

Actions from Council 13th December 2017

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Public Question from Andy Hunter Rossall re Plastic Bottle Deposit Scheme	Letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment	Cllr Brownridge	10 th January 2018
Ward Member Question from Councillor Sheldon re Recycling Bins at the Saddleworth Sports Centre	See Note 1 below.	Cllr Brownridge	19 th December 2017
Outstanding Business: Greater Manchester Policing Services	<p>Letters to be sent to the Home Secretary</p> <p>Letter to be sent to the Mayor of Greater Manchester</p> <p>Response received from the Mayor of Greater Manchester dated 4 Jan 18 received 10 Jan 18</p> <p>Response received from the Home Office dated 25 Jan 2018 received 13 Feb 18</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>20th December 2017</p> <p>20th December 2017</p>

<p>Leader and Cabinet Member Question Time - Councillor Sykes re Big Change</p>	<p>Request to be considered by the Homelessness Forum</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Big Change was raised with the Homelessness Forum on 30 January 2018 and partners stated that they thought it was a good idea but would like more information and asked if someone from Rochdale or Manchester could come to a future meeting to speak about it. Officers spoke to a representative from the Riverside Group which is the lead on "The Big Change" Manchester at the GM Mayor's Homelessness Action Network on 15 February. Officers were advised that there were plans to roll the Big Change out across Greater Manchester and guidelines were being developed on how this would work. The representative from the Riverside Group has been invited to the next Oldham Homelessness Forum meeting to be held on 1st May 2018.</p>
<p>Leader and Cabinet Member Question Time – Councillor Sheldon re Planning</p>	<p>Information provided to Councillor Sheldon.</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>5th January 2018</p>
<p>Questions on Cabinet Minutes – Councillor Williamson re Establishment of Bond Scheme Officer</p>	<p>Information provided on the Bond Scheme.</p>	<p>Cllr Brownridge</p>	<p>10th January 2018</p>

Questions on Cabinet Minutes – Councillor Harkness – Universal Credit Impact on Homelessness	Update to be provided.	Cllr Jabbar	Briefing Note is attached.
Administration Business 1: Advanced Learner Motion	Letter to be sent to Rt. Hon. Ann Milton, Minister of State for Apprenticeships and Skills Response received from Minister of State for Apprenticeships and Skills dated 20 Feb 2018 received 23 Feb 18	Chief Executive	20 th December 2017
Administration Business 2 –Royal Oldham Hospital	Letters to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Health Response from HM Treasury dated 16 Jan 18 received 22 Jan 18	Chief Executive	20 th December 2017
Administration Business 3 – Suffrage, Citizenship and Services	Motion to be rolled over to the next Council meeting	Constitutional Services	28 th March 2018
Opposition Business 1 – Notification of Discharge of Planning Conditions to Ward Members	Chief Executive to liaise with the Head of Planning and Infrastructure	Chief Executive	The Members' weekly planning list now contains all discharge of conditions applications so Ward Members are informed about these issues and can action them as they see fit. Following discussions with the Portfolio holder and Chair of the Planning Committee, further improvements are proposed in relation to

			supporting members appearing at planning appeals, pre-application discussions and validation of applications later in the year.
Opposition Business 2 – The Sentience of Animals	<p>Letter to be sent to the Environment Secretary</p> <p>Letter to be sent to the three local Members of Parliament</p> <p>Response received from J. McMahon OBE MP dated 22 December 17 received 5 January 2018</p> <p>Response received from Environment Secretary dated 16 Jan 18 received 22 Jan 18</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>20th December 2017</p> <p>20th December 2017</p>
Opposition Business 3 – Lighten Up Pledge	<p>PVFM to examine the practicality and affordability of replacing street lights</p> <p>Possibility of the Council making a commitment to replace all street lights with LEDs</p>	PVFM	In progress.
Update on Actions from Council	RESOLVED that the Update on Actions from Council be noted.	Council	The Council noted the report on 8 th November 2017.

Civic Appreciation Nomination	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nomination for Reverend Jean Hurlston to receive the Civic Appreciation Award 2018 be agreed. 2. The ceremony for the award would take place at the Council meeting to be held on 28th March 2018. 	Council	The Council approved the nomination on 13 th December 2017.
Consideration of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Levy Allocation Methodology and Approval of a Revised Levy Allocation Model Agreement	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having considered the proposed revised methodology, the revised Levy Apportionment Methodology Agreement be approved and be applied in full from 2019/20 with transitional arrangements in place during 2018/19. 2. Authority be delegated to the Director of Legal Services or his nominee to approve and/or make any minor amendments to the final Levy Apportionment Methodology Agreement, a current draft of which was appended to the report and to enter into and finalise the Agreement, the transitional arrangements and any associated documentation related thereto. 	Council	The Council approved the recommendations on 13 th December 2017.

Treasury Management Half-Year Review 2017/18	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Treasury Management activity for the first half of the financial year 2017/18 and the projected outturn position be approved. 2. Amendments to both Authorised and Operational Boundary for external debt as set out in the table at Section 2.4.5 of the report be approved. 3. Amendments to the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) as set out at Section 2.4.4 of the report and in the table at Section 2.4.5 of the report be approved. 	Council	The Council approved the report on 13 th December 2017.
The 2018/19 Council Tax Reduction Scheme	<p>RESOLVED that the continuation of the current Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme for 2018/19 be approved and that the 2018/19 scheme was therefore the same as that operating in 2017/18.</p>	Council	The Council approved the report on 13 th December 2017.
European Union Referendum – Impact on Oldham and Greater Manchester	<p>RESOLVED that the update on the Impact on Oldham and Greater Manchester of the European Union Referendum be noted.</p>	Council	The Council approved the report on 13 th December 2017.

<p>Amendment to Financial Procedure Rules – Write Off Authorisation Limits</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the write-off approval limits be amended as follows for debts which included Council Tax, Business Rates, Sundry Deb and Housing Benefit Overpayments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Individual debts up to £60 - Unity Partnership Ltd. b) Individual debts up to £2,500 - Head of Service c) Individual debts up to £5,000 - Director of Finance d) Individual debts over £5,000 - Cabinet 	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council approved the report on 13th December 2017.</p>
<p>Independent Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel and Independent Persons on the Standards Committee</p>	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Independent Members on the Independent Remuneration Panel and on the Standards Committee be reappointed for three years. 2. A recruitment process be commenced to fill the vacancies as detailed in the report with a report to Full Council to make the appointment. 	<p>Council</p>	<p>The Council approved the report on 13th December 2017.</p> <p>Recruitment process in progress.</p>

Council Calendar 2018/19	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council's Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 1 of the Report be approved. 2. Approval of any outstanding dates be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders. 	Council	The Council approved the report on 13 th December 2017.
Political Balance Review	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The review of political balance and committees as detailed within the report be agreed. 2. The composition of the political groups as outlined in the report and that Councillor Gloster filled the Liberal Democrat Group vacant position on the Planning Committee with Councillor Murphy as second substitute and that Councillor Harkness filled the Liberal Democrat Vacant position on the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee be agreed. 3. The appointment to the Labour Group Vacancy on the Audit Committee be delegated to the Chief Executive and three Group Leaders. 	Council	<p>The Council approved the report on 13th December 2017.</p> <p>Updates made as appropriate by Constitutional Services on 15 December 2017.</p>

Note 1: Response to Councillor Sheldon re Recycling Bins at Saddleworth Leisure Centre:

“The recycling bins at Saddleworth Sports Centre were recently removed due to ongoing issues with fly tipping and the bins being used for general rubbish.

Small public recycling sites were introduced when recycling was originally rolled out across the borough, to provide for a very small minority those households with no space for individual recycling containers.

Over the past years, most these sites have been removed due to the environmental issues that have developed around them and also because we are now able to supply recycling containers to suit households with space restrictions.

Before removing the bins at Saddleworth Sports Centre, an exercise was carried out to establish whether there was still genuine use of the bins for recycling and/or a need for a public recycling point in the area. This work identified that the bins were no longer necessary and could be removed however the area will continue to be reviewed for the short term to ensure there are no further issues.”

Previous to 13th December 2017 Council:

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
<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>As at 15 February 2018:</p> <p>The bin app has now been successful tested, implemented and is now 'live'.</p> <p>The app has not yet been widely promoted but a Greater Manchester wide campaign is being planned over the coming months to ensure residents are aware of the app, where to find it and how to use it.</p>
<p>Opposition Business 3: Suffrage to Citizenship (13 Sep 2017)</p>	<p>Appoint an Elected Member Champion as per Lord Porter's Request</p> <p>Report be brought back to a future Council meeting how the Council could best support the aims of the Project</p>	<p>Cllr Stretton</p> <p>Elected Member Champion</p>	<p>Councillor Roberts was appointed as Elected Member Champion.</p> <p>As at 29 November 2017:</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>

			A programme of events for the year is attached. Please note that this document is A3 size. Full size copies will be available in the Civic Centre Entrances and Group Rooms.
Outstanding Business: Air Quality Plan (8 Nov 17)	<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>Response from TfGM dated and received 7 February 2018</p>	<p>Air Quality Sub-Group</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>See Note 2 below.</p> <p>Letters sent 13th November 2017</p>
Leader and Cabinet Question Time – Councillor Sykes Question re Sexual Harassment Procedures (7 Nov 17)	Review Procedure	Leader of the Council / Chief Executive	Briefing Note attached.
Leader and Cabinet Question Time – Councillor Goodwin re Firework Safety (8 Nov 17)	Meeting to be arranged for members with GMP	Chief Executive	In progress.

<p>Administration Business 2 – HIV Testing (8 Nov 17)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>See Note 3 below.</p>
---	--	-----------------------------	--------------------------

<p>Opposition Business 1 – Combatting Acid Attacks (8 Nov 17)</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board with the Trading Standards Team and Retailers’ associations examined the introduction of a voluntary scheme</p> <p>Response from J McMahon OBE MP covering response from the Home Office dated 14 Dec 17 received 15 Dec 17</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>After taking into consideration a report and information provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 6th March 2018 and the House of Commons Briefing Paper, it was agreed that a voluntary scheme not be introduced at this time. However, the issue would remain on the O&S Board Work Programme and reviewed with legislation was approved. A full briefing note is attached.</p>
<p>Opposition Business 2 – Ending the Support for Mortgage Interest Scheme (8 Nov 17)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member to ask officers for briefing paper on the impact of the changes</p> <p>Response received from the DWP dated 11 Dec 17 received 15 Dec 17</p>	<p>Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Briefing note is attached.</p>

Note 2: Response to the Air Quality Motion – Response from the Air Quality Sub-Group

Air Quality was a growing priority across the whole of the public sector in Greater Manchester and a response on how this challenge was tackled is already underway. Transport for Greater Manchester has been tasked with leading the GM response to improving Air Quality and have produced a wide ranging implementation plan that begins to address the key contributors to poor air quality across Greater Manchester. The plan had since been agreed by all the 10 GM borough leaders through the GMCA governance structure.

The implementation plan covers the following topics: Development Control and Planning Regulations; Freight Interventions; Buses; Cycling Travel Choices; Cars (including the introduction and increase in Electric Car charging points); and information and resources. The Air Quality Sub-Group will look at the GM implementation plan and produce an overview of what Oldham is doing to implement locally the agreed

interventions. The sub-group will report this back to the Health & Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee early in the new year and will provide regular reports thereafter.

In addition to the work being done locally to implement the GM action plan, the Council's Chief Executive has been appointed as the lead Chief Executive for the GMCA for Green City Region (including Environment & Green Spaces, Climate Change and Air Quality). This appointment ensures that Oldham will have a leading role in an inclusive approach to improving Air Quality across Greater Manchester, including the three actions outlined in points two and three of the resolution.

Oldham will also actively support TfGM in the development of any funding streams that may be available, as well as actively pursuing any opportunity for securing localised funding to enhance the work being done to deliver on the GM implementation plan actions. The Council's Air Quality Sub-Group had been established as part of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Sub-Governance with the aim to address aspects of the GM air quality plan and DEFRA's national proposals to ensure that Oldham is implementing actions that can be delivered locally.

Note 3: Response to the HIV Testing – Response from the Director of Public Health

A review has been undertaken by Lucy Rutter, Speciality Registrar in Public Health to understand HIV testing practice in Oldham. The report sets out current HIV testing practice in Oldham and a number of recommendations to improve testing rates (if you'd like a copy of the full report contact Lianne.davies@oldham.gov.uk).

One of the key factors underlying low HIV testing rates are the inconsistencies in the way that testing is offered and recommended to patients in local Sexual Health Services (SHS) as well as issues with recording and reporting mechanisms. Having addressed this with the SHS working practices have been reviewed and this is now being monitored quarterly through contract monitoring meetings.

The 10 Greater Manchester Local Authorities have jointly commissioned the Passionate about Sexual Health (PaSH) Partnership which is a collaboration between [BHA for Equality](#), [George House Trust](#) and [the LGBT Foundation](#). The PaSH Partnership delivers a comprehensive programme of interventions to meet the changing needs of people newly diagnosed with HIV, living longer term with HIV or at greatest risk of acquiring HIV.

A programme of HIV Awareness Training is being scheduled across Oldham with an initial focus on primary care.

Oldham's Specialist Sexual Health Service is due to go live with the NHS England funded Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) HIV prevention programme in the next couple of months (date to be confirmed by PHE). Pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP, is a way for people who do have HIV, but who are at substantial risk of HIV infection to reduce their risk of acquiring HIV.