

Play Street Questions				
GENERAL SET UP AND MAINTENANCE	Salford	Oldham	Manchester	Sheffield
How long have you been running play streets in your borough.	Non at present due to the current restrictions, but we will be launching them as soon as we are able to encourage the right space for Play Streets	Since at least 2013. Recent years' approx totals 2017:11. 2018:5. 2019:13. 2020:5 before others planned were cancelled due to Pandemic Lockdown(s).	The "Play Streets Policy" was introduced in March 2020. See link https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500344/roads_and_transport/7926/play_streets_policy Prior to the adoption of a formal policy the Council processed applications via the "Special Events" provisions. The new Policy allowed for a waiver of the initial application fee for the Traffic Regulation Order	since 2014- it was due to a councillor who was really keen on the idea and then she got elected the Leader of the council so it sparked them to get something concrete in place
How many do you currently have up and running?	0	All events upon individual application	See above ref the Play Streets Policy in March 2020 - previously applications were processed on a ad hoc discretionary basis	80 when counting recurring ones and 30-40 individual schemes
What is your longest running scheme?	N/A	n/a	Several roads in Chorton and Whalley Range area have held sessions since 2017 eg Brookburn Road , York Avenue	since 2014 so 7 years?
Do you have a specific application process? How do the public apply for the scheme?	Yes, Applicants will be able to apply on line	(1) Events notification process. (2) Also a very supportive locally based and long established Charity can facilitate.	Prior to 2018 applicants had to apply under the "Special Events" MCC web link and pay an application fee . FWe introduced a google form for applications in 2019 which was shared and promoted via Networks and "landed " on a "Play Streets" Inbox. In March 2020 we migrated applications to the MCC Website see link in first box	they have application forms they provide and Gary is able to share these with us to keep applications to a minimum if a street has already had a play street set up they don't need to fill in a new application or risk assessment they can just email Gary with date and time of the event. They advise 6 weeks notice but if its not in that time they don't turn anyone away

What is this? Please provide link to appropriate webpage if possible.	TBC	<p>OLDHAM COUNCIL - Event Notification page</p> <p>https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200204/licensing/361/events</p>	<p>Suitable streets Play Streets policy Manchester City Council</p>	<p>https://www.leeds.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/licences-and-permits/play-streets#:~:text=The%20Play%20Street%20scheme%20is,their%20street%20to%20through%20traffic.</p>
Have you come up against any hurdles when setting it up?	A few questions about the correct legislation to use and provision of insurance	n/a	<p>1. Fees (MCC waived TRO Fee for first application) 2. Site Surveys and Traffic Management Plans (ask the applicants to draw on plan the specific closure points and where the traffic is diverted to - MCC review the proposals and amend as required) 3. Resident Consultation and Engagement (refer applicants to www.playingout.net for resources and templates as agreed with "Playing Out" Reps and emphasise that the Play Street Sessions are "resident led" and the role of the Council is to ensure application and approval process is fair and efficient to facilitate and enable the sessions to go ahead) 3. Applications from roads on bus routes or retail centres - policy default is that no bus route can apply and that all businesses have to be fully supportive or session occur in low footfall period) 5. Signage and Equipment (MCC insists that "Metal A Frame Signs or solid signs are deployed at entry points - MCC provided a stock to groups in Chorton to share and mange between themselves - we do not have resources to deliver and reallocate signs between locations) Long term option os for street groups to purchase or apply for grants for</p>	<p>no, only that they changed the piece of legislation they use to section 16a of the road traffic closures act and have found this the better one to use as a pose to the police one? Need to speak to Jon Brown about this in more detail,</p> <p>They don't advertise notices in the press but do make residents put up the legal notices and state they will come round to check. Also don't put in a road closure permit but will speak to the network management team to make sure not other works are going on in the area before agreeing to a play street closure</p>

			<p>"planters on wheels" type barriers</p> <p>7. Covid and Social Distancing (We approved play street sessions up to September 2020 with an added condition of approval that organiser is responsible for maintaining adhering to the relevant restrictions . However as these were increased MCC decided to suspend all applications .</p> <p>8. Clusters of closures on high profile days in the year eg the great gettogether in June and No car day in Autumn. (eg Chorlton streets adjacent to each other all applied on same weekend which ran risk of traffic diversion problems and risk of events turning into all day parties with alcohol (there is a condition of acceptance of no alcohol)</p> <p>9. Timings and confusion as to what is a play street session ie the legislation allows Council to close road for the purpose of " facilitating children's play " - several applications were made for a early evening street party with music and drink - these are to be considered under the " Special Events" provisions and incur an application fee</p> <p>10. Marshalling - Training and equipment - we provide a briefing guide (from www.playingout.net) and it is contained within approval conditions that the aged number of marshals is provided and a presence for all period of closure in operation.</p> <p>11. Imbalance in locations - by Sept 2020 46 Streets had held a session - the majority were within the more affluent neighbourhoods - The Council has a "Active Streets " product delivered by</p>	
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How have you overcome these hurdles?	Through discussion with our legal department and other authorities	n/a	see above	yes
Who manages your play streets within the council?	Highways department	all playstreets are notified events	<p>Will send a process chart link - In summary</p> <p>Neighbourhoods liaise with applicants and once site assessed and the resident engagement conditions are satisfied then Neighbourhoods contact Highways Service for the TRO decision - Neighbourhoods then liaise with Applicants and evaluate Play Street session and address any issues , risks and lessons learned</p>	only himself but other highways officer communicate about the applications in their areas and also they liaised with legal and children's services to initially set the whole thing up/have also worked with education colleagues to close school streets on clean air day as they have 30 school streets.
Do you have a dedicated officer?	Yes	n/a	No - Area Teams manage those in their locality - a informal arranged for a sounding board is in place in Neighbourhoods - all staff have been briefed on process	Gary Pritchard

How do you monitor the playstreets that you have?	Informal monitoring will take place	upon individual application	Post event - all applicants are asked to complete a short event survey - no formal evaluation process established to date but that is being developed	populate a spreadsheet and keep in touch with organisers
How much involvement in the individual schemes does the council have?	Council will check application requests along with risk assessments, raise TRO and provide appropriate signage	Some are promoted and funded through Oldham Council District/Neighbourhood Offices and/or individual Councillors' Ward budgets	MCC Sees "Play Streets" as resident led (see above ef facilitation and capacity building) No Mcc officer in attendance at Play Street sessions unless specific reason - some resource implications for the provision of signage and equipment)	they act mainly as facilitators and put the onus on the organisers themselves to set up and do the consultation with residents. If there is a majority of support the play street can go ahead. Gary will speak to anyone who is nervous of the play street there to moderate and tell them just to 'try it out this once' 'see how it goes'
Do you have any restrictions on the activities that take place on the street?	Applicants are asked to manage the street closure and monitor the Play Street	Non- commercial activity. Event individually assessed upon application.	Yes - all applicants have to sign an undertaking to 1. allow safe access and egress of residents vehicles. 2. No alcohol is consumed as part of the Play session 3 Only in daylight hours 4 . No structure erected eg marquee that presents an obstacle to safe passage (keep it in private garden) - usual limits on noise and music. 5. Road is reopened immediately at the end of approved TRO Closure period 6. no marking on the highway unless using washable chalk (see application form for full list of conditions - we try to keep this from the front end of the process so as not to discourage applications)	forgot to ask- need to ask , think it is mainly for kids to play. He did say that they don't restrict residents to drive in and out of playstreet whilst closed as long as supervised and escorted by organisers. But would suggest residents to park else where while the play street is happening He said if a play street application has gone in and is a bus route will be turned down, any major road that would need big diversions these would be turned down. However any smaller Play Street that need a diversion will ask the residents to come up with a diversion and will ask to sign he also advises on no big ball games

Do you provided road closure equipment?	Yes	Equipment can be loaned	See above - stock of signs provided to local networks - Small stock available for loan - as with High Viz Clothing - Whistles etc - MCC may develop a starter pack for applicants	no-they decided to produce stickers inhouse by their sign shop to go onto the side of wheelie bins as they didn't have many cones/road closure signs to lend out or funding to buy more. The stickers are retro reflective and are asked to stick wheelie bins and road closure signs and are large. Anyone who sends in an application and is successful they ask them if they want a sticker 9/10 they say yes they will either send them some or ask them to come pick them up in the office
Do you have a consultation processes?	Yes	Event Notification process	We provide a non MCC branded template OF POSTERS , LETTERS AND AGREEMENTS using those provided and branded for "Playing Out" organisation from Bristol. We do not set a specific threshold or voting expectation but will ask for evidence and a signed declaration in the application form that efforts have been made to consult at pre application or decision and close to the session to advise of residents access and egress rights (see declarion on application form)	Ask the residents to do it - main resident to ask all the neighbours if there is a majority of support play street can go ahead. As above Gary would mediate anyone opposed
Do residents or the council run these consultations?	Applicants should consult loacal residents	Most likely the event organiser	Residents	Residents
Do the police support the schemes?	Not sure	Police are one of many consultees about proposed events	The Local PSCO are informed of event but do not by default attend but do so informally on occasions	yes from a community perspective

MARKETING AND PROMOTION				
How is the scheme promoted to the public and wider audience?	The scheme will be marketed through our usual social media channels	Event organiser principally	the application form contains templates provided by "Playing Out" organisation	only promoted locally through the organisers themselves to each other and the local neighbourhood
Do you or the groups themselves use social media to promote it?	Groups can promote their own Play Streets	Yes that can be the case	The Groups are responsible for the promotion	yes facebook/twitter/whats app
Do you or the groups receive any support with this from businesses or social enterprises? Eg schoolstreets.org.uk	No	not known	Technical advice from "Playing Out" group in Bristol www.playingout.net They approved the use of tir toolkits and resources	no but got the stickers produced inhouse by sign shop city signs also and support from children's services to begin with offer of a free wheelie bin to get people signed up to the scheme
COST				
Does the council contribute any costs towards the scheme? If so, what for?	We cover cost for the TRO	the Council absorbs the cost of making a temporary road closure order in all cases	Application fee waiver to the value of £168 per TRO - Value in kind for the provision of signs	just for the signage stickers and officer time
Do you receive any funding contributions from businesses or partnering organisations?	No	not known	No	don't think so- I will check
Does the council pay for signs/high viz equipment? If so, how much do they contribute to this?	No	road closure signing may be borrowed	see above - MCC purchased 30 signs as a baseline stock for loan out to groups - for large campaign days eg for Clean Air Day Road Closures at 10 schools on same day additional stocks are sourced for loan out and delivery via Social Value agreements with partner Highways Contractors	don't know amount- ill get a cost from Gary

INSURANCE				
How do you mitigate the risks to play street users and volunteers?	Organiser of the Play Street is made aware of risks of organising a Play Street	Event Notification Process which includes submission of risk assessment	We do not insist on public liability Insurance as a pre requisite condition but we recommend that the applicants consider purchase and include a link by "Playing Out" group - we ask the applicants to sign to say they understand the advice at point of approval	by making it their responsibility/member driven- it is for children to play and nothing else- street parties etc come under another application, they do NOT treat these as events both are populated onto the same spreadsheet and monitored by Gary if a car is broken by a child it is up to the parent of the child to speak with the owner of the car to sort out if there was a fall due to the highway being unsafe this would be a claim like if would on any street without the closure
What assistance do you give with risk assessments?	We would assist with Risk Assessment if required by helping applicants complete Risk Assessment	web link and also more specialist information from Charity	Templates included in the resource pack attached to application form . We do not insist on reviewing these but ask that they declare that they have completed the R.A as a condition of approval	they give advice with guidance and examples but ask organisers to do them themselves
Do you ask for your play streets to organise their own insurance?	Yes	yes	see above	yes but don't insist on it just advise it
Do you provide guidance on how to get insurance?	No	not known	see above - included in resource pack and application form	not sure- I will ask
If you provide insurance as a council, to what level is this?	N/a	If a Council organised play street believed £5 million	N/A	don't provide it
Do groups have to undergo any basic training to mitigate risk to the council is they are providing cover for the schemes?	No	Event Notification Process applies	ALL ORGAINERS AND MARSHALLS HAVE TO DECLARE THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE "GUIDE FOR MARSHALLS" PRODUCED BY "PLAYING OUT" ORGANISATION	no

Have any of the plays streets had claims made?	N/a	None to the best of my knowledge	NONE	no
Was this injury or property damage?	N/a	n/a	N/A	n/a
Where they successful?	N/a	n/a	N/A	n/a
If these where claims against the council where attempts made to repudiate the claim?	N/a	n/a	N/A	n/a