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Formal Application for Vacant Position Of Chief Executive Officer at OMBC

Via e-mail & Record'd 1st Class Post Ref: CEO/VacantPosition/28July21

Date: 28th July 2021

Subject: Formal Application for Vacant Position of CEO of Oldham Council

Dear Sirs/Madam,

I write to formally apply for the now vacant post of Chief Executive Officer of Oldham Council.

My credentials of running a multi-million-pound company successfully from inception to present day over a 37-year period, are ideal to tackle issues that our current Council now face;

First and foremost, I note that the salary and renumeration package of the out-going CEO Dr Carolyn Wilkins, was taken in full and offered no donations back into the Borough's many deserving causes.

I would therefore propose to undertake the role at 50% of the salary and renumeration of the outgoing CEO enjoyed, and propose that 50% of future salary and renumeration associated with this role be donated to reduce the costs in our Borough of School Meals.

Given that our outgoing CEO was on secondment for 11-months of the past year elsewhere, I will not be resigning my current role as Managing Director of Marshall Errock Construction Ltd, and intend to operate co-roles in order that the Borough obtains maximum benefit at minimum costs to the rate payers.

I am willing to sign and adhere to a disclaimer that disallows conflict of interests and bars MEC from providing any quotes for prospective projects up-coming by OMBC.

Issues to which I intended to dedicate my role to would include, but not limited to the following;

- Reduction of the £400M worth of debt the Council is in.
- Instruct Deloitte and Touché to carry out a full audit and recommendations to balance the accounts of Oldham Council.

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- To put an end to zero-hour contracts and offer full employment contracts to all our Boroughs dustbin men
- A full audit would take place of the circa £500,000.00 per month that the Council is presently spending on a recruitment agency in Manchester with a view of providing permanent roles for suitable personnel.
- The inception of a strategy to allocate the £8M per month, £96M per year of the Councils available budget, to local businesses and to research methods other local Councils have adopted successfully in this regard.
- Child Sex Exploitation investigation to be expedited and be auditable by appointment as Maggie Oliver as advisor to the Council, in order for such a report to have any credibility in the public eye.
- To abolish all parking fees in the Borough of Oldham, and enforcement officers deployed only to address issues such as illegal parking on restricted areas double yellow lines, disabled, kerb parking etc.
- Suspend with immediate effect plans to build on any greenbelt, open space and OPOL and instead incept a think-task force to make better use of available Brownfield Sites.
- Address the issues of voter fraud and deploy a task force to address the concerns in regards in particular the issue of "block votes", postal fraud, and promote the introduction of voter I.D.
- Suspend the displacement of Tommyfield Market and lobby Central Government to allow all market traders and stall holders 5-year rent and rates free period, to combat the effects of Covid related down turn of business, and impact on the High Street.
- Appoint a Business Czar whose role is to attract private investment and real jobs into Oldham Borough and offer the youth of our Borough a brighter future.
- To encourage all Oldham Council Employees to be allowed to air their view points and criticise the Council where they see fit that problems are arising from, and seek to promote a less repressive regime to allow Council Employees more rights to air grievances without fear of reprisals.
- Suspend The Eco Centre Project indefinitely until the Council has balanced its books and no longer need to borrow to fund projects the Borough is neither "desperate for"/ we have better and more urgent needs to direct the towns finances in.

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- Freeze all future rates-rises for the Borough and instead work more proficiently with the available budget with common-sense policies and good house-keeping, accountancy wise.
- Re-approach the current strategy with the acquirement of Spindles, and reach out to successful operators of Shopping Centres throughout the UK to seek to forge a partnership or joint ownership to attempt to make a commercial success of Spindles as opposed to it being a drain on Council funds on a permanent basis as is currently the case.
- Introduce fully transparent budget reports, applicable to all the Borough 20-wards by the simple introduction of an accountancy code for each ward, very east to manage and cheap to operate that can track for every Borough what is both received from each ward and what is subsequently spent in each ward.
- Unveil a strategy to distribute available funds more fairly across all 20-wards of our Borough.
- To make the citizens once again proud of our Borough and offer a brighter future for all.

Should you require any further information please feel free to contact me by phone, e-mail or post at your preference.

Kind Regards

Paul G Errock Leader of Proud of Oldham and Saddleworth