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Dear Member/Colleague

Council

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 12 July 2018
Place:	Council Chamber - Town Hall
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

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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 - 6)

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council, held on 16 May 2018, are attached.

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 7 - 18)

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Cabinet – 27 June 2018	Treasury Management Annual Report 2017/ 2018 (attached)	In accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management, the Cabinet agrees to note the report. The report will be forwarded on for consideration at the next meeting of Full Council scheduled to take place on the 11 th July 2018.

6 LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME (Pages 19 - 38)

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 39 - 52)

(A) A report from the Council's representative on the work of Transport for Greater Manchester, Councillor Bayley

(B) Questions (if any) on the work of the Joint Authorities to be asked by Members of the Council for which the necessary notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion have been received:-

(i) Vehicle Charging

Air Pollution is a serious consequence of our ever-busier road network, causing well-documented short and long term health effects on both children and adults alike. There are a number of roads in the borough affected by traffic congestion including the A58 and A56. In 2017, DEFRA specifically named the A56 to be suffering from high levels of air pollution and one of the worst polluted roads in Greater Manchester.

A key route to tackling air pollution is by encouraging the use of low emission vehicles. These include modern petrol and diesel vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and electric vehicles.

To facilitate increased use of electric vehicles in our borough, there must be ample provision from the Council of electric charging points.

This Council notes:

- The good work done in 2013 by TfGM to establish Greater Manchester's first charging points under the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle (GMEV) scheme.
- The Greater Manchester Climate Change and Low Emissions Implementation Plan 2016-2020 to cut carbon emissions by 48% between 1990 and 2020
- The serious health effects of air pollution to Bury's residents.
- The need to tackle air pollution in Bury and transition to a low carbon economy
- The Council's desire to see increased usage of low emission vehicles.
- The 7 charging points located in the Borough do not match this Council's ambition to see increased uptake of electric vehicles.

This Council resolves to:

- Establish an initiative to identify suitable locations for additional charging

points within the borough.

- Write to GM Mayor Andy Burnham to seek subsidisation for the new Bury initiative under TfGM's GMEV scheme.
- Have 20 electric vehicle charging points across the borough, with a minimum of 1 per ward, by the end of calendar year 2018.
- Reconvene in January 2019 to set new installation targets for the calendar year 2019.

In the names of Councillors R Caserta, P Cropper, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, N Jones, G Keeley, O Kersh, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Walker, and Y Wright

(ii) Clean Air Zones

This Council Notes that:

1. Bury, like many authorities, has area of really poor air quality and that pollutants in the air can exceed safe limit set by both the European Union and World Health Organisation.
2. Air pollution in Bury has a massive impact on the health of our citizens. The young and most vulnerable it can cause permanent lung damage to babies and young children and in older people exacerbates lung and heart diseases. In Bury this equates to approximately 950 years of life lost per annum.
3. That a number of welcome steps and initiatives have already been implemented to improve air quality by the Council and at a Greater Manchester level.

This Council believes that:

1. Everyone in our Borough should be able to breathe clean, unpolluted air.
2. That we should take extra step to protect the health of all residents

This Council therefore Resolves to:

1. Introduce, over the next two years an enforceable 'no-idling' zone outside every school in the Borough, with at least four pilot zones in the next year.
2. Where practical, to extend the number of 'no-idling' zones to cover areas outside children's play areas where parked traffic is an issue.
3. To work with our NHS partners, to look at extending 'no-idling' zones outside Medical Centres, and in hospital 'pick up' areas.

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

(iii) Tyred Campaign

On Monday 10 September 2012 a coach bound for Liverpool carrying 53 people from the Bestival music festival on the Isle of Wight, left the road and crashed into a tree instantly killing Michael Molloy (18), Kerry Ogden (23) and the coach driver, Colin Daulby (63), and left others with life-changing injuries. The inquest into the crash found that the front nearside tyre which was actually older than the coach itself, at 19 years, was responsible for the crash. In 2014, Liverpool City Council unanimously agreed on a motion in support of Michael's mother Frances calling for a change in the law requiring a ban on tyres older than six years on commercial vehicles. Despite the widespread public and political support for this campaign, no change in the law has been made, shamefully leaving others at risk from faulty and dangerous tyres.

Council notes that Frances Molloy has launched "Tyred" – the official campaign to pressure Government – to change the law to ban the use of tyres older than ten years on commercial vehicles.

Council wholeheartedly supports "Tyred" and instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition to call together cross-party support for a change in the law.

Council further resolves to support the "Tyred" campaign until such a change in the law is achieved and to draw the attention of the Local Government Association, especially its Environment and Transport Board, to this Council's view that the concerns should be fully addressed.

Finally, Council asks the Chief Executive to write to all schools in the Borough asking them to require coach and bus operators they use for school trips etc to adhere to the provisions set out in the Tyred campaign. Council should also ask officers to look at our own procurement procedures with a view to inserting an appropriate clause in any contracts with commercial operators and to also ensure that this standard applies to our own vehicle fleet.

In the names of Councillors N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, J Grimshaw, M Hayes, S Haroon, T Holt, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, K Leach, A Mckay, E O'Brien, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.

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

10 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

11 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Questions on the delegated decisions made by the Regulatory Committees and Scrutiny Committees contained in the Digest of Decisions 1 (2018/2019) published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, providing four clear working days' notices has been given of the question.

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Minutes of: THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BURY**Date of Meeting:** 16 May 2018

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (D L Gunther in the Chair);
Councillors N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R A Caserta, R Cathcart, M Connolly, P Cropper, A J Cummings, M D'Albert, J Daly, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, M Hankey, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, T Holt, K Hussain, N Jones, G Keeley, J Kelly, O Kersh, K Leach, A McKay, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, T D Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Shori, A Simpson, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright

Also in attendance:

Apologies for Absence: Councillors E Fitzgerald, M James, D Jones, R Hodgkinson, R Skillen and K Thomas

Public attendance: 12 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.
160 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting

PART 1 OF THE MEETING**C.01 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR****RESOLVED:**

That the election of Chair be adjourned to Part 2 of the Proceedings.

C.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Shori declared a personal interest in any item which related to health as his partner is an employee of the NHS
2. Councillor Simpson declared a personal interest in any items related to health as she is an employee within the NHS.
3. Councillor Quinn declared a personal interest in any items relating to health as his son and daughter in law are NHS employees
4. Councillor S Wright declared a personal interest in any items related to staffing as his wife is employed at a Primary School in the Borough.

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C.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 April 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.04 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor paid tribute to those Councillors not returning to the Chamber following the recent elections and welcomed new Members to their first Council meeting.

C.05 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2018

The Mayor reported the election of the following Councillors in the seventeen wards of the Borough:

Ward	Councillor Elected
Ramsbottom	Kevin Thomas
North Manor	James Daly
Tottington	Iain Gartside
Elton	Martin Hayes
Moorside	Sandra Walmsley
East	Trevor Holt
Church	Susan Nuttall
Redvales	Tamoor Tariq
Unsworth	Mohammed Tahir Rafiq
Radcliffe East	Karen Leach
Radcliffe North	Paul Cropper
Radcliffe West	Rishi Shori
Pilkington Park	Nicholas Jones
Besses	Mary Whitby
Holyrood	Tim Pickstone
St Mary's	Eamonn O'Brien
Sedgley	Alan Quinn

C.06 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Minute HRA.03 of the meeting of the Human Resources and Appeals Panel held on 11 May 2018

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

RESOLVED:

That this Council approves the appointment of Geoff Little to the post of Chief Executive.

C.07 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

Councillor Shori, Leader of the Council, made a statement on the State of the Borough describing the main achievements of the Council during 2017/2018.

C.08 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2018/19

The Leader moved, and Councillor Simpson seconded, that the report on the Annual Appointments for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be approved and adopted, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, with a Cabinet of between two and ten Members be confirmed for 2018/2019.
2. That the appointment of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet, Deputy Cabinet Members and Shadow Cabinet for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
4. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointments of the Audit Committee and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.

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8. That the appointments to the outside bodies for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Members Allowance Scheme for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix H be noted.
10. That the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.
11. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make appropriate consequential changes to the Council's Constitution in order to reflect the allocation of portfolio responsibilities.

C.09 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

Councillor Caserta moved, and Councillor Shori seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017/2018 be approved.

PART 2 OF THE MEETING

C.11 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2018/19

Councillor D'Albert moved that Councillor Jane Black be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2018/2019, with Mr Mark Sankey as her Consort.

Councillor O'Brien seconded the nomination.

The Worshipful the Mayor, after calling for and not receiving any other nominations, declared the nomination carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Jane Black be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2018/2019, with Mr Mark Sankey as her Consort.

The newly-elected Mayor then occupied the Chair, made and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on her in electing her Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

C.12 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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It was moved by Councillor Daly, seconded by Councillor Hussain and it was:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Dorothy Gunther be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/2019 and that this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Gunther and Mr Michael Gunther for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Consort of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices and that medallions be presented to them as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Consort.

C.13 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR AND OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYORESSES

It was proposed by Councillor Smith and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Mike Connolly and Mr Ian Hargreaves, for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTES: Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.25 pm
Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 4.50pm)

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REPORT FOR DECISION



MEETING: **CABINET
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL**

DATE: **27 JUNE 2018
10 JULY 2018
11 JULY 2018**

SUBJECT: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT
2017/18**

REPORT FROM: **CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND HOUSING**

CONTACT OFFICER: **STEVE KENYON, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
RESOURCES & REGULATION**

TYPE OF DECISION: **CABINET (KEY DECISION)**

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS: This paper is within the public domain

SUMMARY: **PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

The Council undertakes Treasury Management Activities in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management, which requires that the Council receives an annual strategy report by 31 March for the year ahead and an annual review report of the previous year by 30 September. This report is the review of Treasury Management activities during 2017/18.

OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION It is recommended that, in accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management, the report be noted.

IMPLICATIONS:

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:

Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes

Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:

As set out in the report and the comment of the Interim Executive Director of Resources and Regulation below.

Statement by Assistant Director of Resources (Finance and Efficiency):

This report provides information on the Council's debt, borrowing, and investment activity for the financial year ending on 31st March 2018 in conformity with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management. The successful management of the Council's borrowing and investments is central to the Council's financial strategy, both in the short term and in ensuring a balanced debt profile over the next 25 to 60 years.

The overall strategy for 2017/18 was to finance capital expenditure by running down cash/investment balances and using shorter term borrowing rather than more expensive long term loans. The taking out of longer term loans (1 to 10 years) to finance capital spending would only then be considered if required by the Council's underlying cash flow needs.

Debt decreased slightly during the year, £194,510 million at 31st March 2018 compared to £195,682 million at 31st March 2017. The average borrowing rate rose slightly from 3.96% to 3.95%. Investments at 31 March 2018 stood at £21,250 million, compared to £18,550 million the previous year, the decrease being due to the use of cash/investment balances to repay maturing debt. The average rate of return on investments was 0.24% in 2017/18 compared to 0.58% in 2016/17.

Equality/Diversity implications:

No - (see paragraph 8.1, page 9)

Considered by Monitoring Officer:

Yes. The presentation of an annual report on Treasury Management by 30th September of the following financial year is a requirement of the Council's Financial Regulations 5.7, as part of the Council's Financial Procedure Rules and Budget and Policy framework, relating to Risk Management and Control of Resources: Treasury Management.

Are there any legal implications?

No

Staffing/ICT/Property:

There are no direct staffing, ICT or property implications arising from this report.

Wards Affected:

All

Scrutiny Interest:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

TRACKING/PROCESS**INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: STEVE KENYON**

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet	Ward Members	Partners
	27/6/18		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee		Committee	Council
10/7/18			

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2017/18. This report meets the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management, (the Code), and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, (the Prudential Code).

During 2017/18 the minimum reporting requirements were that the full Council should receive the following reports:

- an annual treasury strategy in advance of the year (Council 22/02/2017)
- a mid-year (minimum) treasury update report (Council 17/01/2018)
- an annual review following the end of the year describing the activity compared to the strategy (this report)

- 1.2 The regulatory environment places responsibility on members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities. This report is, therefore, important in that respect, as it provides details of the outturn position for treasury activities and highlights compliance with the Council's policies previously approved by members.

- 1.3 This Council confirms that it has complied with the requirement under the Code to give scrutiny to all of the above treasury management reports by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 THE ECONOMY AND INTEREST RATES

- 2.1 During the calendar year of 2017, there was a major shift in expectations in financial markets in terms of how soon Bank Rate would start on a rising trend. After the UK economy showed growth in the second half of 2016, growth in the first half of 2017 was disappointingly weak, being the slowest for the first half of any year since 2012. The main reason for this was the sharp increase in inflation caused by the devaluation of sterling after the EU referendum, feeding increases into the cost of imports into the economy. This caused a reduction in consumer disposable income and spending power as inflation exceeded average wage increases. Consequently, the services sector of the economy, accounting for

around 75% of GDP, saw weak growth as consumers responded by cutting back on their expenditure. However, growth did pick up modestly in the second half of 2017. Consequently, market expectations during the autumn, rose significantly that the MPC would be heading in the direction of imminently raising Bank Rate. The minutes of the MPC meeting of 14 September indicated that the MPC was likely to raise Bank Rate very soon. The 2 November MPC quarterly Inflation Report meeting raised Bank Rate from 0.25% to 0.50%.

- 2.2 The 8 February MPC meeting minutes then revealed another sharp hardening in MPC warnings on a more imminent and faster pace of increases in Bank Rate than had previously been expected. Market expectations for increases in Bank Rate, therefore, shifted considerably during the second half of 2017-18 and resulted in investment rates from 3 – 12 months increasing sharply during the spring quarter.
- 2.3 PWLB borrowing rates increased correspondingly to the above developments with the shorter term rates increasing more sharply than longer term rates. In addition, UK gilts have moved in a relatively narrow band this year, (within 25 bps for much of the year), compared to US treasuries. During the second half of the year, there was a noticeable trend in treasury yields being on a rising trend with the Fed raising rates by 0.25% in June, December and March, making six increases in all from the floor. The effect of these three increases was greater in shorter terms around 5 year, rather than longer term yields.
- 2.4 The major UK landmark event of the year was the inconclusive result of the general election on 8 June. However, this had relatively little impact on financial markets.

3.0 THE COUNCIL'S OVERALL TREASURY POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

- 3.1 At the beginning and the end of 2017/18 the Council's treasury (excluding borrowing by PFI and finance leases) position was as follows:

	Balance at 31/03/17			Balance at 31/03/18		
	General Fund £'000	HRA £'000	Total £'000	General Fund £'000	HRA £'000	Total £'000
Total Debt	76,898	118,784	195,682	75,726	118,784	194,510
CFR	128,293	118,784	247,077	128,293	118,784	247,077
Over / (under) borrowing	(51,395)	0	(51,395)	(52,567)	0	(52,567)
Total Investments			18,550			21,250
Net Debt			177,132			173,260

	Balance at 31/03/17		Balance at 31/03/18	
	Average Rate / Return	Average Life of Debt (years)	Average Rate / Return	Average Life of Debt (years)
Debt	3.96%	27	3.96%	26
Investments	0.58%		0.24%	

4.0 THE STRATEGY FOR 2017/18

- 4.1 The expectation for interest rates within the treasury management strategy for 2017/18 anticipated that Bank Rate would not start rising from 0.25% until quarter 2 2019 and then only increase once more before 31.3.2020. There would also be gradual rises in medium and longer term fixed borrowing rates during 2017/18 and the two subsequent financial years. Variable, or short-term rates, were expected to be the cheaper form of borrowing over the period. Continued uncertainty in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis promoted a cautious approach, whereby investments would continue to be dominated by low counterparty risk considerations, resulting in relatively low returns compared to borrowing rates.
- 4.2 In this scenario, the treasury strategy was to postpone borrowing to avoid the cost of holding higher levels of investments and to reduce counterparty risk.
- 4.3 During 2017/18, longer term PWLB rates were volatile but with little overall direction, whereas shorter term PWLB rates were on a rising trend during the second half of the year.

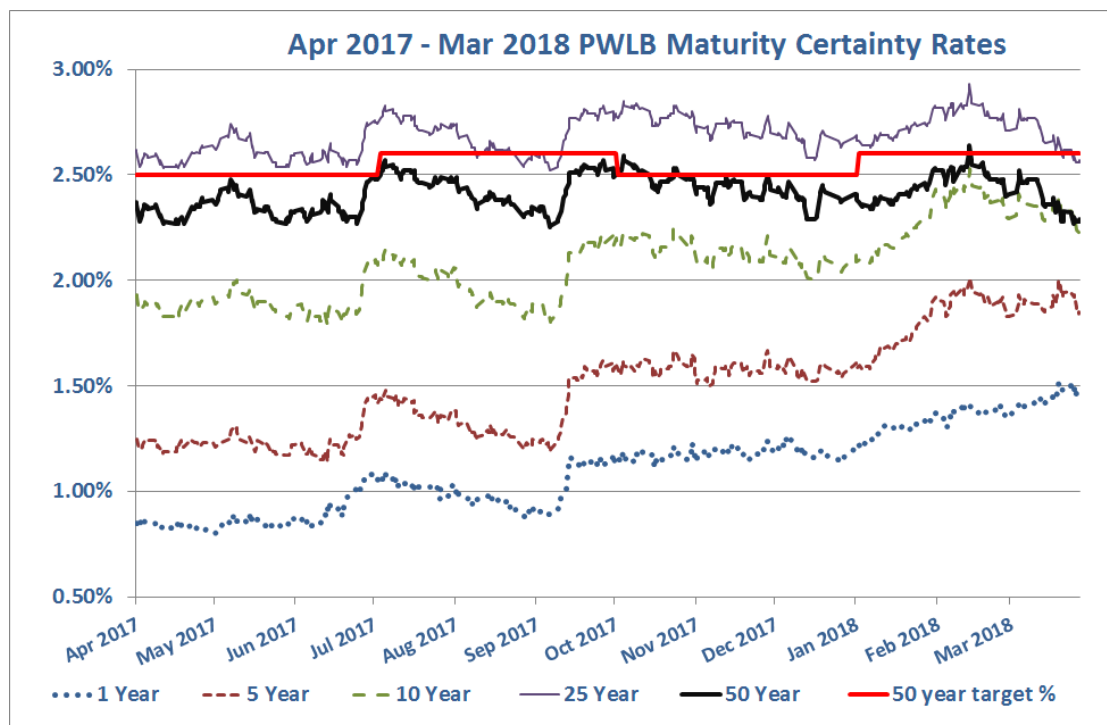
5.0 THE BORROWING REQUIREMENT AND DEBT

- 5.1 The Council's underlying need to borrow to finance capital expenditure is termed the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR).

Capital Financing Requirement	2016/17 Actual £'000	2017/18 Estimate £'000	2017/18 Actual £'000
CFR – non HRA	126,936	123,875	128,293
CFR – HRA existing	40,531	40,531	40,531
Housing Reform Settlement	78,253	78,253	78,253
Total CFR	245,720	242,660	247,077

6.0 BORROWING RATES IN 2017/18

- 6.1 **PWLB certainty maturity borrowing rates** - the graph below shows how PWLB 25 and 50 year rates have been volatile during the year with little consistent trend. However, shorter rates were on a rising trend during the second half of the year and reached peaks in February / March. During the year, the 50 year PWLB target (certainty) rate for new long term borrowing was 2.5% in quarters 1 and 3 and 2.6% in quarters 2 and 4.



7.0 BORROWING OUTTURN FOR 2017/18

7.1 An analysis of movements at nominal values on loans during the year is shown below:

	Balance at 31/03/17 £000's	Loans raised £000's	Loans repaid £000's	Balance at 31/03/18 £000's
PWLB	131,453	0	0	131,453
Market	62,500	0	(2,000)	60,500
Temporary Loans	0	2,000	0	2,000
Other loans	3	0	0	3
Bury MBC Debt	193,956	2,000	(2,000)	193,956
Airport PWLB Debt	1,726	0	(1,172)	554
Total Debt	195,682	2,000	(3,172)	194,510

7.2 No new loans were raised during the year.

7.3 No debt rescheduling was undertaken during the year as the average 1% differential between PWLB new borrowing rates and premature repayment rates made rescheduling unviable.

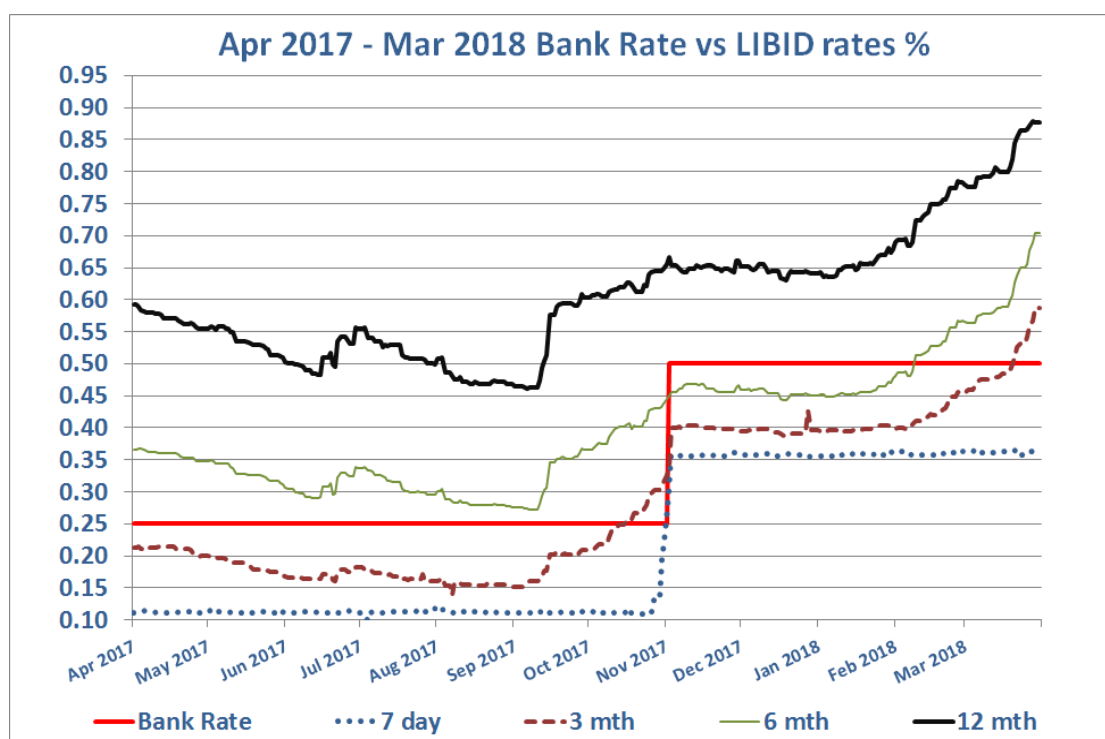
7.4 The active monitoring of the debt portfolio, the full year effect of previous rescheduling of loans, and the taking of new loans at historically low rates, have decreased the average Interest rate on the debt held over time:

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Average Interest Rate on Debt	3.96%	3.96%	3.95%	3.96%	3.96%

- 7.5 From 2013/14 the average interest rate has stayed constant due to the borrowing of new loans at historically low levels.

8.0 INVESTMENT RATES IN 2017/18

- 8.1 Investments rates for 3 months and longer have been on a rising trend during the second half of the year in the expectation of Bank Rate increasing from its floor of 0.25%, and reached a peak at the end of March. Bank Rate was duly raised from 0.25% to 0.50% on 2.11.17 and remained at that level for the rest of the year. However, further increases are expected over the next few years. Deposit rates continued into the start of 2017/18 at previous depressed levels due, in part, to a large tranche of cheap financing being made available under the Term Funding Scheme to the banking sector by the Bank of England; this facility ended on 28.2.18.



9.0 INVESTMENT OUTTURN FOR 2017/18

- 9.1 The Council's investment policy is governed by MHCLG guidance, which was been implemented in the annual investment strategy approved by the Council on 22 February 2017. This policy set out the approach for choosing investment counterparties, and is based on credit ratings provided by the three main credit rating agencies, supplemented by additional market data (such as rating outlooks, credit default swaps, bank share prices etc.).
- 9.2 The Council manages its investments in-house (with advice from Capita Asset Services) with the overall objective to balance risk with return and the overriding consideration being given to the security of the available funds.

- 9.3 The investment activity during the year conformed to the approved strategy, and the Council had no liquidity difficulties.
- 9.4 The strategy recognised that the Council's funds would be mainly cash-flow driven. The Council would seek to utilise business reserve accounts and short dated deposits in order to benefit from the compounding of interest.
- 9.5 Detailed below is the result of the investment strategy undertaken by the Council.

	Average Investment	Rate of Return	Benchmark Return *
Internally Managed	£30,445,229	0.24%	0.21%

* the benchmark return is the average 7-day London Interbank Bid (LIBID) uncompounded rate sourced from Capita Asset Services

- 9.6 Investments at 31 March 2018 stood at £21,250m (£18.550m at 31 March 2017).

	Investment at 31/03/17 £000's	Amount Invested in year £000's	Investments realised in year £000's	Balance at 31/03/18 £000's
Fixed Rate Investments				
Bank of Scotland	3,000	0	(3,000)	0
Plymouth City Council	0	10,000	(10,000)	0
Total - Fixed rate	0	10,000	(10,000)	0
Notice Accounts				
Barclays Bank - 32 day Notice account	0	6,000	(3,000)	3,000
Barclays Bank - 95 day Notice account	0	15,750	(10,250)	5,500
Total - Notice accounts	0	21,750	(13,250)	8,500
Call Accounts				
Barclays Bank - Flexible Interest Bearing Current Account	15,000	80,180	(94,980)	200
Bank of Scotland - Call Account	550	222,300	(210,300)	12,550
Total Investments	15,550	334,230	(328,530)	21,250

- 9.7 The table below gives details of the fixed rate investments made during the year.

	Rate	Amount £000's	Start Date	End Date
BANK OF SCOTLAND	0.60%	2,000	17/02/2017	17/08/2017
BANK OF SCOTLAND	0.60%	1,000	10/03/2017	11/09/2017
BANK OF SCOTLAND	0.36%	1,000	29/09/2017	28/12/2017
BANK OF SCOTLAND	0.36%	1,000	28/12/2017	29/03/2018
Plymouth City Council	0.35%	10,000	10/11/2017	12/02/2018
Total		15,000		

10.0 COMPLIANCE WITH TREASURY LIMITS

- 10.1 During the financial year the Council operated within the treasury limits and Prudential Indicators set out the Council's Treasury Policy Statement and annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

11.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

- 11.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications.

12.0 FUTURE ACTIONS

- 12.1 Treasury Management Updates and Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 will be presented on a quarterly basis to the Cabinet and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

13.0 CONCLUSION

- 13.1 It is recommended that Members note the treasury management activity that has taken place during the financial year 2017/18.

Councillor Eamon O'Brien
Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing

Background documents:

Unaudited Final Accounts Bury MBC 2017/18
CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice in the Public Services
CIPFA The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities
Treasury Management Report 2017-18
Financial markets and economic briefing papers

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Appendix 1: Prudential and Treasury Indicators

1. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS	2016/17 Actual £'000	2017/18 Estimate £'000	2017/18 Actual £'000
Capital Expenditure			
Non - HRA	16,321	27,779	20,100
HRA	16,176	8,772	7,371
TOTAL	32,497	36,551	27,471
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream			
Non - HRA	3.10%	3.01%	2.96%
HRA	14.47%	14.47%	14.15%
Gross borrowing requirement			
Alternative financing	1,699	0	1,357
Replacement Borrowing	5,353	3,166	1,172
in year borrowing requirement	3,654	3,166	-185
Gross debt	195,682		194,510
CFR			
Non - HRA	126,936	123,875	128,293
HRA	118,784	118,784	118,784
TOTAL	245,720	242,660	247,077
Annual change in Cap. Financing Requirement			
Non - HRA	3,208		1,357
HRA	0		0
TOTAL	3,208		1,357
Incremental impact of capital investment decisions			
Increase in council tax (band D) per annum	-£5.15	-£1.02	-£3.45
Increase in average housing rent per week	£0	£0	£0

2. TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18
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	Actual £'000	Estimate £'000	Actual £'000
Authorised Limit for external debt -			
borrowing	245,700	242,700	240,100
other long term liabilities	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	250,700	247,700	245,100
Operational Boundary for external debt -			
borrowing	280,700	277,700	275,100
other long term liabilities	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	285,700	282,700	280,100
Actual external debt	195,682		194,510
Upper limit for fixed interest rate exposure			
Net principal re fixed rate borrowing / investments	110%	113%	112%
Upper limit for variable rate exposure			
Net principal re variable rate borrowing / investments	-10%	-13%	-12%
Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days (per maturity date)	£10 m	£10 m	£10 m

Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing	Actual 2016/17	Actual 2017/18
under 12 months	2%	10%
12 months and within 24 months	8%	5%
24 months and within 5 years	8%	5%
5 years and within 10 years	2%	0%
10 years and within 15 years	13%	13%
15 years and within 50 years	67%	67%

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Council Questions – 11 July 2018

Q.	Party	Question
1.	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members what the Authority is doing to inform local people and local employers on the potential impact of 'Brexit'? Would the Leader consider production an update for members on this issue, similar to the report recently produced for the Scrutiny process in Oldham? Councillor Pickstone</p>
	A: Cllr Shori	<p>In response to your question I would like to reassure Members that we will continue to support our businesses, we will continue to support a stronger, inclusive, vibrant economy, we will continue to embed business friendly policies into everything that we do and we will continue to ensure the Bury voice is heard across the city region.</p> <p>Furthermore we will ensure that all Members receive the Greater Manchester Brexit Report. I fully support wider economic and business support activity updates to members. I encourage all of you to sign up for weekly business related updates. I will ensure an email link is sent to all members.</p>
2.	Labour	<p>Following the joint Ofsted/CQC inspection of provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and disabilities in 2017, can the Leader/Cabinet Member provide an update on progress that is being made in response to the recommendations arising from the inspection? Councillor D Jones</p>
	A:Cllr Briggs	<p>Following the inspection, the local authority prepared a written statement of action setting out how it intended to respond to each of the recommendations, and this is subject to quarterly monitoring by the Department for Education and NHS England. The statement of Action has brought clear focus on the role of the local authority; has strengthened the relationship with strategic partners; has engaged schools to respond more effectively to the needs of children and young people with SEND; and has resulted in a strong partnership with Bury2Gether, working with parents to co-produce services. The recent Engagement event, is an example of joint working, attended by over 120 parents, young people, professionals from all key agencies, and opened by the Council Leader and James Frith MP. The feedback from DfE and NHS England to the Statement of action has been very positive, with clear evidence of good progress being made.</p>
3	Labour	<p>During the academic year 2016/2017 a total of 97 children and young people were permanently excluded from a Bury school. I'm sure that the Leader/Cabinet Member will agree that this number is far too high, is not always an appropriate response, and means that many of the young people affected do not go on to achieve their full potential. With the end of the current academic year fast approaching, can the Leader/Cabinet Member provide an update on what has been done to address this?</p>

		Councillor Preston
	A:Cllr Briggs	The local authority has been working with all schools to develop new ways of working that enable far more effective support to be put in place for children and young people in danger of exclusion. Through the establishment of a number of inclusion partnerships, schools have taken far greater responsibility for the identification of needs, the development of alternative packages of support, and for making appropriate arrangements to prevent exclusion. The work of the schools has to be commended with a significant reduction in the numbers of children and young people being permanently excluded. With two weeks of term to go, the numbers for the 2017/18 academic year are 52.
4	Conservative	<p>Can the Leader or relevant Cabinet Member please give a full financial update as to the progress that has been made towards becoming a fully sustainable and self-funding Council? Has the Council set a target date for this and if so are we on track to meet it?</p> <p>Councillor Gartside</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>It has long been recognised that the Council is underfunded – if we were funded at the national average, we would have an extra £7.8 million in our budget; and an extra £16.5 million if we were funded at the GM average.</p> <p>By 2020 we will have made cuts totalling £97 million; as austerity continues, it is becoming abundantly clear that we cannot continue to make further cuts to service budgets.</p> <p>Our strategy needs to focus on income generation and growth going forward.</p> <p>We have a number of projects underway to achieve this;</p> <p>On “income generation”, we are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remodelling of our Schools Traded Services offer – with a greater focus on price, quality and customer care • Continuing to expand our Payroll offer which now delivers over 30 external contracts <p>Key however will be “growth”, and generation of Council Tax / Business rates receipts and the council taking a more active and business income like role in housing growth and regeneration of town centres to generate new income streams;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We now formulating the expertise and undertaking a transformation of the council to actively deliver growth engaged in house building and regenerating town centres, next to looking at new forms of wellbeing

		<p>infrastructure that supports preventive care methods to enable people to self-care and deliver supportive care – via the new Exec Director – Paul Patterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will lead towards announcing in the near future exciting developments in respect of Prestwich (Longfield) and East Lancs Paper Mill site • Progress is being made – a Development Agreement has now been signed with St Modwen to develop the Chamberhall site offering new office and light industrial space creating economic and employment growth • Work at an advanced stage at a number of other key housing sites being currently evaluated for viability and house types to ensure the people of Bury have the right housing offer and choice <p>Bury is a place where people want to live, invest, and start their businesses</p> <p>We have a plan, we have the expertise, and we have a raised profile at GM (who are key to securing funding).</p> <p>Regeneration projects do not happen overnight, and the challenge to raise funds is now.</p> <p>The work we are doing firmly lays the foundations and puts us in a strong position.</p>
5	Labour	<p>Can the Leader update the Council about the latest on the GMSF?</p> <p>Councillor Rafiq</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>It has been agreed that there will consultation on a second draft of the GMSF. This was originally programmed for June but, given the changes in administrations and Portfolio Members across Greater Manchester after the May elections, it was decided to put this date back until July.</p> <p>Since that decision, a new set of population projections have been issued by the Office for National Statistics, which is indicating a slower rate of population growth than previously projected. This is likely to have implications for the estimated growth in household growth and, in effect, the amount of new homes that may be needed across the country and Greater Manchester. As such, the 10 Greater Manchester authorities have decided that it would be appropriate to wait to see what these new household projections are before consulting on the second draft.</p> <p>It is now envisaged that this will be consulted on in the Autumn.</p>
6	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give an update on Bury's Homelessness Partnership?</p> <p>Councillor Hayes</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>As members are aware Homeless is a pressure nationally and one of the GM mayors priorities.</p> <p>I have tasked officers to look at innovative ways in which we can tackle</p>

		<p>this issue.</p> <p>The voluntary and the third sector are key to us doing things differently and I am delighted that we are working in partnership with the sector to do things in a different way.</p> <p>The council and the voluntary sector are keen to work together in a different way and the new partnership is the platform for us to make a difference.</p> <p>The landscape of homelessness has significantly changed in Bury, therefore it is essential that not only is the authority involved in addressing housing needs, but also partners across the sectors.</p> <p>The Bury Homeless Partnership was formally launched on the 25th May. I was delighted to attend the marketplace and launch event where many organisations both local, regional and national organisations that work in Bury showcased the good work that is going on in Bury. There was a strong sense of commitment in the room to make a difference and to work together on the challenges we face.</p> <p>The Partnership will focus on a robust collaboration across the sector. Underpinned with a solution focussed approach, it will engage fully with opportunities to influence policy and strategy.</p> <p>New Chairs have been announced for the Partnership who are both housing providers from the Voluntary Sector.</p> <p>There will be further partnership meetings in the future that will have a clear agenda to address barriers for housing and helping the most vulnerable in our communities.</p> <p>The partnership will receive support from the Council initially to get started and then hopefully it can move forward with the Council as a partner.</p> <p>This an excellent start and there is more work to do and I will bring further updates to Council as the work progress.</p>
7	Conservative	<p>Can the leader let us have the breakdown for monies spent on pothole repairs and road resurfacing in the 6 weeks leading up to the recent local elections versus the rest of the year, and in which wards this was spent.</p> <p>Cllr Silbiger</p>

	A: Cllr Quinn	<p>Thank you for your question. With regard to Pothole numbers:</p> <p>The four weeks prior to the election highway operations averaged 400 pothole repairs per week.</p> <p>The four week following the election highway operations averaged 386 pothole repairs per week. This increased level of repair activity has been possible due to additional pothole repair crews being employed as a result of the extra £10m of monies made available by this Labour Group.</p> <p>With regard to resurfacing of roads I am happy to provide you with figures which I have in table form.</p>
8	Labour	<p>Can the leader tell me what impact implementing the homeless friendly scheme will have on the most vulnerable in our communities?</p> <p>Councillor Preston</p>
	A: Cllr Simpson	<p>Members are aware of the pressures that we face in tackling homelessness. Bury is trying to be innovate in its approach to tackling homelessness</p> <p>The key to tackling homelessness is not just finding a building but also tackling the wider determinants such as health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Bury is breaking new ground and I am delighted to advise that the Council is the first nationally to become homeless friendly</p> <p>The average life expectancy of a homeless person is 47 years. A significant reason for this is that many Homeless people struggle to access appropriate health care. In Bury, many homeless people have ended up going to Fairfield or one of the Manchester Hospitals to receive medical advice and treatment after surgeries turn them away.</p> <p>I am delighted to say that now homeless people in Bury will now be able to access healthcare. All GP surgeries have signed up to the scheme. At the recent launch the first homeless people received their cards</p> <p>Bury Council, Homeless Friendly and BARDOC launched a Homeless Card. This is to be given to Bury's homeless people. If the person is experiencing issues they can telephone the number on the card which is staffed 24hours a day for advice, ranging from which GP's are <i>Homeless Friendly</i> to local dentists, to how to access support from the local authority and also what</p>

		<p>support is available locally.</p> <p>This initiative is making a difference to local people and give people the medical care and attention they deserve.</p> <p>The scheme is now developing other areas and it is great to see Bury leading the way and we will give further updates as the work unfolds.</p>
9	Labour	<p>Can the Leader inform the Council about the budget position for the last financial year?</p> <p>Councillor Whitby</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>The Council experienced an overspend position of £844,000 in 2017/18 which was 0.6% of the total net budget.</p> <p>In 2017/18 we faced cuts to the budget of £13.3m, and significant demand pressures.</p> <p>Early forecasts, at month 3, suggested an overspend position of £3.5m. Therefore, the reduced overspend represents a great deal of hard work by Portfolio Holders, Management and staff.</p> <p>I am grateful to all concerned for this excellent performance.</p> <p>Behind the figure of £844,000 however, there are significant areas of concern;</p> <p>In reducing the overspend, a number of the measures implemented were "one-off" in nature, and are unlikely to be available again in 2018/19. However, many pressures remain in the budget which will need to be addressed in 2018/19.</p> <p>Children's Services ended the year with an overspending of £2.8m primarily due to pressures on the demand-led social care agency budgets.</p> <p>The same applies to Communities and Wellbeing who have also faced considerable demand levels relating to all their client groups. They reported a £1.25m overspend.</p> <p>Other services continued to suffer as a result of the prevailing economic conditions, e.g. property income and car parking income.</p> <p>Overall, the Councils financial position was underpinned by the continued strong performance of the Treasury Management function.</p> <p>Members will of course be aware that we still face an extremely difficult financial situation in the coming years, with pressures arising from increasing demands on our services, exacerbated by the very severe cuts in national public spending ahead.</p> <p>As such, 2018/19 presents another major challenge as ongoing pressures need to be addressed and cuts of £9.5m need to be delivered.</p> <p>This is in addition to the £13.3m of cuts from 2017/18 and the £9.0m of</p>

		<p>cuts that are required in 2019/20. Work has already started on addressing these.</p> <p>Whilst balances are robust, I cannot stress enough the importance of maintaining these at their current level, given the financial challenges that await the Council in 2018/19 and beyond. This means that the savings targets each year must be met.</p> <p>We are confident that we have set an achievable budget for 2018/19, however the challenges cannot be underestimated.</p>
10	Lib Dem	<p>Now that the A56 works in Prestwich are complete, could the Leader inform members what work, if any, is being undertaken to assess the long term impact of the scheme on other roads through Prestwich, or if a study to assess such any such impact is planned?</p> <p>Councillor S Wright</p>
	A: Cllr Quinn	<p>Transport for Greater Manchester's Highways Forecasting and Analytical Services Department undertook detailed traffic modelling of the scheme prior to construction.</p> <p>Their analysis concluded that the changes in configuration could not be considered to be statistically significant, and the results demonstrated that overall, the scheme was unlikely to have any detrimental influence upon traffic.</p> <p>As this is the case then any impact on surrounding roads in Prestwich could not be statistically quantified and any changes would be of the size that could not be detected above the normal fluctuations and perturbations of daily traffic flows. It is for these reasons that no follow-up studies have been planned.</p>
11	Conservative	<p>Following the recent publicity given to the Taxpayers' Alliance survey of local authorities' on Aircraft fares in the past three years (Jan 2015 - Feb 2018) which revealed some very high costs incurred by rate payers in many boroughs, can I ask what was spent on Bury Councillors and Officers' air fares in that time ?</p> <p>Cllr R E Walker</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>There has been no cost to the Council for any air fares over the past three years as all flights have been paid for directly by other organisations such as the British Council or reimbursed to Bury Council.</p>
12	Labour	<p>I live close to the Summerseat Bridge so am well aware of the inconvenience caused to residents since the 2015 floods. Can the leader please state what the current situation is and when can we expect to have the bridge reconstructed?</p> <p>Councillor Thomas</p>

	A: Cllr Shori	<p>Kay Street Bridge in Summerseat forms part of the adopted highway and is one of the main roads into the village. The damage caused by the flooding left the bridge with no physical barrier on one side and was therefore closed to vehicular traffic. The Council's intention as publically stated from the beginning has always been to re-open the bridge to vehicles and at the same time to accommodate a segregated footway in order to improve pedestrian safety.</p> <p>In order to carry out these works, the Council requires land and air space in private ownership. It has always been hoped to acquire the necessary land by agreement. So far this has not been achieved and therefore following Cabinet agreement the Council has served the relevant owners with a Compulsory Purchase Order. If objections are received, it is likely that an Inquiry will be held for objections to be heard. It will be for the DfT to confirm the CPO and if the Order is confirmed, the Council will then take steps to take possession and the ownership of the land.</p> <p>In parallel with the land acquisition process, the Local Highway Authority has submitted a planning application in respect of the proposed bridge works. This application has been widely consulted upon and a decision is expected to be made by the Planning Control Committee on 31st July.</p> <p>The bridge construction works can only commence once the Council has the necessary land ownership confirmed and that planning approval is secured.</p>
13	Labour	<p>Can the Leader of the Council inform the Council about the plans for a Local Government Insurance Mutual?</p> <p>Councillor Bayley</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>The Council currently spends approximately £1.3 million per annum purchasing cover from insurance companies, covering risks such as Public Liability, Motor, Property.</p> <p>The Local Government Association is setting up an "Insurance Mutual" whereby groups of Authorities could seek to collectively "self insure" certain risks.</p> <p>Where risks were perceived to be too high to self insure, the Mutual would still have the option to purchase external cover, however this should be at a cheaper price given the economies of scale created by joint working.</p> <p>The Council has been invited to become a founding member of the LGA mutual;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no requirement that the Council uses the mutual once it is established – a decision can be taken locally assessing costs / risks at that time • Should the Mutual fail in any way, the Council's exposure is limited to £100

		Cabinet have now approved the Council becoming a founding member, and we look forward to working with the LGA on this exciting and innovative project.
14	Conservative	<p>Could the Leader give an update on the promised investigation into the causes of flooding in Brandleholme?</p> <p>Councillor Hankey</p>
	A: Cllr Quinn	The Council is not aware of which 'promised investigation' Cllr Hankey refers to. If more information could be made available to officers, then it may be possible to update the Cllr as he wishes.
15	Labour	<p>Can the Leader update the Council on how much of our budget is now spent on Adults' and Children's' Social Care?</p> <p>Councillor Sarah Southworth</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>Out of our total net budget of £125m £80m is due to be spent on Adults and children's social care, which equates to almost 65% of our total budget.</p> <p>Bearing in mind our Council tax requirement is also £80m, this effectively means that all the council tax we raise is spent on adult and children's social care.</p> <p>Even though the social care precept has helped to provide additional funding for the budgets, the fact that we have an ageing population places additional burdens on our already depleted financial resources. However, Bury's Local Care Alliance, known as Together 4 Bury, means Bury Council will be working closely with its partners to create a financially sustainable and affordable health and care system with a reduction in waste, inefficiency and duplication. For our residents in Bury this will lead to improved care, improved health outcomes and individual experiences and people will remain well for longer. And working together we will empower our population to have the knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed choices about what matters to them.</p>
16	Conservative	<p>Can the Leader explain how he proposes to return the £1.1m spent on Radcliffe Market by him in 2013/14 to the Council funds?</p> <p>Councillor Caserta</p>
	Cllr Shori	<p>The refurbishment of the market hall building is viewed by the Council as being a vital element in the ongoing regeneration of Radcliffe town centre. Indeed this investment, along with the creation of a new bus station and the development of a high quality food store, was highlighted within the master plan for Radcliffe, prepared by Urbed, as being key components of their regeneration strategy.</p> <p>Cllr Caserta will be aware that the refurbishment cost was actually paid for by the land receipt generated by sale of the adjoining site and so those monies have already been recouped.</p>

		Through creating the conditions to attract private sector investment within Radcliffe, such as the construction of much needed new houses, the return on the Council's interventions will be measured by future economic activity within Radcliffe as a whole and not by a narrow pound for pound return on a single building. Furthermore, the Council Tax and Business Rates revenues generated by new development activity will be critical to the Council in its drive to become financially self-sustaining.
17	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader of the Council inform members of the number and proportion of home care visits undertaken within the borough in 2017-18 that were 15 minutes or less, and 5 minutes or less, and how does this compare to previous years?</p> <p>Councillor D'Albert</p>
	A: Cllr Simpson	<p>Bury Council commission's Care at Home services for Adults which are based on the individually assessed needs of each customer, delivering the care and support required to enable the customer to remain as independent as possible.</p> <p>Currently, the Council commission's external providers to deliver Care at Home services in 15 minute blocks. As the visits are based on the assessed needs of the customer, the duration of each visit should enable the customer to receive the service they require appropriate to their needs.</p> <p>15 minute visits would not be commissioned in isolation only as part of a bigger care plan.</p> <p>There are a number of situations where 15 minute visits are appropriate and beneficial in supporting people to maintain their independence and not feel intrusive, for example; an oversight visit or to check that a customer has taken their medication or eaten appropriately.</p> <p>In 2017/18 the majority of visits commissioned by the Council were scheduled for 30 minutes or over. The Council does not commission visits of less than 15 minutes.</p>
18	Labour	<p>We have talked about the problems to residents caused by the virtual residents' parking schemes being introduced in the borough. This has caused great difficulties to some, especially those without Internet access, and residents have found visitors' permits especially difficult to manage. Can the leader comment on any changes this council has considered to make the scheme easier for residents to use?</p> <p>Councillor Holt</p>
	A: Cllr Shori	In an attempt to modernise and introduce efficiencies around the administration of the resident parking schemes across the Borough (which requires the management of around 6,000 permits annually), the Council sought to introduce a virtual permitting system. The system chosen is

		<p>used by other Local Authority within the UK and allows residents to self-serve - thereby minimising back office costs that would otherwise have to be passed on to permit holders.</p> <p>It was intended that the new system would be rolled out over a 12 month period. The initial area for which the system was first trialled in Bury worked well. However, in rolling it out to a larger area, the strength of the objections from residents made it clear that an urgent rethink on how the system operated was necessary. Initial attempts were made to modify the system but it was clear that a large number of residents were inherently unhappy with the process.</p> <p>The Council pursued the implementation of the system with the intent of reducing costs but was willing to listen to the concerns of residents at the time they were being voiced. The Council is committed to doing the right thing even if, sometimes, that means returning to previous working practices as is the case here - as I can inform you all that the virtual permit system has now been abolished, and that the previous paper system will be reinstated.</p> <p>New technologies and systems are constantly being developed and deployed in many differing fields of endeavour up and down the length of the country. It is for this reason that I cannot give members and the public a cast iron guarantee that a virtual permit system will never be considered again. It is incumbent on any public body to examine and explore emerging technology and to seek to adopt it if the benefits justify doing so. However, we would seek to undertake a much more comprehensive consultation process if this was the case.</p>
19	Labour	<p>Can the Leader provide an update on the new housing site of 2 and 3 bedroom homes situated on the former Radcliffe Civic Suite site?</p> <p>Councillor Jamie Walker</p>
	A: Cllr O'Brien	<p>The Great Places housing group have recently completed a development of 40 affordable homes on the former Radcliffe Civic site, within the town centre of Radcliffe. The site was vacant following the demolition of the Civic Centre and as part of partnership working, the Council sold the site to Great Places to redevelop it for affordable housing, as well as to further the regeneration of the town centre.</p> <p>The development called 'The Larks' involves 26 homes for affordable rent and 14 two and three bedroom homes for shared ownership. The share ownership homes offer local people the chance to get onto the property ladder. It is a government-backed scheme which provides local people with an affordable way to buy a new home. The buyer purchases a share of the new home (usually between 35 and 75 per cent) and pays a small rent on the remaining part until they can take further shares to own the home outright. Three house types were on offer – the two bedroom Sherwood and three bedroom Leighfield and Dalby homes. The Sherwood</p>

		<p>started at £50,033 for a 35 per cent share. The Leighfield started at £54,408 for a 35 per cent share and the Dalby at £54,233 for a 35 per cent share.</p> <p>All the shared ownership houses have been sold/ reserved and all the rented properties let.</p>
20	Conservative	<p>The Conservative Group tabled a motion requesting the suspension of the bus lane on Bolton Road. We received assurances from the Leader that he would look at the feasibility of suspending the bus lane. So far no response has been forthcoming. When will the result of the feasibility study be published?</p> <p>Councillor Harris</p>
	A: Cllr Quinn	<p>A transportation study of Bury and Radcliffe commissioned by the Council has recently reported back. The study has identified 207 potential interventions that require further investigation. Of these, 7 interventions relate to bus including a corridor-wide review of bus priority along the A58 to improve reliability and resilience of services. All interventions need to be investigated further but, prior to doing so, the traffic modelling currently being undertaken on the Council's behalf by Transport for Greater Manchester needs to be completed so that a view can be taken on the future traffic volumes on the A58 in the context of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and associated housing pressures in the region. This will then inform the extents of infrastructure upgrades required on the highway network to facilitate such development. The future of the bus lane on the A58 will be considered as part of this process which still has many months to run. Given the complexities of understanding future housing demands, traffic growth, population growth, the role of public transport, air quality, structural changes to the highway network etc. and to consider these factors holistically it is not anticipated that the Council will be in a position to fully determine the role of the A58 bus lane inside of the next 18 months</p>
21	Labour	<p>Can the leader tell me what the identified outcomes of the loneliness seminar in Besses was looking at youth loneliness and what we can implement in our own communities ?</p> <p>Councillor Leach</p>
	A: Cllr Simpson	<p>Loneliness can affect any person at any time of life and this includes our younger people. Although it is likely that we have all experienced being lonely at some point in our lives, it is when it is prolonged and a day to day normality that it becomes chronic and likely to impact on our health and wellbeing. This can lead to difficulties in connecting with others and forming relationships. Research has shown life transitions including moving home; changing schools or work; coming to the country as an asylum seeker; leaving the armed forces; leaving care; becoming a carer; experiencing family breakdown or bereavement and or developing a health</p>

		<p>condition all can lead to chronic loneliness.</p> <p>A very positive and well attended event was held in Besses in late June to raise the profile of youth loneliness and also start a discussion to look at the challenges linked to this. This was attended by Cllr Simpson (Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing) and council officers who are continuing to support this work following the event. A Facebook community page around youth loneliness has now been set up for colleagues and partners across the borough to discuss and share good practice around combatting loneliness of our young people.</p> <p>Our Neighbourhood Engagement Manager has met with the event organiser to discuss how the councils grant funding could potentially assist in supporting this work. There is an intention for further workshops, seminars, engagement and communication around youth loneliness to be rolled out over the coming months and the neighbourhood engagement team will be on hand to support these.</p> <p>On the topic of loneliness you will likely be aware before her death in 2016, MP Jo Cox set up the Loneliness Commission. This has grown and gained momentum and highlights the detrimental impact of loneliness on people's lives and the economy. Jo Cox's own experience of feeling lonely at university and then seeing it first hand in her constituency areas fuelled her to derive the commission.</p> <p>Recognising the importance of this work a loneliness and isolation strategy and action plan has been developed, bringing together several areas of existing work but also looking how we can further raise awareness and as Councillors, officers, partners and residents how we can combat loneliness by starting a simple conversation. Providing people with the understanding and tools to recognise people who might be lonely and then being able to signpost or support them accordingly is extremely important. This strategy of course will look at loneliness of people of all ages and backgrounds and this will of course include our younger people who are lonely. Further information on this strategy and how you can get involved will be circulated in the near future.</p>
22	Labour	<p>Can the leader tell us what difference to the people of Bury will the additional £20m funding to the NHS?</p> <p>Councillor D Jones</p>
	A: Cllr Simpson	<p>At this stage it is unclear what additional monies Bury CCG will receive as regards this high level funding announcement for the NHS, nor is it understood what expectations regarding commissioning of services will be linked to any additional resources received.</p> <p>It is understood NHSE will issue guidance on the implications in the Autumn.</p>
23	Conservative	<p>With the current spell of hot dry weather expected to continue, does this Council have contingency plans for the safety of Bury's residents in case of</p>

		<p>a record drought and serious water shortage</p> <p>Councillor Kersh</p>
	A: Cllr Shori	<p>Yes, contingencies plans are in place.</p> <p>We work very closely with a range of partners such as the Environmental Agency, United Utilities, the VCSE sector and emergency services to plan for and respond to issues in relation to water resources, such as water shortage. This includes ensuring the safety of Bury's residents as well as considering other potential impacts, such as impact on wildlife and ecology, agriculture and industry, etc. We routinely work with partners to undertake multi-agency assessments of civil risk (including the risk of water shortage) which inform our contingency plans. Training of staff and exercising of plans also takes place.</p> <p>The initial focus of contingency plans is on preventing serious impacts, such as water shortages, including by providing information and guidance to encourage people to use water wisely. Water levels continue to be monitored closely to inform this type of messaging.</p> <p>Short term water supply issues would be addressed in the same way that main bursts are dealt with, i.e. either by providing tankered supplies to pump into mains or provide bottled water to residents.</p> <p>For more series water shortages, multi-agency major incident plans are in place to ensure a rapid and coordinated response by a range of partners. This would include activating arrangements for identifying and supporting those most vulnerable, as well as the wider public.</p> <p>Bury Council also operates in accordance with the Heatwave Plan for England, which focuses on addressing other impacts of hot weather.</p>
24	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader please inform members how many schools in the Borough are not covered by 20mph zones (ie the road outside the school and any other major 'pick-up/drop-off' areas for the school)?</p> <p>Councillor S Wright</p>
	A: Cllr Quinn	<p>Transport for Greater Manchester's Highways Forecasting and Analytical Services Department undertook detailed traffic modelling of the scheme prior to construction.</p> <p>Their analysis concluded that the changes in configuration could not be considered to be statistically significant, and the results demonstrated that overall, the scheme was unlikely to have any detrimental influence upon traffic.</p>

		As this is the case then any impact on surrounding roads in Prestwich could not be statistically quantified and any changes would be of the size that could not be detected above the normal fluctuations and perturbations of daily traffic flows. It is for these reasons that no follow-up studies have been planned.
25	Labour	I understand that the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy expires this year. Are there plans to refresh this strategy and to ensure that there is clear strategic direction for this vital area of work? Cllr Preston
	A: Cllr Tariq	<p>Thank you for the question</p> <p>That's correct. The current Domestic Violence & Abuse Strategy ran from 2015-18 and I am pleased to announce that I have asked officers to commence work on a 2018-21 strategy will be launched this year. As the Co-Chair of the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group I have been involved in the development of this Strategy.</p> <p>The Strategy is underpinned by the Government's Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy which was launched in 2016 and also from a local Health Needs Assessment which was undertaken last year.</p> <p>This work has enabled us to refocus the work in this area and I am committed to keeping the residents of Bury safe from harm and support those that require our help.</p> <p>The Strategy has identified the following objectives:</p> <p>Strategic Co-ordination – bringing together all the key partnerships and boards to review the strategic direction, coordination and commissioning approach to DVA services.</p> <p>Reducing Re-offending –tackling the Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse at an early stage to ensure that no opportunity is missed to prevent re-offending</p> <p>Reduce Revictimisation – Understanding why revictimisation occurs and then putting in place the pathways to give the victim alternative options is at the heart of this priority.</p> <p>Inequalities/Gaps in Provision – we need to understand why people don't report and find mechanisms to encourage reporting</p> <p>Workforce Development –ensuing that we train staff and give them effective tools to support the residents of Bury</p> <p>Primary Prevention – Raising awareness of the causes and impacts Domestic Abuse to as broad an audience as possible is key to preventing</p>

		<p>it.</p> <p>Alongside the Strategy will run an Action Plan which will be the vehicle for delivering the above priorities? This Plan will also be overseen by the Strategic Group.</p> <p>I am committed to keep people of Bury safe and ensuring victims get the support they need and perpetrators also get support to understand their behaviour. We also need to focus on the unseen victims, children that see horrific incidents.</p> <p>I will be happy to provide an update on our progress against the strategy later in the Municipal Year.</p>
26	Labour	<p>What progress have we made with community engagement, following the introduction of the neighbourhood engagement framework last year?</p> <p>Cllr Cathcart.</p>
	A: Cllr Tariq	<p>Following sign off of the implementation plan for the new 'Neighbourhood Engagement Framework' in October 2017, a series of Neighbourhood Engagement events were scheduled across the month of November. The events were designed to provide an opportunity for residents, community groups, businesses and anyone who lives, works or has an interest in each of our 6 Townships to come together to shape our new approaches to engagement and delivering outcomes on the issues that matter most to our communities.</p> <p>We recognised that local people across our Townships are uniquely positioned to identify what they need and want in their areas, the events offered members of the community the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about how Bury Council and key partners such as the Police, health services and the VCFA can mobilise and support our communities to drive forward their ideas. All those who attended were able to find out what is available for them in their community and learn how they can get involved and work together to make a difference. There was information about how to pitch for funding for projects, as well as the chance to help inform planning for future initiatives. The message at each event was that we want people to feel empowered to take charge of their own lives.</p> <p>The engagement events were delivered in an informal setting with a 'Market Place' style networking format and all six were very well attended with over 480 residents. Each event had in excess of 20 information stands featuring local community groups, partner agencies, third sector groups and various community initiatives. Many residents came to talk to us about what issues matter most to them and about their own ideas for how to improve their community. Attendees were given the chance to learn more about how we will engage with them going forward and help</p>

	<p>shape our approach in each area to ensure it works for that locality.</p> <p>Alongside our engagement events we also undertook six 'Pitch' funding events in November, where we have put the community at the heart of the decision making process when investing grant funding. Over 670 local people joined us at the events to hear about and vote for potential new projects aimed at improving health & wellbeing and it was the community that decided which projects would make the biggest difference in their local area.</p> <p>Now into 2018/19 the Neighbourhood Engagement Team have worked hard with their extensive community networks to support the development of potential new community led projects. For our first round of Pitch events of the municipal year we had over 80 new project applications with over 60 of these projects being successful in securing funding to date. Since launching our 'trailblazer North & South Pitch events in July 2017 we have funded a total of 188 new community projects across the borough, which is a testament to the hard work of the Neighbourhood Engagement team and the tremendous passion and commitment of the people of Bury to work together to improve their communities and the lives of themselves and their neighbours.</p> <p>As part of this round of Pitch events we are taking the innovative step of trialling an online 'Digital Pitch Event' via our new One Community digital engagement platform. This will present an opportunity for those groups bidding for Prestwich funds to complete a 3 minute recorded pitch and use photos to offer details about their project. We will follow the same voting system where the public (including Elected Members) will be eligible to vote for their favourite projects as they do at the events but online rather than face to face. This process will enable us to fully engage the local communities of Prestwich in the process whilst also giving an opportunity for the bids to be publicised in advance and generate local support.</p> <p>Planning is now underway for our 'One Community' branded (i.e. One Radcliffe/One Bury East/One Prestwich) Neighbourhood Engagement events, where once again we will be engaging people across each of our Townships, celebrating all that is good within our communities and empowering local people to get involved and learn how they can work with us and each other to deliver better outcomes for their areas. The events will take place on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury East – Tuesday 4th September • Radcliffe – Thursday 6th September • Prestwich – Thursday 13th September
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27	Conservative	<p>At the last full Council meeting the Leader commented on how many potholes had been filled in. considering the appalling state of Bury's Roads is it possible to know how many times the same pothole has had to be filled in?</p> <p>Councillor Hussain</p>
	A: Cllr Quinn	<p>Bury Council employs a right first time approach to pothole repairs in line with national good practice guidance. Occasionally temporary repairs are carried out when it is prudent to do so. These temporary repairs are then replaced with permanent repairs.</p> <p>The additional investment in highway maintenance has allowed the backlog of highway maintenance repairs to be reduced over recent months. Our teams are working hard to continue this trend.</p>
28	Conservative	<p>As a resident of Hollins I read with concern of the proposed lifting of the HGV weight limit on Croft Lane, Hollins Brow and Pilsworth Road. Could the Leader please explain the reasoning behind this as the widths and surface condition of these roads, together with the current usage levels make them completely unsuitable for yet more heavy traffic?</p> <p>Councillor Hankey</p>
	A: Cllr Quinn	<p>The Council always seeks to strike a balance between the interests of communities and facilitating the needs of local businesses in its decision making processes. The current weight restriction on Croft lane is an environmental one as no highway assets require the physical protection of a weight limit. Furthermore, the proposed suspension of the restriction is experimental, with people able to give their views and the findings analysed over a number of months.</p> <p>The Council is attempting to reduce congestion and improve air quality across the whole borough, and retaining a weight restriction on Croft Lane could be making these problems worse elsewhere in Bury. It should be noted that the restriction on Hollins Lane will remain in place unaltered.</p> <p>Subsequent to receiving representations from local ward councillors and residents, the Council has introduced a brief hiatus and, consequently, no action will be taken before October whilst the details of the proposal are</p>

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29	Lib Dem	<p>What proportion of children gained a place in their secondary school of first choice, second choice and third choice in the current round of school place allocations? How does this compare to previous years?</p> <p>Cllr D’Albert</p>																								
	A: Cllr Briggs	<table><tr><th colspan="4">TRANSFER TO HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - % PREFERENCES SATISFIED</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>TRANSFER 2018</th><th>TRANSFER 2017</th><th>TRANSFER 2016</th></tr><tr><td>1ST PREFERENCE</td><td>2035 - 86.4%</td><td>1971 - 85.7%</td><td>1945 - 83%</td></tr><tr><td>2ND PREFERENCE</td><td>155 - 6.6%</td><td>169 - 7.4%</td><td>159 - 6.8%</td></tr><tr><td>3RD PREFERENCE</td><td>57 - 2.4%</td><td>59 – 2.6%</td><td>122 - 5.2%</td></tr><tr><td>OVERALL PREFS SATISFIED</td><td>95.4%</td><td>95.7%</td><td>95%</td></tr></table> <p>Several schools are oversubscribed and there have been appeals for places at a number of schools, however all Bury residents for 2018 allocations have been offered a school place. 3 secondary schools have vacancies for admission in September 2018.</p>	TRANSFER TO HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - % PREFERENCES SATISFIED					TRANSFER 2018	TRANSFER 2017	TRANSFER 2016	1 ST PREFERENCE	2035 - 86.4%	1971 - 85.7%	1945 - 83%	2 ND PREFERENCE	155 - 6.6%	169 - 7.4%	159 - 6.8%	3 RD PREFERENCE	57 - 2.4%	59 – 2.6%	122 - 5.2%	OVERALL PREFS SATISFIED	95.4%	95.7%	95%
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30	Conservative	<p>As a change from seeking action on the demolition and the future use of the former Bury Police Station, can I now turn the Leader's interest to the other side of the centre of the Borough (at Moorgate) and ask him what is the planned use of the increasingly derelict former Fire Station as this and the largely vacant site (with ugly advertising hoardings) on the opposite corner constitute a visually poor welcome gateway for those approaching from the Rossendale and Calderdale directions?"</p> <p>Councillor R E Walker</p>																								
	A: Cllr Shori	<p>The Council is currently in discussions with high profile end users over the comprehensive redevelopment of the fire station site. Cllr Walker quite rightly recognises the strategic importance of the site as one of the major gateways to the Town Centre and consequently we a seeking a scheme which will complement The Rock development opposite and not be dwarfed by it.</p> <p>We have considered other proposals for the site, but they would not have delivered the benefits to the Town Centre that the site merits, and so were</p>																								

		rejected. Getting the right use for this important site will be critical if Bury is to retain its ranking as the best retail location in Greater Manchester, after the city centre and Trafford Centre.
31	<p>Lib Dem</p> <p>A: Cllr Shori</p>	<p>In the January 2018 Socitm Better Connected Survey, Bury MBC scored a 'fail' for some types of disability access to our online services. Could the Leader outline what we are doing as an authority to address this?</p> <p>Cllr Pickstone</p> <p>We have been in discussions with SOCITIM regarding their evaluation of our web site as they initially thought that our pages were missing a technical aspect which prevented a screen reader from correctly assisting a visually impaired user, this issue was resolved to SOCITIMs satisfaction in January'18 and the Councils pages were allowed to pass on to testing under stage 2 (we would not have been able to progress had SOCITIM not been satisfied), we are in contact with SOCITIM to establish why their site has not been updated.</p>



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Brief

1 GENERAL UPDATES

Rail Disruption

May 2018 Timetable Change

- 1.1 Already delayed from December 2017, the May timetable change was supposed to see the introduction of additional services and more capacity across GM.
- 1.2 Unfortunately, Network Rail improvement works are significantly behind schedule on the Manchester to Preston via Bolton line and electrification will now not be complete until later in the year.
- 1.3 This infrastructure delay has resulted in many promised improvements not being delivered, including increased frequency, greater capacity, improved route options and new and refurbished trains.
- 1.4 The next timetable change is scheduled for December 2018 and the industry has committed to delivering the promised enhancements. The leaders of Network Rail and train operators attend the Mayor's Transport Board where they will be held to account on delivering these promises.

Emergency Timetable

- 1.5 Due to exceptionally bad performance and a significant increase in delays and cancellations, Northern introduced an emergency timetable on Monday 4 June, 2 weeks after the initial timetable. This removed a number of services, mainly off-peak.

- 1.6 The purpose of the emergency timetable was to provide greater levels of reliability and provide Northern with additional time to complete driver training and timetable analysis.
- 1.7 This has generally worked with performance levels and short notice cancellations returning to a more acceptable position, although this is still not ideal.
- 1.8 It is unclear how long the emergency timetable will be in place.

Train service performance

- 1.9 Recent train service performance across the region has not been good enough with too many customers suffering regular cancellations (often at very short notice), delays to journeys and experiencing high levels of crowding.
- 1.10 Northern Rail's latest performance figures show that only 85% of trains operated arrived at their end destination within 5 minutes of the advertised time. This is lower than both the contractual target and the national average and is simply not good enough.
- 1.11 It is worth noting that on some key routes in and out of Manchester, performance in the last month has in some cases dropped to around 71%.
- 1.12 The Mayor has also written to Transport for the North, who along with the Department for Transport are responsible for managing the franchise contracts of Northern and Transpennine Express and asked what can be done from a contractual point of view.

Air Quality (Clean Air Plan)

- 1.13 In July 2017, the Government set out the National Plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations. The National Plan identified that within GM, seven local authorities have areas (including Bury), which will exceed the statutory Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) annual mean EU Limit Value of 40 µg/m³ in the year 2021. Those local authorities have been instructed by the Government to undertake detailed feasibility studies and develop plans for the implementation of appropriate measures to deliver compliance in the "shortest possible time". A further direction in May 2018 instructed a third wave of authorities (including Oldham) to review what steps they can take to reduce NO₂ concentrations to legal limits in the "shortest possible time".
- 1.14 The ten GM Local Authorities, GMCA and TfGM decided to work together and produce a GM feasibility study and GM Clean Air Plan to meet the air

quality challenge across the whole conurbation. A Steering Group comprising representatives of the ten local authorities, Highways England, Public Health England, Local Partnerships, government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU), AGMA and TfGM has been established to oversee the study and the production of the GM Clean Air Plan.

- 1.15 The feasibility study must include a Strategic Outline Case (SOC); Initial Evidence and Target Determination; Outline Business Case (OBC) and Final Business Case (FBC). The OBC will identify the preferred set of measures for addressing NO₂ in GM, and Government requires local authorities to submit this to them for review by 31 December 2018. The FBC has to be submitted to government by 31 December unless public consultation is required. The FBC will ultimately act as the GM Clean Air Plan, and the measures it contains must be implemented to deliver compliance with legal limits for NO₂ by 2021 at the latest.
- 1.16 The SOC was approved by the ten GM authorities and submitted to Government (via JAQU) in spring 2018. It has subsequently been approved.
- 1.17 As part of the feasibility work, GM is required to establish local evidence to determine the full extent of the NO₂ problem and confirm the targets for resolution. This 'Initial Evidence' was submitted to the Government via JAQU on 1 June and highlights exceedances in all ten GM local authority areas. Target determination is underway. The process for producing the OBC is being finalised, along with the governance process for approving this document that will take place during autumn 2018.

2 METROLINK

Service on the Bury Line

- 2.1 In the 12 months to June 2018, nearly 42 million annual journeys took place across Metrolink. This represents a 9% increase on the same period last year.
- 2.2 Patronage on the Bury line increased by 1.4% on the previous year.

Bury capacity

- 2.3 TfGM is aware that trams are very busy during peak operating hours, in particular on the Bury and Altrincham lines.
- 2.4 A £72m (Transforming Cities Fund) contract was recently signed for 27 new Metrolink trams to provide 4,800 extra spaces and allow more

‘double’ trams to run on the busiest lines. The first tram is expected to arrive in February 2020, with other units following on a monthly basis through to June 2021.

- 2.5 Employers are also to be given incentives to introduce flexible start and finish times for their workers with the potential introduction of an early bird “pre-peak” ticket as well as a potential group Metrolink discount for businesses that agree to have flexible working.

Bury Escalator

- 2.6 Bury escalator is now operational after being out of service for several months due to the long lead time on the replacement parts.

Service performance

- 2.7 During the last reporting period (Period 2 - 29 April to 26 May 2018), there were 12 disruptions which affected services for more than 30 minutes on the network. However, despite these incidents, underlying operational performance continues to improve.

Metrolink performance reports on TfGM website

- 2.8 Following a request from GM Mayor Andy Burnham, Metrolink performance is now published every four weeks on the homepage of the TfGM website. To date, five reports have been published.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 2.9 Body-worn cameras were introduced to all Metrolink Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) and TravelSafe Officers (TSOs) on 1 May 2018 for use during operational hours. Implementation of the initiative was accelerated in response to several high profile incidents earlier this year.
- 2.10 Work to analyse data in more granularity is in progress to enable the development of specific strategies to address anti-social behaviour by type.

Tram Management System (TMS)

- 2.11 Following the completion of the TMS works at Victoria Station, the existing legacy signalling system between Crumpsall and Whitefield

Metrolink Stops was replaced with the TMS trackside control system, which enabled trams to operate under Line of Sight (between these locations) from 1 June 2018. Completion of the TMS migration on the Bury Line is due to be completed by the end of 2018.

- 2.12 A technical solution at Hagside, where there is currently a level crossing, is currently being developed. Once an appropriate technical solution has been developed and assured, the works will be planned to coordinate with the wider TMS migration works.

Bury Tram stop – At-grade crossing

- 2.13 TfGM has now secured funding for the design and development of the at-grade crossing and the designer has been appointed. The detailed design is approaching conclusion and it is intended that the works will be procured through the newly established Metrolink Renewals Framework. The timing of the construction works are currently being coordinated in conjunction with the completion of the TMS works along the Bury line.

Heaton Park / Whitefield Proposed Stop Upgrades

- 2.14 The proposals being considered for these two locations include giving both stops a makeover, improving current signage, facilities and passenger information. In addition, the feasibility of installing an at-grade track crossing for both of the stops is being considered:
- Heaton Park - at the western end of the platforms (Bury end); and
 - Whitefield - at the southern end of the platforms (Manchester end).
- 2.15 Subject to the securing of funding, it is anticipated that these works can be progressed in 2019, following the completion of the TMS roll-out works on the Bury.

3 BUS

Forthcoming changes to bus services

- 3.0 With effect from April 2018 a change to subsidised service 512 was introduced as follows:
- **Service 512 – Royal Bolton Hospital – Farnworth – Ringley – Radcliffe – Bury:** One additional Monday to Saturday morning journey is introduced.

3.1 Additional service changes were also introduced by the commercial operators in April 2018. In summary these are:

- **Service 467 – Bury – Daniel Fold – Rochdale:** Additional morning trips are introduced;
- **Service 468 – Bury – Cutgate – Rochdale:** Additional morning trips are introduced;
- **Service 468 – Tottington – Bury – Jericho:** Monday to Saturday daytime service is withdrawn;
- **Service 469 – Bury – Tottington:** Several additional trips are introduced. Frequency increase on Saturdays to every 15 minutes;
- **481 (244) – Blackburn – Haslingden – Rawtenstall:** Monday to Saturday service is extended to Bury and re-numbered;
- **Service 484 – Bury – Brandlesholme – Holcombe Brook – Ramsbottom – Edenfield – Accrington:** Route is curtailed to operator between Bury and Ramsbottom only; and
- **X41 – Blackburn – Prestwich:** Route revised and curtailed to operate between Accrington and Manchester only.

3.2 The following changes to subsidised services were approved by the Bus Networks and TfGM Service Sub-committee on 6 July 2018. Officers will closely monitor the impact of these changes and review if further action is required:

- **Service 91 – Bury – Ainsworth – Radcliffe:** The timetable is revised resulting in the loss of one afternoon trip but also the introduction of one evening trip.
- **Service 902 – Walmersley – Tottington High School:** This school service is introduced in response to withdrawal of commercial service 469 journeys;
- **Service 983 – St Gabriel’s High School – Walmersley:** A new afternoon school service is introduced to replace the withdrawn 483 service (see below); and
- **Ramsbottom and Tottington Local Link:** The service area is extended to include Ainsworth and the operating hours are reduced to remove weekends and evenings, when demand is low.

3.3 Additional service changes are also being introduced by the commercial operators in July and August 2018. In summary these are:

- **Service 467 – Bury – Daniel Fold – Rochdale:** Monday to Saturday daytime frequency increases;
- **Service 468 – Bury – Cutgate – Rochdale:** Monday to Saturday daytime frequency increases;
- **Service 469 – Bury – Tottington:** Monday to Friday daytime frequency increases but school trips to Tottington High School are withdrawn;
- **Service 479 – Bury – Chesham – Limefield Brow:** Two Monday to Saturday trips are withdrawn;
- **Service 481 – Bury – Rawtenstall – Blackburn:** More regular journeys are introduced between Bury and Blackburn;
- **Service 482 – Bury – Rawtenstall – Waterfoot – Bacup:** Additional Monday to Friday journeys are provided which when combined with Service 483 (see below) provide a 15 minute service frequency between Rawtenstall and Bury;
- **Service 483 – Bury – Rawtenstall – Waterfoot – Burnley:** Additional Monday to Friday journeys are provided which when combined with Service 482 (see above) provide a 15 minute service frequency between Rawtenstall and Bury. Also the morning and afternoon Gabriel's High School trips are withdrawn; and
- **Service 484 – Bury – Ramsbottom:** Daily, late evening journeys are withdrawn.

Fares

3.4 The following fares increased on 1 June:

- Local Link (from 1 June): single fare increase from £2.50 to £2.60, weekly ticket increase from £20.00 to £20.80, concessionary single increase from £1.20 to £1.25 and a concessionary weekly increase from £10.00 to £10.40.
- Ring and Ride (from 1 June): concessionary fare increase from £1.20 to £1.50.

3.5 School bus fares are also due to increase from September: single fare increase from £1.30 to £1.35, return ticket increase from £2.20 to £2.30 and a weekly ticket increase from £7.00 to £7.30.

3.6 Local Link and school bus fares increased in line with inflation, while Ring and Ride fares are to help maintain the existing level of service to

customers in light of a reduction in the grant to Greater Manchester Accessible Transport Ltd (GMATL) that was agreed during the budget setting process.

Bury Interchange

- 3.7 TfGM and Bury Council officers have commenced initial discussions in relation to proposals for developing a scheme for the redevelopment of Bury's transport interchange, on and in the vicinity of the existing interchange site.
- 3.8 Initial aspirations are that the scheme will give consideration to a more intensive use of the existing Interchange site, with a focus on mixed use development and interaction with the existing public realm, whilst providing better permeability of pedestrian flow through the site to and from the town centre.
- 3.9 TfGM have held preliminary discussions with framework consultants and will shortly be issuing a brief to commission a high level feasibility piece of work to inform initial scheme development, which will be progressed in conjunction with Council officers and wider stakeholders.#

4 CYCLING AND WALKING

Cycle City Ambition Grant 2 (CCAG2) scheme

- 4.0 Bury Council has been working with TfGM to deliver a series of cycling improvements in Radcliffe town centre as part of the 'Cycle Friendly District Centres' component of CCAG2. This work is now substantially complete with the exception of one link on Whittaker Street, which is currently out to tender. The upgrades include two new toucan crossings, an innovative parallel signalled cycle junction near the Parish Church and enhanced links to upgraded traffic free links on canal towpaths and disused railway lines, which form part of National Cycle Network Route 6.
- 4.1 In February, an upgraded signal junction at Pilkington Way / Blackburn Street was commissioned as part of CCAG2. This included a fully segregated controlled cycle crossing of Pilkington Way.

Walking

4.2 In May 2018, 31 free led walks took place in Bury as part of this year's GM Walking Festival.

4.3 TfGM are currently working with five primary schools in Bury delivering the Living Streets WOW initiative, which aims to get every child who can, to walk to school. Schools are now being contacted about taking part in the initiative for 2018/19 school year.

4.4 Data on two of the schools shows that it has been a great success:

- St Margaret's Primary has seen an increase in recorded active journeys to school from 37.4% to 88.9% (from September 2017 to July 2018) with 28,255 recorded active journeys to school over this time.
- Higher Lane Primary has seen an increase from 32.3% to 69.2% active journeys to school with 15,301 recorded active journeys to school over the same time frame.

5 HIGHWAYS

Operational Update

5.0 TfGM Highways team has now completed traffic signal installation works that were undertaken as part of the Prestwich High Street scheme. Final commissioning of the signals is taking place in conjunction with Bury Council's contractor.

5.1 TfGM Highways team are continuing to work with Bury colleagues to determine the potential impacts of traffic likely to be generated by major development sites in the borough.

6 PROJECTS

Local Growth Deal Minor Works Schemes

- 6.0 Work is continuing on the minor works initiatives within the Local Growth Deal Programme.
- 6.1 Bury has four mini-business cases which have been approved by the Transport Strategy Group, in line with the Growth Deal governance arrangements agreed by GMCA. These relate to:
- Radcliffe East Cycleway (Phases 1&2);
 - Outwood Trail (Radcliffe Upgrade); and
 - Prestwich High Street.
- 6.2 Further mini-business case submissions in relation to the Angouleme Way / Market Street Junction, Pelican to Toucan Conversions (Phase 2), Bury Market Coach Drop Off and M66 / A58 Junction 2 Capacity (Phase 1) initiatives are to be submitted by the Council for review in due course.
- 6.3 TfGM are liaising with Council colleagues to understand the intended submission dates for the remaining mini-business cases. The anticipated completion date for the remaining schemes is March 2020.

Item 7 – Joint Authority Questions:

1. After about eight months without our only escalator at Bury Tram Terminus and with intermittent breakdowns before then, causing inconvenience and physical distress, we were informed that a new escalator would be needed and told not to expect it until June. On the 28 June two young men were witnessed undertaking some maintenance work at the bottom of the old disused escalator so can we be updated on what is happening and what are the future plans for the Bury station exit facilities.
Councillor R E Walker

Answer: Cllr Bayley

The escalator at Bury is now 38 years old and as a result, the components are obsolete; this means that replacement parts must be specially made each time one fails. A number of faults have developed recently which have been compounded by damage caused by anti-social behaviour.

The escalator was returned to service in late June and a full condition report is also being undertaken. On receipt of the report, TfGM will continue to work alongside the operator, KeolisAmey Metrolink, to prepare a business case for its replacement.

2. Could the Authority's spokesperson on the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee inform members what provision is made in the 'Bee Lines' cycling infrastructure for travel southwards from Bury MBC towards the regional centre?
Councillor Pickstone

Answer: Cllr Bayley

The cycling and walking infrastructure proposals contained within Beelines, published last month, are an initial vision; comments are currently being sought from the public. It is expected that updated plans will be published in due course. All the mapping is available online for comment via tfgm.com/beelines.

In the initial mapping, Bury Council has identified the A56 Bury New Road as its first potential 'Beeline on a Busy Road' where we would seek to provide greatly improved provision for walking and cycling, including protected infrastructure for bikes. With such infrastructure constructed, the A56 could provide a very high quality, direct cycling route between Bury and the regional centre.

Beyond Bury's southern boundary, the A56 travels through parts of Salford and Manchester to access the regional centre. Neither authority has currently identified it as one of their key routes in these initial proposals; they have instead identified routes on quieter parallel roads as the 'beelines' in these parts of their districts. Cross-boundary issues such as this are one of the key aspects of the plan which currently need work. We will be working closely with all our neighbouring districts to ensure the plan is fully joined up.

In the specific case of the A56, this has also been identified as one of a number of corridors within Greater Manchester to be the subject of a 'Streets for All Corridor Study'. The specific aim of this is to identify how the corridor can function better for all of its users whilst promoting modal shift to more sustainable modes of transport, such as walking and cycling.

This study will be taking place over the next 6-9 months and will be the ideal opportunity to ensure that a direct, high quality cycle route is developed between Bury and the regional centre.

3. Council the Authority's spokesperson on the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority inform members what consideration is been given to extending the types of plastic that can be recycled through the doorstep cycling scheme, or through Household Waste Disposal facilities?

Councillor Wright

Answer: Cllr Quinn

Thanks for your question.

The potential to broaden the scope of collection of mixed plastics has been raised during the Competitive Dialogue phase of the new Contract Procurement process.

Current national market conditions mean the outlet for the Pots; Tubs; and Trays (PTTs) stream is still to Refuse Derived Fuel (SRF). As we divert domestic residual bin collections to Runcorn CHP, this means the PTTs in the residual stream are aimed at an RDF outlet, without the need for further segregation (and consequent costs and emissions caused by specific collections).

Whilst the potential for future segregated options will not be precluded, if the market provides a more viable solution, the position remains otherwise unchanged for the present.

This is more or less the same question you asked me at a previous full council meeting. For clarity I will give you the answer I gave you then.

We only accept plastic bottles for recycling across Greater Manchester (our MRF technology sorts between the different grade of plastic bottles only). A bottle and a food tray may be made of the same type of plastic but will not the same grade of plastic, therefore, as they melt at different temperatures, the grades of plastic will behave differently when recycled,.

The reasons why we can only recycle plastic bottles in Greater Manchester were based on:

1. Manufacturers that make new products demand high grade plastics. High Grade = Plastic Bottles.
 2. Plastics like yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and plastic trays (pots tubs and trays) are a low grade plastic and the manufacturers just don't want these.
 3. Our sorting machines at our Mechanical Recovery Facility cannot sort between plastic pots, tubs and trays and plastics bottles. This means that the low grade plastic pots, tubs and trays contaminate the high grade plastic bottles.
 4. During the recycling process the plastic is melted. A plastic pot, tub, tray and a plastic bottle melt at different temperatures, meaning the pots, tubs and trays contaminate the bottles and the batch cannot be used to make new products.
 5. Other areas may collect plastic pots, tubs and trays but currently very little are being recycled with most of it being turned into green energy. In Greater Manchester, plastics pots, tubs and trays don't go to waste. Put them in your general rubbish bin and they are turned into green electricity at our power station.
- All our plastic recycled waste is also sold to manufacturers in the UK.

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