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**TO: All Members of Council**

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Dear Member/Colleague

**Council**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will be held as follows:-

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 28 January 2015
<b>Place:</b>	Bury Town Hall
<b>Time:</b>	7.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
<b>Notes:</b>	

**AGENDA**

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

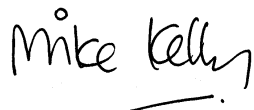
Reports are enclosed only for those attending the meeting and for those without access to the Council's Intranet or Website.



The Agenda and Reports are available on the Council's Intranet for Councillors and Officers and also on the Council's Website at [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) – click on **Agendas, Minutes and Forward Plan**.

Copies of printed reports can also be obtained on request by contacting the Democratic Services Officer named above.

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Chief Executive**

## **AGENDA**

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Council are requested to declare any interests which they have in any items or issues before the Council for determination.

### **2 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (Pages 1 - 8)**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2015

### **3 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive communications from the Mayor and any announcements by the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive on matters of interest to the Council.

### **4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pages 9 - 14)**

To answer questions from members of the public, notice of which has been given, on any matter relevant to the Council or its services to the community. Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for this purpose. If time permits, further questions will be invited from members of the public present.

### **5 PETITION**

A petition has been received which contains the following wording:

" Bury Council is trying to close Butterstile, Toodle Hill, Daisyfield, High Meadow, Moorside, Stepping Stones and Ramsbottom Children's Centres.

We the undersigned implore the Council to keep these crucial centres open. Children's Centres are lifelines for so many. The plans will cut children's centres from the most deprived areas. This will therefore hit the most vulnerable. The plans state the development of a "hub" service, i.e. a few centralised centres of activity which will be inaccessible to most without a car. More families, mums, dads and children will be far more isolated leading to less contact with vital links to family wellbeing. This can only lead to a deterioration in the health and wellbeing of under 5's and their families."

As the petition contains in excess of 2,500 signatures from people who live, work or study in Bury, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has decided to refer the petition for consideration at

Council.

Under the petitions procedure, the petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition and then the Council will determine a course of action.

## 6 **RECOMMENDATION OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

<b>Committee/Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Minute CA.481- Cabinet – 26 November 2014	Treasury Management Strategy – Mid Year Review 2014-2015	1. To note the report in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management; 2. To approve the increase in Counterparty investment in Barclays from £10m to £20m to reflect that Barclays will remain the Authority's main banker for

## 7 **LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 15 - 56)

To receive a Statement from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet and to answer written questions from Members of the Council to the Leader and Cabinet Members on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the Borough, provided the necessary written notice has been given.

Verbal questions on the work of the Cabinet since the last Council meeting will be allowed subject to a limit of one question per Councillor.

## 8 **JOINT AUTHORITIES - REPORT BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS** (Pages 57 - 62)

- (A) A report by the Council's Representative on the work of the Crime and Police Panel, Councillor Connolly.
- (B) Questions (if any) on the work of the Joint Authorities to be asked by Members of the Council for which the necessary notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

## 9 **THE GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL STRATEGY** (Pages 63 - 84)

## 10 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motions have been received:-

### **1. Senior Management Structure**

"This Council notes the difficult challenges ahead in funding front-

line services with increasing expectations of service delivery.

Therefore, this Council should continue to take every opportunity to streamline its senior management team in order to make significant savings that can be put into improving front-line services, in particular services to the most vulnerable people in Bury.

Once the post of Chief Executive becomes vacant in March 2015, this Council resolves:-

- 1) Not to fill the Chief Executive post in the short term
- 2) To instruct the existing senior management team to jointly take on the duties of the existing Chief Executive, including instructing the Executive Director of Resources and Regulation to act as "Head of Paid Service" for the next 6 months in addition to their existing roles.
- 3) That an all-party Committee be asked to consider the longer term alternatives for the Chief Executive post and report back to Council within 6 months with detailed proposals for one of the following recommendations:

(i) Appoint one of the 3 members of the existing senior management team to become a "Managing Director" with responsibilities for strategic direction of the Council and another to take on the responsibility of "Head of Paid Service";

(ii) Explore the possibility of sharing a Chief Executive and/or other senior management roles with other local authorities where similar posts are currently vacant.

(iii) Appoint a Chief Executive on a part-time basis with revised duties, with other duties shared with the existing senior management team;

(iv) Re-appoint a Chief Executive but with revised levels of remuneration."

**In the names of Councillors I Bevan, R Caserta, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, S Nuttall, R Walker, J Walton and Y Wright**

## **2. Lowering the Voting Age**

"This Council notes that:

1. 16 and 17 year olds who can: consent to medical treatment, work full-time, pay taxes, get married and join the armed forces are currently denied the right to vote in public elections in the UK.

2. Under the current system, 16 and 17 years olds are required to participate in compulsory citizenship education in schools but denied their full rights as citizens in terms of voting.

3. Moreover, in recent years the campaign for votes at 16 has become more prominent, including Bury's Youth Cabinet resolving to support the policy in February 2014 and the Labour Party's manifesto commitment in 2010 and 2015. In addition, the huge turnout of 16-17 year olds in the Scottish Independence Referendum highlights the potential to engage more citizens

in the wider democratic process.

This Council resolves to:-

1. Support the National Labour party's position in relation to introducing votes for 16 and 17-year-olds
2. Write to the relevant Minister outlining the council's position
3. Develop a strategy to engage younger voters to encourage participation in local and national elections following a change in legislation."

**In the names of Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, P Bury, G Campbell, S Carter, D M Cassidy, M Connolly, A J Cummings, E FitzGerald L Fitzwalter, J Frith, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, P Heneghan, T Holt, A Isherwood, M A James, D Jones, S Kerrison, J S Lewis, A K Matthews, J Mallon, E O'Brien, N A Parnell, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, A Simpson, S Smith, J Smith, S Southworth, T Tariq, S Walmsley and M Whitby.**

**11 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**12 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

Questions on the work of outside bodies or partnerships on which the Council is represented to be asked by Members of the Council (if any).

**13 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Questions on the delegated decisions made by the Regulatory Committees and Scrutiny Committees contained in the Digest of Decisions 5 (2014/15) published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, providing four clear working days' notice has been given of the question.

Members are asked to bring to the meeting their copy of Digest 5 (2014/15).