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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:	Wednesday, 16 January 2019
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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G P Little".

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 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 28 November 2018

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 11 - 20)

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Corporate Parenting Board – 20 November 2018	Annual Report 2017/18	To note the contents of the report and progress made by the Corporate Parenting Board over the past year.

6 LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME (Pages 21 - 36)

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 37 - 40)

(A) A report from the Council's representative on the work of the Greater Manchester Waste Authority, Councillor Quinn.

(B) Questions (if any) on the work of the Joint Authorities to be asked by

8 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices of Motion have been received:-

(i) People's Vote on Brexit

This Council notes:

1. That it is now two and a half years since the EU referendum, and a matter of weeks until the scheduled date of leaving the EU;
- 2 That the government has still to present to the public a deal with the European Union which can command the support of Parliament that secures a stable and sustainable place for Britain in the world and delivers on the promises of the Leave campaign.

This Council Meeting further notes:

- 1 The UK economy is now the slowest growing economy in Europe, reducing the prosperity of the UK and Bury residents;
- 2 Both private business and public-sector organisations, such as the NHS, are facing labour shortages;
- 3 New investment in Greater Manchester is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost for residents of Bury and across the North West;
- 4 There are a large number of non-UK EU nationals living in Bury who are concerned about the impact of Brexit on their lives, and that their current rights are not being fully protected;
- 5 Inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for the residents in Bury and further squeezing living standards; and
- 6 Impact of any Brexit will reduce funding for the public sector, further restricting resilience and capacity to respond to shocks to our economy and limiting services for the poorest in our society.

This Council Meeting believes that the public should be given the final say on the most important decision to affect this Country in decades, in knowledge of the full facts.

This Council Meeting therefore resolves to call on the government to abandon any plans for a "hard Brexit" and to give the British people a final say on the deal finally negotiated, alongside the opportunity for a vote on keeping the many benefits Britons currently enjoy by staying in the European Union

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

(ii) Bury To Become a Plastic Free Council

This Council notes:-

- The recent Government consultation [ending on 3 December 2018] into the elimination of single use plastics in respect of plastic stirrers, cotton buds and straws.
- The new Government Resources and Waste Strategy launched on 18 December 2018.
- Notes the environmental impact of both excess plastics in natural environment and in relation to Global Warming

Council welcomes:

- A. Welcomes the opening of the borough's first plastic free shop 'Fulfilled' in Ramsbottom in September 2018.
- B. The significant increase in recycling achieved in the Borough since 2011. Up from 27% in 2011 to 60% today.
- C. The call for the introduction of Deposit Return Schemes in July 2017 by Bury Council. We were the first council in England to debate this, which has now been taken up by the government in their English waste strategy document.

This Council therefore resolves that:

1. Develop a plastics strategy with the objective that Bury will become a plastic Free Council by 2022;
2. That the requirement to be plastic free (where allowable) will be incorporated into the Council's Social Value Policy, to ensure that the Council's supply chain is plastic free by 2026;
3. Create plastic free community spaces in our parks, libraries, community and leisure centres with a £20,000 being made available to community groups from the Council's Social Capital Fund (19/20 allocation) whose ambitions are to support the plastic free agenda.

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, G McGill, E O'Brien, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, L Smith, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.

(iii) Additional Car Parking – Ramsbottom

Ramsbottom is a fantastic place to live and work in the north of our Borough.

However, this Council notes:

1. The need for additional long stay parking capacity in the town to address congestion and reduce the number of cars and other vehicles parked in residential streets causing inconvenience and disruption for local residents.
2. Extra car parking capacity will provide parking areas for those who work in the town and the many visitors and tourists who wish to shop and enjoy the area with its many attractions, supporting and developing the local economy.
3. To ensure Ramsbottom continues to thrive and expand as a commercial centre and to cater for those wishing to visit the town approximately 600 extra stay parking are required.
4. Within the town there are realistically only two sites where the required car parks could be situated, either on land adjacent to Ramsbottom Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool or on the Holcombe Paper Mill on Bridge Street, commonly known as the "Mondi Paper Mill."

Therefore, this COUNCIL resolves to:

1. Request the Chief Executive and responsible Cabinet Member hold a meeting with landowners, the Ramsbottom Business Group and all stakeholders within the next 8 weeks to develop a strategy addressing this issue, leading to a clear plan and time line for delivery of the additional car parking capacity.
2. Request the aforementioned strategy / plan be brought before a meeting of Full Council within the next 16 weeks for consideration and approval.
3. Instruct officers to consider extra car parking capacity to fall within the definition of "employment land" with reference to the planning guidance attached to the "Mondi Paper Mill" site.

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

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

10 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

11 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Questions on the delegated decisions made by the Regulatory Committees and Scrutiny Committees contained in the Digest of Decision 4 (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: **AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 28 November 2018

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

Apologies from: Councillors K S Briggs, J Grimshaw, S Nuttall and M Whitby

Public attendance: 12 members of the public attended the meeting

C.260 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor D Jones and Councillor S Wright declared personal interests in any matter relating to staffing as their wives are employed in Bury Schools. Councillor D Jones further declared a personal interest in the Notice of Motion relating to Police Funding as a Member of the National Association of Retired Police Officers.
2. Councillor Shori declared a personal interest in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time as his partner works for the NHS.
3. Councillor L Smith declared a personal interest in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time as her partner works for the NHS.
4. Councillor Quinn declared a personal interest in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time as his son and daughter in law work for the NHS.
5. Councillors Leach and Simpson declared personal interests as they are employed by the NHS.
6. Councillor Tariq declared a personal interest in the Notice of Motion relating to Police Funding as the Chair of the GM Police and Crime Panel.
7. Councillor J Walker declared a personal interest in relation to the Notice of Motion concerning Homes Fit for the Future as a Local Authority tenant.

C.261 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 12 September 2018 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

C.262 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on the commemorative events held in the run up to, and including, Remembrance Sunday.

C.263 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

On inviting questions from members of the public present, the following issues were raised:-

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Local Authority Cuts	Mr S Turner	Councillor Shori

On inviting questions from members of the public present, the following issues were raised:-

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Eurpoean Union negotiations	Ms B Martinson	Councillor Shori
2.	People's Voice Group – Brandlesholme Community Centre	Ms E Baker	Councillor Shori

C.264 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting of the Licensing and Safety Panel held on 17 October 2018 – Gambling Act Statement of Principles.

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor D Jones and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the amended Statement of Principles, as set out in the report, be approved.

Meeting of the Democratic Arrangements Forum held on 13 November 2018 – Council Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor Simpson and seconded by Councillor Shori and with 29 voting for, 16 against and the Mayor abstaining it was:-

That the Constitution be amended to change the deadline for Questions from Members to the Leader to six clear working days before the meeting.

Meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 November 2018 – Risk Management Annual Report

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That support be given for the Council's approach to Risk Management, and the progress made throughout 2017/18 and actions planned for 2018/19 be noted.

Meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 November 2018 – Mid Year Treasury Management Report

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management, the report be noted.

Meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 November 2018 – Community Safety Plan

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

RESOLVED:

That the Community Safety Plan and its priorities be approved for inclusion in the Council's Policy Framework.

C.265 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME

(a) Written question (Notice given)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Shori, made a statement on the work undertaken by him since the date of the last Council meeting.

The Leader and the relevant Cabinet Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	School Buses in Tottington	Councillor Cropper	Councillor Cathcart
2.	Anti-Poverty/Homeless Funding	Councillor J Walker	Councillor Kelly
3.	I Will if You Will legacy	Councillor J Walker	Councillor Preston

4.	Use of Library Properties	Councillor Hankey	Councillor O'Brien
5.	Domestic Abuse	Councillor Haroon	Councillor Tariq
6.	Social Capital Fund	Councillor McGill	Councillor Tariq
7.	Bolton Rd Bus Lane	Councillor Harris	Councillor Quinn
8.	Business Start Ups	Councillor James	Councillor Shori
9.	Residents Parking Schemes	Councillor D'Albert	Councillor Kelly
10.	Local Government Funding	Councillor McGill	Councillor O'Brien
11.	Greater Manchester Spatial Framework	Councillor R Walker	Councillor O'Brien
12.	Chinese Delegation	Councillor Holt	Councillor Kelly
13.	Homelessness	Councillor D Jones	Councillor O'Brien
14	Grit Bins	Councillor Hussain	Councillor Quinn

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 15 to 27 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of those questions and responses will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

(b) Oral questions on Leader's Speech and the work of the Cabinet since the last Council meeting (without Notice)

1.	Ex-Police Station Clearance	Councillor R Walker	Councillor Shori
2.	Use of Reserves	Councillor Harris	Councillor O'Brien
3.	Re-surfaced Roads/Traffic Calming Measures	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Quinn
4.	Executive Recruitment/use of Consultants	Councillor Daly	Councillor Shori
5.	Delivery of Savings	Councillor Hankey	Councillor Shori
6.	Tottington Lodge	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Shori/Quinn
7.	Transformation Process	Councillor Caserta	Councillor Shori
8.	Fracking Motion	Councillor Leach	Councillor Shori
9.	Electric Vehicle Charging Points	Councillor Kersh	Councillor Quinn

10.	Bury Market	Councillor Walmsley	Councillor Shori
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C.266 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL’S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- (a) Councillor Bayley, the Council’s representative on the Greater Manchester Transport Committee reported on the work of the Committee to all Members of the Council.
- (b) The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Pension Fund Investments	Councillor Pickstone	Written Response
2.	Plastic Recycling	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Quinn
3.	Anti Social Behaviour – Bonfire Night	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Tariq
4.	Bus Stop – Castle Leisure Centre	Councillor Y Wright	Councillor Bayley
5.	Early Bird Metrolink Tickets	Councillors Walmsley/D’Albert	Councillor Bayley
6.	Bus Fare Pricing	Councillor Hayes	Councillor Bayley

C.267 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

It was moved by Councillor O’Brien and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the Scheme introduced with effect from 1 April 2018 be extended for the Year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 with one amendment.

C.268 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Planning Policy

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons 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

It was moved by Councillor Daly and seconded by Councillor N Jones that:-

THIS COUNCIL notes:

The evolving Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and the present consultation on the Bury Local Plan that closes on the 30th November.

In the coming months and years it is highly likely that developers will submit planning applications for large scale development within the Borough which will massively impact on our road infrastructure and the provision of school places within Bury.

Within the Town and Country Act 1990, section 106 allows a local planning authority to enter into a legally-binding agreement or planning obligation as a way of delivering or addressing matters that are necessary to make a development acceptable in planning terms. Education and school places provision together with local road infrastructure are clearly necessary planning requirements for large scale development within the Borough.

It is highly concerning that Bury MBC has no set policy to address these issues within our planning framework.

THIS COUNCIL resolves:

1. To request the Chief Planning Officer produce a draft policy to enable a standardised approach for calculating education 106 agreements seeking to make development acceptable in terms of education by ensuring that the need for additional pupil places generated by new developments are mitigated by developer contribution. That this report be available for Council to consider and vote upon at the next full meeting of Council and if acceptable that it should be included in the Bury Local Plan.
2. To request the Chief Planning Officer produce a draft policy to enable a standardised approach for calculating road infrastructure 106 agreements seeking to make development acceptable in terms of highways by ensuring that the significant extra road usage which flows from developments of over 25 dwellings and the substantial long term maintenance costs to the taxpayer are mitigated by developer contribution. . That this report be available for Council to consider and vote upon at the next full meeting of Council and if acceptable that it should be included in the Bury Local Plan.
3. To ensure these policies are implemented in a transparent way and to ensure full public confidence in the planning process within the Borough to impose a requirement that for all development of over 25 dwelling the viability assessment provided by the developer be made public.

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Shori as an amendment to:-

- Point 1. **Remove** "produce a draft policy" and **replace** with "to continue to progress Local Plan policy direction CF2"
- Remove** "That this report be available for Council to consider and vote upon at the next full meeting of Council and if acceptable that it should be included in the Bury Local Plan."
- Point 2. **Remove** "To request the Chief Planning Officer produce a draft policy to enable a standardised approach for calculating road infrastructure 106

agreements seeking to make development acceptable in terms of highways by ensuring that the significant extra road usage which flows from developments of over 25 dwellings and the substantial long term maintenance costs to the taxpayer are mitigated by developer contribution. That this report be available for Council to consider and vote upon at the next full meeting of Council and if acceptable that it should be included in the Bury Local Plan."

- Point 3. **Remove** "to impose a requirement that for all development of over 25 dwelling the viability assessment are provided by the developer be made public" and replace." and **replace** with "so that when viability appraisals are provided as part of a planning application they will be made public."

On being put, with 28 voting for, 0 against and with 16 abstentions, including the Mayor, the Mayor declared the amendment carried.

On being put, with 28 voting for, 0 against and with 16 abstentions including the Mayor, the Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

(ii) Homes Fit for the Future

A Motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors M D'Albert, T Pickstone and S Wright.

It was moved by Councillor D'Albert and seconded by Councillor Pickstone that:-

This Council notes:

- 1 The long overdue announcement by Government of a relaxation in the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap potentially allowing local councils to build more new council housing.
- 2 The need for more, high quality, affordable homes within the Borough.
- 3 Current strategies, at a national and Greater Manchester level, to address carbon emissions, air pollution, and in support of active travel.

This Council believes:

- 1 That every effort should be made to ensure that new homes that are build should be 'fit for the future', which should include:
 - Low carbon energy efficiency homes, with solar panels, underfloor heating, and high quality insulation, doors and windows - both reducing carbon emissions and future fuel costs.
 - Clean air, with electric charging potential 'designed-in' and sustainable street trees on new roads as a norm.
 - Active lives built in, with high quality cycling provision and 'child-friendly' low speed or shared space a standard for new residential roads.
- 2 That in new homes that we as an Authority have a role in building should endeavour to set high standards for the future as set out above

This Council therefore resolves:

- 1 To play our role as a future builder of homes, by ensuring that new homes that we build, directly or in partnership with others, meet the standards set out above and set an example to others.
- 2 To ask the Cabinet to receive an update on this issue during the 2019-20 municipal year.

On being put, with 43 voting for, 0 voting against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the Motion carried.

(iii) Police Funding

A Motion had been received and set out in the Summons 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, G McGill, E O'Brien, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, L Smith, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.

It was moved by Councillor Tariq and seconded by Councillor J Walker that:-

This Council notes:-

- The increasing pressures facing Greater Manchester Police (GMP) and acknowledges that, like other police forces, GMP is reaching breaking point, with unprecedented levels of cuts since 2010.
- That although the announcement by GM Deputy Mayor with responsibility for Police, Bev Hughes, that an additional 100 officers will be allocated across GM through the Police precept is welcome, the Government's lack of consideration for the Police service during the recent budget announcement is disappointing.
- That with a forecast reduction of 24% in overall staffing numbers and a 20 per cent reduction in officers Greater Manchester, the Police have suffered disproportionately from the nationwide cuts to Police resources. In stark terms that equates to around 2,000 fewer Police Officers than in 2010, and for Bury that has meant a loss of about 50 Police officers.
- That it is important for GMP to maintain a visible community safety presence in our neighbourhoods, maximize the number of Police Officers, prioritise service improvements and ring-fence our community safety fund.
- That demand for GMP has gone up significantly as they are now having to deal with more recorded and complex crimes. The latest Home Office statistics show that in the 12 months to the end of June 2017, GMP recorded 294,581 crimes. This is an increase of 31% on the previous 12 months.
- That this already bleak picture is compounded by the recent request from the Treasury for Police Forces to meet the £420m Pension bill, on top of the 19% cut in Police funding since 2010, would mean an estimated 10,000 fewer Police officers on Britain's streets. This has culminated in the National Police Chiefs' Council threatening legal action against the Government.
- The Police grant settlement we have been receiving from the Government has not been sufficient, and has meant a significant shortfall on the policing budget for GMP. This has meant the need for the precept level to be raised to £12 for the 2018/19 financial year, thereby imposing the funding shortfall on every Greater Manchester resident.

This Council resolves:-

- To call on the Government to accept that Policing across the country is underfunded and recognise that despite this no additional funds were made available in the recent budget settlement.
- To call upon the Leader of the Council, the Leaders of all Political Groups, the Members of Parliament for Bury North and Bury South and the Mayor for Greater Manchester to write to the Home Secretary to request a review of the Police Grant settlement so that Greater Manchester can receive a fair settlement from Government and not have to place this burden on Greater Manchester taxpayers, many of whom are already struggling due to Government cuts.

On being put, with 43 voting for, 0 voting against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the Motion carried.

C.269 SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no Scrutiny Review Reports or specific items "called in" by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be considered at this Council meeting.

C.270 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

C.271 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committees or Scrutiny Committee contained in the Digest of Decision 3 (2018/19).

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NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.25pm

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REPORT FOR DECISION



Agenda Item	
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DECISION OF:	Council
DATE:	16 January 2019
SUBJECT:	Corporate Parenting Board- Annual Report 2017/2018
REPORT FROM:	Councillor E O'Brien Chair – Corporate Parenting Board
CONTACT OFFICER:	Karen Dolton – Executive Director Children and Young People
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	This report provides a summary of progress and key outcomes made over the past year by the Council's Corporate Parenting Board.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	<p>Option 1 (Recommended)</p> <p>1. Note the contents of the report and progress made by the Corporate Parenting Board over the past year.</p> <p>Option 2 (Not recommended)</p> <p>1. Reject the above recommendation</p>
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?

	Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	The scrutiny and governance function of the Corporate Parenting Board takes place within existing budgetary provision.
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	There are no wider resource implications arising from this report.
Equality/Diversity implications:	None
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee

TRACKING/PROCESS**DIRECTOR: KAREN DOLTON**

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	
	Corporate Parenting Board 20.11.2018	16.01.2019	

1. BACKGROUND

- Burys Corporate Parenting Board has the responsibility to ensure that the Council acts as a good corporate parent to children and young people in care (CYPIC) and Care Leavers. The Board monitors that the duties of a corporate parent are being fulfilled and works in partnership with other statutory agencies. The Board requires knowledge and understanding of the needs of CYPIC and Care Leavers and takes a lead for the Council in monitoring how well services are meeting those needs. Bury Councils Corporate Parenting Vision is *"to do our best as parents for children and young people in our care and care leavers"*.

- In the Bury Children In Care Strategy, Corporate Parenting is defined as:
"The responsibility of local authorities to improve outcomes and actively promote the life chances of children they look after is referred to as 'corporate parenting' in recognition that the task must be shared by the whole authority in partnership with partner agencies along with parents". The role of corporate parent is to act as the best parents for each child they look after and to take action to speaking out on their behalf, arranging for appropriate services to meet their needs, standing up for them and representing them as needed, to ensure they grow up in the best possible way".
- The purpose of this annual report is to provide an update from the Corporate Parenting Board about the work and progress that has been made in the period April 2017 – March 2018.

2. WORK OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

- The Corporate Parenting Board is now well established and meets 6 times a year. The Board produces an annual forward plan which sets out the priorities for the year. The "voice of the child" is key to setting the themes for the year. In the last 12 months there has been an increased focus on care leavers and their wellbeing, this is following the recommendation from the OFSTED inspection.
- Councillors on the Corporate Parenting Board continue to champion the needs and rights of Children and Young People in Care (CYPIC) and Care Leavers.
- Over the last 12 months, The Board regularly received reports, including Fostering, Adoption, Health, Education, Independent Reviewing Officers and Children's services. Officers were questioned about what is working well and what is being done to improve outcomes for CYPIC and Care Leavers and are required to report back to future meetings on progress.
- Young people from the Children in Care Council (CiCC) attend and update on activities and work they have carried out. The determination of the young people to improve their own lives and those of other young people, and their willingness to work with the Council to strengthen services and support is valued by the Board. The Board members welcome the opportunity to hear directly from young people, who are well supported by Children's Rights officers.
- The Corporate Parenting Newsletter is sent out on behalf of the Board twice a year. The aim of this is to raise awareness and understanding of Corporate Parenting and what it means to the lives of CYPIC and Care Leavers. The Newsletter also serves to support and promote fostering in Bury.

3. WHAT NEEDS TO WORK BETTER AND WHAT ACTION IS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THIS

- The Corporate Parenting Board has reviewed how it can better challenge to ensure improved outcomes for young people in care and care leavers. A key to this is the increased engagement with CYPIC and Care Leavers and

ensuring that more time is given to understanding their needs and how they are best met. The CiCC members are key players at the Board meetings as are foster carer representatives. This year Corporate Parents have attended CiCC meetings to discuss some of the everyday problems and issues facing children and young people while in care with a view to using this insight to influence future decisions for CYPIC. CiCC members also had a visit from the Interim Assistant Director to discuss what changes have been made to date and the impact of the changes. During this visit the Interim AD discussed issues around placement, education, supervised contact with family and LAC reviews.

- The Board is looking at how they can all champion CYPIC and Care Leavers to strengthen Corporate Parenting both by the Council and partner agencies. This includes looking at training needs for all Councillors and encouraging take up of the Total Respect training delivered by CYPIC and Care Leavers. All members of the Corporate Parenting Board are expected to attend the Total Respect Training.
- The Board has reviewed its Corporate Parenting Strategy, and aligned this to the CYPIC Promises and the Care Leavers Charter. A key strand of the reviewed Strategy is to ensure that Corporate Parenting is meeting the needs of CYPIC and Care Leavers and is "everyone's business". An action within the Strategy is to organise a "Corporate Parenting week". This will be held to promote awareness and to ensure the Corporate Parenting principles are embedded across Bury Council and with all partners.
- Bury Children's Rights (BCR) offers a visit to every child over the age of 8 who becomes newly Looked after. This visit is arranged within four weeks of admission to care; BCR will explain what they do, what forms of additional support are available and how the child or young person can access advocacy services. Take up of visits and subsequent support and advocacy is high; generally, between two thirds and three quarters of interviewees take up the offer. The services also provides advocacy guidance and support. Bury Childrens Rights provides advocacy and support up to the age of 25 and are currently developing a peer mentoring service.
- Care Leavers have contributed to a review of their Service via the Care Leavers Forum. It is recognised that further work is needed with Care Leavers to improve engagement and participation. Clearer links have been made relating to a wider participation framework with the Children in Care Council.
- The young people enjoy having a more responsible and meaningful role by through their membership of the CiCC. For each CiCC session the young people choose a Chair and Vice Chair and decide a topic and focus for each session. This means they are in control of the area of discussion and it ensures the sessions are worthwhile for all members. Recent topics have been placements and education.
- The CiCC undertake a variety of reward activities members. During 2017/18 there was a trip to Alton Towers, a party in the park which was held at Heaton Park and a bowling trip.

- The CiCC also undertake participation activities with the CYPIC and Care Leavers. During 2017/18 the participation activities included being involved in IRO interviews, consultation on projects for grant funding opportunities, designing logos, pre-approval foster care training, Total Respect Training, CiCC conference in Blackpool, EHWP network event, Young People's Interview Panel for Adult and Childrens Safeguarding Board Chair and A Take Over Day shadowing Childrens Rights and IRO Managers.
- This year, the Break Through Project have been supporting apprenticeship-ready young people to gain positions on the Bury Council apprenticeship scheme. The Through Care Team encouraged and supported participation in a programme designed by the Youth Service to develop social skills, communication skills, team work skills, and job readiness skills. The scheme was developed in partnership with Rathbone, a local training provider, to gain their expertise and support to create CVs, develop job search skills and interview techniques. Connexions offered IAG support to ensure appropriate placement and transition. Break Through were able to offer incentives across both services (IYSS and Through Care) to encourage participation and remove barriers. There were 9 Care Leavers referred. Out of these, 6 attended and all were offered an interview for the Bury Council apprenticeships. All the Young People were guided through the process and offered intensive support to aid their navigation and achieve success. Following this, 2 Care leavers were offered Bury Council apprenticeships. Those that were unsuccessful are continuing to receive support and looking at alternative EET provision.
- In the future, Break Through plan to continue to support the Care Leavers already signed up but re-launch to focus on those young people who may be further away from EET readiness. This will involve smaller steps and softer support to engage and maintain participation. The Team are currently formalising the structure and clarify need. Promotion and the new timetable of sessions will begin in Autumn 2018.
- Bury Through Care Team has been successful in its bid for funding from the Home Office and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 'Controlling Migration Fund'. The bid set out Bury's plans to better support our Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, who arrive alone, with no family support and often very little English. A fixed term Social Work post has started on the Through Care Team to recruit safe and appropriate Supported Lodgings Providers for these unaccompanied children. The service will also support some of the most vulnerable young people in our Borough, and help integrate them into their local community and support the process of applying for asylum through the Home Office.
- The Virtual School management system, Looked After Call, has completed its pupil progress tracking system to a workable level. Although it is early days, without any further development the Virtual School will be able to extract and analyse data for pupil progress across year groups and subjects as well as for specific groups, for example pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

- The Virtual School has been planning the alignment of its broader work for all vulnerable children and young people to the work of the primary and secondary SEMH Partnerships. These Partnerships have been established under Bury's Written Statement of Action following on from the SEND Review last year. The Partnerships are designed to support the inclusion all pupils with SEMH needs and will impact particularly to reduce the number of fixed term and permanent exclusions. Bearing in mind the incidence of SEMH needs in children in care (about 80%), this should have a particularly positive impact in the Virtual School. The Virtual School has a pupil 'panel' meeting once per fortnight which will align with each Partnership in the autumn term to discuss pupils with SEMH needs and to agree support plans for these pupils.
- The PPG+ guidelines distributed to schools at the start of the spring term have been well received and are working well to focus PPG+ spending by schools in relation to PEP targets as well as to ensure impact on educational attainment and progress. Schools have commented favourably on the clarity of the guidelines and the Virtual School has noted a distinct improvement in the clarity and focus of requests for PPG+ payments from schools. This has been an important development in terms of supporting next stage plans for the QA of both the quality of PEP documentation (rather than simply completion and compliance) and PPG+ grant spending.
- Through the Extended Managers' Meeting, the Virtual Head Teacher has been able to consult with Social Care Team Managers to establish alternative delivery of statutory CPD for Social Workers. The initial focus will be on PEP documentation and targets along with the appropriate use of PPG+ funding. This CPD will be delivered through regular Social Care team meetings with a view to increasing the number of Social Workers accessing the CPD as well as ensuring the relevance of CPD to Social Care work.
- Bury are developing a firm Local Offer for Care Leavers which sets out the services for care leavers available in area. In July Mark Riddell MBE, an advisor for the Department of Education, met with officers across the council to review progress in regards to the preparation and implementation of the Bury offer. The six main areas to be covered in which councils should assist care leavers are:
 - Health and Well-being
 - Relationships
 - Education and Training
 - Employment
 - Accommodation
 - Participation in Society

The responsibility of the offer sits with the Bury Council's Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, both must ensure the document reflects the breadth of services offered by the Council and partners and demonstrates Corporate Parenting has strong leadership. Mark Riddell has provided a letter outlining recommendations in regards to implementing the revised Care Leaver offer (see attached).

CURRENT POSITION (31.3.18)

- As of 31st March 2018 there were a total of 333 children in care to Bury Council from age 0–18 years. This is made up of 54% male and 46% female.
- 2017/18 concluded with 52 interim care orders, 227 full Care Orders, 41 voluntary accommodation (section 20), 13 placement orders, 18 Child Arrangement Orders, and 16 Special Guardianship Orders
- Placing children near to home is a continued strength and enables children to be better supported and maintain family and local contacts. The majority of children Looked after by Bury are placed within twenty miles of home. Data at 31 March 2018 showed that of the 333 Looked After Children in Bury: 295 are placed 20 miles or less from home, 38 placed more than 20 miles from home. However, this year more children were placed out of the borough than in the previous year.
- The Health of Looked After Children Steering Group have been instrumental in reviewing the pathways to ensure that children receive their initial health assessment in a timely way. The percentage of children receiving their assessment within 20 days of becoming looked after was below 40% last year. The current figure remains consistently above 90%
- The number of fostering households have increased over the last twelve months. The total number at 31/3/18 are:
 - 72 general foster carers with 160 children in placement,
 - 56 friends and family carers with 110 children in placement
 - 13 short break/shared care carers.
- There has been a drop in the number of children placed with relatives or friends who live in Bury this year. In 2016/17 there were 49 children placed with relatives or friends, at 31st March 2018 there were 30. The number of children placed with external carers in Bury remains the same at 97 but there have been more children placed outside Bury either with an external placement (now 50 rather than 41) or family and friends who live outside Bury (45 rather than 34). There was also a drop in children placed with parents to 53. This was expected as there has been a review of “placed with parents” cases and care orders have been discharged where it was deemed no longer necessary for Bury Council to share parental responsibility.
- We are successful in preventing the majority of young people from being discharged from care too early and in supporting them to acquire independence skills. There were 149 discharges from care during the year 2017-2018. Of these, there were 6 discharges for 16-year-olds, 4 discharges for 17-year-olds and 39 on the young person’s 18th birthday
- There are currently 15 young people in continuing care, which means they remain with their foster carers post-18 years of age. The current training and support offer to support foster carers to ensure that they are prepared for this and are fully supported for long term placements and permanency are

being developed. 11 of Our Care Leavers are supported to remain in Staying put placements at the age of 18 with their foster carers.

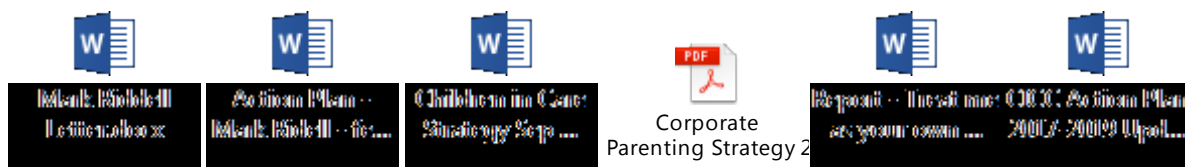
- The Reach Out Project provide a flexible and responsive service to families where it is deemed a young person is on the cusp of care to stabilise relationships within the home. The service also work with Children in Care who are at risk of their placements breaking down to assist with placement stability.
- The residential placements broken down by each type of provision during 2017/18 are:
 - H5: Semi-independent provision: 17
 - K1: Secure unit: 0
 - K2: Children's homes: 23
 - R1: Residential care home: 1
 - R2: NHS/Health Trust providing care: 0
 - R3: Family centre/mother-and-baby unit: 2
 - R5: YOI: 1
 - S1: Residential school: 0
 - Total residential: 44
 - Residential employment is not usually included in statistics for residential care, however, there were no cases at 31st March 2018 in any case.
- Bury are part of a Regional Adoption Agency 'Adoption Now'. This is an integrated adoption service which is made up of 6 local authorities and 2 voluntary adoption agencies and commenced in November 2017. The Bury adoption figures for 2017-2018 are as follows: 12 Adoption Orders were granted, 6 children are placed but not yet adopted, 22 Should Be Placed For Adoption (Shobpa) decisions were made, 8 children awaiting placement orders, 11 matches made, 4 children placed in a concurrent placement/foster to adopt placements.
- We are 'in touch' with the majority of our care leavers with 98.3% recorded as being in touch on 31 March 2018.
- At 31 March 2018, 82.9% of pathway plan reviews had been held. This has been an improving position and compliance has increased with the recruitment to a Pathway Plan Reviewing post who is based with the Through Care Team. Work on the quality of pathway plans will be a future focus with SMART objectives routinely set and embedded that are meaningful for the young person.
- 88.1% are deemed to be placed or living in suitable accommodation. However, the number of young people in custody is high for the size and demographic of the authority.
- At 31 March 2018, 16 of our Care Leavers are supported to attend university.

ACTIONS FOR 2018/2019

- A "Corporate Parenting Week" campaign will be arranged during 2018/19 to raise awareness and understanding of what a Corporate Parent means and to promote fostering.
- In order to recognise and celebrate the achievements of CYPIC and Care Leavers, a celebration ceremony will take place at the Elizabethan Suite in October 2018. The awards evening has been named the "Believe and Achieve Awards" by the children and young people. This awards evening will celebrate the success and achievements in education, employment, training, sports, personal achievements, and creative arts.
- A wide range of participation and reward activities are being arranged for 2018/19. The young people have expressed an interest in getting a greater understanding of mental health in children, so they can raise awareness on these topics in Bury. This will be considered when planning the activities.
- The young people at CiCC have expressed an interest in designing postcards and thank you cards to send to all professionals who they feel have helped them while being in care such as Social Workers, school staff, Children's Rights Workers, IROs and other professionals. These will be designed and printed during 2018.
- The CiCC are undertaking a "Take Over of the Corporate Parenting Board" on 23rd November 2018.
- The launch of the updated Care Leaver Offer will take place in 2018/19
- A bid for a Housing Support worker from the Poverty and Homelessness Reduction Fund will be submitted
- Integration of the Children and Young people in Care team with the Through Care team will take place to improve the services to CYPIC and Care Leavers.
- Work to improve the Housing options for Care Leavers
- Work to increase the number of young people who are in Education Employment or Training

List of/Link to Background Papers

CPB Strategy
CICC Annual Report
DfE Letter Mark Riddell and action plan
LAC Strategy



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Q.	Party	Question
1.	Conservative	<p>Would the Leader please comment on the consideration given to the petition, presented to Council following the consultation on the previous draft of the GMSF on the site identified at Walshaw Brook and how this influenced the revised GMSF proposals? Cllr I.Gartside</p>
A	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Members will be aware that 27,000 comments were received during consultation on the first draft of the GMSF and these, including the concerns raised by the signatories of the Walshaw petition, have been carefully considered in drawing up the second draft of the plan.</p> <p>While we fully acknowledge the concerns raised to the Walshaw site, we need to balance these concerns against the need to find enough land to meet Government-imposed targets for new housing.</p> <p>May I add that the Government has chosen to ignore its own latest household projections and instead required local authorities to achieve much higher housing targets derived from previous projections, simply because these are more in line with its own national housing targets!</p> <p>The Government's methodology gives Bury a target of 11,500 houses over the plan period but I am pleased to say that, in developing the second draft of the GMSF, we have worked hard to secure a significantly reduced requirement for 9,500 houses in Bury. We have achieved this by successfully negotiating with our colleagues for some of our housing needs to be met by other GM districts.</p> <p>We remain fully committed to prioritising the redevelopment of our brownfield sites. However, the simple fact is that we do not have enough of these sites to even meet the reduced requirement for 9,500 houses. Regrettably, therefore, we have no other option but to look at land currently designated as Green Belt in order to meet our Government-imposed housing requirement.</p> <p>Nevertheless, our success in negotiating a reduced housing requirement for Bury has helped us to propose a 41 % reduction in the loss of Green Belt compared to what was intended in the first draft of the GMSF. This includes retaining a significant part of the Walshaw site as Green Belt.</p> <p>Importantly, in area terms, Bury is proposing the <u>largest reduction in Green Belt release across the conurbation</u> – with over 20% of Greater Manchester's reduction in Green Belt land release coming from this Borough. <u>So, just as an example, we are</u></p>

		<u>proposing to retain three and a half times more Green Belt land in Bury than Bolton in this revised draft.</u>
2.	Labour	Can the Leader of the Council outline how residents will be consulted on the latest draft of the GMSF? Councillor Bayley
	Councillor O'Brien	<p>The second draft of the GMSF was approved by the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority last Friday and an eight-week consultation period will now run from 21st January to 18 March.</p> <p>The GMSF identifies opportunities for job growth and new housing in Bury and will be hugely important for the future prosperity of the Borough and its residents. Because of this, it is vital that consultation on the GMSF is both comprehensive and effective.</p> <p>The GMCA will be undertaking GM-wide consultation and producing publicity material of its own but, in addition, we will be widely publicising the GMSF across Bury so that residents and stakeholders are fully informed and absolutely clear what the GMSF proposes for our Borough.</p> <p>As promised, we have sent out letters to each of our 84,000 households, informing all residents of the GMSF and setting out what it means for the Borough and for their specific area.</p> <p>During the consultation period, we will be hosting six drop-in sessions to give everyone the chance to view the proposals and discuss these in detail with Council officers.</p> <p>Copies of the GMSF will be available for inspection in the Borough's libraries and the Tottington Centre, and in the reception areas of Bury Town Hall and the planning offices at Knowsley Place.</p> <p>We have already issued a huge amount of information through the local press and media, and on the council's social media channels, and will continue to do so throughout the consultation process.</p> <p>In addition, we have detailed maps and information on our web pages, including a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions setting what the GMSF means for Bury, which we will update if additional queries are raised.</p>
3.	Labour	Can the leader update the Council on the progress of the Prestwich Town centre challenge? Councillor Bayley

	Councillor Shori	<p>Members will be aware that Prestwich has been chosen as a location for the Mayor of Greater Manchester’s Town Centre Challenge. As such, we are working to deliver a major redevelopment of Prestwich Village centre, in partnership with the GMCA.</p> <p>We envisage an exciting mixed-use development which may include new shops, restaurants, a council hub, a food hall, cinema and high quality apartments. Other key components are a Wellbeing Village, which would incorporate ‘later life’ residential accommodation with leisure and spa facilities, plus a new ‘state of the art’ health centre.</p> <p>Work is currently under way to ensure that the scheme is commercially viable and a funding package, potentially including significant investment from the GM Combined Authority, is being developed.</p>																								
4.	Conservative	Would the Leader confirm how many applications for second grey bins have been refused by the Council? Councillor D.Silbiger																								
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Since 2016, we have received 604 applications for a second grey bin. 467 have been approved, 137 declined.</p> <p>Any household can apply for a second grey bin. To be successful, they must demonstrate that they are recycling everything they can in their 3 recycling bins. This will be assessed by a recycling officer who will visit their household and carry out a waste audit. We can supply residents with extra blue and green bins to help them recycle.</p> <p>Annual figures for info:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">ADDITIONAL GREY BIN APPLICATIONS RECEIVED</th></tr><tr><th>YEAR</th><th>RECEIVED</th><th>APPROVED</th><th>DECLINED</th></tr><tr><td>2016</td><td>210</td><td>169</td><td>41</td></tr><tr><td>2017</td><td>199</td><td>155</td><td>44</td></tr><tr><td>2018</td><td>195</td><td>143</td><td>52</td></tr><tr><td>2019</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	ADDITIONAL GREY BIN APPLICATIONS RECEIVED				YEAR	RECEIVED	APPROVED	DECLINED	2016	210	169	41	2017	199	155	44	2018	195	143	52	2019	0	0	0
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5.	Labour	In 2018 it was announced that there would be a social capital fund which communities would be able to bid into, please could an update be provided on this? Councillor Cathcart																								
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Bury Council, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Rishi Shori, allocated £600,000 to communities to fund social capital projects (nominally £100,000 per Township).</p> <p>We believe that local people know their own communities best, and know what will make a real difference in their neighbourhood. This will further devolve power and decision making to local people, putting them at the heart of everything</p>																								

		<p>we do.</p> <p>There was a huge amount of interest in the funding, and we received applications from a number of fantastic, local projects aimed at improving the lives of people across Bury. Following an initial scoring process, a shortlist of projects was produced which then went to a panel on 18 December for final decision. I am pleased to report that 23 innovative projects were either fully or partly funded and we look forward to seeing the tangible impact that these many and varied projects will make to the people of Bury.</p> <p>I can confirm that the Social Capital Fund will run for two more years and information will be made available for the 2019/20 round of funding in the near future.</p>
6.	Labour	<p>Can the Leader please provide the Council with an update of how Bury as a system is performing with winter pressures? Councillor Preston</p>
	Cllr Simpson	<p>Planning to meet the pressures expected over the winter months began in Bury at the beginning of August with all partner organisations represented. Analysis of what had worked well the previous year and what required improvement was undertaken and new ideas explored to assist the Acute hospitals during their busiest times. A formal plan was produced, report on to the North East Sector Urgent Care Board where it was felt Bury's arrangements were robust and an exemplar for other authorities.</p> <p>The winter Panning group continued to meet weekly at Killelea and plans were seen as dynamic, changing to reflect the changes in admission rates, acuity of patients etc. Bury Adult Care Services were represented at these meetings by either the Head of Service responsible for the hospital Integrated Discharge Team and Choices for Living Well or the Interim Assistant Director for Adult social Care Operations.</p> <p>New Discharge to Assess, known as D2A beds were commissioned at Heathlands in a newly refurbished unit where all nursing care could be provided, and final assessments undertaken by the D2A team on one site. 12 beds were originally blocked purchased, with an option to increase to 19 if demand increased.</p> <p>Fairfield General have, since the end of November experienced unprecedented levels of attendances at A&E resulting in much higher rates of admissions to their beds which has increased pressures on the Integrated Discharge Team to increase the number of discharges. The team have been pivotal in ensuring that people are discharged when they are not only 'medically optimised' but their onward destination is appropriate and safe. They have focused on the needs of the person in the bed not just the need to release the bed.</p> <p>Acuity of patients has been extremely high and some very poorly</p>

		<p>people have been transferred to Bealeys community hospital to continue their treatment and recovery and Killelea have been praised for their flexible approach to receiving patients ready to be discharged. Without the support from Bury council services the hospital could not cope. There have been higher than normal ambulance attendances at Fairfield with 98 Ambulance conveyances on one day, a number higher than at North Manchester General Hospital</p> <p>We continue to work to support the system and over the last 2 weeks have supported the twice daily silver command meetings held at the hospital where plans have been made for the discharge of each patient deemed Medically Optimised or fit for discharge. The situation is not abating but plans are in train to use the extra Winter Planning monies granted by the Department of Health in November to support increases in IDT staffing, the purchase of more D2A capacity and the creation of a Trusted Assessor role to decrease the time taken for providers to come to the hospital to assess patients.</p>
7.	Conservative	<p>How can housing need be assessed accurately for 20 years in the future and would the Leader confirm how the GMSF provides for the affordable starter homes which are needed within the Borough? Cllr. J.Harris</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework requires strategic planning policies, including those that identify housing needs, to look ahead over a <u>minimum</u> 15 year period from the date the plan is adopted. The GMSF is planning to cover a period which fully reflects Government policy.</p> <p>It is essential that we have a long-term plan in order to provide certainty and to enable us to manage growth and development effectively, ensuring that it takes place in sustainable locations that can take advantage of existing, and opportunities for new, infrastructure.</p> <p>Without a long-term plan, we would not be able to manage growth and all of the Borough's Green Belt would effectively be subject to an uncontrollable 'free for all'. There are numerous examples up and down the country of developers trying to take advantage of uncertainty and targeting Green Belt land. Indeed, it is only in the last couple of weeks that a Government-appointed Planning Inspector has allowed a proposal for housing development on Green Belt land in Tunbridge and Malling simply because the district was unable to demonstrate that it had a five-year supply of land for housing.</p> <p>Increasing the delivery of affordable housing across the Borough</p>

		<p>is a high priority and is fully engrained in the GMSF. The GMSF aims to deliver at least 50,000 new affordable homes across Greater Manchester.</p> <p>We will play a role in delivering this aim and we are proposing to include a policy within our own Local Plan that requires at least 25% of new homes to be genuinely affordable for our residents.</p> <p>The GMSF is supported by a suite of other documents, including the Greater Manchester Vision for Housing, which seeks to address the housing crisis in the conurbation. The key aim is to support the delivery of safe, decent and affordable homes as a priority for Greater Manchester.</p>
8.	Labour	<p>Could the Leader bring us up to date with the proposals to site 3G pitches in Bury? Councillor Cummings</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>We are at the final stage of drafting a new playing pitch strategy, in partnership with sports governing bodies and local outdoor sports organisations.</p> <p>This will include plans to develop full size all-weather 3G pitches in partnership with the Lancashire Football Association and Football Foundation. Bury has been identified by the Lancs FA as a priority for funding, subject to meeting the criteria for investment and sustainability.</p> <p>Third Generation (3G) artificial football pitches are the latest development in synthetic grass surface. They are constructed on a firm base, with long pile artificial grass filled with sand and rubber crumb.</p> <p>Following a feasibility study of locations, 2 sites will now be taken forward - Goshen Playing Fields, where a planning application has now been submitted, and at Elton High School, where a planning application will be submitted in February.</p> <p>Any more 3G football pitches after the two now brought forward will depend on securing external funding and developing a robust business case.</p>
9.	L.Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members what percentage of green belt land is proposed to be removed in the current GMSF proposals, in each of the six 'Township' areas? Councillor S Wright</p>
	Cllr O'brien	<p>I can confirm that around 713 hectares of Green Belt land is proposed to be released across the Borough. This equates to 12% of the Borough's Green Belt, which is a significant reduction from the 20% proposed in the first draft. Even with the proposals, over 52 % of the Borough would remain protected as</p>

		<p>Green Belt – which would still be one of the highest across Greater Manchester – with only Rochdale and Wigan having more. This is much higher than the Greater Manchester average of 45% and the Borough would be only one of four districts with over half of their area continued to be protected as Green Belt.</p> <p>Across Greater Manchester, the revised GMSF reduces the amount of Green Belt release by 2,458 hectares. 495 hectares, or 20% of this reduction has been here in Bury. <u>In area terms, this is the largest reduction of Green Belt land in all of the districts.</u></p> <p>We are proposing to remove some sites entirely and retaining large parts of land as Green Belt on the sites that do remain. On top of this, we are also proposing to introduce new Green Belt areas on land that currently does not have this status.</p> <p>This means that we are proposing a net reduction of Green Belt release by 41% from the first draft.</p> <p>The selection of the sites that do remain have largely been governed by a Greater Manchester methodology that has been applied across the conurbation. This approach primarily seeks to release land in the most sustainable locations, where there are the greatest opportunities to provide new or improved infrastructure – such as roads, public transport and schools. This is in line with national planning policy</p> <p>In addition, the approach also seeks to address the current imbalance that exists between the north and the south of the conurbation. The GMSF, along with its associated documents seeks to do this by boasting the competitiveness of the northern districts by providing opportunities for significant investment in jobs and infrastructure. This includes the proposals at the Northern Gateway, which will provide an opportunity for over 25,000 new jobs on our doorstep. This is a deliberate policy intervention aimed at tackling the inequalities that currently exist across Greater Manchester and the approach is fully supported by the ten districts and the Mayor.</p> <p>It is for these reasons that the release of Green Belt land within the Borough is heavily focused within the townships that have the best opportunities to exploit opportunities for infrastructure improvements and boasting northern competitiveness.</p> <p>It is proposed that the Green Belt in the Whitefield and Unsworth Township would be reduced by 35%, largely because of the proposed employment opportunity here as part of the Northern</p>
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		<p>Gateway. If that was removed, the Green Belt reduction would fall to 8%. The Green Belt in the township of Prestwich would be reduced by 37%, as a result of the residential proposals around Simister. However, this needs to be put in the context that around a quarter of the Green Belt being released in this area has already been developed on - including the village of Simister itself and the M62 motorway.</p> <p>Radcliffe follows with around 11% Green Belt release and Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor loses less than 1% of its Green Belt.</p> <p>There are actual net gains in Green Belt coverage of 2% in Bury East and 6% in Bury West, due to the proposals to add land to the Green Belt.</p>
10.	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give us details of the itree survey carried out by City of Trees on behalf of Bury Council? Councillor Preston</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Yes, I can. The survey revealed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most common species are English Oak, Hawthorn and Sycamore. Ash makes up 8% of the population but Ash are under threat from Chalara (Ash Die Back) The trees remove 5,120 tonnes of carbon per year They also remove 70 tonnes of pollutants and soak up 137,810 cubic metres of rainwater. The financial benefits of our trees is £2,807,270 per annum. The best species for carbon storage, pollution removal and water sequestration are English Oak, Sycamore and Beech. <p>(Supplementary info) The values are derived by taking exact measurements from a sample of the borough's trees and the data fed through a sophisticated model. Tree numbers also compare well with the audit that was carried out in 2010</p> <p>Financial benefit only reflects the avoided cost in terms of carbon storage, particulate capture and processing surface water runoff.</p>
11.	Conservative	<p>The GMSF identifies various infrastructure projects that will be required for the proposed large scale development to be sustainable. Who will pay for these and how much will the various link roads, new schools and other schemes cost? Cllr J.Daly</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The GMSF and supporting documents identify a range of</p>

		<p>infrastructure that will be required to support the new development proposals such as new public transport, roads, cycleways, schools, health care and recreation provision.</p> <p>These requirements will be embedded within the statutory planning policies contained in the GMSF for each of the proposed development sites.</p> <p>The role of the GMSF is to establish the principle of development on land. Planning applications will be required to determine the exact layouts on individual sites. However, these planning applications will only be approved if they comply with the policy requirements and planning conditions, and legal agreements will ensure that they will need to be implemented as part of the development.</p> <p>It is too early to provide details of the full costs of the required infrastructure as this will depend on the detail and timing of when developments come forward.</p> <p>In terms of who pays – there will continue to be national and sub-regional funding available to help provide new or improved infrastructure, that may or may not be secured on the proposed sites. Much of this is set out in the Greater Manchester Infrastructure Framework and the 2040 Transport Delivery Plan, which provide more detail on the approach to delivering various infrastructure investment over the coming years.</p> <p>However, where these are not secured, the expectation is that the developers of the sites will provide infrastructure requirements on these sites in order to ensure that their proposals are compatible with policies set out in the GMSF.</p>
12	Labour	<p>'Since the appointment of the AD Education & Inclusion, can the leader please provide an update on the work within the Children and Young People's Department?' Councillor J Walker</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>Cabinet considered and approved a report on the changing educational landscape during the summer. The report also outlined the changing accountability framework for school improvement, including the changing role of the local authority, moving away from the traditional role of school improvement, to a greater focus on the performance of schools, providing challenge where necessary, and quality assuring the improvement arrangements put in place by others.</p> <p>Following this, School Governance Arrangements Guidance was shared with schools in December to enable Governing Bodies to have the necessary discussions and make informed decisions about future leadership and governance arrangements was circulated to schools</p>

		<p>in December 2018.</p> <p>We have developed a new risk assessment process to assess each school and academy performance, and to enable appropriate support and intervention to be brokered for school leaders and governors, and to mitigate future risks of further decline in standards.</p> <p>A feature of this risk assessment process has been the creation of a 'School on a page' which sets out a comprehensive picture of each schools performance against a range of measures.</p> <p>Alongside this, we have provided each Councillor with a Ward Education profile, setting out clearly the performance of schools at electoral ward level.</p> <p>In supporting school governors, this month we are launching six new specialist governor training programmes themed in line with our six priority focus areas for improving educational outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disadvantaged • special educational needs • inclusion • school readiness • achievement • curriculum <p>In addition to this, Bury Governors Association in partnership with the local authority, has entered a new partnership with Bury2gether (Parent Forum) to create a parent forum in every school.</p> <p>We have already experienced success in reducing the number of Permanent Exclusions (there were none in the autumn term), and significantly reduced out of borough placements and so keeping children in our Bury schools and academies.</p> <p>Our secondary schools and colleges are also working more collaboratively to design better curriculum programmes and pathways for students, to enable them to benefit from a wider range of options and choices to secure their life chances.</p> <p>Alongside this, we have secured the substantive appointment of the Executive Director for Children's Services who is leading on our Public Sector Reform and Transformation programmes in Early Help, whilst also leading on service redesign and review to ensure our services are re-engineered to deliver integrated, high quality and sustainable solutions and services for children and families.</p>
13.	Labour	<p>As part of the Greater Manchester Learning Disability Strategy, 10 priorities were identified which should be implemented by Local Authorities, one priority is that people with an LD and/ family members are represented on a number of working groups within the LD and Autism Programme governance. Can the leader tell me what we are doing in Bury to ensure the voice of people with a learning disability and their</p>

		families is heard and helps shape our services? Councillor Leach
	Councillor Simpson	<p>The GMCA's Health and Care Board approved a new Greater Manchester Learning Disability Strategy on 13 July 2018. This was written BY people with learning disabilities FOR people with learning disabilities, who also identified the 10 priorities in the strategy.</p> <p>In Bury, we have refreshed our Learning Disability Strategy to ensure it is aligned with GM and reflects current local priorities.</p> <p>A Bury Learning Disability Delivery Group has been established to implement the Bury Learning Disability Strategy.</p> <p>Involving people with learning disabilities is vital. However, engagement work will only be effective if it is adapted to people's individual needs. Therefore we are planning a new approach and are setting up a Co-production Network.</p> <p>The Network will enable those with learning disabilities and their family/carers to work more closely with us. Workshops will be held in community venues, which will be accessible, informal and flexible, with the first event to be held in the spring.</p> <p>The Network will work with the officer group to improve service planning, commissioning, and decision-making for learning disability.</p>
14.	Conservative	Would the Leader confirm the time limit for spending section 106 contributions, whether the Council are in breach of this in respect of any payments and whether any monies have had to be repaid to developers as a result of such delay? Cllr J.Harris
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Each Section 106 Agreement sets out any time limit for contributions. For the most part, recreation contributions must be committed to projects within 5 years of receipt, and affordable housing and employment contributions must be committed within 10 years of receipt.</p> <p>The council is not in a position of having to repay any contributions as a result of breaching the time limit for committing contributions for expenditure, and has not had to repay any contributions to developers as a result of delay in spending or committing. We do not anticipate this changing in future.</p>
15.	Labour	Can the Leader of the Council please update us on the Local Government Finance Settlement released last month? Councillor Rafiq

	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The Settlement was finally released on the 13th December after being delayed due to the Brexit debacle.</p> <p>The core element of the settlement remained unchanged, in line with the four year settlement the Council has been working towards.</p> <p>This means that the inequities in the needs assessment are perpetuated, and for another year Bury will get a particularly raw deal.</p> <p>Additional funds announced in the Chancellor's budget for Social Care were confirmed, but once again it is a case of too little and too late. The Council stands to receive £1.4m against current demand pressures of £8m.</p> <p>There were also minor changes to the New Homes Bonus – however these were funded from within the settlement so do not represent additional funding.</p> <p>We also received further information about the Government's Fair Funding Review which we will be analysing in detail, and responding to the consultation exercise next month.</p> <p>Setting the 2019/20 budget will be a very challenging exercise given reduced levels of funding and relentless demand pressures.</p> <p>Members can be assured that this has my full attention, and that of Cabinet colleagues as we prepare the budget for approval next month.</p>
16.	Labour	<p>How is the Adult Learning Service supporting people who have basic skills needs in order to help them improve their employment prospects and/or integrate into their local community? Cllr D Jones</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>In 2017/18 the Adult Learning Service had 1,476 enrolments on courses leading to a qualification and 458 enrolments on non-accredited courses in English, Maths, English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) and ICT. Some learners gained qualifications in more than one subject area. Non-accredited courses included Jobsearch and ICT skills to complete online job applications.</p> <p>A large proportion of learners came from more disadvantaged</p>

		<p>areas of the borough including Bury East and Radcliffe. Some courses were delivered in community venues and in partnership with community organisations such as ADAB who works with partners to improve the economic, educational, social and cultural conditions of people from minority ethnic groups, The Attic Project working with the local community to help people find work and engage socially with each other and Children's Centres as part of their offer to parents with children 0-5. Evidence shows that learners are not only progressing into further learning, work and volunteering as a result of attending courses but they are also acquiring some of the 'softer' skills including increased confidence, the ability to learn more independently or help in their local community. 558 learners responded when contacted 6 months after completing a course of which 27% had secured work and 17% had started volunteering.</p> <p>Since September, 274 people have enrolled onto ESOL courses, 234 on ICT/Job search, 165 English and 137 maths.</p>
17.	L.Dem	<p>Could the Leader of the Council inform members what work the Council is undertaking to identify, and to reduce, levels of loneliness in older people? Cllr D'Albert</p>
	Cllr Simpson	<p>We have completed our Bury Loneliness and Isolation strategy, which will complement projects under the Friendly Bury banner, dealing with Dementia, Autism, Ageing Well and Carers.</p> <p>Action plans are being developed for each of these themes and consultation on their design will begin in March with our health and social care partners, the VCFA and local community groups.</p> <p>The Loneliness and Isolation project group will take this work forward. The group is led by the Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing and includes representatives from Bury Council, Bury CCG, Bury VCFA, Manchester University, Salford University, Groundwork Ambition for Ageing and Loneliness Connects Us All.</p> <p>We aim to hold a community workshop in Whitefield in early March, followed by a health and social care professionals' workshop, and bring the results into an action plan.</p> <p>The workshop will complement a pilot project working with GPs, local organisations and services in Whitefield, Unsworth and Pilkington Park areas, and the results of this could be extended to other parts of Bury.</p> <p>There are a number of projects and activities already in existence that are aimed at people living with dementia or autism and older people such as peer support groups, Men in Sheds, dementia</p>

		<p>cafes and Buddy's that have a major impact upon reducing loneliness and social isolation even though this is not their primary focus.</p> <p>Existing services are promoted on the Bury Directory, increase signposting them there.</p>
18	Labour	<p>Can the Leader tell us what Bury Council is doing to promote the use of refillable plastic bottles to cut down on the levels of plastic used in Bury?</p> <p>Councillor Skillen</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>As part of the PlasticFreeGM campaign, which has been launched by Mayor Andy Burnham, the GMCA has been in talks with United Utilities to bring a bottle refill scheme to Greater Manchester. This includes the installation of a number of water fountains across the conurbation.</p> <p>As a result of this initiative, Bury Council will trial two public water fountains in Prestwich and Whitefield to encourage residents to refill their re-usable bottles instead of buying single-use plastic bottles. These fountains will be paid for by United Utilities.</p>
19	Labour	<p>Please can you update on the refreshed Bury Directory and how many hits its getting etc? Cllr Skillen</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>The Bury Directory is Bury's one-stop online information point for advice, activities and services.</p> <p>The Development Team have been working extremely hard over the last eight months, getting many substantial enhancements/ upgrades completed on the Directory to improve the customer journey.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making it more user- friendly • Improving its 'search' function • A new strapline- 'Helping People to Help Themselves' • The introduction of Social Media accounts • Complete re-categorisation and quality checks of the pages • One combined site now instead of separate Children and Adult sites <p>The Bury Directory was rebranded and launched the new brand on 24th September following consultation with the public, staff and focus groups. Promotional events took place across Bury to promote the new brand and new enhancements, including drop-in sessions for service providers, and on Bury Market, Asda Pilsworth and The Rock. Advertising was placed with Tower FM,</p>

		<p>and was promoted during 'Get online week' with Bury Libraries and Bury Adult Learning, and at a Homewatch conference. A newsletter was produced following the relaunch and sent to all staff, providers and the VCFA.</p> <p>Since the launch date of 24th September up to the 7th January, the Bury Directory has had <u>52,393</u> visits. For the exact same period a year earlier The Bury Directory had 46,765 visits. That equates to an increase of 5,626 visits. This is a <u>12% increase</u> in visits.</p> <p>The Development team have recently set up social media accounts for The Bury Directory and to date, have 935 followers on twitter.</p> <p>In November, the team won an 'Outstanding Achievement' award from iNetwork, who described the Directory as 'nothing short of inspiring!'</p>
20	L.Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members into what progress the Council has made in relation to the commitments made in the Notice of Motion on School Uniform costs? Cllr S Wright</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>Following the Motion being passed by this Council, a draft policy was agreed by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People who, following consultation with stakeholders in the autumn, will very shortly consider a final draft.</p> <p>An item will be placed on the agenda of each school Governing Body meeting in the spring term, requesting that the policy be adopted.</p>
21	L.Dem	<p>Could the Leader of the Council please inform members now many school crossing patrols are currently not operational, and how many others do not have permanent allocated staff members in place? Cllr Pickstone</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>There are 12 crossing points that do not have a permanent crossing patrol. These are covered using relief/supply staff, who also cover sickness absence, and cover is subject to their availability. To ensure high/medium risk crossing points are covered, permanent staff may be temporarily relocated from lower risk crossing points. Arrangements are reviewed on a daily basis. Where cover cannot be provided schools are notified, and the LA is grateful where, in a number of instances, schools have provided staff to cover.</p>
22	L.Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members on the amount paid out by the authority, and the amount spent on legal costs, for compensation claims as a result of poor road and pavement surfaces, for the last five financial years? Cllr Pickstone</p>
	Cllr O'brien	<p>The total amounts paid, including legal fees, are:</p>

		<p>2013/14 - £1,368,685.62</p> <p>2014/15 - £1,318,342.88</p> <p>2015/16 - £1,296,510.66</p> <p>2016/17 - £1,029,452.87</p> <p>2017/18 - £1,011,172.66</p> <p>2018 to 10/01/2019 - £790,402.11</p>
23	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader of the Council please provide members with current levels of uncollected Council Tax, Business Rates, Commercial Rents and Housing Rents and how these levels compare with the previous three years? Cllr D'Albert</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>In the last three years the council has raised bills of £445 million for council tax, business rates, commercial rent and housing rents.</p> <p>The amount outstanding was £10 million, or 2.2%, giving us a collection rate of 97.8%.</p> <p>Any sums still outstanding will be chased up during the following financial year, as already happens each financial year, and robust debt recovery procedures taken.</p> <p>Additionally, the Council's newly created Aged Debt Team (which cost £120,000 to set up) has already brought in £730,000 of arrears.</p>

Joint Authority Report – GM Waste (Councillor Quinn)

Madam Mayor,

On legal advice from the Waste Authority's solicitor due to commercial confidentiality reasons I am only allowed to give a brief report.

As council is aware a new bidding process is underway for a new agreement for waste disposal and management.

Tender returns were received from two companies for both Lots 1 and 2 on the 20th December. Compliance checks were undertaken and confirmed that all submissions were compliant. The documentation has now been uploaded to the SharePoint system and evaluators were able to access the documentation from January 3rd .

The evaluation process will be ongoing throughout this month with representatives from the GMCA Waste and Resources team, WCA officers, Local Partnerships and members of the advisory team involved in the process. Moderation of scores is scheduled to occur in late January/early February in anticipation of a decision to appoint the preferred bidder(s) at the GMCA meeting on 15th February.

To repeat, whilst evaluation is taking place there will not be any interim details released due commercial confidentiality required for the Procurement procedures.

Thank You,

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1. Can the Leader update Council on any combined authority proposals for implementing financial charges which may impact Bury residents, including any plans for a congestion charge for those who drive into Manchester city centre? **Cllr N.Jones GMCA**

Response (Cllr Shori)

The 10 Greater Manchester local authorities are working with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to produce a single Clean Air Plan. This plan will describe how we will work together to meet targets for nitrogen dioxide in order to protect the health of some of our most vulnerable residents.

I can confirm that no decisions have yet been made as to the exact measures that will be taken.

The Government have required that we assess the impact of Charging Clean Air Zones where there could be a charge for more polluting vehicles to enter specific areas.

Again I stress that no decisions have yet been made in relation to the measures that will be introduced but I can confirm that a draft version of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan will be brought forward in Spring 2019.

A public conversation will then take place to seek wide-ranging feedback on the options available including a 'preferred option', while it is at a formative stage. This feedback would be used to inform the ongoing design of any scheme, and to understand any potential impacts from a public and stakeholder perspective. Using this feedback, local authorities and TfGM would then continue to work on the final version of the Plan.

2. Could the Council's member on the Combined Authority inform members what consideration is being given in Greater Manchester in charging higher emission vehicles to use Clean Air Zones? **Cllr Pickstone GMCA**

Response (Cllr Shori)

I refer Councillor Pickstone to the response given to the previous question.

3. Could the Council's spokesperson on the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee inform members what the average fare rise in January 2019, taking into account the new zonal system? **Cllr Pickstone TFGM**

Response (Cllr Bayley)

The average Metrolink fare rise in January 2018 is c. 2%.

However, it is important to note that customer travelling in to the City Centre (particularly from Bury which has had slightly lower fares historically) will experience increases closer to the pre-approved RPI+2.33% (c. 5.4%). The average increase is pulled down by lower fares for customers making journeys that interchange between lines (either travelling through zone 1 e.g. Bury to Altrincham or changing at Trafford Bar / Cornbrook e.g. Wythenshawe to Media City)

4. Could the Authority's spokesperson on Transport for Greater Manchester Committee inform members what additional provision can be made in enabling attendees at major events in Heaton Park to travel by public transport? **Cllr D'Albert TFGM**

Response (Cllr Bayley)

The current enhancements to Metrolink services for major events at Heaton Park are currently as follows:

- **A 6 minute double tram service is operated for ingress and egress of events, with additional standby vehicles available and used for peak times;**
- **Additional staff deployed to Heaton Park, Bowker Vale, Besses O' Th' Barn and Victoria, with response staff on the rest of the line;**
- **Event ticket (quick issue ticket) provision is in place to reduce queuing at ticket machines to speed up customers' journeys; and**
- **For some events, queuing arrangements are utilised at Victoria and Bowker Vale for safe loading of services.**

Based on feedback from major events at Heaton Park, TfGM do not currently propose to drastically change this.

A good example of event management is TfGM's role in the Parklife Festival in June 2018. TfGM provided a comprehensive travel plan, boosting Metrolink and assisting in the provision of shuttle buses.

TfGM work closely with the event organiser, MCC, GMP and transport operators to ensure that the transport offer is sufficient for the event and complements the event and partner strategies. This is the approach that will be taken forwards to ensure the transport response for upcoming events at Heaton Park is appropriate for the size of the events.