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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, 3 February 2016
<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.



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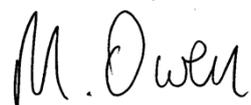
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Copies of printed reports can also be obtained on request by contacting the Democratic Services Officer named above.

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Owen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'O'.

**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 last meeting of the Council held on 9 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**

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 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

<b>Committee/Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Minute CA.626 Cabinet 13 January 2016	Mayorality 2016/17	That Councillor Mike Conr be proposed as the Mayo Bury 2016/2017.

### **6 LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME (Pages 9 - 48)**

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.

### **7 JOINT AUTHORITIES - REPORT BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS (Pages 49 - 58)**

(A) A report from the Council's representative on the work of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Councillor Matthews

(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

## 8 NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion have been received:-

### (i) Flooding

"This Council pays tribute to all the Council Officers, emergency services and volunteers for their heroic and selfless work in helping those devastated by the Boxing Day floods which hit our borough.

It calls on the Government to reverse the savage cuts to all these services especially to this Council, the fire and police service and the Environment Agency which threaten the maintenance of infrastructure and the ability to help those in need in a crisis, and to recognise the need to act now to mitigate the effects of climate change.

It also calls on the Government to apply immediately for the £125 million available for flood relief from the EU solidarity Fund which incredibly it has so far failed to do."

**In the names of Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, D Cassidy, M Connolly, E FitzGerald, L Fitzwalter, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, P Heneghan, T Holt, A Isherwood, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, J Lewis, J Mallon, A Matthews, E O'Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby**

### (ii) Fair Deal for Private Renters

#### Council notes

- 1 The important contribution private-rental property makes to our housing market in Bury (nearly 14% at the last survey);
- 2 That some private rented homes fall beneath a decent standard and there is a continuing problem with rogue landlords in a minority of cases;
- 3 That private renters spend a higher proportion of their income on housing than in with other tenures, and that moving costs can be prohibitively expensive, with high letting fees and large deposit requirements.

#### Council calls on the Government

1. To carry on work started in the last Parliament to tackle rogue landlords, revenge evictions.
2. To move towards a system where letting of homes in the private rented sector to be professionalised through the licensing of landlords;
3. To provide proper funding for local authorities to enable them to

support tenants through improved housing and legal advice.

### **Council Resolves**

1. To look to significantly increase the take-up and awareness of the Landlord Accreditation Scheme (currently less than 1.5% of rented properties).
2. To consider the business case for extending the Paperless Bond facility to a wider group of potential tenants in financial need.
3. To continue to work, together with Six Town Housing, to look at how the Council can help bring empty properties into use through assisting with private sector renting, in return for nomination rights.
4. To write to the Borough's MPs to inform them of this motion and ask to support this issue in their work.

### **In the names of Councillors T Pickstone and M D'Albert**

#### **(iii) Rail Franchises**

This Council Meeting welcomes the Government's announcement on 9 December, 2015 that the new Northern and TransPennine Express Franchises have been awarded, in a massive boost to rail services bringing the Northern Powerhouse to life.

As Bury is one of the most outward commuting places in Greater Manchester this will bring benefits and make a real difference to our local community, across our region and beyond including:

- The introduction of 500 brand new carriages
- Removal of the outdated and unpopular Pacer trains across the North
- Space for over 40,000 more passengers at the busiest of times
- Thousands of extra services a week
- Roll out of free Wi-Fi on trains and at stations
- Over £55 million invested in station improvements, including new ticket machines and the introduction of staffing at 45 currently unstaffed stations
- Improving compensation arrangements, including automatic compensation for delays for registered season and advanced purchase tickets.

This Council Meeting further welcomes the decision that the franchises will be jointly managed in the North, from Leeds, by the DfT and Rail North Ltd - which represents 29 Local Authorities across the North. This shows the Government's continued commitment to devolution and to closing the economic gap between the North and South. The new franchises are expected to create jobs, opportunity and growth and – coupled with

electrifying the vital trans-Pennine route – will help our region realize its full economic potential by ensuring it has a modern, 21<sup>st</sup> Century transport system.

This Council Meeting notes that the award of the new rail franchises has been roundly welcomed by business organisations and others including the CBI, Manchester Airport and UKTI as well as by the IPPR North.

This Council Meeting therefore welcomes the award of the rail franchises and resolves to support the provision of a world class rail service across the North and the contribution this can make to rebalancing the UK economy, with Bury at the heart of a Northern Powerhouse.

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

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

**10 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).

**11 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Questions on the delegated decisions made by the Regulatory Committees and Scrutiny Committees contained in the Digest of Decision 5 (2015/16) published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, providing four clear working days' notices has been given of the question.

Members are asked to bring to the meeting their copy of Digest 5 (2015/16)