Working programme.
- 4.6.11 Greater Manchester Police – The Police and Crime Commissioner's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2017/18 was outlined. The Committee was informed that the Police Grant had been reduced by 1.4% which meant a grant cut of £5.7m in Greater Manchester. The increase of the Council Tax precept had been proposed to offset the budget reduction and support front line policing. Information on crime statistics and police resources was discussed. Opportunities for effective integrated partnership working were highlighted.
- 4.6.12 Oldham Community Leisure (OCL) – The Trust's position against the contractual key performance indicators was reported. A review of the 12 month activity of the new leisure facilities in Oldham and Royton was also provided. The Committee sought and received clarification on the Leisure Centre membership, the capacity of the new leisure facilities against the residents' demand, the usage of the swimming pool and the school swimming programme and the users' feedback on the new leisure facilities.
- 4.6.13 Oldham Trading Group – a progress report on the financial position of the Group up to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 was presented. The challenges facing the Group in the 2017 financial year were also discussed. The Select Committee sought and received clarification on service delivery and contact chargeable time, Extra Care contract, retention of staff, commercial strategy and self-funding clients, medium and long term Group's vision.
- 4.6.14 Public Health Transformation Fund Review – The Select Committee received a progress report on the position of the Public Health Budget and the progress made to implement necessary savings. The process and reviews undertaken to inform future commissioning arrangements was explained. An update was also provided on the Health Checks, Young People Sexual Health Service and Smoking Cessation.

#### **4.7 Health Scrutiny Sub Committee**

- 4.7.1 The Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee has met six times since June 2016. The Committee has received a number of reports from across the Health and Care Sector in Oldham, but has shown a particular interest in the Locality Plan Implementation and the development of an Integrated Care Organisation (ICO).
- 4.7.2 The focus of the Sub-Committee was on the impact of plans for the devolution of health and social care responsibilities to Greater Manchester. Additionally, the implementation of the Healthier Together reforms of the provision of acute services across Greater Manchester which will impact on the service offer available at the Royal Oldham Hospital and across North-East of Greater Manchester, for Oldham residents.
- 4.7.3 The Sub-Committee were also informed of the following:

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- Teenage Conceptions and the Births to Teenage Mothers – members were informed on the refresh of the Teenage Pregnancy and Sexual Health Board, the establishment of a Young Parents Team and the decrease in teenage conception figures.
  - Pennine Acute Hospital Trust CQC Inspection – members were informed of the findings of the recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection and the improvement process that had been established and which reported weekly to an Improvement Board. The CQC had advised of 77 “must do” recommendations and a further 144 “should do” recommendations. New management teams were in the process of being appointed. Members sought and received clarification on the inspection and re-inspection process, patient choices, credibility and external reviews and the impact of 12-hour shifts.
  - Pennine Care CQC Report – members were informed that the overall rating for services at PCFT was “Requires Improvement”. Several areas of good practice were highlighted such as members of staff’s support and care to patients, well-structured pathways, established partnership working, facilities that promoted recovery and patients’ confidentiality and the Trust’s clear visions and values shared by members of staff. The Trust’s Quality Development Plan, produced to address 15 key areas requiring improvement over the next 12 months was discussed. Members sought and received clarification on the inspection and re-inspection process and discussed how they could be involved in assisting the improvement plan, both through this committee and through Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny.
  - Local Care Organisation and Transformation Fund Update – members were informed of the development of an Integrated Care Organisation (ICO) in Oldham. The organisation would take responsibility for the strategic planning of health and care in the borough and the managed provision of the majority of health and social care outside of the hospital. The ICO had a firm commitment from each member of the Health and Social Care Partnership for the transformation of the provision of care for local people. Members were informed of the strong track record in Oldham with the development of the Better Care Fund where targets had been exceeded and had received national acknowledgement. Members commented on the governance arrangements, budget, the cluster arrangements and the impact on local and specialist services.
  - Autism Strategy – Members were provided information on the development of the strategy which included the consultation process, key priorities and intended outcomes. It would be a joint strategy of the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group and the aim would be for the improvement of both the design and delivery of services and supported by working better together to ensure improved outcomes for people and better value for money. Members sought and received clarification on access to diagnosis, support, referral times and work with the National Autism Society.
  - GM Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy – the Sub-Committee received information related to the proposed arrangements aimed at driving collaboration across commissioning and provision at the same time as maintaining leadership and an inclusive approach which supported development of the strategy. This was a whole system approach for the delivery of mental health and well-being services that supported the holistic needs of the individual and their families in the community.
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- NHS Health Check Programme – the Sub-Committee were informed how the Programme was being delivered as well as the performance and future delivery of the programme.
- Psychoactive Substances – the Sub-Committee received an update on the use of new psychoactive substances in Oldham and the introduction of legislation to tackle the use of NPS. Members sought and received clarification on the extent of use and the professional's information network.
- Integrated Cluster Working – the Sub-Committee were informed on the new operating model for integrated health and social care in Oldham which focused on providing a co-ordinated approach. Adult Social Care, Community Nursing and Early Intervention would work together in specific localities.
- Mayor's Healthy Living Campaign – the Sub-Committee received updates on the campaign and what activities had been undertaken throughout the year.
- The Health and Scrutiny Sub-Committee also convened a Task and Finish Group which looked at the review of safeguarding training.

#### 4.7.4 Motions referred to Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

Motions which had been referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board, if health related, were subsequently referred to Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee. These included:

- Making Oldham Council More Dementia Friendly which was still work in progress in reviewing the recommendations of the motion; and
- NHS Blood and Transplant Service – work was ongoing with the NHS on how to help increase the levels of blood donation and organ donor registration in the Borough.

## 5 Ways to get involved with O&S?

- 5.1 Overview and Scrutiny has a rolling work programme. The current version can be found on the Council's website at: <http://committees.oldham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=366>
- 5.2 If you are interested in attending a meeting of either the Board or Select Committee, meeting dates can be found on the website at: <http://decisionrecording.oldham.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?Categories=-13236&bcr=1>
- 5.3 Contact and speak to your local Councillor about issues you feel have an impact on your local community in Oldham. Overview and Scrutiny will consider issues raised by Councillors.
- 5.4 You can contact Dami Awobajo on 0161 770 1559 to ask Overview and Scrutiny to consider an issue which has an impact on Oldham and local people. This could be a problem, Council service or an issue which you think the Council should take in lead in improving.

## 6 Legal Services Comments

- 6.1 n/a

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7. **Co-operative Agenda**

7.1 The Annual report contains examples of work aligned to the Council's co-operative approach in relation to issues that have an impact of local communities.

8 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

8.1 None

9 **Equality, Community Cohesion and Crime Implications**

9.1 None

10 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

10.1 No

11 **Key Decision**

11.1 No

12 **Key Decision Reference**

12.1 N/A

13 **Background Papers**

13.1 None

14 **Appendices**

14.1 None