

### Actions from Council 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

ACTION	RESPONSE	WHO RESPONSIBLE	DATE COMPLETED
Ward Member Question on Highway Investment	<p>Members to received information as to which roads were included in the programme in their wards.</p> <p>Information is available online and presentations had been made to the Districts on the highways investment programme.</p>	Cllr Hussain	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Ward Member Question from Councillor Sheldon re Speed Limit on Manchester Road, Greenfield	<p>Highways to provide an update on the speed limit request</p> <p>See Note 1 below.</p>	Cllr Hussain	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018
Outstanding Business: Women's Suffrage Act	<p>Letter to be sent to the Minister of Local Government and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance</p> <p>Ask the Borough's three MP to press for continuation of current system</p> <p>Ask LGA representatives to urge LGA to lobby against proposed change</p> <p>Response to Councillor Sykes received from the LGA dated 25 April 2018 received 1 May 2018 and further updated dated 16 May</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> April 2018</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> April 2018</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> April 2018</p>

	<p>2018 – see attached email</p> <p>Response received from D. Abrahams MP dated 23 April 2018 received 4 May 2018</p> <p>Response received from J. McMahon OBE MP dated 29 May 2018 received 4 June 2018</p> <p>Response received from DHCLG undated received 4 June 2018</p>		
Youth Council Motion – Vaping or Use of E-Cigarettes	<p>Write to the Minister of Health on behalf of the Youth Council</p> <p>Response from Department of Health dated 10 May 2018 received 22 May 2018</p>	Chief Executive	11th April 2018
Leader and Cabinet Member Question Time - Child Poverty	Joint meeting with Liberal Democrat to discuss Poverty Strategy	Leader of the Council	TBC
Administration Business 1: Modern Slavery	Adopt the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery to ensure the Procurement Practices do not contribute to modern day slavery and exploitation.	Executive Director Corporate and Commercial Services and the Head of Procurement	In progress.
Administration Business 2 – Housing Strategy	Lobby through the MPs and the LGA for formal recognition that new housing meets the needs of the local community	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Cooperatives to send letters to the Borough's three MPs, the lead	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018

	<p>Support the GMCA's efforts to secure financial assistance for the remediation of previously developed land</p> <p>Urge the government to recognise that the planning system had an important role to play in protecting the quality of new housing</p> <p>Response received from D. Abrahams MP dated 23 April 2018 received 4 May 2018</p> <p>Response received from J. McMahon OBE MP dated 21 May 2018 received 24 May 2018</p>	members from GMCA and the LGA	
Administration Business 3 – The TUC	Motion to be rolled over to the next Council meeting	Constitutional Services	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Opposition Business 1 – Making Oldham a 'Single Use Plastic-Free' Local Authority	Under Council Procedure Rule 8.4(d) the motion was referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board.	Overview and Scrutiny Board	In progress.
Opposition Business 2 – Land Value Taxation	Under Council Procedure Rule 8.4(d) the motion was referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board.	Overview and Scrutiny Board	In progress.
Opposition Business 3 – Restricting new Hot Food Takeaways near Schools	Under Council Procedure Rule 8.4(d) the motion was referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board.	Overview and Scrutiny Board	In progress. An update is being provided to the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018.
Update on Actions from Council	<b>RESOLVED that</b> the Update on	Council	The Council noted the report on

	Actions from Council be noted.		28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.
Political Balance Review	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The review of political balance and committees as detailed in the report be noted and agreed.</li> <li>2. The review undertaken required no change to political balance or committee places.</li> </ol>	Council	The Council noted the report on 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.
Appointment of External Auditor from the Financial Year 2018/19	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The appointment of Mazars by the PSAA as the external auditors to the Council from the financial year 2018/19 be noted.</li> <li>2. The appointment of Mazars as external auditors to the Teachers' Pension Agency Return for 2018/19 be approved.</li> </ol>	Council	The Council noted the report on 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Note 1: Response to Councillor Sheldon's Ward Member question from Highways:

"We have reviewed the junction and there are currently no plans to change the speed limit. The main issue here is the road safety and performance of the crossroads itself and something that we are looking into. It is not standard practice to reduce a speed limit in isolation to remedy a junction problem, if this was the norm then there would be thousands more speed limits across the Country that would prove to be un-enforceable.

The point that must be emphasised here is that the reduction of a particular Speed Limit will not automatically result in drivers changing their behaviour; in fact in some cases speeds can actually increase along roads with poorly engineered Speed Limit strategies

Considering Manchester Road as an example, the continuation of the 30mph limit between Tameside and Oldham would cover the least "built-up" section between the two Districts and result in the following::

- (i) The removal the exiting Speed Limit 30/40 “Gateways” that the currently provided on the approaches to Mossley (Tameside) and Greenfield (Oldham).
- (ii) No signing options to reinforce the 30mph speed limit to drivers along the A635 Manchester Road between the Clarence Pub (at Dovestones) and the other side of Mossley (towards Heyrod) owing to the presence of street lighting throughout.

Please note, any changes in Speed Limits must be supported by the Police who are responsible for enforcing Speed Limits and would expect that the Highway Authority adopt best practice as outlined below:

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, following TfGM’s Speed Limit Review it is considered that the speed limit on this section of Manchester Road is appropriate.”

Previous to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Council:

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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.
Opposition Business 3 – Lighten Up Pledge (13 Dec 2017)	<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	See Note 2 below.
Independent Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel and Independent Persons on the Standards Committee (13 Dec 2017)	<p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Independent Members on the Independent Remuneration Panel and on the Standards Committee be reappointed for three years.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	Council	<p>The Council approved the report on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.</p> <p>Recruitment process in progress.</p>

#### Note 2: Lighten Up Pledge

The Performance and Value For Money (PVFM) Select Committee gave consideration to a report regarding the motion at their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The report examined the practicality and affordability of replacing street lights and lighting in Council buildings with LEDs in whole or in part and the possibility of the Council making a commitment to replace all street lights with LEDs within five years and to making the Pledge as a signatory to the Lighten Up campaign. The complete report can be found at:

<https://committees.oldham.gov.uk/documents/s95102/PVFM%20Street%20Lighting%20Council%20Motion.pdf>

The PVFM Select Committee agreed to note the report and the investment in energy efficient street lighting which had taken place to date. The PVFM Select Committee also agreed to support the current approach to replace street lighting with LED as part of the ongoing maintenance programme which has been negotiated within the current PFI contract arrangements.