

**Leader & Cabinet Questions Full Council 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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<b>Cllr Arooj Shah Leader &amp; Cabinet Member for Building a Better Oldham</b>						
	Howard Sykes	<p>Thank you, Mr Mayor, At this year's budget meeting in February, the Labour Group slashed funding for our Environmental Services. They told us all that their cuts wouldn't have any impact on the services our residents receive. Now that we're in July it's a very different story. Over the last few weeks, we've had disappearing bins in Dunwood Park.</p> <p>Weeds growing out of control while the Council still can't find a contractor. To deal with that, they've moved over staff from our parks and street sweeping making both look unloved and shabby and that work is now not done.</p>	@Nasir Dad	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>Firstly, Parks: Oldham has some of the best parks and open spaces in the region and these are rightly valued highly by residents and visitors to the borough. The maintenance of all parks has remained a priority for the council, and this is visible, both in terms of appearance and positive feedback that the council regularly receives.</p> <p>Bins: the Council undertook a review of all bins in the borough and, as a result, new, larger, capacity bins were introduced. Overall, the placement of new bins in the borough, including the parks, has been positively received, and has resulted in less littering, and safer handling and emptying for staff. This applies equally to Dunwood Park where the old bins were replaced to provide increased bin capacity and to stop the littering issues created when bins are overloaded.</p>	N Dad 15/07/24	Emma Barton 17.7.24

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		<p>We're well into summer now and long past the longest day, yet our barrier planters haven't been replanted for summer, and I suspect they will not be. And as usual no one has the courtesy to even let us know.</p> <p>This Council has an appalling record when it comes to environmental crime.</p> <p>It is well documented that under Labour, this Council has failed to enforce littering, fly-tipping and dog fouling offences. Just look at all the figures they speak for themselves please quote for all three offences for the last 2-3 years and prove me wrong? And that was before these recent cuts and job losses that Labour delivered in their budget and which some of the so-called Independents now clearly support. So, does the Leader still stand by what she said?</p>	<p>Weed spraying: The Council appointed a contractor in 2023 but they failed to provide the agreed level of service and were not reappointed. A suitable replacement could not be identified when the works were tendered, therefore to ensure service delivery, staff were trained and duties amended, so weed spraying can be carried out. Weed spraying needs a period of dry weather to be effective, and unfortunately, this hasn't been the case over the last few weeks. We are hopeful that, as the weather improves, we will be able to continue with the boroughwide programme.</p> <p>With regards to summer bedding plants – these have been purchased and roll-out is taking place boroughwide.</p> <p>Envirocrime: the number of fines being issued for littering and fly tipping has reduced. The Council continues with surveillance, site visits and inspections where fly tipped material is reported or detected. Over time, the Council has noticed that when the fly-tipped materials are inspected, there is now a reduction in items which can prove who the perpetrators are. However, we know fly-tipping and littering are a concern for our communities, that is why we continue to monitor and take enforcement action where we can: and this is</p>		
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		<p>Does she think Labour's cuts have no impact on people?</p> <p>Or does she accept that her administration is failing on the very basics, leaving Oldham Borough looking shabby and neglected?</p>		<p>demonstrated by the number of prosecutions to date, with others in the system waiting to be heard at the courts.</p> <p>With all the points above, we do not accept that the administration is failing on the basics, and we would encourage all elected members to take pride in their local areas, by actively taking part in community litter picks; holding dog owners accountable for dog-fouling and reporting issues to the Council; and reporting fly-tipping and other envirocrime issues when they are detected.</p>		
Howard Sykes	<p>Thank you, Mr Mayor, Police officers and victims of crime across Oldham Borough and Greater Manchester continue to be let down because of GMP's defective iOps IT system. iOps has been backed by the GM Mayor Andy Burnham with a whopping £29 million pounds of public money and counting. But police officers have complained to me about repeated failures since iOps was introduced in 2019. It takes ages to load, it crashes repeatedly, and it has even hidden data out of sight. Due to its failings, offenders have escaped prosecution and the victims of</p>	<p><a href="#">@Neil Consterdine</a> <a href="#">@Lorraine Kenny</a></p>	<p>Thank you for your question, however as it relates to operational matters for Greater Manchester Police, I have asked them for a full response to your query which is attached.</p>		<p>Emma Barton 17.7.24</p>	<p><b>Commented [JB2]:</b> <a href="#">@Neil Consterdine</a></p> <p><b>Commented [JB3]:</b> <a href="#">@Lorraine Kenny</a></p>

	<p>crime have been failed. Not for nothing has it been called i-Oops and i-Flops. IT failings were recognised to have played a role in the chaos that pushed Greater Manchester Police into special measures in 2021.</p> <p>Yet despite promises to scrap failing systems, GMP have stuck with iOps and officers and victims may have to put up with it for at least another year.</p> <p>What conversations is the Leader having with Greater Manchester Police and Mayor Burnham over these failings?</p> <p>When will iOps finally be replaced and the public of Greater Manchester get the policing service they are long overdue? What is being done to ensure that data relating to the most serious crimes is being recorded and treated in a way that the public can have confidence in? And crucially, who is going to pay the price for these failures? Will she agree tonight to push Mayor Burnham not to put the cost onto the shoulders of the</p>				
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		public by hiking his council tax precepts for policing yet again?				
Louie Hamblett	Since the planned demolition works of the Snipe PH disabled residents are seriously struggling to gain access into their cars parked in the designated disabled bay, which is on a slope on a narrow and busy road. Perhaps a review of the current layout would provide a better alternative?	<p><a href="#">@Paul Clifford</a></p> <p><a href="#">@Emma Barton</a></p> <p><a href="#">@Maria Cotton</a></p>	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>To enable the demolition works of the Snipe to take place, the taxi rank was relocated to New Radcliffe Street Car Park. The proximity of the taxi rank is important for our disabled residents.</p> <p>The loss in disabled bay parking from Radcliffe Street Car Park has been replaced by bays outside the Integrated Care Centre building. The Council spoke to a number of disabled users who were parking in the Radcliffe Street Car Park when using services within the ICC, and the relocation was their preferred location.</p> <p>We have not had any concerns reported from our communities about these new arrangements and they appear to be well used during the ongoing monitoring and review.</p>		Emma Barton 17.7.24	
Howard Sykes	Can the Cabinet Member tell us what representations have been made to the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the new Labour government over the long-term funding of the Bee	<p><a href="#">@Paul Clifford</a></p> <p><a href="#">@Peter Richards</a></p>	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>The Council are working with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) as we anticipate that there will be various funding changes and opportunities associated with the new City</p>		Emma Barton 17.7.24	

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		<p>Network? With current funding expected to run out in 2026 and the burden of cost set to be passed down to the Greater Manchester local authorities.</p>		<p>Region Sustainable Transport Funds, as they continue to roll out as part of the wider devolution deal. The Council continues to engage with the successful submission of viable proposals to secure funding for a variety of Bee Network projects.</p> <p>In addition, now bus services are back in public control, there will be an opportunity for local councillors and residents to have their say in bus services in the future through the Network Review process. This can range from small scale changes (such as route and frequency amendments, new stops, etc., which can be actioned relatively quickly) to more major changes (such as new routes and services). These changes will improve bus provision for our regular users as well as encouraging new patronage to bus services. This will help identify, review and address any potential subsidy requirements to cover the revenue costs over the long-term associated with running the Bee Network.</p>		
Louie Hamblett	Tommfield market traders who have been there for many years, and more are having to	<a href="#">@Maria Cotton</a> <a href="#">@Paul Clifford</a>	Thank you for your question.  All Tommyfield market traders know, understand and are actively taking part in the		Emma Barton 17.7.24	<p><b>Commented [JB13]:</b> <a href="#">@Maria Cotton</a></p> <p><b>Commented [JB14]:</b> <a href="#">@Paul Clifford</a></p>

		<p>ballot and be allocated places sometimes further down the list than those who have been there more recently.</p> <p>Is it a case of those who are paying more for their rent are being placed higher or is it just a case that this administration is yet again showing just how out of touch it really is?</p>	<p><a href="#">@Emma Barton</a></p>	<p>submission of documents required to support their move to the new market hall.</p> <p>It is not correct that there has been any form of ballot, nor that the ranking was based on how long the stall holders have been trading, or rental values.</p> <p>The process for moving into the new market hall was discussed, developed and agreed by traders in advance following several engagement sessions. There was paperwork to fill in and complete which provided a range of information on the stall holders business – this was to support future marketing opportunities, and provided an insight to the range of goods and services to be offered.</p> <p>The list referred to is an administrative reflection on the amount of information provided by traders, and their readiness for moving to the new market hall, so the Council can work with them in a prioritised way.</p> <p>Engagement continues on a very regular basis with all market traders, and I was with traders from the inside market, outside market and the Saturday market only last weekend who were all very happy with plans for the</p>		
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				move and the processes in flight to support them.		
Dave Arnott	<p>I submitted an urgent request for information and assistance, on behalf of residents, regarding a property in Hawkshead Drive Royton. After initial acknowledgement, I submitted further questions regarding change of use legislation. Despite several "chase" emails, neither the Council Officer nor the Cabinet Member responded in any way. It was only after escalating my concerns that my emails were being ignored completely, did the Deputy Chief Executive respond. To date neither the Officer nor Cabinet Member has had the courtesy to reply. It took SEVEN WEEKS to get a response.</p> <p>On the same issue I submitted, on behalf of residents, an urgent petition containing over 200 signatures to Council Officers. After an initial acknowledgement, and despite several "chase" emails, it took TWELVE WEEKS to receive a response, which itself was</p>	<a href="#">@Shelley Kipling</a>	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>I have looked into this matter, as far as would be appropriate, and I am informed that there has been a significant amount of correspondence between officers and elected members from Royton North over a number of months with regard to local resident concerns about a care home for children being opened within their neighbourhood.</p> <p>To be able the Council to address your concerns fully, I would ask that you raise this issue directly with the Chief Executive who will be able to look into the content of those emails and the actions of officers of the council.</p>	Shelley Kipling	Emma Barton 17.7.24	

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	<p>disappointing and made no progress on the matter.</p> <p>These are not isolated examples. I have spoken to opposition councillors from other parties, and they all concur that they feel that their correspondence is routinely and deliberately being ignored by some Senior Council Officers and Cabinet Members.</p> <p>This IS NOT a personal criticism of the Leader of the Council. When I have had occasion to write to her directly, Councillor Shah has generally responded promptly and appropriately.</p> <p>In May, in the chamber, Councillor Shah conceded that her administration needed to communicate and engage with opposition parties in a better way.</p> <p>Can I ask the Leader of the Council if she will undertake to instruct her Cabinet, and those Council Officers who support her administration, to ensure that, on behalf of all our residents they respond promptly, professionally and appropriately to</p>				
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		ALL opposition councillors, and not only those who form part of the administration coalition.				
<b>Cllr Taylor Deputy Leader &amp; Cabinet Member for Decent Homes</b>						
	Garth Harkness	<p>During his election campaign, Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham pledged to build at least 10,000 socially rented homes across the region before the end of his third term, with 1,000 of those being in Oldham.</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member tell us whether sites for 1,000 socially rented homes have been identified in Oldham and provide a full list of those sites?</p> <p>How will the mayor's promise be financed?</p>	@Emma Barton	<p>Thank you for your question. The Council has formally declared a Housing Crisis in Oldham and has already taken significant steps to try and address this, including the hosting of an inaugural Housing Roundtable in February of this year; resulting in a commitment to deliver at least 500 new social homes within the borough within the next 5 years.</p> <p>This was followed by a dedicated Cabinet report in March, which approved significant measures for A Local Response to the National Housing Crisis, including (but not limited to) the provision of additional quality Temporary Accommodation, increased staffing capacity in key areas and Capital Investment of up to £10m to facilitate the accelerated delivery of more affordable homes and to bring Empty Homes back into use, including the utilisation of CPO powers, as may be necessary.</p> <p>In terms of the Greater Manchester Mayor's announcements, the Council continues to work closely with GMCA colleagues with</p>		Emma Barton 17.7.24

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				regards to the detailed delivery plan, which it is reported, is due for publication before the end of the year. As the details requested relate to announcements from the GM Mayor, I have asked GMCA colleagues for a response to your query.		
Howard Sykes	Many tenants of Guinness Homes have been left frustrated with inaction from their housing association over fly-tipping. When housing teams refuse to act, rubbish can end up piling up for weeks, attracting vermin. Tenants and councillors alike often find housing associations to be unresponsive and slow. What will the administration do to hold social landlords to account	<a href="#">@Nasir Dad</a> <a href="#">@Victoria Wood</a> <a href="#">@Neil Consterdine</a>	Thank you for your question. All reports of waste on public or private land are investigated. Where waste is on private land, Officers liaise with the landowner and expect the waste to be removed. Where the landowner fails to remove the waste, Officers have legal powers to issue notices. If the landowner fails to comply, the Council will remove the waste and recover its costs. We always look to work closely with partners and the same applies to Housing Associations, including Guinness Homes. Therefore, we will continue to liaise with colleagues at Guinness Homes and share the concerns that have been raised.	N Dad 15/07/24	Emma Barton 17.7.24	
<b>Cllr Chris Goodwin Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham</b>						
Dave Murphy	When the Council fails to get to grips with fly-tipping, residents understandably look elsewhere. Unlicensed companies are advertising waste removal services online on Gumtree and then charging consumers to collect their	<a href="#">@Nasir Dad</a>	Thank you for your question. The Council actively encourages residents and local businesses to use registered waste carriers – permits for all registered carriers are issued and maintained by the Environment Agency and should be checked before deciding on which provider to use – an online register is available and this will be	N Dad 15/07/24	Emma Barton 17.7.24	

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		<p>rubbish before dumping it elsewhere.</p> <p>Not only does this not solve the issue of fly-tipping, but it also scams our residents out of money simply because the Council couldn't get the basics right.</p> <p>What will the Cabinet Member do to ensure our services our fit for purpose so that residents don't feel the need to enlist the services of criminals?</p> <p>And what will he and the administration do to crack down on these unlicensed waste removal services?</p>		<p>shared on social media and to all elected members as a reminder.</p> <p>Given the nature of internet/social media based providers, the Council cannot always regulate this and therefore we regularly raise this with the Environment Agency, so appropriate action can be considered at a regional / national level.</p> <p>From an enforcement perspective, all fly tipped material is investigated for evidence, and where evidence is identified, enforcement action is taken against the individuals responsible.</p>		
Diane Williamson	<p>Local Parks like High Crompton and Dunwood have gone to seed recently, with the usual grass cutting not taking place in a timely manner. Many residents have reported dissatisfaction with the standard of public spaces since the Labour Group made sweeping cuts to Environmental Services.</p> <p>Does the Cabinet Member accept that, despite their administration claiming otherwise, cuts to frontline services that people see every day do, in fact, impact upon our residents?</p>	<p><a href="#">@Nasir Dad</a></p> <p><a href="#">@Emma Barton</a></p>	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>The Council takes great pride in the borough's parks and greenspaces. This is reflected in the regular, positive, feedback from residents and visitors.</p> <p>The maintenance programme for all parks remains the same: it has not changed following the recent budget changes.</p> <p>However, the grass-cutting programme has been affected by the wet weather, which has two impacts – the growing rate increases, while the grass cutting programme is restricted in certain weather conditions for</p>	N Dad 15/07/24	Emma Barton 17.7.24	

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				H&S reasons (poor ground conditions etc). As the weather conditions improve, the work will continue.		
<b>Cllr Abdul Jabbar Deputy Leader &amp; Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Sustainability</b>						
	Sam Al-Hamdani	How is the Council planning on meeting the £19 million worth of unfunded savings from this year's budget, with accompanying redundancies in the next year	<a href="#">@Sarah Johnston</a> <a href="#">@Chris Kelsall</a>	The budget for 2024/25 does include £19m of savings proposals. These are identified in the specific Budget Reduction proposals approved by Council in 2024 and previous years. The progress on achieving savings will be identified in budget monitoring reports presented to cabinet during the course of the year. In addition, a delivery Board will meet monthly, chaired by Leader to ensure proper accountability in respect of the proposals put forward. Any redundancies will follow the Council's approved procedure and will be put forward by directors during the course of the year.		
	Christine Adams	Would Councillor Jabbar please confirm what risk assessment has been made, and what measures are in place to protect the council's financial resilience, should it be subject to significant historic equal	<a href="#">@Sarah Johnston</a> <a href="#">@Chris Kelsall</a>	As in previous years, the Council's has set aside provisions within its accounts to cover contingent liabilities in respect of potential future liabilities and risks. This includes an element for potential legal challenges, which include potential legal claims.		

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		<p>pay claims as has happened in Birmingham.</p> <p>The GMB union has stated that claims could affect dozens of councils and run into billions of pounds.</p>		<p>This provision is subject to review by the Council's external auditors who to date have not expressed any concern over the adequacy or otherwise of the provisions made.</p> <p>Internally we continue to operate our Job Evaluation in line with current national suggested practice, and our recognised Trade Unions remain actively involved in our process.</p>		
<p><b>Cllr Peter Dean</b>  <b>Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities &amp; Culture</b></p>						
Helen Bishop	<p>Can the relevant Cabinet Member please give some detail as to why the Council's funding contribution to the marshals at Dovestone was removed without any due process or Scrutiny?</p> <p>When was this decision made and what consultation and due diligence was carried out?</p> <p>This is a busy time of year for Dovestones, and the marshals do an important job at one of our key sites of ecological importance. That should be reflected with a contribution from this Council.</p> <p>When will that funding be reinstated?</p>	<p><a href="#">@Neil Consterdine</a></p> <p><a href="#">@Lorraine Kenny</a></p>	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>The Council continues to work in partnership with United Utilities as the landowner and the RSPB, who provide the funding for the marshals.</p> <p>Activities at Dovestones are closely monitored by partners who review requirements for marshals. As the details requested relate to decisions taken by organisations outside the Council, I have forwarded your question to them for review and response.</p>	L. Kenny 16/07/24	Emma Barton 17.7.24	

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	Beth Sharp	<p>It is welcome news that the Oldham Coliseum theatre is reopening, thanks to the hard work of Campaigners. It is worth noting that £6 million from the previous Conservative Government as part of the leveling up money from the towns fund has been used.</p> <p>Could you be kind enough to answer the following questions as the relevant cabinet member:</p> <p>1. Why did the Labour administration feel it necessary to say they could not support the Coliseum in 2023 and that the Fairbottom Street site was not fit for purpose. One member of the Cabinet advised it was due to asbestos. See article here: <a href="https://www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/23352598.oldham-coliseum-council-reckless-save-theatre/">https://www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/23352598.oldham-coliseum-council-reckless-save-theatre/</a></p> <p>2. Why did the Cabinet and Council officers agree to move the theatre to the Old Post Office and earmarked £24 million for a smaller offering, when as has been shown the Fairbottom street site was viable for half the cost? See article</p>	<p><a href="#">@Shelley Kipling</a>  <a href="#">@Emma Barton</a></p>	<p>Thank you for your questions. The Council has not stopped supporting the Oldham Coliseum – we continue to support the organisation to this day.</p> <p>The Council had no involvement in the decisions taken by the Arts Council at the end of 2022 and then consequently by the Coliseum themselves in 2023, when they decided to close the doors on the theatre. There Council has continued to support the wishes of the Oldham Coliseum Trust / Charity and while we might not have agreed with all their decisions, we understand why the actions were taken.</p> <p>References made to asbestos within the building are correct, however they were sometimes reported out of context. Asbestos removal is part of the refurbishment works now approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>Previous decisions to build a new theatre on Union Street were in support of the Coliseum and culture partnerships requirements for the future of producing theatre, arts and performance in Oldham. The Council has support the Coliseum with their aspirations for a more modern theatre for over fifteen years, and the various projects designed and developed over this timeline is well documented and publicly available.</p>		Emma Barton 17.7.24
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**Cllr Mohon Ali  
Cabinet Member for Education & Skills**

Helen Bishop	When is the council going to publish the results of the SEND Ofsted report and can the Cabinet Member give members an update on the results and their implications for young people in Oldham, given the publication has been delayed due to the General Election	@Matthew Bulmer	<p>The most recent Ofsted report on their inspection of the local area SEND partnership was published on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and is available here:  <a href="https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50226808">https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50226808</a></p> <p>The Council's own Priority Action Plan was published in response to the SEND Inspection and can be found here:  <a href="https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201071/reports_strategies_values_codes_of_practice_send/3071/local_area_send_inspection_priority_action_plan">https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201071/reports_strategies_values_codes_of_practice_send/3071/local_area_send_inspection_priority_action_plan</a></p> <p>The most recent Ofsted report on their Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services was published by Ofsted on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July and can be found:  <a href="https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50252252">https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50252252</a></p> <p>Both of these reports are published independently of the Council by Ofsted when they see fit.</p>		
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**Cllr Shaid Mushtaq  
Cabinet Member for Children & Young People**

Diane Williamson	Could the cabinet member responsible please give a detailed outline of where the council is up to on the delivery of the three children's homes due to be delivered this year? Given that this	@Julie Daniels @Gerard Jones @Paul Clifford	<p>Thank you for your question. The programme is progressing to timescale. Planning approval has been granted for the building to be repurposed and procurement is underway for a contractor for the building refurbishment and the recruitment of a</p>	Emma Barton 17.7.24
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		forms a substantial part of the planned savings for the year and that one of these homes was due to be delivered last year, could the Cabinet member give us a guarantee that these homes will be delivered on time?		registered manager in order to progress the Ofsted registration process. In relation to the two property acquisitions, one dwelling has been identified and is progressing to purchase whilst work is ongoing to identify another suitable property.		
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