

Actions from Council 8th November 2017

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Public Question from Shaun McGrath re Meat Supply	Written response to be sent to Mr. McGrath	Councillor Chadderton	Written response emailed on 9 November 2017
Ward Member Question from Councillor McCann re GMSF	Information was emailed to Councillor McCann with the link to the website.	Councillor Brownridge	14 th November 2017
Ward Member Question from Councillor Murphy	Consultation re Crompton House	Councillor Chadderton	A meeting has been scheduled with ward councillors on 19 December 2017.
Ward Member Question from Councillor Sheldon – progress with the speed reduction scheme at the Royal George Junction and safety at the junctions of Oldham Road & Platting Road at Lydgate and also the junction of Wall Hill Road and Huddersfield Road where the road was slippery	See Note 1 below.	Councillor Hussain	22 nd November 2017
Outstanding Business: Air Quality Plan	<p>Production of Air Quality Improvement Scheme; Support Greater Manchester Bid; Encourage installation of charging points for electric cars</p> <p>Press for more inclusive approach to improvement of Air Quality by TfGM and GMCA</p>	<p>Air Quality Sub-Group</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>In progress.</p> <p>Letters sent 13th November 2017</p>

Youth Council Motion - Work Experience Opportunities	<p>Letter to be sent to Sectary of State for Education</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the Borough's Three MPs</p> <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 24 Nov 17 received 29 Nov 17</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>13th November 2017</p> <p>13th November 2017</p>
Leader and Cabinet Question Time – Councillor Sykes Question re Sexual Harassment Procedures	Review Procedure	Leader of the Council / Chief Executive	In progress.
Leader and Cabinet Question Time – Councillor Sheldon re Assistance to Services	See Note 2 Below.	Leader of the Council	4 th December 2017
Leader and Cabinet Question Time – Councillor Goodwin re Firework Safety	Meeting to arranged for members with GMP	Leader of the Council	In progress.
Cabinet Minutes – NSL- appropriate signage for bus lanes	Signage was put into place as defined by legislation and a walk through had also taken place along the three bus lanes to be enforced to ensure all are Department for Transport compliant.	Councillor Hussain	17 th November 2017

	The problematic merge lane on Ashton Road bus lane has been redesigned; the bus lane now starts after the Falcon Street junction to give general motorists greater opportunity to move into the correct traffic lane.		
Administration Business 1 – Children’s Social Care	<p>Representations to be made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer</p> <p>Representation to be made to the Minister of State for Children and Families</p> <p>Letter to be sent to the Local Government Association</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the Borough’s three MPs</p> <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 27 Nov 17 received 29 Nov 17</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>13th November 2017</p> <p>13th November 2017</p> <p>13th November 2017</p> <p>13th November 2017</p>

Administration Business 2 – HIV Testing	Work with Partners toward attaining Joint United Nation Programme; Introduction of HIV Testing in primary care settings; Review of current services available in the Borough; Support the GM City region approach for the eradication to HIV; Director of Public Health to provide a report outlining what needs to be done; Work with sexual health services to address decline in testing; Adopt the GM Model to increase HIV testing and associated interventions; Support the provider to implement the NHS England PrEP Prevention programme; Promote the National HIV Testing Week and the It Starts with Me Campaign	Health and Wellbeing	In progress.
Administration Business 3 – Greater Manchester Policing Services	Motion to be rolled over to the next Council meeting	Constitutional Services	13 th December 2017

<p>Opposition Business 1 – Combatting Acid Attacks</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board with the Trading Standards Team and Retailers’ associations examined the introduction of a voluntary scheme</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the Borough’s three MPs and the Mayor of Greater Manchester</p> <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 24 Nov 17 received 29 Nov 17</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>In progress.</p> <p>13th November 2017</p>
<p>Opposition Business 2 – Ending the Support for Mortgage Interest Scheme</p>	<p>Letter to be sent to the Minister responsible outlining concerns and objections</p> <p>Letters to be sent to the borough’s three MPs to ask to make representations on the matter</p> <p>Cabinet Member to ask officers for briefing paper on the impact of the changes</p> <p>Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 27 Nov 17 received 29 Nov 17</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>13th November 2017</p> <p>13th November 2017</p> <p>In progress.</p>

Opposition Business 3 – Halloween and Party Costumes	Letter to be sent to the relevant Government Minister Letter to be sent to the borough’s three MPs Response received from J McMahon OBE MP dated 27 Nov 17 received 29 Nov 17	Chief Executive Chief Executive	13 th November 2017 13 th November 2017
Update on Actions from Council	RESOLVED that: 1. The Update on Actions from Council be noted. 2. Clarification be sought from United Utilities on flooding at Dovestone Reservoir.	Council Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods	The Council noted the report on 8 th November 2017. Response from United Utilities regarding Dovestone Reservoir sent 22 nd November 2017 (see attachment)
Youth Justice Strategic Plan	RESOLVED that the Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2017/18 be noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 8 th November 2017.
Parliamentary Boundary Review	RESOLVED that the alternative option proposal as outlined in the 9 November 2016 report be approved.	Council	The Council reiterated the alternative proposal as outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report of 9 November 2016.
District Plans 2017/18	RESOLVED that the District Plans as agreed by each District Executive be approved.	Council	The Council approved the report on 8 th November 2017.

Note 1: Response to Councillor Sheldon's Ward Member Question

The Change to the Speed Limit is not being progressed.

The guidance on the setting of speed limits is contained in the DoT Circular 1/2013 Setting Local Speed Limits. The guidance states that roads suitable for a 40 mph speed limit are those on the outskirts of the urban area with little development. This section of Manchester Road is of this nature but there are sometimes factors which would mean that this was not appropriate. This would include a high level of vulnerable road users i.e. pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders. However, because of the presence of the linear park on the old railway line running parallel to the road much of the vulnerable road user traffic transfers to this path. Circular 1/2013 also states that speed limits should not be used to attempt to solve the problems at an isolated hazard such as a junction

Consequently it is considered that the speed limit on this section of Manchester Road is appropriate.

Incidentally, the accident record of the Royal George junction has been examined and there has been one injury collision recorded during the last 3 years. Such 3 year time scales are used by Oldham (and nationally) to provide an insight into the road safety conditions of a particular location. Highways are then assessed to determine whether or not the collision rate is significantly above what would normally expected with reference to local and national Control Data. The current level of collisions at this junction indicate that it is below Road Safety Intervention levels.

It is worth pointing out that:

- (i) The continuation of the 30mph limit will remove the "Gateway Effect" that the current 30mph signing arrangement provide on the approaches to Mossley and Greenfield.
- (ii) Any changes in Speed Limits must be supported by the Police who are responsible for enforcing Speed Limits.

- 2 (a) The Wall Hill Road issue has been forwarded to the Asset Manager to investigate the road surface and drainage facilities
- (b) Traffic Signs and Road Markings are being enhanced at the junction to better inform drivers of the bend on the approach from Grasscroft.

Note 2: Response to Councillor Sheldon's Leader and Cabinet Member Question:

"Thanks for raising this question. The teams do work together and support each other but often the issue is of a technical and complex nature requiring specific skill sets. I can confirm however, that the work to prepare the necessary reports which will be submitted to the Environment Agency is almost complete. Support from District Teams would not have been appropriate as the investigative work needed to be carried by an engineer with particular knowledge of drainage systems. I understand four Saddleworth schemes are being worked on with the reports detailing both the strategic and local position for each of the sites."

Previous to 8th November Council:

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
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	As at 22 nd November 2017: Evidence about likely uptake of the app through promotion has now been gathered and the Council are now proceeding with implementation. A technical feasibility exercise has been carried out to inform plans, which are now underway and, if no unexpected technical difficulties are encountered, we are still working towards a new year launch date.
Public Question from Syed Maruf Ali re Tudor Street Pitch (13 Sep 2017)	Officers to respond	Neil Consterdine	Conversations have taken place. A meeting was held on 29 November with Elected Members and officers.
Ward Member Question from Cllr Sheldon re Water Levels in Dovestone's Reservoirs (13 Sep 2017)	A response from United Utilities was received by Highways. See attached response.	Cllr Hussain	22 nd November 2017
Opposition Business 3: Suffrage to Citizenship (13 Sep 2017)	Appoint an Elected Member Champion as per Lord Porter's Request Report be brought back to a future Council meeting how the Council	Cllr Stretton Elected Member Champion	Councillor Roberts was appointed as Elected Member Champion. As at 29 November 2017:

	<p>could best support the aims of the Project</p>		<p>Councillor Roberts, as Elected Member Champion for Suffrage to Citizenship, has met with officers from the Strategy, Partnerships and Policy Team to discuss initial ideas to commemorate Oldham's suffrage pioneers including Annie Kenney, Marjorie Lees and Lydia Becker.</p> <p>It is proposed to hold a workshop in the New Year to get ideas from a range of women's organisations to inform a more detailed programme of events throughout the year, including International Women's Day on 8 March 2018 and to commemorate the passing of the Representation of the People Act in November 1918.</p> <p>Further details will be reported in future updates to Council.</p>
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