




Full Council Date	Motion	Outcome	Directorate
19 July 2023	<p><b>Motion 1 – Creation of community gardens</b></p> <p>The Council declared a climate emergency on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, launching its Climate Change Strategy in 2021. The Council believes that children and young people should have a voice in shaping the focus to deliver on the priorities set out in the Strategy.</p> <p>Throughout the summer term of 2023, around 20 primary schools have delivered a climate change lesson to year 5 pupils. The ultimate aim of this lesson was to produce a motion to full Council by the children around climate change action. The schools were asked to nominate key areas, to which the children considered the Council should give priority. This culminated in a debate on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for around 30 children at Number One Riverside. In a lively session, the children debated their four priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Active Travel,</li> <li>· Planting and Growing,</li> <li>· Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and</li> <li>· Shopping Locally.</li> </ul> <p>The children spoke passionately and were well informed across all subject areas. “Planting and Growing” was overwhelmingly considered to be the area on which the Council should focus by the majority of the children who participated, specifically supporting the creation and maintenance of community gardens.</p> <p>Supporting the creation of community gardens will help to reach the carbon neutrality target of 2038 set out in our Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan “<i>Protecting the planet for our people and places</i>”. Carbon neutrality involves implementing a mix of interventions that will cut, capture or offset carbon emissions. Cutting emissions requires us to make significant changes in key areas including the natural environment.</p> <p>In addition, from November 2023 the Council will be required to meet its duty around Biodiversity Net Gain. The proposed motion will assist the Council in meeting this duty by providing a focus on areas of woodland creation and non-woodland tree planting, differential mowing regimes, enhancing biodiversity opportunities, identifying opportunities for wetland habitat creation, working with local schools and colleges and encouraging volunteering events open to the public, community groups, schools and interest groups.</p> <p>In order to action this priority on their behalf; the Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the creation of community gardens in schools, community centres, youth centres, libraries, faith centres and under used urban spaces throughout the borough. This shall include, but is not limited to, tree planting schemes/creation of community orchards and woodlands, the planting of native species, growing of flowers and food and the creation of ponds and bog garden areas.</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion 2 – Be Aware: Recognise Care Experience as a Protected Characteristic</b></p> <p>This council acknowledges the profound impact of care experience on individuals' lives and recognises the need for equitable support and protection for those who have experienced the care system.</p> <p>The Government rejected the recommendation of the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care (May</p>		



	<p>2022) headed by Josh McCallister that care experience should be a protected characteristic.</p> <p>Rochdale Borough Council believes that Care experienced people face significant barriers that impact them throughout their lives. Rochdale Borough Council is proud that we are working together to support our care experienced young people. We know that we with the right support our young people can achieve incredible things. Adversity should not dictate destiny.</p> <p>In recognising care experience as a protected characteristic and calling on others to adopt the corporate parenting principles the Council can strengthen its efforts to eliminate discrimination, stigmatisation, prejudice against care-experienced individuals and further our commitment to promoting opportunity, equality and fairness for all residents, irrespective of their backgrounds.</p> <p>This Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Treat Care Experience as if it were a protected characteristic.</li> <li>b) Formally call upon all other bodies to treat care experienced as if it were protected characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.</li> <li>c) Formally call upon all other bodies to adopt the corporate parenting principles for children in care and care leavers until such time as it is introduced in legislation.</li> <li>d) Collaborate with partners, local care providers, support organisations and the voluntary sector to develop tailored support services for care-experienced individuals</li> <li>e) Raise awareness within the community about care experience as a protected characteristic through public campaigns, educational initiatives, and community engagement programs.</li> <li>f) Request the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State expressing disappointment that care experience has not been recognised as a Protected Characteristic and request the decision be reconsidered.</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion 3 - Closure of local train ticket offices</b></p> <p>A cut in vital in customer services at train stations has been announced by the Government and train providers. The consultation will be open for three weeks to close Littleborough train stations and to reduce services at Rochdale train station's ticket offices.</p> <p>Concerns cross-party have been raised by Councillors and MPs about the sudden news to cut these services across the nationally. Many have raised further concerns about the lack of an equality impact assessment, it's 'common sense' that the cuts will affect older and disabled residents.</p> <p>Council resolves to request the Leader and Chief Executive to urgently write to the Secretary of State for Transport and Northern Rail detailing the concerns of the Council to the impact this will have on residents within the borough.</p>		
22 March 2023	<p><b>Motion 1 - Local Government Association Action Plan to Combat Abuse</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To publicise support for the Debate not Hate Campaign.</li> <li>2. To call on all political groups to sign the public statement.</li> </ol>	<p>Included with electoral materials published during the local election campaign.</p> <p>LGA advised on the passing of the motion.</p> <p>Review of the model Code of Conduct and comparison with existing Code included within the</p>	

	<p>3. To support the LGA's proposal for a national working group to produce and implement an action plan that addresses the abuse and intimidation of elected members and candidates.</p> <p>4. To assess how this council can take greater responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of its members through a proactive approach to preventing abuse and intimidation and its detrimental effect on the mental health and wellbeing of those subjected to it.</p> <p>5. To continually promote diversity and inclusion ahead of the Local Elections and beyond, including diversity of thought – publicly condemning politically fuelled abusive behaviour.</p> <p>An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Bamford to insert the following after resolution 2:</p> <p>'and to work up to a concordat committing all elected members to an anti-bullying code of conduct: including in person, social media, telephone, text and email communication to the general public, officers and fellow elected members.'</p> <p>So the resolution would read: 'To call on all political groups to sign the public statement and to work up to a concordat committing all elected members to an anti-bullying code of conduct: including in person, social media, telephone, text and email communication to the general public, officers and fellow elected members'.</p> <p><b>Motion 2 – Broadband infrastructure</b> This Council resolves:</p> <p>1. That the Chief Executive to write to Government asking for the 2015 change in the law to be rescinded and to ensure that operators who choose to erect telegraph poles and masts to deliver gigabit broadband would require planning permission.</p> <p>2. That the Chief Executive to write to and lobby our borough's two Members of Parliament to support local residents in helping to get the 2015 law change overturned in the case of operators who choose to use over ground poles and masts.</p>	<p>wider review of the Constitution to be reported to the Audit and Governance Committee.</p> <p>Letter sent.</p> <p>Email sent</p>	
<p>22 February 2023</p> <p>Budget Council</p>			
<p>14 December 2022</p>	<p><b>Strategic Housing Strategy</b></p> <p>Write to the Mayor of Greater Manchester and ask him to remove all greenbelt allocations from PfE and prioritise brown field development only in the Regional Plan.</p>	<p>Email sent.</p>	<p>Neighbourhoods</p>
	<p><b>A Living Wage for Social Care Workers in Greater Manchester</b></p> <p>1. Require the Foundation Living Wage as the minimum starting salary in all commissioned social care contracts.</p> <p>2. Propose the creation of a systematic GM-wide approach to social care procurement. This approach should include embedding the Foundation Living Wage as the minimum starting salary for all commissioned social care contracts across the 10 local authorities in Greater Manchester.</p>	<p>Star procurement engaged in relation to the legalities of implementation. Practical roll out requires additional Officer interaction which has been implemented.</p> <p>Other GM authorities informed via numerous channels including Leader, Portfolio Holders, Officer emails.</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>3. Continue to work with providers who are not yet paying the Foundation Living Wage in Rochdale to do so.</p>		
	<p><b>Bus Service Quality in Heywood</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write to Diamond Buses inviting their senior operating officers to an appropriate meeting of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee to explain the decline in quality of bus service.</li> <li>2. To ask Transport for Greater Manchester for an urgent review into transport services into Heywood.</li> </ol>	<p>Letter sent 5 January 2023.</p> <p>Followed up email 5 April 2023</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>
	<p><b>Rochdale Boroughwide Housing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrange a meeting with the Housing Ombudsman and RSH to receive an update on their work in the New Year.</li> <li>2. Write to the RSH suggesting that their review of RBH's current governance should include a recommendation for Council representation on the Board as part of a rolling overhaul of the Board.</li> <li>3. Write to the interim Chief Executive to meet as a matter of urgency when she is in post, and invite her to attend a Security Committee to update on progress with the RBH improvement plan.</li> </ol>	<p>RBH are committed to attend a future meeting of the CRE Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>Neighbourhoods</p>
<p>October 2022</p>	<p><b>Expansion of free school meals</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An alleviation of financial pressure on hard working families struggling to feed their children during the cost-of-living crisis by implementing an urgent extension of free school meals to ensure universal provision for all school age groups, for a time limited period to match the cost of living crisis.</li> <li>2. A simultaneous review of the eligibility criteria and realistic threshold that would increase the number of children entitled to free school meals. Current eligibility for free school meals means a household on universal credit in England must earn less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits), regardless of the number of children in the family. This low threshold means that many children from working families in poverty are not entitled to free school meals. Universal provision to end only once this threshold has been implemented.</li> <li>3. Food provision for children on free school meals to be provided during the school holidays as standard. Children need healthy, nutritious meals all year round, and we need certainty that this will be provided continuously, outside of term time.</li> </ol>	<p>Response received January 2023.</p>	<p>Children's</p>
	<p><b>Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II</b></p> <p>A permanent tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II should be created and placed in Queens Park</p>		<p>Neighbourhoods</p>
	<p><b>Cost of Living Crisis</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To do everything it can this winter to support those most in need in this borough and in doing so recommends that the Cabinet further develops a Rochdale Borough Cost-of-Living Action Plan.</li> <li>2. To organise a Cost-of-Living Summit with partners across the borough to ensure every organisation in the borough is doing all they can to support residents and to encourage local partnerships to bring together communities.</li> <li>3. To call on the Government to declare a Cost-of-Living emergency and provide COVID style support to residents and businesses urgently.</li> <li>4. To continue to work towards achieving a borough where everyone gets a fair wage through becoming a Living Wage Place.</li> <li>5. To call on the Government to increase the National Minimum Wage to match the Real Living Wage, and</li> </ol>	<p>Response received from Cabinet Office January 2023.</p> <p>Internal actions ongoing.</p>	

	increase Universal Credit and all other benefits in line with inflation.		
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	<p><b>Streaming live meetings</b></p> <p>Officers be asked to explore the options to implement the live-streaming of all public meetings and those meetings held in public, in buildings with suitable technology as soon as possible, subject to feasibility, cost and resource implications.</p>	<p>Hardware has been installed within Hollingworth A,B,C which will enable the ability to stream meetings via YouTube.</p> <p>Streaming is restricted to meetings taking place within those rooms.</p> <p>The following actions are to be completed prior to the first live streaming of a meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected members to be registered on Dicientis at convenient date/time</li> <li>• Identify service to act as operator of system for live streaming.</li> <li>• Training day for SpaceManager with Cabinet layout and Full Council layout including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ set up of unit with additional cameras;</li> <li>○ blocking out committee layouts;</li> <li>○ maps/plans for FM to aid set up rooms;</li> <li>○ speaking queues;</li> <li>○ voting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Neighbourhoods / Corporate
	<p><b>Local Housing Allowance</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive to write to the Government, to ask the relevant Ministers, to increase Local Housing Allowance, fund more grants to build social rented homes (currently Rochdale Borough is not eligible) and help residents 'weather the cost of living storm' with a rent cap to stop an increase above the current 9.1% inflation.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   Marcus Jones letter.docx </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   Jonathan Russell letter.docx </div> </div>	Economy
	<p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support GMP's Neighbourhood Policing Teams by involving the public to work with local police officers in identifying issues of concern within the locality through focus groups.</li> <li>2. To support local speedwatch initiatives across the Borough.</li> <li>3. To Support GMFRS in undertaking prevention activities as part of the Safer Roads Greater Manchester Partnership to reduce the number and severity of Road Traffic Collisions.</li> </ol>	<p>All members of the public who make enquiries regarding speeding related concerns are signposted to either the Community Safety Team or direct with GMP.</p> <p>All stakeholders who are concerned about vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit can discuss this with the Community Safety team and the Local Neighbourhood Policing Inspectors who have access to speed survey equipment.</p> <p>Community Safety recently purchased two speed guns for the police to use and assist in local enforcement operations. The speed guns that were purchased are not intended to be used by Community Groups or Local Ward Councillors however they are welcome to attend an operation organised and managed by the Police (which would require a risk assessment)."</p> <p>Additionally, any speed related incidents or concerns should be reported directly to GMP via <a href="mailto:speedcomplaints@gmp.police.uk">speedcomplaints@gmp.police.uk</a> so that appropriate investigations can be undertaken and any necessary enforcement action can be deployed</p>	Neighbourhoods

		– such as deploying the use of the speed guns as mentioned above.	
	<p><b>Pets as prizes</b></p> <p>The Council agrees to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ban outright the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Rochdale BC land.</li> <li>2. Write to the UK Government, urging an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land.</li> </ol>	<p>The Events Safety Action Group will action the ban at events held on Council Land. The RBC website and forms updated to reflect the position.</p>  <p>George Eustice Letter 11.8.2022.doc</p>	Public Health
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<p><b>Time for the Fair Game Manifesto in Football</b></p> <p>The Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declare its support for the Fair Game manifesto, 'Solutions for our National Game', and calls on other councils to join us in our support.</li> <li>2. Request the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Sport, our local Members of Parliament, and the Chair of the Local Government Association Culture, Tourism and Sport Board, asking them to support and work towards implementing Fair Game's manifesto and the findings of the fan-led review led by Tracey Crouch MP.</li> <li>3. Investigate how best Councils can support the registration of their local football clubs as Assets of Community Value and facilitate their future purchase and operation, when the opportunity arises, as fan-owned cooperatives.</li> </ol>	Letter sent 12 April 2022	Neighbourhoods
	<p><b>Situation in Ukraine</b></p> <p>The Council asks the Leader and Chief Executive to express the following sentiments on behalf of the Council and the people of Rochdale, Heywood, Middleton, and the Pennines urgently and in writing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To the Russian Ambassador in the UK, asking that he requests his Government to withdraw troops from Ukraine immediately</li> <li>2. To the Ukrainian Ambassador in the UK, expressing the Council's support and solidarity, and respect for his nation's sovereignty and freedom.</li> <li>3. To the Prime Minister of the UK, asking that all efforts are made to welcome refugees coming from Ukraine to the UK without the need for a visa, and advise of our willingness to help in any way we can as a council to settle individuals and families whose lives have so sadly and suddenly been affected by the military action in Ukraine.</li> <li>4. To Ukrainians - and those of Ukrainian heritage - living in the borough, that we stand with you and the people of Ukraine and offer our support in these unsettling times</li> <li>5. To Russians living in the borough, that whilst we profoundly condemn the actions of the Russian President we know this is Putin's war and that Russophobia has no place in the borough.</li> </ol>	<p>Letters sent to include on behalf of the Civic Mayor of Rochdale. Further correspondents sent to Mayor of Lviv.</p> <p>Responses circulated to Ukrainian leaders in Rochdale via Community Safety team.</p>	Chief Executive / Neighbourhoods
	<p><b>Living Standards</b></p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write to the Government urging Ministers to set out a national strategy for food including how it intends to ensure access to high quality, sustainable, affordable food for all and meet the United Nations goal to end hunger by 2030.</li> </ol>	Letters sent 12 April 2022	Chief Executive

	<p>2. Further develop our Food Plan for Rochdale to identify local food insecurity challenges and put in place steps to tackle them.</p> <p>3. Strengthen our work with the voluntary and community sector and statutory agencies to tackle food poverty.</p> <p>4. Continue our efforts to alleviate all forms of poverty and tackle the root causes by investing in our people and places; ensuring our residents have access to high quality education, training and lifelong learning; working towards the Real Living Wage for our staff and contractors; regenerating our town centres and attracting businesses to create more well paid jobs; improving our housing stock and building more high quality affordable homes; and working with our partners in the NHS to tackle health inequalities.</p>		
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<p><b>Three new train stations in the Borough</b></p> <p>The council notes that many parts of our borough do not have good connections to the rail network. The council further notes that travel by rail is cleaner, cheaper, and faster than other methods of public transport. Therefore, council resolves that the Chief Executive to write to Transport for Greater Manchester and the Rochdale Stations Alliance asking for an investigation into creating three new stations at:</p> <p>I. Belfield – crossroads with Albert Royds Street</p> <p>II. Heywood Station – near to the ELR station and not in a way that interferes with the work of ELR</p> <p>III. Slattocks.</p>	<p>Letter sent to Transport for Greater Manchester who have since responded to agree to revisit the case for a station at Belfield through the GM Stations Alliance. A station at Heywood would form a key part of the tram-train Pathfinder North scheme, which TfGM and partners are currently developing and funding has been secured through the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) to progress the scheme. Feasibility funding secured and TfGM are progressing further the business case for a new Slattocks station through the GM Stations Alliance.</p> <p> Rail Stations Council motion.doc</p> <p> TfGM Rochdale Response 160522.dc</p>	Economy
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<p><b>Anti-social Behaviour on Public Transport</b></p> <p>Call upon the Mayor of Greater Manchester to provide the funding that is needed to keep the public safe.</p>	Letter sent 21 December 2021	Neighbourhoods
	<p><b>College Bank Flats, Rochdale</b></p> <p>Therefore, this Council requests that the Chief Executive of Rochdale Borough Council should:</p> <p>1. Write to the Chief Executive of Rochdale Boroughwide Housing requesting that they reconsider their proposals to demolish the Seven Sisters high-rise flats at College Bank, Rochdale.</p> <p>2. Write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to ask if the Government will permit Rochdale Borough Council to open its own 'Housing Revenue Account', with no attached debt.</p> <p>3. Authorise that officers explore every available avenue, together with the Seven Sister Support Group, to seek to retain much needed social homes in Rochdale's town centre area.</p>	<p>Letter sent to RBH 21 December 2021</p> <p>Letter sent to SoS 21 December 2021</p>	Neighbourhoods
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	<p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>We call on Mayor Burnham and Baroness Hughes to give the Chief Constable their full support in his endeavours to make our roads safer.</p>	Director of Neighbourhoods	Neighbourhoods

	<p><b>20 MPH Zones</b></p> <p>1. This Council resolves to formally adopt Resolution 11. In practice this means that the default speed limit on most of Rochdale's urban and rural residential streets will be 20mph, except on roads which may not be suitable due to the type and volume of traffic using them, typically this will be on main roads where speed limits, if higher, must be both safe and appropriate but can also apply to other non-main roads. Signs only do not impact on speed limits, therefore traffic calming will be required.</p> <p>2. The Council will continue to introduce 20mph speed limits and traffic calming zones via the five local Townships in response to concerns raised by residents and Councillors. This process has worked well for a number of years and Councillors have contributed funds to resolve speeding concerns. Townships are welcome to identify specific roads and fund accordingly providing their own timely targets.</p> <p>3. The Council, will continue to provide funds via the Township structure to reduce speeding by reducing speed limits, introducing traffic calming, working with local Police enforcement, working with local communities and to educate our youth to promote a safer roads in our Borough.</p>	Director of Neighbourhoods	Neighbourhoods
	<p><b>Hospital Car Parking</b></p> <p>This Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive write to the UK Government's Health Minister urging that they scrap NHS hospital parking charges and that that he seek the support of the Northern Care Alliance's Chief Executive in this regard.</p>		Adult Care
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<p><b>Support for the England Football Team</b></p> <p>The Council is in complete solidarity with those players facing abuse and discrimination, and utterly condemns any form of racism. Rochdale is a borough that is known historically for its inclusivity and diversity and we are proud of this.</p>		Neighbourhoods
	<p><b>Masks in public</b></p> <p>The council is requested to authorise the Chief Executive to write to the government to make this position clear.</p>		Public Health
	<p><b>Solidarity with the Leader of Oldham Council</b></p> <p>The Council is therefore asked to resolve:-</p> <p>1. To condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the recent arson attack on the Leader of Oldham Council, Councillor Arooj Shah.</p> <p>2. To continue to work alongside the police and criminal justice system, in our own Borough, to protect victims and prevent violence and harassment.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Chief Executive of Rochdale Council to see what more we can do, as a Council, to tackle attitudes that foster gender based abuse and violence and to write to the Chief Executive and Leader of Oldham Council to make clear that we stand in solidarity with them against this attack, and that we will fully support Oldham Council and its Leader on this issue in any way we can.</p>		Chief Executive / Neighbourhoods
	<p><b>Planning Processes</b></p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <p>The publication by Government of the White Paper, 'Planning for the Future' on 6 August 2020, which set out proposals on reforms to the planning process for the future.</p>	White Paper proposals were withdrawn	Economy



	<p>This Council resolves to: Write to and lobby both of our Members of Parliament, urging them to oppose these proposals and to circulate their replies to members.</p> <p>Highlight its concerns over these proposals with the public and local residents.</p>		
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