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**Chief Executive**

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**TO: All Members of Council**

**Councillors :** N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Caserta, R.Cathcart, P Cropper, T Cummings, M D'Albert, J Daly, I Gartside, J Grimshaw, D Gunther, M Hankey, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, R Hodkinson, T Holt, K Hussain, M James, D Jones, N Jones, G Keeley, J Kelly, O Kersh, K Leach, A McKay, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, T Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, A Simpson, R Skillen, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, J Walker, R Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright

Dear Member/Colleague

**Council**

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

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| <b>Date:</b>                | Wednesday, 10 April 2019  |
| <b>Place:</b>               | Council Chamber - Town Hall   |
| <b>Time:</b>                | 7.00 pm   |
| <b>Briefing Facilities:</b> | If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted. |
| <b>Notes:</b>               |   |

**AGENDA**

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

Reports are enclosed only for those attending the meeting and for those without access to the Council's Intranet or Website.

The Agenda and Reports are available on the Council's Intranet for Councillors and Officers and also on the Council's Website at [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) – click on **Agendas, Minutes and Forward Plan**.

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

**Yours sincerely**

*GP 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 - 14)**

### **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 (Pages 15 - 16)**

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 17 - 48)**

| <b>Committee/<br/>Date</b>                    | <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Recommendation</b>  |
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| Licensing and Safety Panel<br>10 January 2019 | Changes to Constitutional Make-up and Frequency of Panel Meetings/Daytime Meetings (Report attached) | To accept the proposals, in whole and seek Council approval with regard to altering the frequency of and Constitution of Licencing and Safety Panel meetings dealing with Hackney Carriage and Private Hire matters. |
| Cabinet – 12 March 2019                       | Mayoralty 2019/20  | That Councillor Holt be proposed as Mayor of the Borough for 2019/2020   |
| Democratic Arrangements Forum                 | Meetings Timetable 2019-20 (Report attached).  | That the Timetable of meetings for 2019/20 be  |

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| 1 April 2019           |   | approved.  |
| HRA Panel 4 April 2019 | Pay Policy Statement 2019-20 (Report attached). | To follow. |

## 6 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 49 - 64)

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 65 - 72)

- (A)A report from the Council's representative on the work of Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority, Councillor Quinn
- (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) Better Buses**

#### **This Council notes that:**

Buses account for around 80% of public transport journeys across Greater Manchester and are an important service to connect our residents and communities.

Whilst still the biggest provider of public transport, bus usage is decreasing. Since deregulation in the 1980s, bus use has gone down by 40% across Greater Manchester, while in London where they have a regulated network, it has doubled.

Under a deregulated service, private bus companies in Greater Manchester can set up, change and remove services when they like with little or no consultation or notification. This has led to vital but less profitable routes across the borough being cut or dependent on Local Authorities to subsidise.

A deregulated bus service has contributed to some of our largest public transport issues seen across the borough:

The decrease in bus services and usage has contributed to the increase in cars and traffic on our borough's roads. This has caused an increase in air pollution, contributing to an increase in health issues and wear and tear on our roads, impacting the quality of the road network.

Due to the ongoing reduction in bus services, many of our communities, rural villages and some larger suburban areas are being cut off from the rest of the borough, particularly in the evening. This

means that residents who do not drive have a further difficulty to access employment or leisure facilities and is impacting some of our more vulnerable residents who are unable to have their own mode of transport.

In areas where there isn't a robust and regular bus network, residents are dependent on more expensive modes of transport such as private car ownership or taxis. This is creating pockets of transport poverty across the borough and limiting access to leisure, education and employment opportunities.

Despite Pilsworth being one of borough's largest employment sites, there is no direct bus from Bury to Pilsworth and the lack of public transport in this area is further restricting access to employment opportunities.

Under a deregulated bus service, fares have increased by an average 55% in the last ten years making affordability more difficult for the poorest in our borough.

A regulated bus service could:

- Introduce a smart ticketing and daily cap, making public transport more affordable and accessible.
- Set and enforce the timetabling of buses across Greater Manchester, so buses are far more reliable and link up with other modes of transport.
- Provide access to comprehensive easy-to-find fare and timetable information.
- Profits from popular routes could be used to subsidise less busy routes, so all communities receive a good service.
- The network could be expanded to run desperately needed evening and weekend services.
- Introduce Greater Manchester standards of accessibility for disabled users.

### **This council resolves to:**

Fully support the re-regulation of bus services across Greater Manchester.

When the Mayor of Greater Manchester formally consults on bus regulation later this year, this council will help distribute the consultation in our public facing buildings and across the Council's online platforms.

Write to the Mayor of Greater Manchester and TfGM to acknowledge the work that has been done to help residents on low incomes access public transport and ask that they give consideration, in collaboration with partners, to:

- Continue to offer free and discounted bus and tram travel to residents who are long term out of work, returning to work or attending job interviews.
- Continue to provide free travel on buses, trains and trams to

pensioners and WASPI Women.

- Deliver on the Mayor of Greater Manchester's commitment to offer free bus travel for 16-18 year old.

Write to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask that fair funding be provided from the Government to introduce more zero and low emission buses in Greater Manchester, as has already been provided in London.

**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.**

## **(ii) Conductors on Trams**

### **This Council Notes:**

- (a) High levels of fare evasion on the Metrolink network – reported to this Council as an estimate that 1 in 8 journeys are not paid for.
- (b) Anti-social behaviour occurring on the tram network, contributing to some member of the local community feeling unsafe using Metrolink, particularly in the evenings.

Council recognises that other tram networks in the UK, such as those in Nottingham and in Wolverhampton-Birmingham, operate with on-board conductors, and that the merits of having these staff include:

- (a) Increased revenue collection as conductors are able to check tickets and passes, and collect outstanding fares from passengers on-board the tram
- (b) Improved passenger safety as the conductor represents a visible on-board presence to deter criminal and anti-social behaviour and can ensure that passengers are able to board or alight safely
- (c) Better customer service as the conductor can respond in person to passenger queries and to requests for assistance, such as aiding passengers with disabilities or push-chairs

Council notes that these are the same reasons that the RMT trades union cites in seeking the retention of guards on trains in its ongoing dispute with Northern Rail.

Given the reasons outlined above, and in light of the estimate that £9 million in revenue is lost across the Metrolink network in fare evasion, Council believes that there is merit in introducing conductors on the Bury – Manchester line for an evaluation to be conducted after a trial period of 12 months of its impact, with a view to making conductors permanent and across the network should the results prove favourable.

**Council therefore resolves:**

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executives of Transport for Greater Manchester and Metrolink outlining its position and requesting the introduction of conductors on the Bury Manchester line as a pilot.

**In the names of Councillors D'Albert, Pickstone and S 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 6 published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, providing four clear working days' notices has been given of the question.