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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, 19 April 2017
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:	Please Note: Members are asked to attend from 6.30pm when the Council photograph will be taken in the Elizabethan Suite

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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Yours sincerely

Pat Jones Greenhalgh

Interim 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 (Pages 1 - 12)

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 (Pages 13 - 34)

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Human Resources and Appeals Panel - 10 March 2017	Interim Arrangements	The Human Resources and Appeals Panel agree that Pat Jones-Greenhalgh be appointed as Interim Chief Executive and ask that this be confirmed at the next scheduled meeting of Council as necessary.
Cabinet - 12 April 2017	Proposal To Introduce A New Neighbourhood Engagement Framework In Bury Including A New Framework For Investing Grant Funding In Neighbourhoods (Report attached)	Recommendation to follow

6 LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME (Pages 35 - 60)

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 61 - 68)

(A) A report from the Council's representative on the work of the GM Police and Crime Panel, Councillor Shori

(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 MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2017/2018 (Pages 69 - 80)

Report attached.

9 ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM (Pages 81 - 84)

Report from the Leader of the Council attached.

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion have been received:-

(i) Domestic abuse evidence letter fees-Scrap the fee campaign

Tackling domestic violence and abuse is a key priority for Bury Council. For many years, we have had, and continue to have, a zero tolerance approach.

Bury Council believes that it is everyone's responsibility to stop domestic violence and abuse and it is our ambition that people treat one another with respect and compassion.

Yet between April 2014 and March 2015 domestic abuse incidents reported in Bury increased by 35%.

National statistics have not changed for decades- 2 women are killed every week in England and Wales by a current former partner. 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes.

Legal Aid is a lifeline for women in the city fleeing domestic abuse. It helps them to protect themselves, their children and secure their financial situation. Yet due to government changes to the rules for women to qualify for legal aid they now need to provide a prescribed piece of evidence to prove they have been subjected to abuse.

One of the accepted forms of evidence is a letter from a GP. However, some GPs charge a fee - in some cases as much as £75 -to produce that letter.

NO GP should charge victims of domestic abuse for a letter they need to access legal aid. It's immoral. And it has to stop.

Bury Council will:

1. Support the "scrap the fee" campaign which was established by Tom Watson MP following a plea from Wythenshawe Safe Spots.
2. Call on the government to scarp this unfair and unjust charge by bringing this service back under the NHS contract.
3. Resolve to use its strengthened relationship with GPs through Health& Social Care Devolution to work with them to bring to bring about a "Manchester GPS pledge" to not charge for legal aid evidence letters in cases of domestic abuse.
4. Work with the Greater Manchester Mayor to highlight this campaign across all 10 Greater Manchester Councils.

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

(ii) Pavements are for People

This Council notes:

- 1 Pavement parking can pose a hazard to pedestrians, especially people with sight loss, parents with pushchairs, children, wheelchair users and other disabled people.
- 2 People with sight loss are especially at risk as they can be forced into the road and faced with oncoming traffic that they cannot see.
- 3 Pavements are not designed to take the weight of vehicles and so surfaces can become damaged or subside, presenting a further hazard for pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities.
- 4 Other avoidable pavement obstacles which can cause a danger and nuisance to members of the public, including bins left out after collection, advertising 'A-boards' and poorly maintained garden

bushes.

This Council further notes:

- 1 The reality on many of our roads that parking, at least partially on the pavement, is unavoidable due to the width of the carriageway and the lack of availability of other parking places.
- 2 Existing campaigns, for example by the RNIB, to raise awareness of the importance of protecting pavements for pedestrians, and also the recent suggestion by the Local Government Association that local authorities outside of London should be given simpler powers to prevent pavement parking where required.

The Council therefore resolves:

- 1 To work with media partners and the Council's own communication channels to help educate members of the public about the need for responsible pavement parking, bin management, and other pavement obstructions.
- 2 To ask the Leader of the Council to write to Ministers, and both of Bury's MPs, in support of the recent proposals by the LGA to allow for greater powers to regular pavement parking outside of Greater London.
3. To work, as resources allow with the local police and parking enforcement contractors to address the pavement parking 'blackspots' and consider addressing this through Traffic Regulation Orders in the worst cases.

In the names of Councillors M D'Albert, T Pickstone and S Wright.

(iii) Air Quality

Bury Council has a duty to assess air quality to protect the health of everyone living and working here as well as those visiting the Borough. Those most at risk from poor air quality are the young, the elderly and those with pre-existing lung or heart conditions.

Bury is an area that historically had poor air quality due to industrial emissions. This is less so now due to cleaner technology and the closure of many traditional heavy industry premises. However, the main air quality issue is now motor vehicle pollution due to high traffic volume, congestion together with homes and schools being close to the road network.

Residents are being exposed to hazardous levels of pollutants in the air

and this Council must be proactive in formulating a strategy within the planning process to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions within our Borough.

It is recognised that efforts have been made to address these matters at a GM level over a number of years and this necessary work continues. This Council however recognises that action must be taken now and policies put in place as part of the wide strategy to tackle air pollution. For example, by retaining our green spaces and countryside such areas absorb significant levels of CO2.

THIS COUNCIL THEREFORE RESOLVES TO:

1. Instruct officers to produce a Bury Climate Change Plan and Bury Public Health Planning Policy Document to assist and advise Council as part of the wider strategy to mitigate air pollution, assess its impact on the environment and improve public health outcomes.
2. Ensure these documents are included in the considerations of the all party working group on the Bury Local Plan as resolved to be set up by Council on the 1st February.
3. Ensure all members are provided with copies of the Bury Climate Change Plan and Bury Public Health Planning Policy Document prior to the Local Plan being debated in Council, which is expected to take place within 6 months.
4. To publish all air pollution data from the existing air monitoring stations and nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes within the Borough on the Council website.

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, O Kersh, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Walker, and Y Wright

11 **QUARTERLY REPORT - SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS** (Pages 85 - 88)

Report attached.

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 5 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

Minutes of:	THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
Date of Meeting:	22 February 2017
Present:	The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor M Connolly), in the Chair; Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, M D'Albert, J Daly, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, Haroon, R Hodgkinson, T Holt, D Jones, K Hussain, M A James, D Jones, S Kerrison, A McKay, J Mallon, A K Matthews, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, N Parnell, T D Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, S Smith, T Tariq, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright
Apologies for absence:	Councillors R A Caserta, E FitzGerald, G Keeley, J Kelly, J Lewis and O Kersh
Public attendance:	9 members of the public attended the meeting.

C.552 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Shori declared an interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is employed by the Council.
2. Councillor Bevan declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing in schools as his wife is employed by a school in the Borough.
3. Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in any item relating to staffing as his partner is an employee within a Bury High school.
4. Councillor S Wright declared a personal interest in any item relating to staffing as his partner is an employee within a Bury school.
5. Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in any item relating to staffing as his partner is an employee within a Bury school.
6. Councillor Walmsley declared a personal interest in Minute C.551 Housing Revenue Account 2017/18 as a relative of tenants living in Council properties managed by Six Town Housing.
7. Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, M Connolly, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, T Holt, M A James, D Jones, S Kerrison, A McKay, J Mallon, E O'Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby declared personal interests in respect of the amendment set out in (B) of Minute C.550 (iv) Budget 2017/18 to 2019/20, as Trade Union Members.

C.553 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.554 MAYORAL AND LEADER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Mayoral Communications.

C.555 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public present.

C.556 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER AT COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTIONS

It was moved by Councillor Shori and seconded by Councillor Holt and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the Chief Executive, Mike Owen, be appointed as the Returning Officer for Bury Council at the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections.

C.557 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

(i) Meeting of the Human Resources and Appeals Panel held on 13 January 2017 – Pay Policy Statement.

It was moved by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Mallon and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/2018 be approved.

(ii) Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 25 January 2017 – Appointment of External Auditor from 2018/19

It was moved by Councillor Mallon and seconded by Councillor Holt and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Council accepts the invitation from PSAA to opt-in to the national scheme for the appointment of External Audit for the five years commencing 1 April 2018.

(iii) Housing Revenue Account 2017/2018

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Walmsley, Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Support Services, made a statement on the Housing Revenue Account 2017/2018.

It was moved by Councillor Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in Minute CA.550 of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 February 2017 be approved.

(iv) Budget 2017/2018 to 2019/20

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Shori, Leader of the Council, made a statement on the Budget for 2017/2018 to 2019/20.

(A) It was moved by Councillor Shori and seconded by Councillor Holt that the recommendations contained in Minute CA.550 of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 February 2017 be approved subject to the following amendments:

DELETE

That the report is noted and the Council be requested to consider and determine all matters relating to the Budget, the Capital Programme and the level of Council Tax for 2017/18 at its meeting on 22nd February 2017.

ADD

Section A – Capital Programme

1. Approve the Capital Programme for 2017/18 and future years, as shown in Appendix 1; as amended by table below.
2. Approve the proposed financing of the Capital Programme;

Section B – Revenue Budget

3. Note the details of the Draft Settlement Funding Allocation (SFA) for 2017/18 to 2019/20. In the event that the final Settlement is not confirmed by the Government in time for the Council meeting, then amendments to the budget, and calculations made in line with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, to reflect any changes to the Settlement figures will be delegated to the Chief Executive and Interim Director of Resources & Regulation in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Human Resources and opposition Party Leaders. Any amendments will be reported to Council on 19 April 2017.

4. Note the repayment of principal on General Fund debt at the minimum of 2% in line with the current Minimum Revenue Provision policy;

5. Note that under delegated powers the Interim Executive Director of Resources & Regulation calculated the amount of **52,350** as the Council Tax base for the year 2017/18 in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and with regulations made under section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authority (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012;
6. Note the forecast outturn position for 2016/17;
7. Approve that the actual minimum level of balances for 2017/18 be retained at £4,250,000 in view of the current risk profile;
8. Approve the programme of cuts set out in Appendix 4 for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20;
9. Note the recommendations of the Schools' Forum around education funding issues;
10. Endorse the statements by the Interim Executive Director of Resources & Regulation on the robustness of budget assumptions and on the minimum level of balances;
11. Raise the Bury element of the 2017/18 Council Tax; by **1.94%**;
12. Apply a further **3%** increase to the Bury element of the Council Tax in respect of the Social Care Precept.
13. Note the proposals of the major preceptors;
14. Approve the net Revenue Budget for 2017/18 of **£122.680m** as set out in section 4.7 of the report; subject to the following amendments:

		£m
	Add:	
	<u>Revenue</u>	
1.	Additional resources to support cost and demand pressures in Adult Social Care (ongoing)	0.710
	Funded by: Further 1% Social Care Precept	(0.710)
	<u>Capital</u>	
	£10 million investment in Highways network over 3 years (2017/18 to 2019/20)	10.000
2.	Funded by: Prudential Borrowing	(10.000)
	<i>Borrowing to be drawn down annually as works progress over the 3 year period; total cost of borrowing = £420,000 to be funded initially from reserves; and ultimately through reduced revenue costs.</i>	
	£100,000 investment in measures to tackle flytipping and dog fouling, including;	0.100
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in smart CCTV / IT 	

3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in dog bins / litter bins • Investment in signage • Neighbourhood targeted projects <p>Funded by: Capital Receipts</p>	(0.100)
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15. Approve the following recommendations in relation to the Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2017/18:

- i) It be noted that on 24th January 2017 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2017/18 for the whole Council area as **52,350** [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
- ii) The Council calculates the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding precepts) as **£74,449,939**.
- iii) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act;
 - a) **£401,703,939** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
 - b) **£327,254,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - c) **£74,449,939** being the amount by which the aggregate at iii(a) above exceeds the aggregate at iii(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - d) **£1,422.16** being the amount at iii(c) above (Item R), divided by Item T (item i above) calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the relevant basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, and;

e) **Bury Council**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	903.61	1,054.22	1,204.82	1,355.42	1,656.63	1,957.83	2,259.04	2,710.84
Social Care Precept	44.49	51.91	59.32	66.74	81.57	96.40	111.23	133.47
TOTAL	948.10	1,106.12	1,264.14	1,422.16	1,738.19	2,054.23	2,370.26	2,844.31

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount set at iii(e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

iv) To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Police & Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
108.20	126.23	144.27	162.30	198.37	234.43	270.50	324.60

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
39.96	46.62	53.28	59.95	73.27	86.59	99.91	119.90

v) That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,096.26	1,278.98	1,461.69	1,644.41	2,009.83	2,375.26	2,740.67	3,288.81

vi) To determine whether the Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/18 is excessive in accordance with the principles approved under the Local Accountability and Audit Act 2014.

	2016/17	2017/18	%
Council Tax Base	51,900.00	52,350.00	
Council Tax Requirement	£70,335,466	£74,449,939	
Basic Amount of Council Tax	£1,329.13	£1,355.42	
Social Care Precept	£26.08	£66.74	
Relevant Amount of Council Tax	£1,355.21	£1,422.16	4.94%

vii) The calculation in 14 vi) above is undertaken to assess the extent to which the Council has increased its relevant level of Council Tax.

The total increase of **4.94%** is not excessive as it is within the increased referendum threshold for Authorities with responsibility of Adult Social Care (2% Council Tax + 3% Social Care Precept).

Resources generated from the Social Care Precept will be spent exclusively on Adult Social Care.

The Authority is therefore not subject to a referendum

(B) An amendment was moved by Councillor Daly and seconded by Councillor Hankey that:

The revenue and capital budgets submitted to Council should be approved, with the following amendments:

<u>Revenue</u>		
Ongoing investment into Adult Social Care	£1,450,000	
3 x Libraries staff to promote volunteering / self management (12 months)	£100,000	
£50,000 (each) to retain a further 3 x library sites pending development of self-financing model (12 months)	£150,000	£1,700,000
Funded by:		
Remove Deputy Cabinet members' allowances	(£10,000)	
Savings in e agendas and courier services	(£10,000)	
Top slice senior staff salaries by 10% where over £50,000 pa	(£150,000)	
Reduce funding for Trade Union posts	(£70,000)	
Reduce Councillors' Special Responsibility Allowances by 10%	(£15,000)	
Savings from agency staff budget	(£300,000)	
Outsource back office support services	(£1,145,000)	(£1,700,000)
<u>Capital</u>		
£1.9 million investment in the Borough's highway network	£1,900,000	
Backlog Maintenance at Tottington Library – ahead of developing self	£100,000	£2,000,000

management approach		
Funded by:		
Cancellation of the A56 / Prestwich High Street scheme	(£1,500,000)	
Release of locally earmarked reserves	(£500,000)	(£2,000,000)

On being put the result of the vote was as follows:

For the Amendment:-

Councillors I Bevan, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Walker, and Y Wright.

Against the Amendment:-

Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, T Holt, M James, D Jones, S Kerrison, A McKay, A Matthews, J Mallon, E O'Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, S Smith, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley, and M Whitby.

Abstaining from the Vote:-

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillors D'Albert, Pickstone and S Wright.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

(C) An amendment was moved by Councillor D'Albert and seconded by Councillor Pickstone that:

That the budget contained in the Council report should be approved subject to the following changes;

Libraries	£
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional resource for the Library Service to employ a Volunteer Development Officer, to assist volunteers and develop and maintain additional community library services, following the review of library services; 1 officer plus overheads = £45,000 per annum (2 years fixed term). 	90,000
<i>Funded by:</i>	<i>(90,000)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Fixed term funding from reserves to support service transformation</i> 	
	70,000

<p>Environmental Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional resource to the teams which deal with issues such as fly-tipping and graffiti, to allow for a greater level of coverage than present; 2 officers + overheads = £70,000 per annum. 	<p>(70,000)</p>
<p><i>Funded by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Funded initially from reserves; ultimately self-financing through fine income, and / or reduced clearance costs</i> 	<p>35,000</p>
<p>School Safety Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of a specific additional resource around parking enforcement, specifically to focus on safety around schools; 1 officer + overheads = £35,000 per annum 	<p>(£35,000)</p>
<p><i>Funded by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Funded initially from reserves; ultimately self-financing through fine income generated.</i> 	

On being put the result of the vote was as follows:

For the Amendment:-

Councillors I Bevan, M D’Albert, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, T Pickstone, R Walker S Wright and Y Wright.

Against the Amendment:-

Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, T Holt, M James, D Jones, S Kerrison, A McKay, A Matthews, J Mallon, E O’Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, S Smith, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley, and M Whitby.

Abstaining from the Vote:-

The Worshipful the Mayor.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The substantive motion (as set out in A) was put to the vote which was as follows:-

For the Motion:-

Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, T Holt, M James, D Jones, S Kerrison, A McKay, A Matthews, J Mallon, E O'Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, S Smith, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley, and M Whitby.

Against the Motion:-

Councillors I Bevan, M D'Albert, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, T Pickstone, R Walker S Wright and Y Wright.

Abstaining from the Motion:-

The Worshipful the Mayor

The Mayor declared the substantive Motion carried.

(v.) Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2017/18

On being put with no Members voting against and the Mayor abstaining it was:

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in the Minute CA.552 of the Cabinet dated 22 February 2017 be approved and adopted.

C.558 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Cabinet, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Joint Consultative Committee (Corporate) and Joint Consultative Committee (Teachers).

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.25 pm)

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REPORT FOR DECISION



DECISION OF:	COUNCIL CABINET
DATE:	19 April 2017 12 April 2017
SUBJECT:	PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK IN BURY INCLUDING A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTING GRANT FUNDING IN NEIGHBOURHOODS
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TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL (KEY DECISION)
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	<p>This proposal introduces a new Neighbourhood Engagement framework in Bury including a new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods. It has been developed to support Neighbourhood Working which will mobilise the whole scale system wide transformation required as part of Greater Manchester Devolution between now and 2020 (and beyond).</p> <p>It is intended to offer a flexible framework for community engagement across Team Bury partners that aims to support and facilitate the new relationship between public services and citizens, communities and businesses that is required to support whole scale transformation. It offers an asset based approach that recognises and builds on the strengths of our communities and a place based approach that places individuals, families and communities at the heart of what we do.</p>

This proposal aligns the engagement framework with grant funding allocation as a way of 'investing' in neighbourhoods to make a difference in a local area. It would replace the existing Township Forum and Community Grants process. The new framework offers a '3,2,1' approach to working with and investing in neighbourhoods at various levels across Bury as described below...

3-Borough Wide Engagement

Engagement borough wide would be available in the form of a digital engagement platform that would be aligned to Team Bury's existing digital offer. This includes the transactional Bury Council Website and partner agency's websites, the Team Bury intelligence system the Bury Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Team Bury one stop information platform The Bury Directory and self care tool the 'Quality of Life Wheel'.

2-Township Level Engagement

At Township level, the framework would build upon the borough wide engagement and digital engagement offer and consist of an Annual Neighbourhood Network meeting and Neighbourhood Celebration Awards ceremony in each of the six Township areas.

1-Ward Level Engagement

At Ward level, the framework would build upon the borough wide engagement, digital engagement offer, Annual Neighbourhood Network meeting and Neighbourhood Celebration Awards ceremony in each of the six Township areas. It would offer an annual or bi-annual Ward-level Neighbourhood Engagement Forum meeting which was linked to two ward level Participatory Budgeting events. Priorities for each ward could then be actioned via a series of Project/Action groups led and determined by people living in the local area but supported where required by the Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator.

New framework for investing Neighbourhood Grant Funding

This offers an alternative to replace the existing Community Grants budget of £56k and current allocation process with a combination of:

- Participatory Budgets (PB) to be allocated across two events per year
- Elected Member Discretionary Budgets

The new framework will provide a cashable saving to Democratic Services of around £8,000* per annum which is currently spent on printing and room hire for the existing Township Forum and Community Grants

	<p>process. It will also provide an efficiency of around 96 hours per annum in Democratic Services time if the governance for the framework does not sit in the Council Constitution (or around 72 hours saved if it does sit in the Council Constitution).</p> <p>Support across the framework would be provided within existing resources by a Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator (former Township Co-ordinator) and/or Democratic Services dependent upon if the governance remained within the Council Constitution.</p> <p>This framework offers an opportunity to make best use of assets in the community, work in partnership with local businesses and embrace social value. All events as part of the new framework would be held in a free of charge community or business venue and delivered making best use of any sponsorship, grant funding or resources available</p> <p><i>*actual saving to the Council would be £7k as around £1k would be cost neutral as it is currently spent within Bury Council Venues on room hire.</i></p>
<p>OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION</p>	<p>Option 1- Keep the existing model of community Engagement model and existing community grant process in Bury (do nothing).</p> <p>Option 2- adopt the proposed framework of Neighbourhood Engagement and new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury. The governance of the new model would be kept within the Councils Constitution.</p> <p>Recommended Option</p> <p>Option 3- adopt the proposed framework for Neighbourhood Engagement and new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury. The governance of the new framework would sit within Team Bury Wider Leadership Group although annual reporting to Full Council would continue.</p>
<p>IMPLICATIONS:</p>	
<p>Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:</p>	<p>Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes No</p>
<p>Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:</p>	<p>These proposals will be carried out within the existing Township Forum budget (£56,000).</p> <p>Additional efficiency savings of £8,000 (£7,000 cashable) will be generated from the revised approach.</p>

	The new service model will still have functionality for major consultation exercises, e.g. budget consultation
Health and Safety	Health & Safety assessments will be prepared for meeting venues / neighbourhood activity.
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	Wider resource implications relate to the use of community assets and use of digital platforms for neighbourhood working.
Equality/Diversity implications:	Yes No (see paragraph below)
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes Any amendments to the current arrangements will require an amendment to the Council's Constitution. This must be made via an appropriate resolution of Full Council. Further consideration should be given to the reporting mechanisms if relevant, once a decision is made.
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	

TRACKING/PROCESS**DIRECTOR:**

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
6th February 2017 Communities & Wellbeing Senior Management Team (SMT)	16 th February Portfolio Meeting- Cllr Tariq, Cabinet Member for Communities and Safer Neighbourhood	On agenda for Trailblazer Leads meeting on 7 th March 2017 Cllr Judith Kelly (Bury East) Cllr Sharon Briggs (Radcliffe)	
13th February 2017 Senior Leadership Team (SLT)			
Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	
	Joint Cabinet/SLT on 13 th March 2017 On forward	On forward planner for Full Council on 19 th April 2017	-

	<p>planner for Overview & Scrutiny on 29th March 2017</p> <p>On forward planner for Labour Group on 27th March 2017</p> <p>On Forward planner for Cabinet 12th April</p>		
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1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Whole System Transformation in Bury

1.1.1 Bury Council along with our Team Bury partners are on a journey of whole system transformation between now and 2020. Greater Manchester Devolution, 'Taking Change together' is driving both Health & Social Care Integration and wider Public Service Reform regionally across Greater Manchester and locally within Bury.

1.1.2 Set out initially by the Localism Act of 2011 and most recently in the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act of 2016, devolution offers an opportunity to change the relationship between central and local government and then through, 'onward devolution', for local Authorities to pass greater control communities and individuals.

1.1.3 Whole system transformation in Bury is being led by Bury's Joint Leadership Team and is driven by Bury's Locality Plan to integrate health and social care and reform public services.

1.1.4 'Embracing change, exploring opportunity and building relationships' (the title of the Locality Plan) articulates the requirement for radical and transformational new approaches to facilitate the entire system working differently and working together. A Local Care Organisation (LCO) and One Commissioning Organisation (OCO) will be delivered via integrated neighbourhood working, all of which are interdependent to develop:

- A **new relationship** between public services and citizens, communities and businesses that enables shared decision making, democratic accountability and voice, genuine co-production and joint delivery of services. Do with, not to.
- An **asset based approach** that recognises and builds on the strengths of individuals, families and our communities rather than focussing on the deficits.
- A **place-based approach that redefines services** and places individuals, families, communities at the heart
- **Behaviour change** in our communities that builds independence and supports residents to be in control

- Emphasis on **well-being** (including the wider determinants of health such as income, employment, housing, crime, physical activity etc), **prevention, self help and early intervention**
- An **evidence led** understanding of risk and impact to ensure the right intervention at the right time
- An approach that supports the development of **new investment and resourcing models**, enabling collaboration with a wide range of organisations.

1.2 Neighbourhood Working Programme

1.2.1 The integrated Neighbourhood Working Programme is how the reform principles for whole systems transformation across Team Bury will be mobilised. More information about the Neighbourhood Working and progress to date for 'Phase One' can be found in Appendix One.

1.3 Neighbourhood Working Programme- Phase Two

1.3.1 The Neighbourhood Working programme is now moving into 'Phase Two'. Phase two will be split into two key programmes of work, 'Service Re-design' and 'Community Engagement', both of which are underpinned by robust Systems Leadership at every level.

1.3.2 Across Team Bury and particularly as a Local Authority, we need to get better at engaging and empowering our communities. This sets the foundations for effective community engagement which will facilitate the co-production and ownership of local priorities.

- It is fundamental to building capacity within our neighbourhoods to empower people to solve their own problems without the need for costly statutory sector provision or intervention.
- We have a primary responsibility to consult and involve our stakeholders- devolution and localism is all about giving more say and power to local communities.
- It can help improve our reputation- in a time of tight financial constraint and public service reform, we need to do all we can to demonstrate that we are delivering value for money and by keeping our residents well informed.

1.3.3 Phase two of the Community Engagement work stream will see a continuation and further development in the areas of work started during phase one which includes continuing:

- to encourage self care
- to strengthen our assets
- to build capacity in our neighbourhoods
- the Systems Leadership programme for Elected Members and Community Champions
- to work with (and help fund) the Community & Voluntary Sector
- to invest grant funding in neighbourhood projects to ensure that it makes the biggest difference to the local community

1.3.4 It will have a specific focus on the communication and engagement required to realise the outcomes of whole scale system transformation. This will be supported by experts

Joyce Redfern and Myron Rodgers who have been funded as part of a grant secured as part of Phase One.

2.0 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BEST PRACTICE/ LEARNING FROM PHASE ONE

- 2.1 Best practice for Community Engagement demonstrate facilitate shared decision making, democratic accountability and voice, genuine co-production and joint delivery of services. They 'do with' and not 'to' people and create the conditions to enable behaviour change in communities that builds independence and supports residents to be in control.
- 2.2 Elected members as democratically elected leaders representing their communities have a unique role to play in enabling effective local engagement. Whole system transformation offers an opportunity to engage communities differently, re-shape bureaucratically-driven, paper heavy meetings and processes towards more creative engagement, leading and energising local communities and encouraging self organised groups to be ambitious.
- 2.3 There are a number of successful examples of where local authorities are enabling and empowering local communities via new ways of 'participatory democracy' (PD) and 'participatory budgets' (PB) as a new way of engaging and involving local communities in the decisions that affect them most closely and how public money is spent. Over the last six months, research has been undertaken which has identified Durham and York Council engagement as areas of good practice for both PD and PB and Manchester City Council in partnership with Manchester CCG more recently for their PB processes.
- 2.4 Learning from Neighbourhood Working Phase one Community Engagement, Developing Assets and Building Capacity Work streams across the Trailblazer areas of Bury East and Radcliffe have also been considered and shaped the development of the new framework. Over 130 people told us what they loved about their area and how they could work together to love it even more at the #Love Radcliffe and #Bury East events in September and October 2016. People were generally grateful to be given an opportunity to engage with the Council and local Councillors at these events and were happy that an event had taken place in their local area. Overwhelmingly though, **people wanted to be asked and involved more in what happens in their local area.** They explained that they really valued the good work of the community and voluntary groups that attended the event but that engagement from the council needed to be improved. **Feedback from the events was that people do not need to know how our internal systems and processes work but just what we are aiming to achieve and how they can be involved in it.**

3.0 NEW NEIGHBOUHOOD ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK INCLUDING A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTING NEIGHBOUHOOD GRANT FUNDING

- 3.1 The proposed Neighbourhood Engagement Framework offers a flexible framework for community engagement across Team Bury partners that aims to support and facilitate the new relationship between public services and citizens, communities and businesses that is required for whole scale transformation. Enabling behaviour change to build independence, shared decision making, democratic accountability and voice, genuine co-production and joint delivery of services. It offers an asset based approach that recognises and builds on the strengths of our communities and a place based approach that places individuals, families and communities at the heart of what we do.

- 3.2 It is based on combining best practice elements from Councils that have been transformational in changing the way that they engage with communities in a way that also supports the integrated Neighbourhood Working approach we are taking to whole system transformation in Bury.
- 3.3 It complies with the new Public Contracts Regulations 2015 to ensure 'community benefit' opportunities are available through contract procedure processes. How this can be delivered in Bury is set out in the newly developed Draft Social Value Policy which supports the principles of integrated neighbourhood working through seeking to make a difference to the people in our communities and neighbourhoods by improving their health, wellbeing and standard of living whilst getting the best social, environmental and economic benefits from every £1 spent.
- 3.4 The new framework really does embrace change, explore opportunity and build relationships across Bury's neighbourhoods. It aligns the engagement framework with grant funding allocation as a way of 'investing' in neighbourhoods to make a difference and would replace the existing Township Forum and Community Grants process.
- 3.5 It can offer a delivery vehicle by which to implement the communication, engagement and marketing strategy for whole system transformation. Flexible Branding for the new engagement framework can offer a consistent message to the public about the rationale for any changes made as part of the transformation agenda. It will enable the public to be informed of changes when required, engaged where appropriate or consulted if needed in the most appropriate way for them.
- 3.6 The new framework offers a '3,2,1' approach to working with and investing in neighbourhoods at various levels across Bury (see appendix two for framework in diagram format).
- 3= Borough Wide (Borough of Bury)
 - 2= Township level (6 Townships)
 - 1= Ward level (Neighbourhood level)
- 3.7 Across each level of the '3,2,1' approach, the framework offers a consistency of approach but with flexibility to ensure it meets the different engagement needs of each area. Consistent with the 'do with' and 'not to' approach, the shape of the model in each area will be co-produced by Team Bury partners, wider communities and businesses to enable shared decision making, democratic accountability and voice, genuine co-production and joint delivery of services. This co-production will be facilitated through a series of System Leadership workshops and community café style events facilitated by community engagement and systems leadership experts funded by a grant secured as part of Neighbourhood Working Phase One.
- 3.8 The new framework will provide a cashable saving to Democratic Services of around £8,000* per annum which is currently spent on printing and room hire for the existing Township Forum and Community Grants process. It will also provide an efficiency of around 96 hours per annum in Democratic Services time if the governance for the framework does not sit in the Council Constitution (around 72 hours saved if it does sit in the Council Constitution as level 2- Township level meetings will still require support from Democratic Services but only six meetings per year at 4 hours support per meeting).

**actual saving to the Council would be £7k as around £1k would be cost neutral as it is currently spent within Bury Council Venues on room hire.*

3.9 Support across the framework would be provided within existing resources by a Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator (currently Township Co-ordinators) and/or Democratic Services dependent upon if the governance remained within the Council Constitution.

3.10 This framework offers an opportunity to make best use of assets in the community, work in partnership with local businesses and embrace social value. All events as part of the new framework would be held in a free of charge community or business venue and delivered via social value making best use of any sponsorship, grant funding or resources available.

3.11 Borough wide engagement framework (3)

3.11.1 Engagement borough wide would be available in the form a digital engagement platform that would be aligned to Team Bury's existing digital offer in terms of the transactional Bury Council Website and partner agency's websites, our Team Bury intelligence system the Bury Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Team Bury one stop information platform The Bury Directory and self care tool the 'Quality of Life Wheel'.

3.11.2 It would offer accessibility 365 days a year, 7 days per week from any location and from any mobile device.

3.11.3 It could offer many methods of engagement for example:

- communication tools such as e-newsletters
- general engagement on topics, themes, activities, events, brainstorming, stories, ideas or on line forum
- consultation management ranging from quick polls to formal consultation
- questionnaires and feedback
- digital participatory budget voting on how neighbourhood grant funding should be spent or allocated

3.11.4 The digital engagement officer would strengthen existing borough wide engagement that takes place at one-off events such as Gallipoli day, public health initiatives, Holocaust Memorial, Made in Bury Business Awards, Transition (formally Bury Light Night), Bury 10k etc.

3.12 Township Engagement Framework (2)

3.12.1 The engagement framework at Township level would build upon the borough wide engagement and digital engagement offer and consist of an Annual Neighbourhood Network meeting and Neighbourhood Celebration Awards ceremony in each of the six Township areas. The event would not dissimilar to an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and be held in early June around the start of the new municipal year.

3.12.2 This annual event would bring together the whole community at Township level with a flexible format co-produced by the community to meet the needs of the people living in that area to:

- network
- meet and get to know their local Councillors, Team Bury Partner agency staff working in the area Community and Voluntary Sector and local business representatives
- find out about assets, initiatives and key areas of interest across the township
- celebrate key outcomes and achievements of the area including the opportunity to celebrate the good work of Neighbourhood Champions, individuals, groups,

businesses and key partners from across Team Bury

- Highlight best practice and what difference has been made as a result of neighbourhood grant investment
- Offer an opportunity to shape the priorities for the next 12 months.

3.12.3 The Annual network meeting could be a separate event followed by the Neighbourhood Celebration Awards Ceremony or a joint event where Neighbourhood Champions, individuals, groups, businesses and key partners from across Team Bury would be recognised for their contribution to their neighbourhood. This would be determined by the needs of each local area.

3.13 Ward level Engagement Framework (1)

3.13.1 The engagement framework at Ward level would build upon the borough wide engagement, digital engagement offer, Annual Neighbourhood Network meeting and Neighbourhood Celebration Awards ceremony in each of the six Township areas. It would offer an annual or bi-annual Ward level Neighbourhood Engagement Forum meeting which was linked to two ward level Participatory Budgeting events.

3.13.2 These events would be an opportunity for the following people to come together annually following the Annual Neighbourhood Network meeting and Neighbourhood Celebration Awards ceremony at Ward level:

- The three Local Ward Councillors for each neighbourhood
- Team Bury Partner agency staff working in integrated Neighbourhood Teams
- Community and Voluntary Sector representatives
- local businesses
- wider community

3.13.3 This would be an opportunity to really engage people at neighbourhood level around what they love about their local area, how they can work together to make it better and to determine how they can invest any grant funding wisely to make the biggest difference in their neighbourhood. It would enable local priorities to be agreed and addressed at Neighbourhood level.

3.13.4 Those priorities could then be actioned via a series of Project/Action groups. Supported by the Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator where required, individuals, families and groups including staff from relevant key organisations can come together and really demonstrate people helping themselves at a very local level, with the help of the local community and its assets to address local issues. It will facilitate the whole scale transformation required delivered by Neighbourhood Working to really give people a voice, enable genuine co-production and joint delivery of services. It demonstrates the asset based approach that is required and also the place based approach that redefines services and places individuals, families and communities at the heart.

3.14 New framework for investing Neighbourhood Grant Funding

3.14.1 The new framework for investing Neighbourhood Grant Funding offers an alternative to replace the existing Community Grants budget of £56k and current allocation process with a combination of:

- Participatory Budgets (PB) to be allocated across two events per year
- Elected Member Discretionary Budgets (one off payment)

3.14.2 Participatory budgeting (PB) as a way of allocating grant funding is a way of providing 'community investment' which means that local people decide how to allocate funding to projects that they feel will make a difference in their local area. It facilitates shared

decision making and enables the public voice to be heard. PB events would be one element of neighbourhood engagement that brings the community together to vote for what they feel is the most deserving investment proposal when pitched by the individual or group at a PB event.

3.14.3 Elected Member Discretionary Budgets offer greater flexibility to Ward Councillors as to how community grant funding is invested. It means that a small pot of money can go to those priorities, individuals or groups that Elected Members feel are most deserving of this funding. The only requirement would be for Elected Members to submit a report to their annual level 1 (Ward level) meeting detailing how this funding has made a difference in their local neighbourhood. Exemplar return on investment for this funding can then be showcased at the level 2 (Township level) Annual Celebration Awards and held up as best practice for how a small investment have make a huge difference to people in their neighbourhood.

3.14.4 The new framework would re-distribute the existing £56k community funding as follows:

	Per Cllr	Per Ward	Per Township*
Discretionary Cllr Budget	£250	£750	£2,250
Participatory Budget	N/A	£2,500	£7,500

**based on a township made up of three wards*

3.14.5 Any additional one off monies or grants such as the Parklife funding grant would then increase the PB amounts at Ward level or could enable a Township or even Borough wide one-off PB event to take place as and when required.

3.14.6 Governance for PB and Elected Member Discretionary Budgets would facilitate funding to be invested in both constituted and non constituted groups. It would also be supported by a separate funding stream to the Community & Voluntary Sector (medium and large groups) which will then enable PB monies to be directed to smaller CVS groups and/or targeted neighbourhood Ward level programmes offered by the medium or larger CVS groups.

3.14.7 PB monies would be subject to scrutiny by the Level 2 and Level 1 (Township and Ward level) engagement via the Annual Neighbourhood Network meeting/ Neighbourhood Celebration Awards ceremony and/ or the Annual Neighbourhood Engagement Forum/PB events. Any individual group or group that is successful at securing investment at a PB event would have a condition that they had to attend the level 3 Ward level Annual Neighbourhood Engagement Forum to feedback on what difference this investment has made in their local neighbourhood (outcome focussed monitoring).

3.14.8 The mechanism for administering both PB and the Elected Member Discretionary funding offers an opportunity to be aligned to the way that 'Personal Social Care' budgets are paid where appropriate. Payments can be allocated via a pre-paid card account (managed by a third sector company which is already taking place for ASC Personal Budgets) and can offer an alternative to the more traditional BACS payment. It would offer a more efficient, transparent process that can be managed digitally on-line which would reduce administrative and resource intensive processes of the Council's budget system. Live on-line account transactions can be viewed by both the individual/group or Elected Member who are spending the budget AND the Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator who would have the responsibility for ensuring the terms and conditions of use for the card were followed (in the case of Elected Members this would ultimately lie with Democratic Services). The card could be stopped, blocked or funds withdrawn at any time if the card were to become lost

stolen or used inappropriately. The cost of the pre-paid card is £1 which would be deducted from the grant awarded to the group.

4.0 OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1- Keep the existing model of community Engagement model and existing community grant process in Bury (do nothing).
- 4.2 Option 2- adopt the proposed framework of Neighbourhood Engagement and new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury. The governance would be kept within the Councils Constitution.
- 4.3 **Option 3 (Recommended Option)**- adopt the proposed framework for Neighbourhood Engagement and new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury. The governance of the new framework would sit within Team Bury Wider Leadership Group although annual reporting to Full Council would continue.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS/RISKS/BENEFITS

OPTIONS	RISKS	BENEFITS
<p>Option 1- Keep the existing model of community Engagement model and existing community grant process in Bury (do nothing)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Remains 'Council' led approach that could be perceived as disempowering partners and the wider community</i> 2. <i>Business could be disconnected to the Neighbourhood Working programme</i> 3. <i>Current process are not consistent with whole system transformation objectives</i> 4. <i>Maintains paternalistic perception of Councils responsibility for health and wellbeing</i> 5. <i>Offers no contribution to Councils budget (and efficiency) savings</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>'Status quo' remains</i>
<p>Option 2- adopt the proposed framework of Neighbourhood Engagement and new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury. The governance would be kept within the Councils Constitution.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Remains 'Council' led approach that could be perceived as disempowering partners and local businesses</i> 2. <i>Contribution to Councils efficiency potential not fully realised</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Process will be consistent with whole system transformation objectives</i> 2. <i>Contribution to Councils savings target of £8,000 realised</i> 3. <i>Removes paternalistic perception of Councils responsibility for health and wellbeing</i> 4. <i>Public co-produce response to community priorities</i> 5. <i>Public determine how grant funding is invested in neighbourhoods</i> 6. <i>Increased Elected Members profile and visibility</i> 7. <i>Elected Members can formally call in to Scrutiny Committee</i>
<p>Option 3 adopt the proposed framework for Neighbourhood Engagement and new</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Elected Members can call in to Scrutiny Committee via Team Bury</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Process will be consistent with whole system transformation objectives</i> 2. <i>Contribution to Councils savings</i>

<p>framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury. The governance of the new framework would sit within Team Bury Wider Leadership Group although annual reporting to Full Council would continue.</p>		<i>target of £8,000 realised</i>
		<i>3. Removes paternalistic perception of Councils responsibility for health and wellbeing</i>
		<i>4. Public co-produce response to community priorities</i>
		<i>5. Public determine how grant funding is invested in neighbourhoods</i>
		<i>6. Increased Elected Members profile and visibility</i>
		<i>7. Elected Members can call in to Scrutiny Committee via Team Bury</i>
		<i>8. Partnership approach that empowers partners and local businesses</i>
		<i>9. Contribution to Councils efficiency potential fully realised</i>

5.1 Equality and Diversity

5.1.1 The outcome of the EIA is that the proposed framework will have an overall positive impact on protected characteristics and no issues have been identified.

6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 The level of engagement required to effectively embrace the change, explore the opportunity and build relationships that is required by Neighbourhood Working in response to health and social care integration and public service reform set out by Devolution GM is not to be underestimated. Doing nothing is not an option.

6.2 This is an unprecedented period of whole system service re-design that needs to be both radical and transformational. The proposed framework offers a standardised '3, 2, 1' approach to engagement across the borough, at township and ward level but that is flexible enough to facilitate genuine co-production of an engagement model that works for each local area. It offers digital engagement to support more traditional face to face engagement. This is strengthened by a new way of investing in neighbourhoods that means that local people are actively involved in decision making, there is democratic accountability and voice, genuine co-production and joint delivery of services which is needed to face the challenges ahead.

6.3 It offers a delivery vehicle by which to implement the communication strategy required to support the transformation agenda by promoting the new engagement framework and investing community funding and inviting people to co-produce the model of engagement that works for people in their own neighbourhood. The Project or Action groups that will be set up based on the priorities of each local area will align to multi agency service delivery on 'the lawn'. It will enable the public to be informed of changes when required, engaged where appropriate or consulted if needed in the most appropriate way for them.

6.4 The proposed framework offers an opportunity to save around £8,000 from Democratic Services budget and free up Democratic Services Officer time significantly or

completely, to focus on other priorities. It can be supported within existing resources of the Social Development Team by the existing Township Co-ordinator staff team.

- 6.5 Placing the governance of the new framework within the Team Bury Wider Leadership structure will offer a first step towards embracing change, exploring new opportunities, building relationships and true joint delivery of services' which is required for system wide transformation and ultimately create the conditions for wellbeing in Bury.
- 6.6 By implementing this framework, Bury will be leading the way in connecting and delivering a transformational approach to system re-design and community engagement.

List of Background Papers:-

- Social Development Section 2017 Power Point
- A Councillors Workbook on neighbourhood and community engagement
- Neighbourhood Road shows Feedback Report
- Draft Bury Social Value Policy
- Community Venues Audit Document

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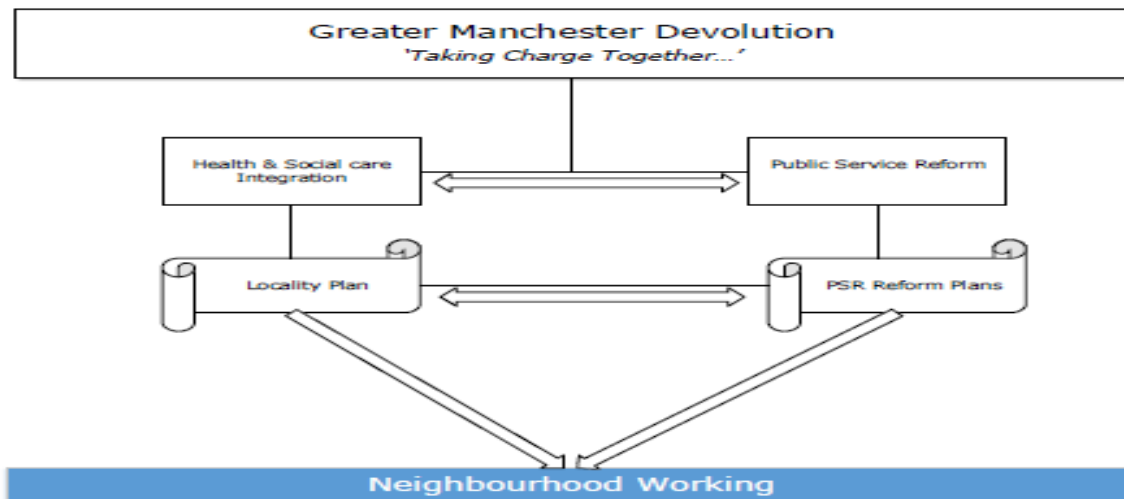
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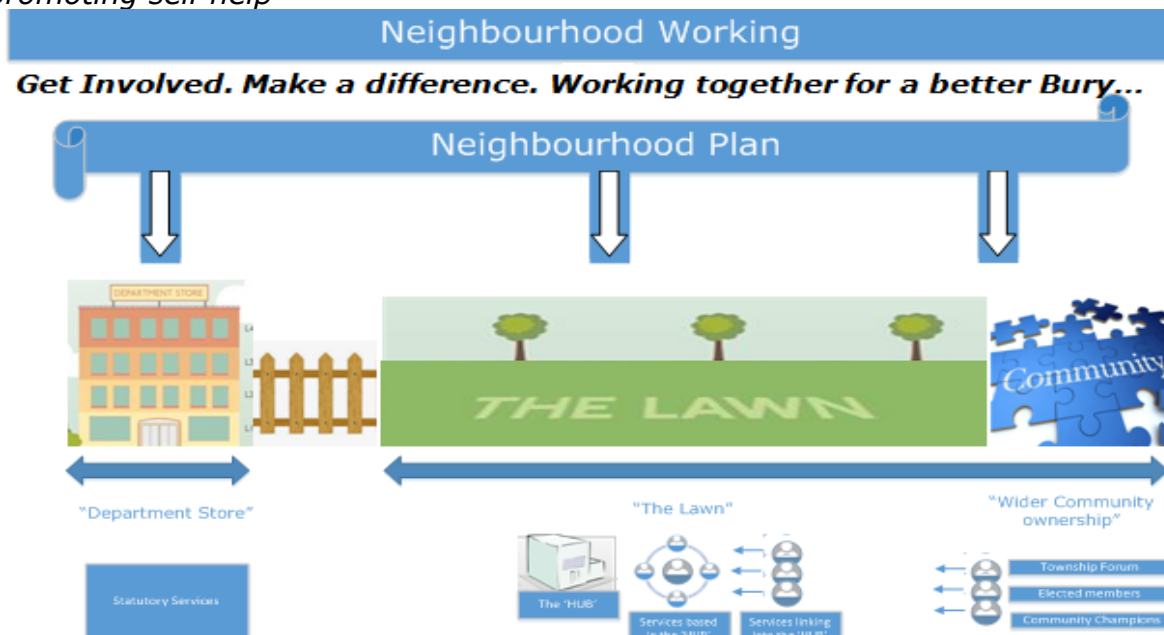
Pat Jones Greenhalgh, Executive Director, Department for Communities & Wellbeing

1.0 Background to Neighbourhood Working programme

1.1 The integrated Neighbourhood Working Programme is how the reform principles for whole systems transformation across Team Bury will be mobilised. For more information about Neighbourhood Working and progress to date for 'Phase One' can be found in Appendix One.



1.2 Neighbourhood Working is, 'to have services that effectively respond to and reduce demand at the Neighbourhood level through a contextual understanding of people and place in an integrated, citizen-centred way that builds on the assets of the community.' Put simply, it 'aims to help individuals, families and communities to help themselves and others in all aspects of their life. If people need specialist help, advice and support, services will work together at a neighbourhood level, with the help of the local community and its assets to address those needs as quickly as possible whilst also promoting self help'



If people are assessed as needing some specialist support, services will only be provided for as long as required before supporting people back to help, advice and support in the Hub

The Hub will help people who need help, advice and support by working together at a neighbourhood level, with the help of the local community and its assets to address those needs as quickly as possible before supporting them back to helping themselves in their neighbourhood

Helping people to help themselves and others in all aspects of their life

1.3 Neighbourhood Working aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Individuals have greater responsibility, ownership and control of their own health and wellbeing including their environment within the community.
- Reduction the number of avoidable contacts and demand for specialist, higher cost services.
- Vibrant local communities as measured by a reduction in inequalities, less deprivation and residents reporting improved outcomes.
- The cost to the public purse is reduced and the efficiency and effectiveness of public services enhanced

2.0 Progress to date- Phase One

2.1 In order to make 'Neighbourhood Working' a reality, phase one focussed on creating the conditions for Neighbourhood Working to be effective. This included the establishment of work streams to focus upon Systems Leadership, developing a new Service Model, Outcomes & Monitoring and Community Engagement (which also includes Asset Mapping and Social Capacity Development).

2.2 Two trailblazer areas (Bury East and Radcliffe) and Elected Member Leads (Cllr Kelly and Cllr Briggs) were identified.

2.3 Significant progress has been made across all workstreams during phase one. A strong emphasis on asset mapping, social capacity building and community engagement has seen:

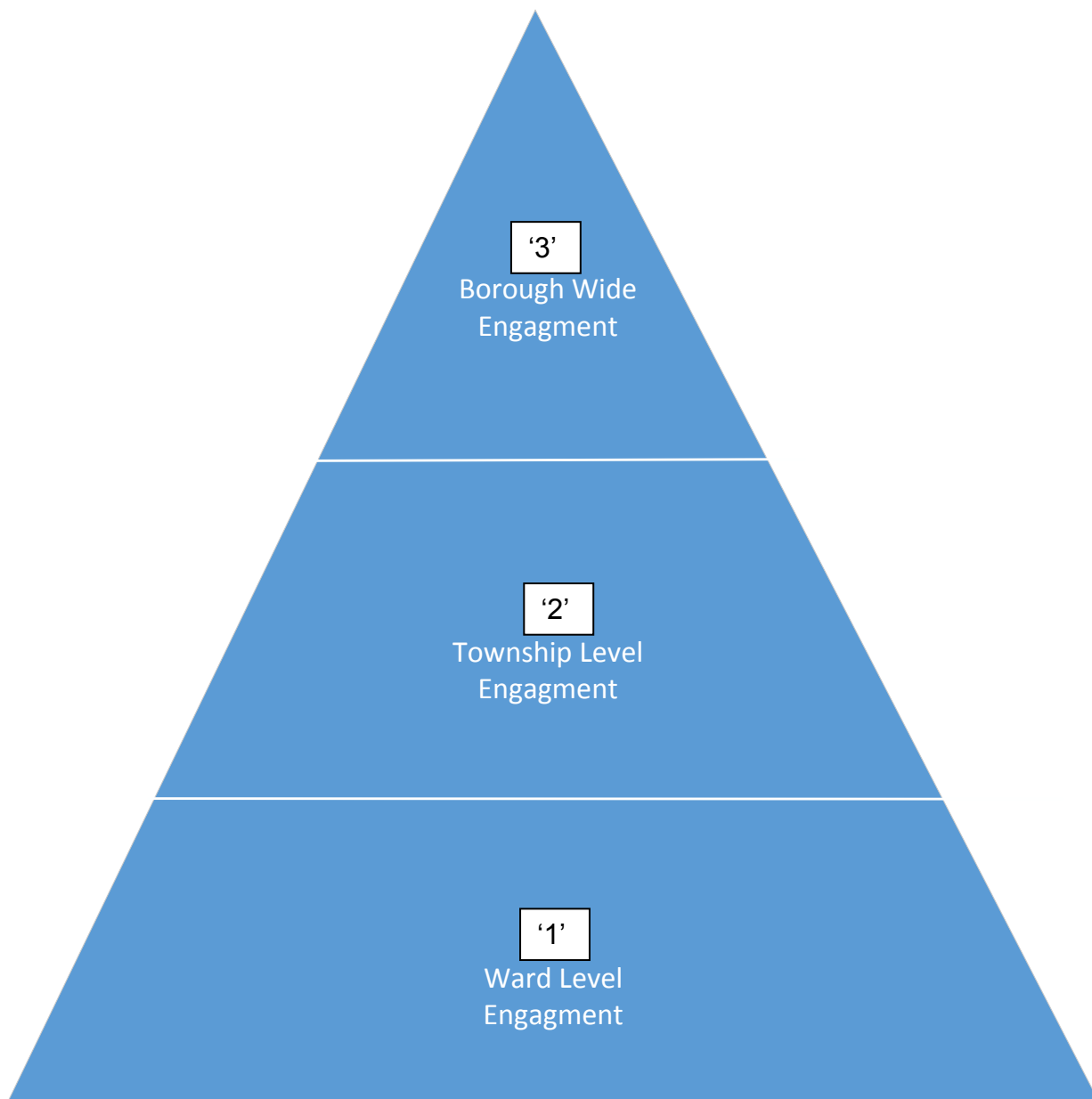
- Two neighbourhood road shows (#Love Bury East & #Love Radcliffe) took place where people told us what they loved about their neighbourhood and how they could work together to make it even better
- £2,000 of Participatory Budgets have been invested in seven neighbourhood projects in the Trailblazer areas as part of a pilot to trial new ways of investing in projects that make a difference at neighbourhood level
- There has been a real focus on relationship building with the Community & Voluntary Sector and the Armed Forces (including Veterans) to ensure the sectors are resilient through the system transformation and can continue to thrive and support people in our communities
- Identifying and strengthening our assets has continued though the further development of the Bury Directory and integration with the Bury Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The digital conversational tool the Quality of Life Wheel has been developed and is being piloted in the trailblazer areas
- Supported the principles of self care and Social Prescribing through the launch of self care programmes such as, 'Helping Yourself to Wellbeing'. The tutor network has been expanded to enable targeted interventions in trailblazer areas and the Royal Society for Public Health Understanding Health Improvement level two qualification has been successfully awarded to staff working in Trailblazer areas, members of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Elected Members on the Health Scrutiny Committee
- Street Soccer and Sale Sharks HITZ programmes been developed to support young people not in employment, services or support through sport and physical activity in Trailblazer areas

- The first 'Systems Leadership' workshop for Elected members was held alongside the 'Vision for 2020' market place events to raise awareness with Elected members, key staff groups, the Bury Health & Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny about Neighbourhood Working
- A draft Social Value policy for Bury has been developed aligned to neighbourhood working as a result of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which sets out the requirement to ensure 'community benefit' opportunities through our procurement procedures
- Sourced grant funding to facilitate Community Engagement & co-production and Systems Leadership for Elected Members and Community Champions by experts Joyce Redfern and Myron Rodgers
- Research was conducted into best practice for community engagement, digital engagement and allocating of community grant funding across the country

3.0 Progress to date Phase Two

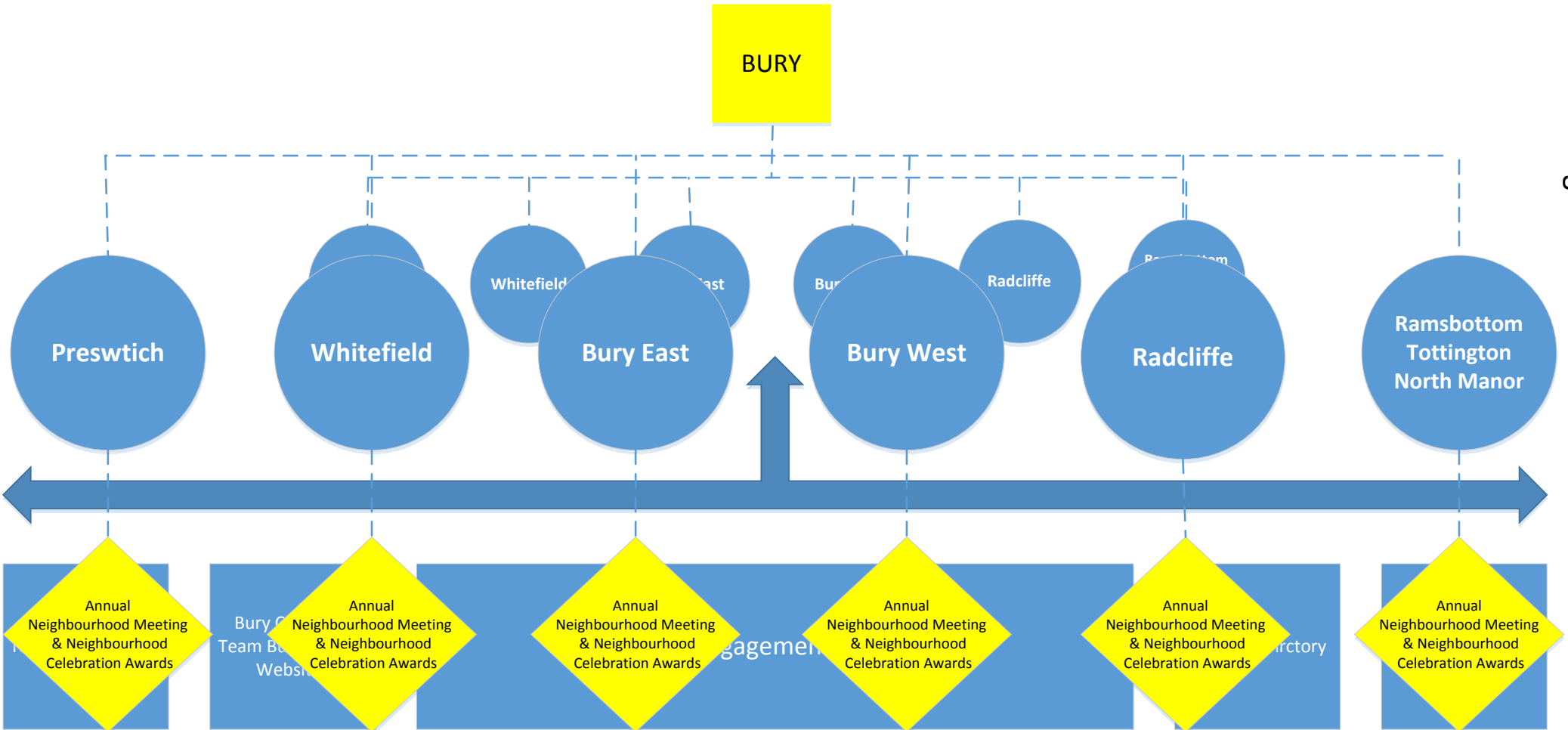
- 3.1 £5k of Parklife Grant funding was invested in 7 local Preswtich groups at a Participatory Budget event held in February at the Longfield Suite. Over 120 people from Prestwich attended to vote for the most deserving investment proposal given by 14 local groups.
- 3.2 The second Elected Member Systems Leadership workshop has been scheduled for Thursday 16th March 2017 at Bury Adult Learning Centre.
- 3.3 A #Love Radcliffe and #Love Bury East Community Café led by Community Engagement experts Joyce Redfern and Myron Rodgers, supported by the Social Development Section has been scheduled for Saturday 18th March 2017. This event will be open to residents, Elected Members, Community Champions and groups, partner agencies including the Community and Voluntary Sector, businesses and staff working in the local area.

Appendix Two- Diagram of proposed new Neighbourhood Engagement Framework



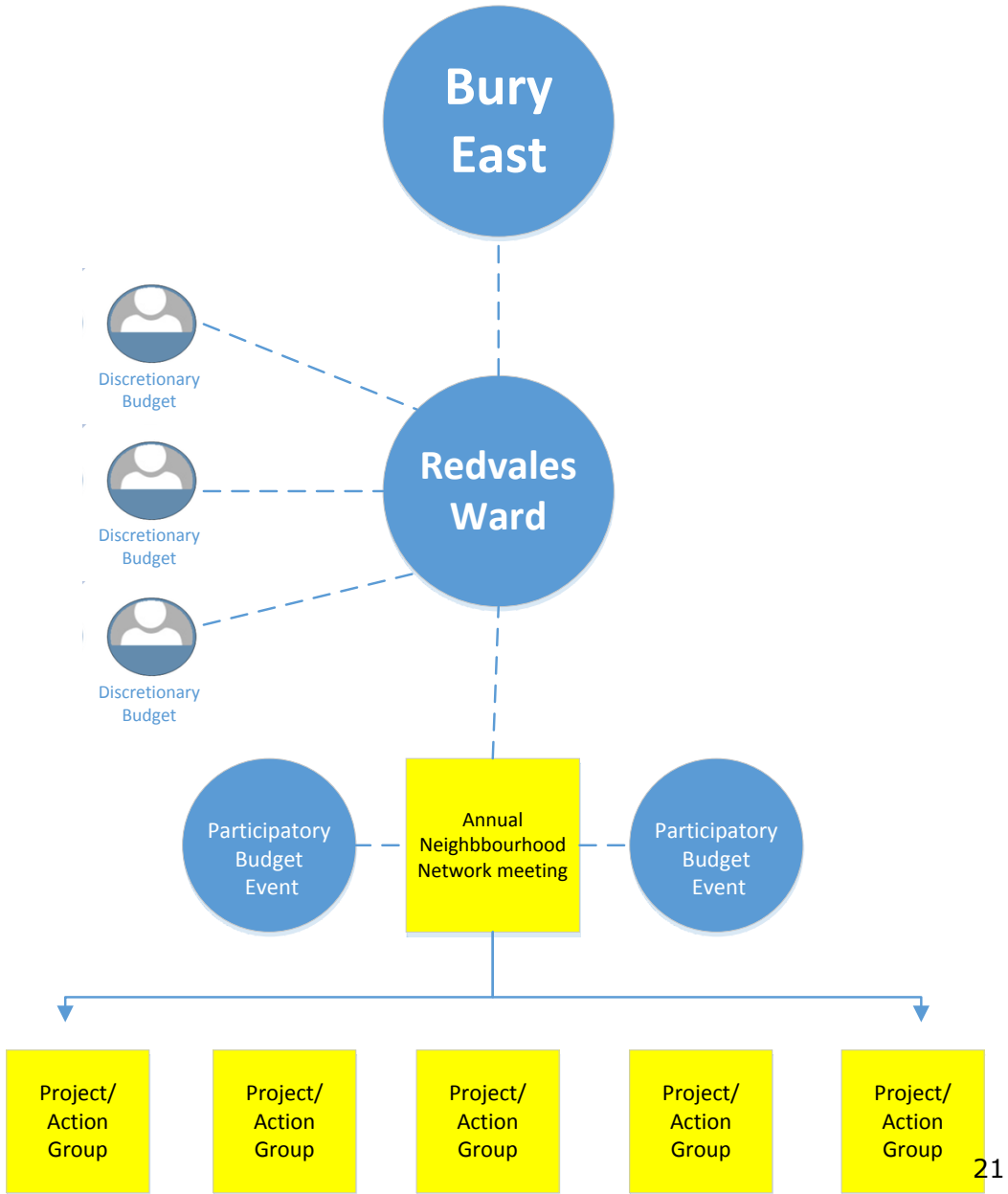
3- Borough Wide Engagement

2- Township Level Engagment



Annual Bury events with an opportunity to engage the public borough wide

1- Ward Level Engagement



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COUNCIL QUESTIONS – 19 APRIL 2017

1. Following the success of 'I Will if You Will', how will the Leader of Bury Council ensure that the initiative continues to have a positive impact on good health and fitness for the people of Bury? **Cllr Adams**

Reply by Cllr Preston

A significant legacy has been created from the investment from Sport England/National Lottery. The IWIYW programme will continue: -

- The 340 IWIYW sessions that are delivered by independent coaches/instructors/deliverers will continue to be delivered in community venues across Bury.
 - The Bury 10K will take place again on September 17th 2017.
 - The IWIYW brand has been provided to us on licence and we are keeping the website and social media platforms.
 - Insight and data analysis will continue to be provided by the Communities and Wellbeing's Performance Team.
 - One of the Locality Officers from the IWIYW programme has been extended until December 2017 to continue to work with partners and stakeholders, and they will oversee the roll out of new technology (all instructors will be given a device, and all participants will be issued with a key fob) to enable participants to be scanned into IWIYW sessions, therefore removing the current manual registration process, and allowing the Council to have immediate access to participation data.
 - The Sport and Physical Activity Service will continue to oversee the IWIYW programme, and will: -
 - continue to work with the stakeholders and partners that joined IWIYW
 - continue to bring new partners on board
 - continue to get more women and girls, and their families more active more often
 - run the Champions programme
 - run the Bury'd Treasure event for 2017.
2. Could the Leader confirm that the old Whitefield Town Hall site is going to be developed? **Cllr Mallon**

Reply by Cllr Shori

Planning permission has been granted for a 60 bed nursing home. The development has commenced in planning terms by the creation of a small footing in the rear corner of the site. This development required disposal of 2 small plots of public open space land currently part of the park owned by the Council adjacent to the house. Following public consultation a sale has been agreed. Paperwork for the sale prepared by the Councils' legal services team is with the buyers solicitor and we are dealing with pre contract enquiries. Once completed, the development can proceed.

3. Following the BBC File on Four investigation that revealed 20,000 allegations of abuse by care home workers against elderly and vulnerable people in the last three years, what allegations have been made within Bury (last three years, neglect, physical abuse, psychological abuse and sexual assault). **Cllr Pickstone**

Reply by Cllr Holt...

As required through national reporting we record the number of safeguarding enquiries concluded each year broken down into categories regarding location such as care home, in the person's home or hospital setting. We also report by type of risk which are the numbers given below. The numbers below relate specifically to care homes in Bury.

The numbers do not directly represent the numbers of people as each safeguarding enquiry may relate to more than one type of risk.

A Summary of findings is as follows...

2016/17: Un-validated data

Data from 2016/17 is currently being validated for year-end returns. These figures do not include concluded safeguarding enquiries initiated by the council but passed on to another organisation to investigate (e.g. CCG or Community Mental Health Team). They also don't include organisational safeguarding enquiries concluded during the year.

The types of risk, with a **source of risk of service provider** for concluded safeguarding enquiries in 2016/17, where the data is currently available were: Physical Abuse 6, Psychological Abuse 2, Financial or Material Abuse 6 and Neglect and Acts of Omission 23

2015/16: Source Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC)

The types of risk, with a **source of risk of social care support**, for concluded safeguarding enquiries in 2015/16 were: physical 16, sexual 2, psychological 10, financial or material 12, organisation 5 and neglect and acts of omission 49.

2014/15 Source: Safeguarding Adults Return (SAR)

The Safeguarding Adults Return counted safeguarding referrals (not enquiries) because it was before the changes implemented through the Care Act. Some but not all safeguarding enquiries will have proceeded to investigation and have been counted in the SAR as a safeguarding referral.

The types of risk, with a **source of risk of social care support**, for concluded safeguarding referrals in 2014/15 were: physical 18, sexual 2, psychological and emotional 13, financial or material 6 and neglect and omission 37.

I am happy to provide this information in tabular format for Councillor Pickstone following the meeting.

4. Does the Council Leader agree with the Assistant Director - Learning and Culture - when she said at the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum on 20 March 2017 that Bury Council should have recruited volunteers into the library service several years ago? Cllr Bevan

Reply by Councillor Walmsley...

I have to start by saying that the Assistant Director disputes that she actually made the comment you are referring to about recruiting volunteers. I think it may refer to the fact that she made it clear on the night that she did not see the volunteers ever running any of the 3 or 4 main remaining libraries as we needed to ensure we addressed some of the current inefficiencies in the library service we currently offer. She was explaining that library staffing would be adequate to ensure volunteers could be involved to add variety and addition to the library service, and contribute as much or as little as they felt comfortable, not be expected to take on significant responsibilities in the new service? The library service has over 130 volunteers across all libraries and we will be working closely with all to support them in being involved in the new service.

5. Can the Leader updated the Council on the current overspend position? Cllr Kerrison

Reply by Cllr Shori

Members will recall that initial forecasts suggested an overspend of £6.4 million.

This prompted the introduction of 10 control measures, and regular meetings between Cabinet Members and Directors to analyse the situation, and consider action plans.

The latest forecast (month 11) shows a forecast overspend of £2.3 million, so clearly progress has been made, but equally pressures remain.

We also need to consider the backdrop to this – in that the Council has been forced to make cuts of £65 million since 2010, and faces a further £32 million in cuts to 2020.

Despite this, a balanced outturn has been maintained over this period.

This is largely down to the hard work and creativity of staff and portfolio holders, who I must thank for their efforts.

6. Can the Leader update Members on the outcome of the Life Chances Commission and the next steps for implementation of some of the recommendations? **Cllr O'Brien**

Reply by Councillor Shori

The report has now been published on the Council's Website and the people that were originally invited to provide input into the report will be / are in the process of being written to; they will receive a link to the report, and also have the opportunity to comment on the report.

7. Can the Leader of the Council assure the public of Bury that the Labour Group is giving serious consideration to the space currently being occupied by the Sculpture Centre being restored to the Bury Central Library - as originally intended in 1901? (**Cllr. R.Walker**)

Reply by Councillor Walmsley

We are absolutely giving consideration to developing the space in all 3 or 4 libraries remaining library buildings. We are committed to ensuring that the library service, although smaller in number of buildings, will be improved in quality of service.

8. Theresa May promised to help those "Just About Managing" when she became Prime Minister. Can the Leader tell us what Bury Council is doing to help those "Just About Managing"? **Cllr Whitby**

Reply by Councillor Walmsley

The council has a clear duty to collect income in the form of local taxation and other debts. However, we ensure we take a firm but fair approach. We recognise that there is a difference between the `can't pay`s` and `won't pay`s` and our collection strategies and processes are underpinned by this recognition.

We encourage customers to contact us at the earliest opportunity if they are struggling to pay or are in debt. This is often easier said than done due to the stigma surrounding debt as well as the tendency sometimes for people to keep their `head in the sand` about it. To help overcome these issues, we have developed a debt strategy which aims to inform staff who have customer contact how to identify people who may be experiencing debt issues and how to signpost them to get help. This strategy which has been developed in partnership with Six Town Housing and CAB has been in place since 2015 and is currently being refreshed and will be re-rolled this year.

The Welfare Reform Board operates very much as a partnership and has jointly carried out campaigns to raise awareness of upcoming changes to

benefits and to mitigate the effects once in place: this includes maximising benefit income, signposting to work solutions and having debt advice in place. Both the Council and Six Town Housing fund in-house CAB workers who will provide specialist advice to customers and will advocate for them and signpost them to other agencies as appropriate.

In terms of offering crisis support, the Bury Support Fund can help customers who need short-term emergency help. As well as providing short term grants, part of their role is to look at the overall circumstances of each applicant for help and provide debt advice and/or signposting to other agencies with the aim of providing more long term solutions to help them break the cycle of debt.

9. Bury has had an enviable reputation in the past of having an excellent family of local schools. However, the Cross Party Public Accounts Committee last month accused the government of being "delusional" as the biggest cuts to education since the 1990's threaten to damage standards. Does the Leader agree that as well as bankrupting the Country via record borrowing, Brexit and a failed economic policy of austerity, the Conservative Government is also morally bankrupt in presiding over the ruining of a generation's education with these education cuts? **Councillor preston**

Reply by Councillor Briggs

Although the Government are providing additional amounts of money to our schools these funds are to meet the record numbers of children and young people in our local schools and colleges. What the Government has failed to recognise is the substantial increases in costs that our schools are having to meet. Nearly all of these large increases in costs are of the Government's making following the large increases in employment costs such as the Apprenticeship Levy, National Insurance contributions, National Living Wage and teacher's pay that is determined by the Secretary of State. There is no extra money for our schools to fund these large increases and therefore schools are facing the spectre of having to make significant savings.

Interestingly the Chancellor reversed his decision to increase National Insurance contributions for the self-employed in his March Budget because the Conservative Manifesto for the last General Election said there would be no tax increases during the current Parliament, yet our schools and this Council are now facing a multi-million pound tax increase in the amount of National Insurance contributions we have to make.

10. Could the Leader inform members, and residents, what the delay has been in commencing works on the A56 in Prestwich. Can we be reassured that works will be completed before the busy Christmas period for local traders? **Councillor D'Albert**

Reply by Councillor Quinn

There have been multiple issues that have delayed the commencement of works; the main contractor struggled with resources to meet the original start date; trial holes have demonstrated that some tree positions were not achievable due to underground services which has necessitated some redesign work; there were some traffic modelling inconsistencies that needed to be addressed and the business case for contributory funding from GMCA has been waiting for approval.

The last element of the works will be the resurfacing works. Whilst it is hoped that these can be undertaken before the Christmas period, a road works embargo is usually put in place across Greater Manchester at the beginning of December and Highways England have plans to undertake works to J17 & J18 around this time. If these impact negatively on the Prestwich High Street works, it may be that the resurfacing works have to be completed in the New Year.

11. Can the Leader tell me what this Council is doing to encourage and help vulnerable residents and those who are currently in receipt of housing benefits, to review their Energy supplier on a regular basis and switch where necessary to the lowest tariff? (**Cllr R.Hodkinson**)

Reply by Councillor Walmsley

Bury Council has encouraged all residents to participate in community switching through the GM Fair Energy campaign in order to reduce their energy tariff. There were 2 auctions in 2013 to which 2925 registered an interest with 379 householders switching energy provider / tariff. This is a 13% acceptance rate. National switching rates are between 10 to 15% therefore Bury places well within this, ensuring annual household fuel bill savings totalling £45,833. This amounts to a 9% reduction on household fuel bills. In March 2014 there was a further auction however there has not been a breakdown of results by Local Authority. For this 3rd auction there were 9926 GM residents who registered an interest, of these 1512 switched which is a 15.2% conversion rate.

At present there are no further planned Switching campaigns however we continue to encourage residents to use online switching comparison sites that are OFGEM accredited.

12. Can the Leader give the Council an update on the application by the UK for EU Solidarity Funding following the floods on Boxing Day 2015? **Cllr Cathcart**

Reply by Councillor Shori

After many months of asking and receiving no clear response, I am pleased to report that we recently received £2.393 million from the

Department for Transport to address the consequences of the December 2015 flooding.

Whether this is via the EU Solidarity fund, we do not know. What we do know however is that we have only secured this funding as a result of the tireless lobbying by Labour Councillors.

We are currently assessing any conditions attached to the funding, and will continue to lobby for funding to address other flood damage, e.g. parks.

13. 2016 was officially the hottest year on record which will lead to more extreme weather events such as the floods of Boxing Day 2015 and September 13 2016 downpours. What is this Council doing to fight climate change? **Cllr James**

Reply by Councillor Quinn

We take climate change and carbon reduction very seriously here in Bury.

We work with our GM colleagues to deliver Greater Manchester's Low Emissions Strategies and we are very pleased to have been chosen by the GMCA to work on a project to show how our energy supply and use can develop as we move to a decarbonised energy supply. We will be publishing our own Bury Climate Change Plan this summer. We have also ensured that this agenda is an integral part of Bury's Health and Wellbeing Strategy under Priority 5 – Healthy Places.

As a council, we have reduced our carbon emissions by 22% since 2008/09 and in that time we have implemented over 100 energy efficiency projects.

We have installed 7055 LED streetlights throughout the borough to cut our energy usage and make savings on maintenance and bulb replacement costs.

Working with a number of partners including the Japanese Government Agency for Energy (NEDO), Wigan and Manchester city Councils we have installed 90 air source heat pumps in Six Town Housing properties. These renewable energy units are state of the art and will help to future proof these properties whilst saving our tenants money.

From 2005 to 2014 carbon emissions from the domestic sector reduce by 31%. Also from 2013 to 2015 we saw the level of fuel poverty decrease from 19% to 10% which is excellent progress.

Greater Manchester Business Growth hub works with our local businesses to improve energy efficiency and cut costs. In June this year we are holding a "Quick Wins workshop with local SMEs to raise awareness of the

work of the Low Carbon Business Growth Hub and also to identify and promote energy efficiency savings.

We continue to push towards our 60% waste recycling target and to facilitate this we were the first council in England to introduce a 3 weekly collection for residual waste.

From 2005 to 2015 transport carbon emissions decreased by 11%. Some of the local actions to reduce transport emissions and encourage walking and cycling include improving cycling and walking facilities and projects to increase uptake of walking and cycling.

We have installed 7 electric vehicle charging points in our public car parks. Use of our charging points has increased by 62% on last year with over 3000 charging sessions. The Council have 4 electric vehicles on the fleet so far.

Since the 2015 Boxing Day floods, the Council has been working closely with the Environment Agency on a number of projects. Work has begun on a new design for a flood defence scheme in Radcliffe and Redvales. Three main options have been shortlisted and will be presented at drop in events in Radcliffe and Redvales on the 25th and 27th April. A preferred option will be selected by summer 2017.

In combination with the Radcliffe and Redvales scheme, a Natural Flood Management (NFM) approach to reduce flows from the upper Irwell catchment is proposed. Funding has been allocated from government specifically for this purpose.

Hopefully you can see that we take climate change and carbon reduction very seriously. We will continue to work with our communities and partners to ensure it remains a major priority for us into the future.

14. Can the Leader confirm how many complaints have been made under the Standards procedure in the last five years, how many have been upheld and how much it has cost Bury Council for internal and external adjudication? (**Cllr M.Hankey**)

Reply by Cllr Shori

Since April 2012 the Standards Committee has considered 14 complaints against Councillors.

Five of the Complaints have been upheld.

The cost over the five year period is £13492.63

15. Could the Leader tell us what Bury Council is doing in trying to provide affordable housing? **Cllr Haroon**

Reply by Councillor Walmsley

The Council recognises the challenges of households securing affordable housing in the borough, with significant issues around affordability given average incomes and property values and also of reduced access to mortgage finance. This is why we are committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing of all forms and why this is one of my priorities.

We deliver this on a number of fronts.

In 2004, the Council introduced a planning policy where 25% of units on larger developments have to be made available at affordable levels. In most cases this means at a discounted sale price and in other cases as Shared Ownership, providing a minimum 25% discount. Over 200 affordable dwellings have been identified as completed as a result of this planning policy.

This policy also allows the affordable housing units to be sold on the open market in certain circumstances, subject to 25% of the sale proceeds being given to the Council to spend on affordable housing elsewhere. We have received around £1.5m in this way, £617k of which has been allocated for bringing private sector empty properties back into use for affordable rent.

The Council has also accessed funding from the Homes and Communities Agency directly for affordable housing. This includes funding to bring empty properties back into use, in addition to 3 small scale new build affordable housing schemes and a more significant 60 unit new extra care scheme which will be available at affordable rent.

In addition, the Council works with partners to influence their investment of new affordable housing in the borough; typically Housing Associations and usually supported by Homes and Communities Agency Funding. For instance, as part of the funding available for 2015 to 2018, funding for over 100 new affordable rent or shared ownership properties was brought into Bury. Most of these properties have been completed. Funding is secured in the HCAs new affordable housing programme for Bury and it is anticipated that this will increase in scale.

The Council also works with GMCA and the Homes and Communities Agency to secure funding for and drive additional affordable housing across the borough. As part of this for example the first Starter Home site across GM will be in Bury and additionally the largest GM Starter Home site in the pipeline will be in Bury.

The council will also utilise its own land which is suitable for residential development to deliver affordable housing where this is appropriate.

Thus over the coming years, we will see an increased number of new affordable properties being built within the borough.

16. Could the Leader update us on the progress made in producing an updated Poverty Strategy? **Cllr McKay**

Reply by Councillor Holt

The current strategy is currently being refreshed and updated, this is being done via a steering group consisting of Members with Officer assistance. Work is progressing on this and it should be completed by July 2017.

The group have agreed that the strategy needs to be all-encompassing and to be focused on outcomes. It will therefore incorporate an action plan to underpin the need to achieve progress in dealing with poverty.

The strategy will consider the causes and impacts of poverty and will focus on looking beneath the headline information and will examine issues such as stigma, reaching people in poverty, offering support and help in ways which will overcome customer reticence due to issues of trust.

Underpinning the whole strategy will be the message that poverty is everyone`s problem and that the community of Bury as a whole suffers if individuals within that community are experiencing poverty.

The strategy will report on outcomes in a meaningful way and will link to other existing strategies such as the homeless strategy and the debt strategy to ensure a holistic, joined up approach.

I believe this strategy will form the basis of a very robust approach which will focus on the best use of resources and effort to achieve our clear objectives.

17. Can the Leader confirm who is the current Deputy Leader of Bury Council and cabinet member for Finance and Human Resources? (Cllr. J.Daly)

Reply by Councillor Shori

I can confirm that I am currently overseeing the Finance & Human Resources Portfolio.

18. Could the Leader comment on the impact in Bury following the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement in his budget to provide money for Social Care? Cllr Susan Southworth

Reply by Councillor Holt

Bury Council will receive an extra £7 million for adult social care from the Government over a 3 year period. But that is the problem – “over a 3 year period” – after that, the funding stops.

Whilst it is expected that efficiencies can be delivered through Transforming Health & Social Care in line with GM Devolution, this funding is still much less than is needed. Over the last five years local government budgets, including social care, have reduced significantly and this announcement only goes some way to addressing the shortfall.

Whilst any additional funding is welcome, it is too little, too late, and it is time limited, whereas pressures will continue way in the future.

We will of course ensure the money is spent wisely, and hopefully we can develop initiatives that deliver long lasting outcomes for residents.

Clearly after the spectacular NI U-turn, the Chancellor now has a gap in his budget; I just hope he does not look to Local Government to fill this.

19. Could the Leader please outline what the I Will If You Will Programme's key achievement have been now that the funded period has ended?
Cllr Black

Reply by Councillor Preston

IWIYW has undoubtedly been an amazing success in Bury: -

- More than 20,000 women and girls have taken part in physical activity and sport across the Borough since the programme commenced in September 2013. Bury has seen above national average levels of female participation during the duration of the programme.
 - IWIYW has had a positive life changing impact on many women and girls in Bury, and women and girls have changed their attitudes and behaviours to become more active more often, with a real sense of community ownership being developed and fostered, which has assisted in challenging the norms about women and girls being active.
 - The IWIYW programme has assisted market development, offering new sustainable sport and physical activity provision to meet the demands of women and girls in Bury, and supported a number of local businesses to establish, generating a positive economic return. Over 340 IWIYW sessions are now delivered each week.
 - The IWIYW programme has influenced organisational approaches to physical and mental wellbeing in Bury.
20. Council the Leader please inform members of any results of an audit of litter bins (including dog bins) across the Borough - how many are there in each Township area? **Councillor S Wright**

Reply by Councillor Quinn

The Council does not keep a record of bins for each township area because the operational areas for emptying do not always match the townships.

In total the Council has 235 litter bins based in parks, cemeteries and green spaces. There is also 1,154 single litter bins located in town centres and outer districts as well as 63 of the 3 compartment recycling bins and a total of 368 dog bins.

21. Can the Leader confirm that Bury Council have decided to close the toning chair suite at the Castle Leisure Centre and if so, why? (**Cllr G.Keeley**)

Councillor Holt

Yes Bury Council has decided to close the Toning Suite at Castle Leisure Centre.

The number of customers using this facility has been steadily declining over recent years and the suite is underachieving financially. Currently there is only 40% usage of the facility.

Currently Bury Council is subsidising the facility at a cost of approx £26,000 per annum.

Consideration has been given to a reduction in opening hours and an increase in price but neither would make the facility financially viable whilst make it affordable to customers.

There is a lack of referrals to the toning suite by the BEATS officers who find there are no health related outcomes associated with this facility. There is undoubtedly a feeling of well being but they feel these positive outcomes would be replicated and in most cases increased through predominately weight bearing activity.

The introduction of a wellbeing timetable will provide a varied programme of activities suitable for toning customers. Leisure staff will work closely with all customers to assist in this transition.

22. What is the Authority doing to address the increased prevalence of begging in the Town Centre? **Cllr Kelly**

Councillor Tariq

Members will be aware that nationally, Rough Sleeping has more than doubled in the past seven years and whilst Bury has avoided the levels of Rough Sleeping seen elsewhere, the number of people presenting to the Authority as homeless has increased. Whilst not all beggars are homeless and not all homeless people are beggars there has been an evidential rise in homelessness and an anecdotal increase in reports to the Police of begging in Bury Town Centre. The begging issues experienced by the Police prompted them to approach Local Authority colleagues in the Bury Neighbourhood Hub to try to address the issue.

Out of this came Bury's first begging audit where Team Bury Partners worked together to identify beggars and Rough Sleepers, engage with them and attempt to address their issues. I am pleased to advise that this resulted in 5 Rough Sleepers being accommodated and multiple referrals to various agencies being made to address the myriad issues that the beggars were experiencing. Since this intervention begging has decreased dramatically but the situation is being monitored closely and if beggars do return then it will be reviewed.

To ensure that the levels of begging we were experiencing do not return we are considering what powers the Council and Partners have to address this issue and combining this with tailored support packages for any vulnerable people caught begging, this should ensure there is a sustainable approach to the issue of begging.

23. Can the cabinet member responsible provide an update around what progress has been made around developing and strengthening our relationship with the Armed Forces (and veterans) and the Community & Voluntary Sector in Bury? **Councillor Jones**

Councillor Tariq

The last six months has seen a great relationship being built between the council and Armed Forces (including veterans) in Bury. Supported by the Social Development Team, great links have been made with members of the Covenant group and the Fusiliers in Bury.

The Armed Forces Covenant meetings have been re-established and are now being held quarterly. They are very well attended with representatives from all veteran and serving personnel from the RAF and Navy as well as the Army in Bury.

A workplan with key outcomes for this area of work has been co-produced by members of the Covenant group and a series of sub groups have been established. Cllr Tariq as the Cabinet member for Communities and Safer Neighbourhoods and Deputy Cabinet Member Cllr McKay are the named Elected Member Champions for this area of work and have been actively involved in the Covenant meetings and sub groups to date.

Significant progress has been made to date including:

- The Covenant document has been updated by the group and it will be re-signed on the 23rd April 2017, which is Gallipoli Day.
- A Funding Sub Group has been formed and its aim is to establish what the Armed Forces Covenant Group wants to achieve and to apply for funding to ensure the aims of the group can be met and sustained.
- A Bury Veterans Breakfast Club has been established and runs every Friday and is one of a network of Veterans Breakfast Clubs across the country. Staff from all of the partner agencies involved in the Armed Forces Covenant Meeting alongside the Councillor Champion for Armed Forces have visited on a number of occasions to build relations with those that are in attendance. 28 breakfast clubs have taken place so far and have supported 14 veterans.
- An Armed Forces section on the Bury Directory has been created by members of the group. A Veterans wife has been identified as a Bury Directory Champion who will support anyone needing help with how to access the directory from the forces community.

Bury has been mentioned at the launch of the British Legion GM Manifesto, highlighting the good work that is happening via the breakfast club and the Covenant group which is a great achievement.

Community and Voluntary Sector

Over the last twelve months, significant progress has been made in terms of building and strengthening relationships with the Community & Voluntary Sector in Bury.

This initially started in October 2016 with an engagement workshop that took place with partners from across the Sector, representatives from the Local Authority and the Cabinet Member for Communities & Safer Neighbourhoods. As a result of the workshop, a sub group was formed between the Council and Chief Officers of the Community and Voluntary Sector. This group meets regularly and has started to establish and develop ways forward that support a thriving, entrepreneurial sector across Bury which will then be shared with the wider CVS at the next engagement workshop scheduled on 27th April.

A number of relationship building visits have also taken place over the last 6 months with CVS groups across Bury and a specific funding page has been developed on The Bury Directory that details all funding opportunities available for the CVS and smaller community groups and organisations.

24. Can the Leader give an update on Bury Council's plan to reopen the Waterside Bridge in Summerseat for motor vehicle use and by what date does he believe the work will be completed? (Cllr D.Gunther)

Councillor Quinn to respond...

The Council's intention is and always has been, to re-open Kay Street bridge Summerseat to vehicular traffic.

The programme to enable us to undertake the necessary steps to re-open the bridge has required the Council to have permissions to enter third party land. Consent has now been granted and site investigation works are due to go out to tender at the beginning of May. Until the results of these site investigations are known it is unfortunately not possible to give a date when the construction work will be completed. Clearly we will take every opportunity to accelerate the programme wherever possible.

25. Could the Leader please inform Members of the outcome of the public consultation to the first draft of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework? Cllr McKay

Councillor Walmsley

The Draft GMSF was a very successful consultation that attracted around 25,000 responses from residents, interest groups, developers and other agencies. 90% of the responses related to specific sites rather than the wider Spatial Framework strategy and policy areas. The draft GMSF document was accessed over 50,000 times from the GMCA website and

over 80 public events were held across Greater Manchester with many recording hundreds of attendees.

Further to the Council motion of 1 February, officers will conduct a full and detailed analysis of the Draft GMSF responses. The responses are being logged and the intention is to make these available to view on the GMCA website later this month. A consultation report responding to the issues raised in the draft will be published alongside the next consultation, which is currently timetabled for this September.

26. What steps is the Council taking towards production of a Local Plan for Bury? **Councillor James**

Councillor Walmsley

A Local Development Scheme has been published on the Council's website which sets out the various stages of plan preparation and timescales involved for the Bury Local Plan and the GMSF. A 6-week public consultation has just ended which informed residents, interest groups, developers and agencies on the Council's database of the intention to prepare a new Local Plan and to invite them to comment on its scope and topics it should cover. Officers will review the responses received and will prepare an Issues and Options Paper for a further 6-week consultation starting in May or June.

27. Could the Leader inform members what will happen to the areas who are not proceeding with StreetSafe schemes in 2017/18? **Cllr Pickstone**

Councillor Quinn

Unfortunately, nothing will be happening in these areas as there is no alternate source of funding. The Council will retain a reserve list of StreetSafe schemes that have not been undertaken and should available funding streams be identified in the future, it may be possible to implement some schemes if they qualify with the various conditions usually attached to such funding.

28. Can the Leader outline the effectiveness of waste audits, how many have been carried out with residents in the last 12 months and the cost to the Council? **(Cllr. D.Silbiger)**

Councillor Quinn

Waste audits are carried out following receipt of a written application for additional grey bin capacity from a household, which would suggest that the household in question is struggling with the current level of capacity provided.

As part of the approval process a Waste Management Officer will pay a visit to the household in question to assess whether the family has the full suite of bins it is entitled to, that it knows exactly what type of waste

should be placed in each bin and consequently that the household is participating fully in the Council's kerbside recycling collection scheme.

If there is any evidence of recycling in the grey bin this would suggest that recycling is not being optimised and the application is likely to be declined at this stage. Officers will however typically arrange a follow up visit to hopefully witness how recycling performance has improved. At this stage the application may well be approved.

There is no automatic entitlement to additional grey bin capacity based on household size alone. Equally, there is no minimum household size before an application may be considered.

It costs the Council in excess of £350 per tonne to dispose of grey bin waste, £61 per tonne to compost brown bin waste and it derives an income of £25 per tonne from blue and green recycling. It is imperative therefore that every household in the borough recycles all that it possibly can.

In 2016, 209 requests for additional grey bin capacity were received, of those 168 were approved and 41 declined. Any costs associated with waste audits are absorbed within Officers' time.

29. Would the Leader please join me in congratulating our Planning Service who have been shortlisted for the prestigious Local Planning Authority team of the Year Award; and Robert Thorpe our Head of Building Control who has been presented with the 2017 Superstar Award by Local Authority Building Control **Cllr Adams**

Councillor Walmsley

We are extremely fortunate in Bury to have teams and staff across the Council delivering high quality, professional services at a standard acknowledged to be at the highest possible level of excellence. When these standards are acknowledged externally it makes me particularly proud.

We all know that Bury is one of the country's best places in which to live and this is in no small way down to the work of our Planning Service. I am therefore delighted to hear that this service has been shortlisted for the Local Authority Planning team of the year award. It is greatly deserved and I wish them well when the award results are announced in June this year.

Building Control is a crucial but often underappreciated service. I am delighted to congratulate the Council's Head of Service, Rob Thorpe who has been chosen as the North West Superstar by LABC, which represents all local authority council building control teams in England and Wales. Rob has been with the Council since 1975 and leads a team responsible for a range of vital services, such as ensuring the safety of buildings and sports grounds, and working with the emergency services at times of

crisis, such as during the Boxing Day floods in 2015. Proof once again that despite the severe financial pressures we operate under, excellence is alive and well in Bury.

30. Would the Leader please thank all our Bury Town Centre partners for the effort put in to the recent Purple Flag accreditation Assessment undertaken by the Association of Town and City Management. Cllr Bayley

Councillor Walmsley

For the past two years Purple Flags have flown proudly in Bury in official recognition of the town's highly successful night-time economy.

I certainly would wish to thank our town centre partners:

Shopping centres

Licensed trade

Street pastors

Police

TfGM

The MET

East Lancashire Railway

Art Gallery and Sculpture Gallery

Fusiliers Museum

For all their assistance in undertaking this year's rigorous assessment by the Association of Town Centre Management which manages the UK-wide scheme.

Bury is the only town centre across Greater Manchester to achieve this prestigious accreditation and we aim to continue working with our partners and town centre venues to maintain that status, while working hard to build on our evening offer to provide a safe and enjoyable night out. We want to encourage an even wider range of evening and night-time businesses to get involved, spread the word and support Purple Flag. We will know the outcome of this latest assessment in May.

31. In light of the recent horrific terrorist incident in Westminster, can the Leader reassure Bury residents that safeguarding measures are in place to protect sensitive sites in the Borough, such as places of worship, faith schools and cemeteries? (Cllr. K.Hussain)

Councillor Shori to

Firstly our thoughts go out to those who were affected by the terrible attack in Westminster.

We maintain close links with the Police and other Partners, and the GM Civil Contingencies Resilience Unit.

National threat levels remain at "severe", however there is no intelligence to suggest sites in the Borough are at any greater risk than elsewhere.

Residents, businesses, staff, and visitors should be vigilant, but reassured, and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

32. Can the Cabinet member for Strategic Housing and Support Services, Cllr Sandra Walmsley, give The Friends of Tottington Library her assurances that she will provide all of the previously requested information to enable them to produce a Business Plan to take over the running of Tottington Library? For example, a full breakdown of all the required repairs to the building? Furthermore, would Cllr Walmsley and senior Council officers agree to meet with the group before the Cabinet meeting on the 18th May to look at and help the group finalise it's Business Plan?" Cllr Gartside

Councillor Walmsley

The council are still committed to do whatever we can to support FOTL to explore their position in taking over Tottington Library. We have met with the group twice and provided all additional information as requested.

We are happy to continue meeting with this group to enable them to develop their business plan and are fully engaged in this dialogue.

We cannot, however, be in a position where this has a remaining financial implication for the library service. We must be clear that the 3/4 remaining libraries must be adequately staffed and stocked and our calculations have figured we can afford to do this with a maximum of 4 libraries.

33. Could the Leader inform members how has the exam performance of Bury's schools fared compared with other North West authorities in the last three years.(CYP)

Good Level of Development (Foundation Stage)

We are currently above Northwest Average in this area.

	2016	2015	2014
Bury	68.9	66	56
Northwest	66	63	57

Year 1 Phonics Check

We are currently above Northwest Average in this area.

	2016	2015	2014
Bury	82	71	66
Northwest	80	76	74

Key Stage 1 New Measures (expected standard and greater depth)

(Please note these are new measures for 2016 and not comparable with previous years results)

We are currently in line with Northwest Average in this area and 11th out of 23 local authorities.

	2016
Bury	72
Northwest	72

Key Stage 2 New Measures (Expected progress in reading, writing and maths combined)

(Please note these are new measures for 2016 and not comparable with previous years results)

We are currently above the Northwest Average in this area and 8th out of 23 local authorities.

	2016
Bury	55
Northwest	53

Key Stage 4 New Measures (Progress 8)

(Please note these are new measures for 2016 and not comparable with previous years results)

We are currently above the Northwest Average in this area and 7th out of 23 local authorities.

	2016
Bury	-0.06
Northwest	-0.2

Key Stage 4 Old Measures (% Achieving 5A*-C including English and Maths)

I have also included the comparable, old measure of 5 GCSE including English and maths score.

	2016	2015	2014
Bury	62.2	57.2	57.9
Northwest	60.5	56.7	56.9

34. The Leader has been quoted in the Bury Times as saying the Sculpture Centre is a key feature of the town's cultural economy generating £40 million of revenue to Bury's businesses each year, how is this figure arrived at? (Cllr. D.Gunther)

Councillor Walmsley

The comment quoted implies that the Sculpture Centre itself contributes £40 million. The figure of £40million refers specifically to the contribution of the cultural economy to the overall local economy. The source of the analysis is the 'Measuring Bury's Evening & Night-time Economy: 2001-2014' report by Alistair Turnham, of MAKE in March 2015. We can ensure the requesting Cllr receives a copy.

It is important to understand that the Sculpture Centre should not be viewed on its own, that it is an integral part of the Art Gallery and the Cultural Quarter; the Sculpture Centre is part of the significant cultural offer that in totality is our largest employment sector and, according to the 2013 New Economy analysis of that sector, projected to be the fastest source of employment growth over the next ten years.

35. As the Bury Life Chances Commission has now reported, what steps will the Council be taking to act on its recommendations?

Cllr Shori to respond.... – See Q6.

36. In light of recent mild weather over the winter can the Leader inform us of any savings made due to lower level gritting? **Councillor S Wright**

In 2016/17 65 grit runs were required (including 8 in April 2016). In 2015/16 53 grit runs were required and in 2014/15 70 grits were undertaken. This illustrates that the Winter just finished was not significantly more or less mild than recent previous Winters.

In 2016/17 the cost of road salt increased and the cost of fuel increased, with the same number of gritters and drivers required to deliver the service.

In 2015/16 the service operated within budget, whilst the end of year accounts for 2016/17 are being finalised currently.

There is no reason to suggest that there has been any saving this year from the Winter Service budget for the above reasons.

37. Could the Leader confirm how many community groups and voluntary organisations the Council have spoken to within the last 12 months, with the intention of encouraging residents to take over Library services presently provided by Bury Council? **Cllr I.Schofield**

Councillor Walmsley

We have held, attended and participated in many events and meetings since April 2016 at which the issue of residents taking over Library services have been discussed in general. In the last month we have offered all community groups the opportunity to meet again with the direct focus of understanding if they have any capacity to take over services in the library their group meets in. There are over 40 community groups that meet across all 14 libraries.

38. Could the Leader confirm, the Council has sufficient capital funding in its reserves to carry out all necessary structural repairs to Tottington Library **(Cllr.Y.Wright)**

Councillor Walmsley

I am advised that the total cost of required maintenance to Tottington Library has been estimated as £116,100 over the next 5 years lifecycle. 83% of the costs identified are for Mechanical and Electrical items that are mostly required in years 4 and 5. The remainder is for internal and external decoration, some door replacement and roofing

repairs.

The works identified have not been prioritised for capital investment at this time due to the ongoing review of libraries services.

39. Could the Leader confirm how many schools have formed multi academy trusts or are in the process of doing so? Further, what advice is being given to headteachers within the Borough who are not party to these discussions? (Cllr. R.Caserta)

Councillor Briggs

In the past 3 years, the Department for Education, using the secretary of state powers have enforced 4 Academy orders for Bury schools. These schools are now members of multi-academy trusts from outside the Council.

It is understood that 4 Community Primary schools are forming a MAT in the next 3 months and 2 faith schools are also considering establishing a MAT later this year.

We are also aware through discussion that Salford Diocese are pursuing academy status for all of their schools, with the possibility of the Roman Catholic schools in each local authority area forming a Salford Diocese multi-academy trust.

The Government's policy, although no longer enforced by 2022, is still clear that the direction of travel will see all state funded schools become academies.

We are working closely with our Head teachers in Primary, Secondary, Post 16, Alternative provision and Special schools to support them to form stronger working relationships and accountability as part of our work on System leadership and grow our own self improving, school led model. This will allow the Local Authority to support schools to grow capacity to improve as the funding is reduced at local authority level. Our key strategic priority is to see standards of education in Bury remain high and further improve for our children. Through this partnership working we will encourage an open conversation around academisation and support and challenge our schools to ensure that any formalising of partnerships through the route of multi academy trusts has the best for our children at the heart of it.

We will of course continue to provide the very high levels of educational guidance and support to Bury schools so the educational standards in our schools are maintained.

40. Does the Leader agree that a member of the opposition should chair the Council Scrutiny Committee for the next municipal year? (Cllr.J.Daly)

Councillor Shori

Effective overview and scrutiny arrangements are key to the sound governance of the Council.

Over recent years we have had different Chair's and we have always maintained effective levels of scrutiny- irrespective of party colours.

I sincerely hope this can continue, but will not be announcing any positions until the Annual Council meeting in May.

41. Could the Leader outline the Council's strategy to tackle the high levels of obesity within the Borough and what policies are in place to encourage all residents to engage in an active, healthy lifestyle? Cllr keeley

Councillor Holt

The Council through the Health and Wellbeing Board has identified tackling obesity and promoting active lifestyles as key priorities. The council is working hard with Partners to develop health promoting environments that support healthy weight and increasing levels of physical activity for example in nurseries, schools and workplaces.

In schools, catering services are making continuous efforts to provide healthy nutritious food for children some schools have reduced the amounts of sugary drinks which are available. Bury is also part of a GM Healthier Catering Award whereby schools, workplaces, cafes and restaurants are encouraged to change the way they purchase stock and produce the food on their menus.

Primary schools are beginning to implementation the 'Daily Mile' whereby children and staff to run a mile a day within the school hours. This has been very successful in tackling childhood obesity in Scotland and is now being adopted by all primary schools across the UK.

All children aged 4-5 and 10-11 years are weighed and measured as part of the National Childhood Measurement Programme. This data is used to work with partners to shape service delivery and support children, young people and their families to manage their weight.

We have excellent uptake of NHS Health Checks in Bury, which help identify people with unhealthy lifestyles and signpost people to the Council's Lifestyle Service and the BEATS service for support to adopt healthier lifestyles, including weight management.

Our Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for Bury was developed following the good work created from the I Will If You Will Women and Girls Sport England programme and complements the Greater Manchester #GMMoving physical activity strategy.

As a result of the Bury strategy, we are continuing to look at new ways of engaging with communities through our leisure services offer and the council has recruited an Active Travel officer to promote walking and cycling.

Bury is proactive in supporting campaigns such as Public Health England's ONE You campaign which will be rolled out across Bury 2017. We are also currently looking at the potential of our planning levers to tackle over proliferation of unhealthy hot food takeaways in areas with highest obesity levels.

42. Could the Leader confirm that Bury Council have bid for transitional adult social care funding from the combined authority like other Greater Manchester Councils, and what level of funding does the Council expect to receive in this financial year? (Cllr S.Nuttall)

Councillor Holt

Bury Council, and key partners (such as the CCG, Pennine Care, Pennine Acute and the GP Federation), are in the process of finalising a proposal for investment from the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Transformation Fund which is aimed at supporting the sustainability and transformation of Health and Social Care across Bury.

Bury's total investment request is expected to be significant, although the final total has not yet been finalised, with a figure expected during the week commencing 24th April 2017.

43. What plans do Bury Council have in place to tackle anti-social behaviour and under-age drinking in public places during the summer months in known trouble spots, such as Summerseat? (Cllr K.Hussain)

Councillor Tariq

Members will be glad to hear that, according to the Police, there were fewer reports of under-age drinking and associated anti-social behaviour last year, when compared with previous years and there is currently no intelligence to suggest that it will be different this year.

There were a couple of issues in 2015 in Summerseat after Woodhey finished for summer term Prom and this was investigated by GMP. On the back of this Police will contact all Secondary Schools and find out what the dates are for all leaving Proms and brief the schools on crimes and consequences.

I am pleased to advise that it seems the hard work of Officers across Team Bury seems to be finally bearing fruit. Specifically, the Safe4Summer and BSafeBCool initiatives, which work with schools throughout the year to encourage youths to be active and deter them from hanging around the streets, can be highlighted as real success stories in terms of reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.

Members should note that if there are any issues relating to ASB and under-age drinking GMP have stressed that this needs to be reported properly so that it can be fed through to the neighbourhood policing teams. This then can be raised through our JET Team who can look at the problems from a multi-agency approach.

In addition the Local Authority has tools and powers available to us through the ASB Crime and Policing act 2014, and Crime and Disorder act 1998. We can use Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and, depending on severity of the ASB, Civil Injunctions. Work can also be done through trading standards, looking at where the alcohol is bought etc.

44. Over the last three years Bury Council have paid out an average of £1.2 million for highway related claims, what percentage of these claims related to accidents linked to potholes? (Cllr.J.Harris)

Councillor Quinn

During the past 3 years 62% of successful highway claims have related to carriageway potholes. This equates to approximately 32% of the total value of successful highway claims.

The Council is investing significant funds targeted at reducing insurance costs, including the purchase of a spray injection patching machine, which will increase the speed at which potholes can be repaired.

45. Further to the Labour Group's decision to borrow £10 million, could the Leader confirm what the initial £611,000 borrowing costs are made up of? Further, what will be the annual interest liability for the loan? (Cllr J.Harris)

Councillor Shori

It is proposed that the £10 million is drawn down over the 3 year period as works are undertaken (£3m / £3m / £4m)

The basis of the business case is a 40 year annuity loan at 2.92% - via the Public Works Loans Board.

Total Loan cost is £17m - £7m interest and £10m principal

Borrowing costs will rise as each tranche is drawn down – to a maximum of £427k per annum (principal & interest).

It is intended that borrowing costs will be funded by reduced insurance claims, and reduced patching costs.

However, recognising that the works won't all be done on "day one", the business case assumes that borrowing costs will be funded from reserves for the first 2 and a half years – at a cost of £611k.

The table in the report to Cabinet last week clearly outlines this calculation.

I have to say I find the Conservative Group's stance puzzling, on the one hand they are reported as saying £10 million is not enough, and then on the other hand saying we are "mortgaging the town" – what exactly is their position ??

We have suffered years of underfunding and cuts – and this is evident now in the state of the roads for all to see.

We need to invest at scale, and borrowing is the only route available.

And, why not, when rates are at an all time low ?

Residents, businesses, and visitors are continually telling us the state of the roads is their biggest issue.

We now have an innovative business case, coupled with innovative working practices that give us a fighting chance of addressing this.

Furthermore, having an effective Highways Asset Management Plan in place will help shield us from further Government cuts in the future.

46. Bury Council has invested public funds in amongst other things, commercial property in various parts of the country. Does the Council have plans to invest in similar assets within our Borough to boost the local economy? (Cllr D.Silbiger)

Councillor Shori

Decisions to invest in property assets in other parts of the country are taken based on returns on capital employed, directed by the agreed strategy for property investments. The year on year revenue returns generated by these property investments are used to support the work of the Council in all of its priority areas. The Council has in the past and will continue, where appropriate to buy property within our Borough as pure investments' and / or to boost the local economy.

**JOINT AUTHORITIES – POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
COUNCIL, 19 April 2017**

Mr Mayor,

I am pleased to share an update of the work of the GM Police and Crime Panel meeting held on 27 January 2017.

January's meeting were notified of the Police and Crime Commissioner's precept and budget proposals for 2017-18. The precept was increased by £5 for a Band D property. This increase will raise additional income of £3.6 million which equates to the average costs of 70 police constables.

I am pleased to report that this investment will allow support to continue for innovative projects which both reduce demand on public services including place based integration and also to improve the outcomes for vulnerable people like victims of child abuse, modern slavery, historic abuse cases, female genital mutilation and woman offenders who are often victims of Domestic abuse and suffer with mental health conditions.

The Panel in recognition of cuts to Local Authority budgets have earmarked monies from the Community Safety Fund to maintain the funding for the Community Safety Partnerships across Greater Manchester. Collectively this will make our communities safer and more resilient.

As Lead Member and Chair of the Panel, I continue to work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver the Police and Crime Plan ensuring we work together to put citizens at the centre of everything we do. Recent successes have included:

- Police staff have been provided with Connect 5 training which provides basic awareness of mental illness and suicide to frontline workers
- Integrated custody healthcare, this will include healthcare provision in custody and wider liaison and diversion support – in all of Greater Manchester's custody suites
- A GM missing children project commenced on the 1st February which is designed to enhance the offer of

support that is currently received by children who go missing.

- Collaborative work around hate crime including a fully integrated Greater Manchester wide partnership campaign in February

Other items considered included an overview of Greater Manchester's civil resilience arrangements. During 2016 GM's agencies responded to a wide range of sudden impact major incidents which included the Boxing Day floods. Throughout 2016 the resilience structures in GM have continued to respond to a dynamic and changing risk context. The arrangements and mechanisms in place across local authorities and partner agencies have been proven to enable effective joint working in complex and challenging emergencies.

Title **Transport in Bury MBC**

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Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this briefing note is to provide a response to the specific question as requested by TfGMC representatives, and to provide an overview of transport in Bury over previous months.

Specific Questions

Question

Following the announcement in London, that no new pure diesel double decker buses would be added to the fleet from 2018, and that all single deckers in central London would be zero-emission, what action is Transport for Greater Manchester taking to ensure that the bus network is making a significantly reduced impact on air quality?

Response

The bus market in Greater Manchester is a deregulated market, which means commercial operators are free to run services as they choose where they see a business case. Consequently, TfGM cannot control the fleet and engine standards on the majority of the bus network in the way that TfL is able to.

In London, Transport for London franchise bus services, and therefore can set minimum service standards across a variety of criteria to ensure the bus network meets targets, including around air quality.

The Bus Services Bill offers Mayoral Combined Authorities power to deliver bus franchising, should the Mayor choose and following a public consultation.

Of the buses that TfGM own, Yellow School Buses were retrofitted with better performing engines under the 'Clean Air for Schools' programme, and the free city centre Metroshuttle services run on a mix of hybrid and plug in electric vehicles. Other vehicles owned by TfGM are used on subsidised services across Greater Manchester.

TfGM continue to work with operators to secure low emission bus funding when central Government funding opportunities are made available.

Question

24 hour underground service now operate on key lines through the weekend in London providing a safer and more affordable means of night-time transport for many people. What consideration will Transport for Greater Manchester give to trailing additional late night or early morning services on the Metrolink network, particularly at weekends?

Response

Metrolink already operate a service from Deansgate-Castlefield to Manchester Airport from 0300 seven days a week. This service benefits the late night economy as well as enabling employees of business along the Manchester Airport line to access their places of work.

Given the increasing importance of this late night economy, first and last tram times are regularly assessed to ensure they meet passenger demand, and this includes extending tram operating times for events at venues that have late evening curfews. As the number of trams increases and where passenger demand exists, Metrolink will increasingly be able to offer extended operating hours. As Metrolink currently operates without subsidy, TfGM will work with the new Metrolink operator Keolis-Amey, who begin operation in July, to extend the current operating hours, where there is demand to make the service pay for itself.

A key consideration for Metrolink is the requirement to carry out routine maintenance and cleaning of the tram fleet, which has to be done outside service hours. The time available overnight and at weekends is extremely valuable to engineering teams so that maintenance work can be

completed to ensure the reliability of the network during operating hours. The balance of services offered, versus time needed to ensure the network is fully functional, is something that is considered when making these decisions.

Question

What is Transport for Greater Manchester's policy on animal welfare? Will the authority review its policy following the mass extermination of wild rabbits in February 2016 undertaken as part of the construction of the Trafford Centre extension of the Metrolink?

Response

Protecting wildlife and habitats is a priority for TfGM. Prior to construction of the Leigh Guided Busway, TfGM carried out surveys for bats, amphibians, badgers, breeding birds and water voles.

Over 3,000 amphibians both protected and non-protected (including newts, toads and frogs) were relocated to safe sites near the Busway, and specialist amphibian fencing was erected to help prevent them accessing the Busway. Five 'tunnels' were also installed to enable amphibians to cross the Guided Busway and footpaths safely, and created four new ponds to provide habitat for the amphibians to reproduce.

In addition, a mammal shelf was installed in a new culvert so that the Busway does not prevent water-based mammals traveling upstream past the Busway in the future.

The method recently used to clear the Parkway Roundabout as part of the Metrolink Trafford Park line works was only adopted after a range of options had been considered.

Leaving the rabbits on site was not feasible due to the amount of heavy construction works, and the risk of dispersal of the rabbits directly onto live traffic lanes.

TfGM was also unable to re-locate the rabbits, as neither an agency nor a suitable plot of land could be identified to rehome them. DEFRA advised TfGM that the process of relocating/re-housing rabbits causes them significant stress to the extent that they often do not survive; and their preferred method would be to dispatch the rabbits.

Humane dispatch of the rabbits took place only after re-location was discounted. The rabbits were killed using a lawful method and at no time was a spade or stick used to kill or harm the rabbits during this process. The RSPCA attended the site and were satisfied that the method used was legislatively compliant.

A lessons learned exercise has been carried out to ensure that any future works are dealt with in a sensitive manner.

Question

Could the Council spokesperson for TfGM advise us what the likely effects will be of First's recent decision to close Bury Depot on 23 April for staff, passengers and the town?

Response

TfGM has received reassurance from First that there will be no disruption to services resulting from the move. There will be ongoing monitoring of the operators performance.

At this stage TfGM are not aware of any significant impact in terms of service changes as a result of the First Bury Depot closure. However it is likely that any impact won't be realised until the move is initiated.

TfGM will continue to work with First to reduce the passenger impact of any changes to the services they provide caused by the depot closure.

Transport Updates

Metrolink

- 3.1 The Second City Crossing successfully launched on the 26 February 2017.
- 3.2 The latest 1.3km stretch of track through the city centre links together a network 93 stops strong, with over 60 miles of track and a record-breaking 37 million passengers a year.
- 3.3 The crossing runs from the transformed Deansgate-Castlefield stop to St Peter's Square along Cross Street to stops at Exchange Square and Victoria.

3.4 The new line offers new links and more frequent trams through Manchester city centre, as well as improved service reliability and greater operational flexibility.

Bus

3.5 The following forthcoming changes to the bus network were presented at the TfGMC Bus and Networks Committee on 10 March 2017.

Service / Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services
95 Bury – Salford	First	Some journeys curtailed to start/finish at Prestwich to/from Salford. Towards Salford starting later arriving Sunnybank Rd at 0732 MF and 0851 Sat and also affecting Kennedy Drive and Mersey Drive.	23/04/2017	135 or 97 via Parr Lane, Ribble Drive

3.6 No TfGM action is proposed.

Service / Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services
468 Tottington – Bury – Jericho	First	Some Bury to Tottington journeys withdrawn early morning and evening. No change to first or last journeys.	23/04/2017	Rosso 469

3.7 No TfGM action is proposed.

Service / Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services
471 Bolton – Bury – Rochdale	First	Some Bury to Bolton journeys withdrawn early morning and evening. No change to first or last journeys. Bury to Rochdale trips extended to and from Bolton. Minor changes to PM peak journeys.	23/04/2017	-

3.8 No TfGM action is proposed.

Service / Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services
511 Bolton – Darcy Lever – Ainsworth - Bury	First	Early morning and evening journeys are revised	23/04/2017	-

3.9 No TfGM action is proposed.

Service / Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services
524 Bolton – Bury	First	Some morning Bury to Bolton journeys and evening Bolton to Bury journeys withdrawn. However, there are no changes to first or last journeys and additional morning journeys Bolton to Bury result in an overall enhancement of the service.	23/04/2017	-

3.10 No TfGM action is proposed.

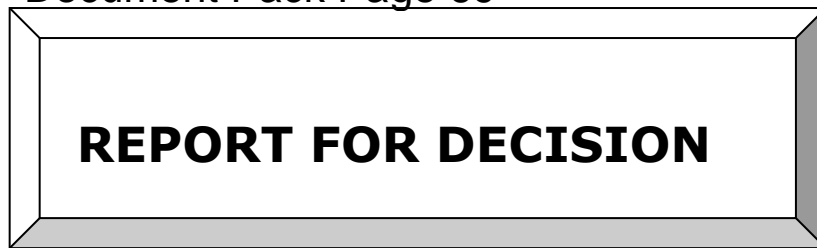
Service / Route	Operator	Proposed Change	Effective From	Alternative Services
X35 Walmersley – Bury – Manchester	First	Route into City Centre revised to via Dale St, Oldham St and Piccadilly.	23/04/2017	-

3.11 No TfGM action is proposed.

Active Travel

3.12 Detailed designs for Radcliffe’s town centre cycle accessibility plans have now been completed, in line with plans for Radcliffe to become a cycle friendly district centre through the Cycle City Ambition Grant funding.

3.13 A package of site-specific measures has been selected to build on improvements to existing routes such as the Manchester-Bury Canal towpath. The design includes innovative interventions including the first low level cycle signals in Bury, and is due for completion in early 2018.



DECISION OF:	THE COUNCIL
DATE:	19 APRIL 2017
SUBJECT:	TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2017/18
REPORT FROM:	Leader of Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Leigh Webb –Democratic Services Manager
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	To consider the meeting arrangements and agree the Timetable of Meetings for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix A, and in accordance with the Council Constitution.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the timetable of meetings for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year, as set out, be approved. (Recommended Option) 2. To consider alternative meeting arrangements.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes No
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	There are no additional costs inherent in these proposals. The costs of meetings will be met from within existing resources.
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	No further comment to above Statement

Equality/Diversity implications:	Yes✓ The draft Timetable of meetings takes account of the principal Holy Days in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim Faiths.
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes. These proposals comply with the Council Constitution
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
		19.04.2017	

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 An extensive review of meeting arrangements was undertaken prior to the 2005/2006 Municipal Year. One of the original objectives of the new political management structures was to reduce the number of meetings Members attend in order to allow more time to concentrate on their community leadership and representational roles. This timetable accords with that objective.

2.0 ISSUES

2.1 Consultations on the operation of the current year’s meeting arrangements have identified general satisfaction with no adverse comments received.

2.2 Specific regard in the 2017/2018 Timetable has been taken of:-

- Principal religious holy days in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim Calendars
- Political Party Conferences
- School holidays
- A summer Recess during August
- Elected Member Training

3.0 CONCLUSION

3.1 The Council is asked to approve the attached Timetable.

COUNCILLOR R SHORI
Leader of the Council

List of Background Papers:-

None

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BURY COUNCIL
TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2017/2018

CYCLE 1 – MAY/JUNE 2017

Month	Day	Date	Meeting 1	Time	Meeting 2	Time	Comments
May	Mon	1	Public Holiday				
	Tues	2					
	Wed	3					
	Thurs	4					
	Mon	8	Labour Group AGM pt 1				
	Tues	9	Labour Group AGM pt 2				
	Wed	10					
	Thurs	11					
	Mon	15	Labour Group Executive Labour Group Meeting	6.00pm 7.00pm			
	Tues	16					
	Wed	17	Mayor Making	2.00pm	Annual Council	4.00pm	
	Thurs	18	Cabinet	6.00pm			
	Mon	22					
	Tues	23	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	24					
	Thurs	25					
	Mon	29	Public Holiday		Ramadan begins 27 May		Schools Half Term Break
	Tues	30	Jewish Holy Day				
	Wed	31	Jewish Holy Day				
June	Thurs	1					
	Mon	5	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	6	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7.00pm	JCC (Corporate)	5.00pm	
	Wed	7					
	Thurs	8	Youth Cabinet	5.00pm			
	Mon	12					
	Tues	13	Corporate Parenting Panel	5.00pm			
	Wed	14	Health and Wellbeing Board	6.00pm			
	Thurs	15	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm			
	Mon	19	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	20	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	21					
	Thurs	22	Health Scrutiny Committee		Ramadan ends 25 June		
	Mon	26	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	27	Corporate Parenting Panel	5.00pm			
	Wed	28	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	29	Member Development Group	6.00pm			

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2017/2018

CYCLE 2 – JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017							
Month	Day	Date	Meeting 1	Time	Meeting 2	Time	Comments
July	Mon	3	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	4	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	5	COUNCIL	7.00pm			
	Thurs	6	Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum	6.30pm	Bury East Township Forum	7.00pm	
	Mon	10	JCC (Teachers)	6.00pm			
	Tues	11	Radcliffe Township Forum	6.30pm	Prestwich Township Forum	6.30pm	
	Wed	12	Bury West Township Forum	7.00pm			
	Thurs	13	Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum	7.00pm			
	Mon	17	Labour Group Executive Labour Group Meeting	6.00pm 7.00pm	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	18					
	Wed	19	Health and Wellbeing Board	2.00pm			
	Thurs	20	Audit Committee	7.00pm			
	Mon	24					Schools Summer break (21 July – 4 September)
	Tues	25	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	26	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	27	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm			
	Mon	31					Summer Meeting Recess
Aug	Tues	1					
	Wed	2					
	Thurs	3					
	Mon	7					
	Tues	8					
	Wed	9					
	Thurs	10					
	Mon	14					
	Tues	15					
	Wed	16					
	Thurs	17					
	Mon	21					
	Tues	22	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	23					
	Thurs	24					
	Mon	28	Public Holiday				
	Tues	29					
	Wed	30					
	Thurs	31					

CYCLE 3 – SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2017

Month	Day	Date	Meeting 1	Time	Meeting 2	Time	Comments
Sept	Mon	4	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	5	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm			
	Wed	6	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	7	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7.00pm			
	Mon	11	Youth Cabinet	5.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	12	Health Scrutiny	7.00pm			
	Wed	13	COUNCIL	7.00pm			
	Thurs	14	JCC (Corporate)	5.00pm			
	Mon	18	Audit Committee	7.00pm			Lib Dem Conf (Bournemo uth)
	Tues	19	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	20			Jewish Holy Day		
	Thurs	21			Jewish Holy Day		
	Mon	25					Labour Party Conf (Brighton)
	Tues	26					
	Wed	27	Corporate Parenting Panel	5.00pm			
	Thurs	28	Health and Wellbeing Board	6.00pm	Standards Committee	6.00pm	
Oct	Mon	2					Conservative Party Conf (M/cr)
	Tues	3					
	Wed	4	Jewish Holy Day				
	Thurs	5	Member Development Group	6.00pm			
	Mon	9	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	10	Bury East Township Forum	7.00pm	Radcliffe Township Forum		
	Wed	11	Jewish Holy Day				
	Thurs	12	Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum	7.00pm	Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum		
	Mon	16	Youth Cabinet	5.00pm			
	Tues	17	Prestwich Township Forum	6.30pm	Bury West Township Forum	7.00pm	
	Wed	18	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	19	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm			
	Mon	23					Schools Half Term Break
	Tues	24	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	25					
	Thurs	26					

CYCLE 4 – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

Month	Day	Date	Meeting 1	Time	Meeting 2	Time	Comments
	Mon	30	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	31					
Nov	Wed	1					
	Thurs	2	Corporate Parenting Panel	5.00pm			
	Mon	6	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	7	JCC (Teachers)	6.00pm			
	Wed	8	Member Development Group	6.00pm			
	Thurs	9					
	Mon	13					
	Tues	14	Health Scrutiny	7.00pm			
	Wed	15	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	16					
	Mon	20	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	21	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	22	Overview and Scrutiny	7.00pm			
	Thurs	23	Health and Wellbeing Board	2.00pm			
	Mon	27	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	28	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm			
	Wed	29	COUNCIL	7.00pm			
	Thurs	30					
Dec	Mon	4	Labour Group Executive	6.00pm	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	
			Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	5	Audit Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	6					
	Thurs	7	Youth Cabinet	5.00pm			
	Mon	11					
	Tues	12	Jewish Holy Day				
	Wed	13	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	14					
	Mon	18					
	Tues	19	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	20					
	Thurs	21	Health and Wellbeing Board	6.00pm			Schools Winter Break (20 December - 2 January)
	Mon	25	Christmas Day				
	Tues	26	Public Holiday				
	Wed	27					
	Thurs	28					

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2017/2018**CYCLE 5 – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018**

Month	Day	Date	Meeting 1	Time	Meeting 2	Time	Comments
Jan	Mon	1	Public Holiday				
	Tues	2	Floating Day				
	Wed	3					
	Thurs	4					
	Mon	8	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	9	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	10	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	11	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm			
	Mon	15	JCC (Corporate)	5.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	16	Corporate Parenting Panel	5.00pm			
	Wed	17	COUNCIL	7.00pm			
	Thurs	18	Health Scrutiny Committee	7.00pm			
	Mon	22	Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum Labour Group Meeting	1.00pm 7.00pm	Bury West Township Forum	7.00pm	
	Tues	23	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	24	Prestwich Township Forum	6.30pm	Bury East Township Forum	7.00pm	
	Thurs	25	Holocaust Memorial Service				
	Mon	29	Standards Committee	6.00pm			
	Tues	30	Radcliffe Township Forum	6.00pm	Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum	7.00pm	
	Wed	31	CABINET	6.00pm			
Feb	Thurs	1	Member Development Group	6.00pm	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm	
	Mon	5	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	6					
	Wed	7					
	Thurs	8					
	Mon	12	Youth Cabinet	5.00pm			
	Tues	13					
	Wed	14	Health and Wellbeing Board	2.00pm	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Budg)	7.00pm	
	Thurs	15	JCC Corporate (Budget)	4.00pm	JCC Teachers (Budget)	6.00pm	
	Mon	19	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00PM	Schools Half Term Break
	Tues	20	Planning Control	7.00pm			

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			Committee				(Budget statutory timetable means the Budget Council must be held during this week)
	Wed	21	Cabinet (Budget)	5.30pm	COUNCIL (Budget)	7.00pm	
	Thurs	22					
	Mon	26					
	Tues	27					
	Wed	28	Jewish Holy Day				
March	Thurs	1					

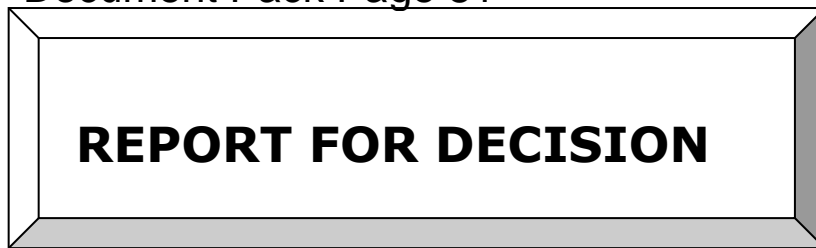
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CYCLE 6 – MARCH - MAY 2018							
Month	Day	Date	Meeting 1	Time	Meeting 2	Time	Comments
March	Mon	5	Health Scrutiny	7.00pm			
	Tues	6	Corporate Parenting Panel	5.00pm			
	Wed	7	Licensing and Safety Panel	7.00pm			
	Thurs	8	JCC Teachers	6.00pm			
	Mon	12	Labour Group Executive Labour Group Meeting	6.00pm 7.00pm			
	Tues	13	Audit Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	14			Prestwich Township Forum	6.30pm	
	Thurs	15	Bury East Township Forum	7.00pm	Radcliffe Township Forum	6.00pm	
	Mon	19	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	20					
	Wed	21	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	22	Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum	7.00pm			
	Mon	26	Member Development Group Labour Group Meeting	6.00pm 7.00pm			
	Tues	27	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	28	Health and Wellbeing Board	6.00pm			
	Thurs	29	Bury West Township Forum	7.00pm	Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum	7.00pm	
April	Mon	2	Public Holiday				Schools Spring Break
	Tues	3					
	Wed	4					
	Thurs	5					
	Mon	9	Conservative Group Meeting	7.00pm	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm	
	Tues	10	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	11	COUNCIL	7.00pm			
	Thurs	12					
	Mon	16	Labour Group Meeting	7.00pm			
	Tues	17	Health Scrutiny Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	18	CABINET	6.00pm			
	Thurs	19	Standards Committee	6.00pm			
	Mon	23					
	Tues	24	Planning Control Committee	7.00pm			
	Wed	25					
	Thurs	26	Licensing and Safety	7.00pm			

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			Panel				
	Mon	30					
May	Tues	1					
	Wed	2					
	Thurs	3					
	Mon	7	Public Holiday				
	Tues	8	Labour Group AGM pt 1				
	Wed	9	Labour Group AGM pt 2				
	Thurs	10					
	Mon	14					
	Tues	15					
	Wed	16	Annual Council	2.00pm	Mayor Making	4.00pm	
	Thurs	17					

Note: Annual Council/Mayor Making – 16 May 2018



DECISION OF:	Council
DATE:	19 April 2017
SUBJECT:	Adoption of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of Anti-Semitism
REPORT FROM:	Leader of the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Tom Houghton, Community Safety Manager
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE (KEY DECISION OR NON KEY DECISION)
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	A new definition of Anti-Semitism was adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in Bucharest last year. It is proposed that Bury Council adopt this new definition.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	That Bury Council adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of Anti-Semitism. That Bury Hate Crime Forum encourages all 3 rd Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres to also adopt the definition.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	Executive Director of Resources to advise regarding risk management
Health and Safety Implications	None
Statement by Executive Director of Resources (including Health and Safety Implications)	As an equal opportunities organisation that embraces diversity, we are fully committed to preventing and reducing the levels of hate crime and we are fully committed to adopting the new definition of anti-semitism. We will

	ensure that this is fully communicated to and practised by all our staff and partner organisations.
Equality/Diversity implications:	No
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes Comments
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
		19 April 2017	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Our vision for Bury is one of a borough in which everyone can prosper, where there is respect and tolerance between our diverse communities within the borough and where the responsibilities of being a citizen of Bury is widely accepted.
- 1.2 Our aim in Bury has always been to prevent and reduce the levels of hate crime and ensure that victims and witnesses of hate crime are supported and offenders are brought to justice. Members of our communities work with us in addressing the challenges that arise in our borough and help us to recognise that we are at our strongest when we unite and work together.
- 1.3 This approach of working together has, over many years, helped a number of communities to increase their confidence to report hate crime. We stand together against all forms of prejudice and we and our partners will act when incidents take place. Given current national and international events it is now more pertinent than ever that we have this unified approach. From events in Hate Crime Awareness Week as well as training presentations in schools, we are giving our communities the power to tackle hate crime at source and bring about sustainable change.
- 1.4 A new definition of Anti-Semitism was adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in Bucharest last year reads: **'Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward**

Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed towards Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.'

2.0 CONCLUSION

- 2.1 This description is a clear and practical working definition of Anti-Semitism, and adopting it will build further confidence within the Jewish community in Bury and across Greater Manchester that Anti-Semitism will not be tolerated.
- 2.2 Once agreed this definition will be taken to the Hate Crime Working Group and the Strategic Interfaith Group to encourage wider adoption by partner organisations and raise further awareness that hate Crime is not tolerated. Additionally, we propose to encourage 3rd Party Reporting Centres to also adopt the definition.

List of Background Papers:-

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REPORT FOR DECISION



DECISION MAKER:	COUNCIL
DATE:	19 APRIL
SUBJECT:	QUARTERLY REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS
REPORT FROM:	INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
CONTACT OFFICER:	LEIGH WEBB, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	This report sets out details of decisions taken under special urgency provisions in the last 3 months.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	To note the decision
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	This report is for information, and there are no direct financial implications
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	There are no wider resource implications

Equality/Diversity implications:	No
Considered by Interim Monitoring Officer:	Yes Decisions taken in accordance with Urgency Procedures and Access to Information requirements as set out in the Council Constitution
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
		19.04.2017	

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Under Section 18.3 of the Access to Information rules within the Council's Constitution the Cabinet are required to submit quarterly reports to the Council on executive decisions that have been taken under the Special Urgency Provisions in the preceding three months.

An item of Special Urgency is defined as a key decision whereby the report has not been published within the five clear days rule under the Access to Information Procedure Rules. The following report has to include the number of decisions so taken and a summary of the matters in respect of which those decisions were taken. In taking a decision under the Special Urgency Provisions the Decision Taker has to obtain the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chair that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.

There has been one occasion when the Special Urgency Provision has been used over the preceding four month period:

Decision Taker/Date	Item /Decision and reason for urgency	Chair of Scrutiny Committee who authorised use of Special Urgency Provision
Leader of the Council 16.03.2017	Devolution Governance To agree delegated authority to enable a further stage of devolution for the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) relating to most of the functions proposed in the schemes published by GMCA in March and June 2016 (other than PCC, fire and health functions which are the	Councillor S Smith

	<p>subject of individual orders), along with other amendments to the constitutional provisions set out in schedule 1 of the GMCA Order 2011. Delegated authority was given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to consent to the terms of Orders required to establish the role of the GMCA elected Mayor; and to provide for the Mayor to exercise the functions of the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to the Greater Manchester Police area.</p> <p>Reason for Urgency: The Secretary of State had sent a draft order proposing the transfer of the functions referred to in the report, to the GMCA, to be exercised by the Mayor upon taking office on 8 May 2017 and laid before Parliament immediately (Monday 20 March 2017) to be subject to the affirmative procedure. Formal consent was sought from all of the constituent Council's of Greater Manchester and the GMCA.</p>	
<p>Leader of the Council 15/03/2017</p>	<p>Appointment of Local Returning Officer at Combined Authority Mayoral Elections</p> <p>To vary the decision made at the meeting of the Council on 22 February 2017 to appoint the Chief Executive, Mike Owen as the Returning Officer for Bury Council at Combined Authority Mayoral elections, by appointing Pat Jones-Greenhalgh Interim Chief Executive to act in that capacity.</p> <p>Reason for Urgency: To comply with requirements of Combined Authority Mayoral Elections procedures.</p>	<p>Councillor S Smith</p>

2.0 CONCLUSION

The Council is required to note the above decisions and reason for use of Special Urgency provisions

List of Background Papers:-

Urgent Decision Form 2017/004

Urgent Decision Form 2017/003

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