NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion have been received:-

(A) VAT on Fuel

This Council believes that:

The increase in VAT to 20% has added 3p to the cost of a litre of petrol and helped push up petrol prices to record levels.

The Treasury is getting an extra £700m from the higher VAT on petrol, and while the Chancellor has given the banks a tax cut compared to last year, they are now going to pay £800m more than this government was planning.

This Council believes that:

The rise in fuel prices has added to pressure on families already facing a tough year and their incomes squeezed.

With the recovery not yet secured this is the wrong tax at the wrong time and is hurting families, businesses and our fragile economy.

The Council therefore calls upon the Chancellor to:

Come up with a plan to get our stalled economy moving again and get more people into work paying taxes.

Use the extra revenue from the bank levy to immediately reverse the VAT rise on fuel and look again at the annual fuel duty rise due in April.

In the names of Councillors:

A Audin, K Audin, D Boden, D Cassidy, M Connolly, S Costello, A Cummings, J Grimshaw, T Holt, A Isherwood, J Lewis, A Matthews, N Parnell, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, T Tamoor and S Walmsley.

(B) Household Waste Recycling Centre - Clifton Road in Prestwich.

This Council notes:

- Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority's consideration of the closure of many Household Waste Recycling Centres across Greater Manchester including the one at Clifton Road in Prestwich.

- That the closure of the Prestwich facility will have a negative effect on recycling rates in the borough, and increase the risk of fly-tipping.
- That GMWDA has had a substantial increase in its funding this year.

Council resolves:

- To lobby against GMWDA's plans to close the Clifton Road facility
- To demonstrate its commitment to the Clifton Road facility by improving signage and road-condition close to the area to improve safety and access facilities for service-users and residents
- To re-assert its commitment to increasing recycling in Bury

In the names of Councillors:

Baum, M D'Albert, V D'Albert, Davison, Garner, O'Hanlon, Pickstone, S Wright.