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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:-

Date:	Wednesday, 2 April 2014
Place:	Bury Town Hall
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	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.
Notes:	

AGENDA

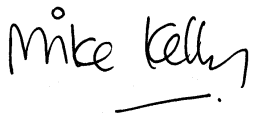
The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

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 – 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



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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 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Council held on 19 February in Digest 8 (2013/2014)

3 **RAMSBOTTOM BY-ELECTION 2014**

To note that following the Election of Councillors held on 6 March 2014 as a result of a by-election in the Ramsbottom Ward of the Metropolitan Borough, Robert Lee Hodkinson was duly elected.

4 **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.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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.

6 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

COMMITTEE/DATE	***SUBJECT***	***RECOMMENDATION***
1. Cabinet – 5 February 2014	Mayoralty 2014/2015	To propose Councillor Michelle Wi Mayor of Bury for 2014/2015
2. Standards Committee – 4 February 2014	Revisions to the Code of Conduct	Section 3 of the Code of Conduct Obligations), the following provis included:- "3.1 You must not:……. (e) Behave in a way that a person would regard as disrespe

3. Standards Committee – 4 February 2014	Guide for Councillors on use of Council Premises	That the draft guidance be approved for issue to councillors and inclusion in the Constitution.
4. Human Resources and Appeals Panel – 26 March 2014	Pay Policy Statement	To approve the Pay Policy Statement.

7 **LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 11 - 34)

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 35 - 40)

(A) A report by the Council's Representative on the work of the Committee for Greater Manchester Transport, Councillor Noel Bayley.

(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 **INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION** (Pages 41 - 54)

10 **MEETINGS TIMETABLE -2013/14 (CYCLE 6) AND 2014/15** (Pages 55 - 66)

11 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

1. Trade Union Blacklisting

"For well over three decades blacklisting of workers because of their trade union activities and barring them from employment, mostly in the construction industry, has been covertly taking place. More recently, companies who are known to have blacklisted trade unionists are now tendering for and procuring public contracts throughout councils in England.
The practice of blacklisting is illegal, immoral and reprehensible. In some cases

this practice has led to long term unemployment for those who have been "blacklisted" for nothing more than representing their fellow workers. We ask this Council to publicly condemn this practice and affirm its own commitment to its recognised trades unions.
The Office of the Information Commissioner has exposed these companies and a list is available upon request. We call upon this Council to exclude such companies from undertaking work on its behalf, and where possible to award contracts to companies who give a commitment to working positively with trade unions within their organisation, whilst recognising the values of a unionised workplace and the benefits and savings it can bring."

In the names of Councillors A Audin, K Audin, M Bailey, D Bailey, N Bayley, J Black, 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, J S Lewis, A K Matthews, N A Parnell, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, A Simpson, S Smith, J Smith, S Southworth, T Tariq and S Walmsley.

2. Council Tax Discount Schemes

"This Council recognises the tremendous amount of hard work carried out by thousands of dedicated volunteers in our Borough. This Council also notes the increasing importance and role of the voluntary sector and the need to continue to recruit more volunteers.
Over the last few years, councils of all political persuasions, in all parts of the country, have been introducing various Council Tax discount schemes as a way of thanking existing volunteers and to incentivise more people to become volunteers.
Therefore, this Council resolves to set up a cross party "Task and Finish" group with immediate effect with the goal of producing a financially affordable package of Council Tax discounts for the people who live and undertake voluntary work in the Metropolitan Borough of Bury."

In the names of Councillors I Bevan, R Caserta, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther,
M Hankey, R Hodkinson, K Hussain, S Nuttall, B Vincent, R Walker, J Walton and Y Wright

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

13 **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).

14 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 8 (2013/14) 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 8 (2013/14)