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Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 11 September 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:	A briefing from the Boundary Commission will be held at 6pm in the Peel Room in advance of the Council meeting.

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

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

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Yours sincerely

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 - 12)

Minutes of the last meeting, held on 10 July 2019, are attached

3 **MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive communications from the Mayor and any announcements by the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive on matters of interest to the Council.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** (Pages 13 - 14)

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 15 - 18)

Committee/ Date	Subject	Recommendation
Human resources and Appeals Panel 16 July 2019	Approval of Applications for Voluntary Early Retirement with Severance (Report attached)	That in accordance with the Council's Pay Policy, the Human Resource and Appeals Panel recommends to Council the acceptance of the following two applications. These applications will be considered at the next scheduled meeting of Council due to be held on 11 th September 2019.

6 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 19 - 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 - 42)

- (A) A report will be given by 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) 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 M Powell, T Pickstone, C Tegolo and S Wright

(ii) Support for Bury FC

This council calls for our two MPs to ask the Commons Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee to revisit their reports from 2011/13/16 regarding football governance, ownership, finance and the lack of grassroots football facilities in England.

In the names of Councillors J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, C Cummins, R Gold, J Grimshaw, M Hayes, S Haroon, T Holt, D Jones, K Leach, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, A Simpson, L Smith, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby.

(iii) Support for Taxi Drivers

THIS COUNCIL acknowledges:

The vital contribution that Bury's taxi drivers make to providing safe and accessible transport, including for many of the Borough's elderly, disabled and younger residents.

That as the Licensing Authority Bury MBC, must do all it can to support the Borough's hard working taxi drivers and play its part in ensuring the trade provides a sustainable income for local drivers and their families.

THIS COUNCIL therefore resolves:

1: To instruct the Chief Executive to ensure plans are in place to open an MOT station for taxi's within Bury by the end of this year. Bury drivers have to travel to a single MOT station in Bolton for their vehicles and this monopoly has eliminated all market competition and created conditions for the unfair treatment of drivers.

2: That the Chief Executive carry out a review of the treatment of taxi drivers at the Bolton MOT station and meet with representatives of the trade within Bury to discuss these issues. That a joint plan be produced by the 31st October 2019 to ensure the concerns of local taxi drivers are taken seriously and acted upon.

3: To end the "them and us " culture that currently exists between Bury MBC and local taxi drivers by improving communication and informing taxi drivers directly of any increase in fees or other issue that will impact upon their livelihoods.

4: To instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of Greater Manchester informing him that this Council cannot agree with the current Clean Air Zone proposals and their disproportionate impact upon taxi drivers. To request the Mayor re-draft the current plan allowing GM Authorities to achieve clean air objectives without causing unnecessary damage to the livelihoods of taxi drivers. It must be made clear that Bury MBC will veto any Clean Air zone proposals put forward by GM that impose a financial penalty upon Bury's taxi drivers for simply carrying out their lawful business following the example of London, where taxis are exempted from the UltraLow Emission Zone.

5: The Chief Executive report to this Council at the Meeting to be held on the 27th November 2019 outlining a scheme of financial support for Bury taxi drivers. This would allow drivers to apply for funding to cover the installation of CCTV cameras in their vehicles and to support those drivers who require financial assistance to convert older vehicles to meet clean air objectives. Council further instructs the Chief Executive to carry out a review the current fee structure and assess the positive impact upon local taxi drivers and their families of a 20% reduction in all fees which would also support the trade locally.

6: The Chief Executive review the current process within Bury MBC for the revocation of licenses and inform Council on the 27th November 2019 together with members of the Licensing Committee of the criteria that must be taken into consideration when such applications are heard. Council is concerned as to the numbers of licenses revoked regarding the state of vehicles and the impact this is having on local families with the cessation of a taxi driver's livelihood.

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

9 **COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER** (Pages 43 - 46)

A report setting out progress in respect of Motions passed at the last meeting is attached.

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

11 **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).

12 **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 2 (2019/20) 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: 10 July 2019

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor T Holt), in the Chair; Councillors J Black, R A Caserta, R Cathcart, P Cropper, C Cummins, J Daly, I Gartside, R Gold, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, K Hussain, D Jones, N Jones, G Keeley, K Leach, G McGill, A McKay, J Mason, C Morris, B Mortenson, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, T D Pickstone, M Powell, A Quinn, T Rafiq, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, L Smith, S Smith, T Tariq, C Tegolo, K Thomas, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright.

Apologies from: Councillors K S Briggs, A J Cummings, S Hurst, O Kersh, A Simpson and C Walsh

Public attendance: 46 members of the public attended the meeting

C.53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor S Wright declared a personal interest in any matter relating to staffing as his wife is employed in a Bury School.
2. Councillors Daly, Gartside, Harris, N Jones and Y Wright declared personal interests in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time, as they are Members of the campaign group Bury Folk.
3. Councillor McGill declared a personal interest in respect of Item 10, Notice of Motion relating to Education, as his wife is an officer in a national education trade union.
4. Councillor Leach declared a personal interest in Item 7, Integrating Health and Care – Bury One Commissioning Organisation, as she is employed by the NHS.
5. Councillor L Smith declared a personal interest in Item 7, Integrating Health and Care – Bury One Commissioning Organisation, as her partner is employed by the NHS.
6. Councillor Mason declared a personal interests in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time, as Chair of Save Manchester Green Belt.
7. Councillor Morris declared a personal interest in relation to Item 9 Joint Authorities Report, as her partner is employed by Transport for Greater Manchester.

C.54 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 15 May 2019 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

C.55 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor welcomed Councillors Cummins, Gold, Hurst, Mason, Morris, Mortenson, Powell, Tegolo and Walsh to their first meeting of the Full Council.

The Mayor congratulated Nicola Schindler, Richard Searling and Janet Wood following their recognition in the Queens Honours list.

The Mayor thanked all those who attended the Mayoral Sunday Service held at the Guardian Angles.

Members stood in silent tribute to Lily Reid, a Freeman of the Borough, and local news reporter Jonathon Ali, who had recently passed away.

C.56 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Close Park	Ms C Birchmore	Councillor Quinn
2.	Housing Plan GMSF	Mr S Cluer	Councillor O'Brien
3.	Mosses Centre	Ms S Simmonds	Councillor Shori
4.	Mosses Centre	Mr P Adams	Councillor O'Brien
5.	Air Pollution	Ms C Allen	Councillor Quinn
6.	Glyphosate	Ms R Getcliffe	Councillor Quinn
7.	GMSF	Mr C Russell	Councillor Shori

C.57 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 June 2019 – Treasury Management Annual Report 2018/19

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

RESOLVED:

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

C.58 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.	Chamberhall	Councillor Harris	Councillor Shori
2.	Flood Defences	Councillor Cathcart	Councillor Shori
3.	Children’s Safeguarding	Councillor Susan Southworth	Councillor Tariq
4.	Senior Management Recruitment	Councillor N Jones	Councillor Black
5.	Council Funding Cuts	Councillor McGill	Councillor O’Brien
6.	SEND Inspection	Councillor Whitby	Councillor Tariq
7.	GMSF Trees	Councillor Cropper	Councillor O’Brien
8.	School Attendance	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Tariq
9.	Playing Pitch Strategy	Councillor Mortenson	Councillor Quinn
10.	Community Safety	Councillor Whitby	Councillor Gold
11.	Senior Recruitment Process	Councillor Gunther	Councillor Tariq
12.	Care Standards	Councillor Cummins	Councillor Shori
13.	Young People’s Aspirations	Councillor S Smith	Councillor Tariq
14.	Traffic – New Housing Developments	Councillor Harris	Councillor O’Brien
15.	Environmental Schools Conference	Councillor Gold	Councillor Quinn

16.	Brexit Preparations	Councillor Tegolo	Councillor O'Brien
17.	Uncollected Council Tax	Councillor Gunther	Councillor O'Brien
18.	Homeless Initiative	Councillor Hayes	Councillor O'Brien

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 19 to 33 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.	Istanbul Restaurant Sale	Councillor Daly	Councillor Shori
2.	Taxi MOT Station	Councillor Hussain	Councillor Shori
3.	Prestwich Regeneration Funding Bid	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Shori
4.	Non-Disclosure Agreements	Councillor N Jones	Councillor Shori
5.	Council Owned Property in St Anne's	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Shori
6.	Istanbul Restaurant/Regeneration of Prestwich	Councillor Tegolo	Councillor Shori
7.	Non-Disclosure Agreements	Councillor Caserta	Councillor Shori
8.	No Deal Brexit	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Shori

C.59 INTEGRATING HEALTH AND CARE – BURY ONE COMMISSIONING ORGANISATION

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

RESOLVED:

That the Council as a core statutory partner with NHS Bury Clinical Commissioning Board:

- 1) Agrees the proposed strategic approach and framework described in this report;
- 2) Agrees that a Strategic Commissioning Board will be established as a Joint Committee with delegated functions, to operate from 1 October 2019
- 3) Authorises the Council Solicitor to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution to enable implementation of the arrangements.

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

RESOLVED:

That the revised Constitution be adopted.

C.61 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL’S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- (a) Councillor Shori, the Council’s representative on the Greater Manchester Transport Authority reported on the work of the Authority 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.	Community Policing Teams	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Gold (Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities)
2.	Police Incidents on Metrolink	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Gold (Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities)
3.	Plastics in Residual Waste Stream	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Quinn (Representative on GM Waste Authority)
4.	Virridor Laing Contract	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Quinn (Representative on GM Waste Authority)
5	Metrolink Ticket Revenue	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Shori (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
6.	GM Transport Funding	Councillor Walmsley	Councillor Shori (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)

C.62 ELECTION OF COUNCIL LEADER

Councillor Shori formally notified the Council of his intention to step down as Leader of the Council with immediate effect, necessitating Council to elect a new Leader.

It was moved by Councillor Shori and seconded by Councillor Cummins that:

Councillor David Jones be appointed as Leader of the Council.

Prior to the vote on the motion, in excess of eight Councillors requested that voting be recorded to show how each Member cast their vote, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5.

The result of the vote was as follows:-

For the motion:

Councillors J Black, R Cathcart, C Cummins, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, M Hayes, D Jones, K Leach, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, L Smith, S Smith, T Tariq, K Thomas and M Whitby.

Against the motion:

R A Caserta, P Cropper, J Daly, I Gartside, D L Gunther, J Harris, K Hussain, N Jones, G Keeley, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R E Walker and Y Wright.

Abstaining from the motion:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillors McKay, Mason, Powell, Tegolo, Pickstone and S Wright.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

(Note: This item, which did not appear on the Summons for the Meeting, was allowed by the Mayor to be considered as a matter of urgency due to the constitutional requirement for the Full Council to elect a Leader).

C.63 NOTICES OF MOTION

Education in Bury

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, J Harris, S Hurst, 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 Caserta that:-

This Council Notes:

The hard work and dedication of school leaders, governors, teachers, support staff and all professionals working within the education sector in the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

That many schools within Bury are delivering good educational provision to our children and teachers are working tirelessly to achieve this.

However, Council is alarmed by the declining educational and behavioural standards at a number of schools within the Borough. In 2007 Bury's schools were ranked 45th out of 148 Local Authorities in the 5ACEM indicator and 3rd in Greater Manchester, however in 2017 Ofsted ranked Bury 141st out of a 162 Local Authorities and 21st out

of 23 in the North West. In 2017 21.6 % pupils attended an RI / Inadequate school and the situation is getting worst.

A recent OFSTED Inspection of a High School within the Borough found it was “ failing to give it’s pupils an acceptable standard of education.” Council is concerned that such comments highlight a wider problem with educational standards, especially within our High Schools. Furthermore it is inexcusable that a recent OFSTED report found that children with special educational needs and disabilities were being let down by Bury Council.

Council believes that the ruling Labour Group, in power since 2010 have let down children and families within our Borough by allowing such a deterioration in educational standards. It is inexcusable that we do not have a full-time Assistant Director of Education in place with a plan to drive up standards and the lack of leadership from Bury MBC over many years on this issue is shameful. How can it be the case that other comparable Local Authorities, whose schools have been funded in the same manner as Bury have seen educational standards rise whilst they have plummeted in many schools within our Borough.

Council therefore instructs:

1. The Interim Assistant Director of Education to provide a written report to all councillors by Friday 9th August 2019 to confirm what immediate steps must be taken to improve educational standards within the Borough.
2. The Interim Assistant Director of Education to provide a written report to all councillors by Friday 9th August 2019 identifying which individual schools within the Borough are failing to provide an acceptable standard of education to their pupils and highlighting what emergency steps must be taken by Bury MBC to address these problems.
3. The Chief Executive to provide a written report to all councillors by Friday 9th August 2019 amending the Budget passed by Council in February to ensure that funding be made available immediately to invest in educational support services. If money can be found to employ highly remunerated directors it can be found to support services to the most vulnerable in our Borough. That within this report the Interim Assistant Director of Education highlight the amount of money needed to assist schools in improving their educational provision.
4. That a cross-party committee of councillors be appointed to assume responsibility for overseeing the transformation of educational standards within the Borough. That this committee meet every 2 weeks and be briefed on each occasion by the Interim Assistant Director of Education as to the progress of Bury MBC’s plan to drive up educational standards within many of our schools. That Council give this Committee the authority to direct the Assistant Director of Education together with others to take what steps they feel necessary to improve the educational provision at failing schools within the Borough.
5. The Interim Assistant Director of Education to appear before each sitting of the Scrutiny Committee for this municipal year to brief members on the steps being taken by Bury Council to drive up educational standards.

It was moved by Councillor Tariq and seconded by Councillor D Jones as an amendment to:-

Retain:

The hard work and dedication of school leaders, governors, teachers, support staff and all professionals working within the education sector in the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

That many schools within Bury are delivering good educational provision to our children and teachers are working tirelessly to achieve this.

Replace para's 3-5 with:

In 2007 Bury's schools were ranked 27th out of 148 Local Authorities in the 5ACEM indicator; this increased to 30th in 2011.

In 2017 Ofsted ranked Bury 75th out of 151 Local Authorities and 10th out of 23 in the North West.

It is acknowledged that performance has deteriorated in secondary schools over recent years relative to national figures, however we saw slight improvement in the new good pass in English & Maths in 2018 and we continue to be in line with the national average for the percentage of pupils in sustained education, employment and training.

There has been a decline in Ofsted inspections overall in Bury, with a 2% dip against the North West average in primary for the percentage of pupils in good or better schools since 2015 (when a new Ofsted Framework was introduced); in secondary the dip against the North West is 15% since 2015 however Bury was 19% above the North West in 2017. The overall dip in Bury in 2019 is due to the performance in secondary schools.

The SEND inspection was an inspection of the Local Area rather than the Council. Inspectors found that the Local Area had made sufficient progress in 5 out of 8 areas. The 3 areas in which sufficient progress had not been made were:

- Sharing of health information
- Joint Commissioning Arrangements
- Awareness of EHCP Plans by health practitioners

Primary performance has seen lifts or stability last year / performing in line with other LAs in Early Years, Year 1 Phonics and Key Stage 2. In relation to standards between 2011 and 2018, Bury has improved in all primary measures. Both primary and secondary phases have seen changes to assessment tests and indicators within this period.

Bury Performance is line with North West; in primary 3 out of 5 indicators showed improved ranking between 2012 and 2018, whilst secondary has seen a decline to 11th in the North West out of 23.

It should be noted that the School Improvement Team reduced dramatically in size at the end of 2010 when National Strategies funding ceased. The latest proposed restructure would increase the current team by 50%.

Council therefore resolves:

1. The Interim Assistant Director of Education to provide a written report to all councillors by Friday 9th August 2019 to confirm what steps must be taken to improve educational standards within the Borough.

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Amend 4 with bold additions and deletion of italics text follows:

4. That a **working group** of councillors be appointed to assume responsibility for overseeing the transformation of educational standards within the Borough. That this **working group** meet **termly** and be briefed on each occasion by the Interim Assistant Director of Education **& the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People** as to the progress of Bury MBC’s plan to drive up educational standards within of our schools.

That the Council give this committee the authority to direct the Assistant Director of Education together with others to take what steps they feel necessary to improve the educational provision at failing schools in the Borough

Amend 5 with bold additions as follows:

5. The **Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**, alongside the Interim Assistant Director of Education to appear before each sitting of the Scrutiny Committee for this municipal year to brief members on the steps being taken by Bury Council to drive up educational standards. **The focus of the meeting will be an agenda agreed / set by the Cabinet Member of Children and Young People.**

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

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

(ii) Climate Emergency

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

Councillors J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, C Cummins, R Gold, J Grimshaw, M Hayes, S Haroon, T Holt, D Jones, K Leach, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O’Brien, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, A Simpson, L Smith, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby.

It was moved by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Mortenson that:-

Bury Council welcomes the Labour-led national and Greater Manchester declarations of a Climate Emergency. This Council notes the many positive examples of progress made within in our borough, but given the scale of the challenge believes more needs to be done.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change made clear in its October 2018 Special Report that action from all parts of society is necessary, and that local governments have a responsibility to lead the way.

Unless action is taken at every level of government to do much more to drive cuts in emissions, the battle to tackle climate change will be lost. It is positive that

Government has committed the UK to become carbon neutral by 2050, but this pledge will be worthless without legislation and the necessary finance to deliver real change.

Over 600 cities in thirteen countries have already responded by declaring a Climate Emergency, and are taking action to address this emergency. These declarations are strong symbolic statements, but actions need to follow with the pace and scale of change accelerated in order to make the difference that is required.

This Council notes that:

- (i) All levels of government have a duty to bring in measures to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown. Towns and cities cannot wait for national governments to change, they need to act now;
- (ii). City-regions like Greater Manchester are uniquely placed to bring in actions to reduce carbon emissions, as they are in many ways easier to de-carbonise than rural areas;
- (iii). The consequences of the global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be our number one priority for the years ahead;
- (iv). That many residents, including young people, are extremely concerned about climate change;
- (v). Bold local action on climate change will deliver many economic and social benefits – in terms of new green jobs, economic savings and market/commercial opportunities. It will also lead to improved health and well-being for Bury residents, for example via reducing fuel poverty and energy bills, encouraging healthy active travel and improving green spaces and access to nature.

This Council resolves:

1. To declare a Climate Emergency and aspire for Bury to be Carbon Neutral by 2038;
2. To create a cross party, stakeholder panel to develop a Climate Emergency Strategic Plan and associated Delivery Plan. The membership of this stakeholder panel should include **[but is not limited to pending further discussion]** all public sector partners, community representation and the business community; This Strategic Plan would promote both big and small changes. It would have a particular focus on reducing carbon emissions, promoting the development of renewable energy initiatives and seeking to make Bury a leader in eco – business. The ambition should be that plans to tackle climate change should be mainstreamed into the borough’s plans for economic growth and those to improve population health;
3. The Stakeholder Panel should report back to Council within the next six months setting out the immediate steps the Council will take to address the Climate Change emergency, and the longer term actions that will be necessary;
4. The Council acknowledges that the public services in Bury alone cannot deliver the change that is needed and that leadership across our communities is required. On that basis, the Council will look to create Environmental Forums in each of the borough’s six townships to help develop a community response to the Climate Emergency;
5. The Council will actively lobby the Government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2038 target.

It was moved by Councillor Pickstone and seconded by Councillor S Wright as an amendment to:-

Delete:

“Bury Council welcomes the Labour-led national and Greater Manchester declarations of a Climate Emergency. This Council notes the many positive examples of progress made within in our borough, but given the scale of the challenge believes more needs to be done.”

Replace with:

This Council Notes:

- 1. Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity;**
- 2. In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible;1**
- 3. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm;**
- 4. Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption;**

Delete:

1. To declare a Climate Emergency and aspire for Bury to be Carbon Neutral by 2038
2. To create a cross party, stakeholder panel to develop a Climate Emergency Strategic Plan and associated Delivery Plan. The membership of this stakeholder panel should include **[but is not limited to pending further discussion]** all public sector partners, community representation and the business community; This Strategic Plan would promote both big and small changes. It would have a particular focus on reducing carbon emissions, promoting the development of renewable energy initiatives and seeking to make Bury a leader in eco – business. The ambition should be that plans to tackle climate change should be mainstreamed into the borough’s plans for economic growth and those to improve population health;
3. The Stakeholder Panel should report back to Council within the next six months setting out the immediate steps the Council will take to address the Climate Change emergency, and the longer term actions that will be necessary;

Replace with:

- 1. Declare a ‘Climate Emergency’;**
- 2. To make the Bury Council, including statutory partners we control, carbon neutral by 2030.**
- 3. Pledge to make the Borough of Bury carbon neutral by 2030.**
- 4. Ask the Leader to make the immediate policy changes necessary to achieve these targets – including planning, land use, air pollution and transport**

5. **To create a cross party, stakeholder panel to develop a Climate Emergency Strategic Plan and associated Delivery Plan. The membership of this stakeholder panel should include public sector partners, community representation and the business community; This Strategic Plan would promote both big and small changes. It would have a particular focus on reducing carbon emissions, promoting the development of renewable energy initiatives and seeking to make Bury a leader in eco – business. The ambition should be that plans to tackle climate change should be mainstreamed into the borough’s plans for economic growth and those to improve population health;**
6. **The Stakeholder Panel should report back to Council within the next six months setting out what steps the Council will take to address the Climate Change emergency, and the longer term actions that will be necessary;**

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

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

The Mayor called upon the Leader to move the Closure Motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9, and with 43 voting for, 0 against it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the whole of the remaining business before Council be approved.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.40 pm

- NOTE:**
- The Notice of Motion – Fixing Fashion was duly approved.
 - There were no scrutiny review reports or specific items called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
 - There were no questions on the work of Outside Bodies or Questions on the Delegated Decisions of the Council.

Public Questions (With Notice)

1. At a recent meeting with members of Bury Council Planning department I asked why they were proposing to release enough greenbelt to build 2,920 more houses than Bury Council was required to as part of the GMSF. I was told that the extra release of greenbelt was for the period after the GMSF when additional houses would be required.

Since the Council themselves acknowledged that once the greenbelt is released they have no way of insisting on a brownfield first policy I am concerned that this will mean that at the end of the GMSF period Bury will end up with 2,920 houses more than required built on greenbelt.

I was told by the planning department that information about the planned over release was freely available in the public domain. I have to ask why more councillors are not challenging these figures and why it appears that the Council is intent on allowing more houses to be built on greenbelt than is required. **Carole Birchmore**

- A. The Government's housing targets for Bury was over 11,500 new homes but this target has been reduced to less than 9,500 in the second draft of the GMSF. This allowed a significant amount of Green Belt land to be protected and, in Bury, there was a reduction in Green Belt release of over 40% between the first and the second drafts.**

The fact is that we simply do not have enough brownfield land in the Borough to meet even this reduced target and this therefore, difficult decisions need to be made around the release of Green Belt land. This is not unique to Bury – it is happening right across the country in order for the Government's housing targets to be met.

The targets could be met by releasing dozens of smaller Green Belt sites but these would not be big enough to secure any of the necessary infrastructure that is needed to accommodate new development. Cars would using the same roads without room for improvements, children would be using the same schools and such an approach would exacerbate the existing capacity issues that we have around physical and social infrastructure.

Instead, the strategy we are proposing, seeks to release large strategic sites that are of a size that they are able to provide some real and tangible infrastructure benefits, that will not only mitigate for the new development, but will also help to elevate existing pressures. The proposals in Bury will help to deliver new roads, junctions improvements, additional public transport capacity and new schools and health facilities. The proposals will also open up much of the Green Belt to the public, providing a

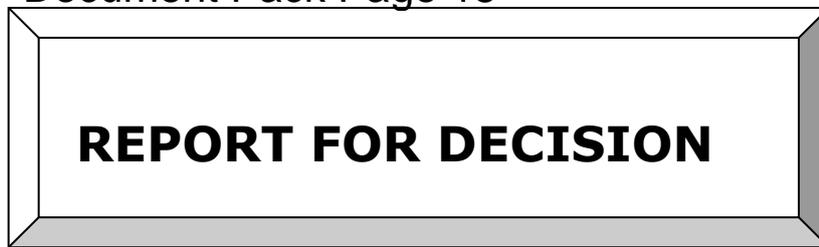
range of recreation facilities from new cycle routes to country parks.

However, in order to secure these benefits, proposals need to be of a size that will ensure that the package of new infrastructure measures are viable and deliverable. Whilst this does mean that on the larger sites development will not come forward until after the plan period, the land needs to be identified for development at this stage to provide the certainty needed to secure the investment needed for major infrastructure provision. Without this certainty, the major infrastructure interventions could not be delivered

2. Given that there is no proper Adult Education Services provision in Radcliffe, can you please explain why Bury Adult Education Services' management has so far failed to consider positively repeated requests from Friends of Dumers Lane Community Centre to include Dumers Lane Community Centre as a regular venue for their courses in all their brochures? **Nicole Haydock**

Adult Learning brochures are only produced twice per year. The planning for the autumn brochure starts in March for publication in July. The spring/ summer brochure is planned in October /November for publication December. Brochures are one method we use to promote courses along with the use of social media – we use Spotted Radcliffe which we understand is well used by the local community, Bury Adult Learning Service website, Bury Times, Posters and Leaflets, Council Twitter and Facebook pages. These methods are more flexible and responsive to the development of provision in communities as this happens all year round and does not necessarily fit into the production of the two course guides. We have however included Dumers Lane on the back of our course guide as a partner along with the organisations we currently work with across Bury.

Partnership working is growing with groups across Radcliffe including Dumers Lane and we have delivered taster sessions in the centre to help promote learning. We want to build on the partnership to develop provision with a view to including courses in our spring/ summer guide where appropriate which means that we would need to have plans in place of the intended offer by the end of October. This does not exclude the development of courses throughout the year as information regarding community learning needs are identified.



DECISION OF:	Council
DATE:	11th September 2019
SUBJECT:	Approval of Applications for Voluntary Early Retirement with Severance
REPORT FROM:	Councillor Jane Black
CONTACT OFFICER:	Chief Executive
TYPE OF DECISION:	COUNCIL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	Pay policy approval for severance packages
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	Recommendation It is recommended that severance payments are approved to two chief officers, following a recommendation from the Council's Human Resources and Appeals Panel, in order to make future savings for the Council.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	These proposals support the Council's recurrent savings targets and the one-off costs associate with them can be covered within the annual pension fund allowance.
Equality/Diversity implications:	None
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Yes Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 requires Councils to publish a pay policy statement annually. Terms and Conditions of Employment are specifically identified as non-executive matters within the Functions

	<p>Regulations. The Council's pay policy requires that any severance package in excess of £100,000 be considered by Full Council. The Transparency code issued under the Local Government (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015 requires that the authority publish the details of remuneration and job titles of senior employees whose remuneration is at least £50,000. Consequently as a matter of policy approval of Council is required to approve the proposed exit packages.</p>
Wards Affected:	
Scrutiny Interest:	

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Joint Executive Team/CCMT	Cabinet Member/Chair Briefed	Ward Members (if necessary)	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Other Committee	Council	Comms
		11.09.2019	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of medium term budget planning the Council ran a corporate voluntary exit campaign in May 2019. The campaign was launched to reduce workforce costs on a voluntary basis by accepting exit applications where the post may be deleted or reconfigured to reduce costs, on an individual business case basis.
- 1.2 The terms of the Council's severance scheme are broadly comparable to redundancy, comprising:
 - a one-off lump sum "severance" payment, calculated via an agreed matrix
 - access to unabated pension for staff aged 55 or over with the employer required to meet associated capital costs
- 1.3 In total, following HRA approval, the Council has agreed 67 exit applications to date, of which 25 included access to pension. Once exit costs have been recovered the reductions represent a saving of over £1,900,000. This reduction will make an important contribution to overall savings delivery and provide some in-year financial flexibility.
- 1.4 The associated exit costs to deliver the contractual package as described in section 1.4 involves a one-off spend against the pension capital budget of £914,516.04, with applicable severance costs met by the salary budgets within services.

2.0 ISSUES

2.1 In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and statutory guidance issued by DCLG on 20th February 2013, Local Authorities are required to present details of any severance package paid to an officer where the value of the package exceeds £100,000. Approval of the package is subject to a vote by full Council. Within the Guidance the definition of the elements which make up the £100,000 and above severance package includes:

- i. Salary paid in lieu of notice;
- ii. Lump sum redundancy payment; and
- iii. Cost to the Council of any pension enhancement or strain on the pension fund

This is built into the Council's Pay Policy Statement.

2.2 The Council has received two termination applications where the post may be declared redundant but associated costs are above the £100,000 threshold because of the pension strain. The pension strain is paid to enhance the pension of the officer and is a pension scheme rule and not one the Council or the individual controls. The HRA Panel recommended the acceptance of the two exit applications set out in this report but consequently these require full Council approval. The applications are presented as an alternative to compulsory redundancy due to current restructuring proposals and it should be noted that compulsory redundancy situations for employees aged 55 and over would result in the same costs.

2.4 To not approve these payments means that officers above the age of 55 and who are in higher paid jobs would be denied access to the early termination scheme and this could effectively mean that the Council is unable to make senior officers who have considerable length of service redundant, whether voluntarily or compulsorily. This could impact on employees in lesser paid roles who are of a younger age and would be more susceptible to redundancy.

2.5 The costs of release for the two recommended applications are set out below. Council is advised that the pensions capital cost will be covered by annual provision from the Greater Manchester Pension Fund and does not present any revenue pressure to the Council. The risk of pressure on pension capital allocation this year is mitigated by the exit dates proposed which are towards the end of the calendar year. The severance cost will be met by salary budget.

Employee	Service	Date of Exit	Reason	Capital Cost - £	Severance Cost - £
Chief Officer 1	Finance	311219	Voluntary Early Retirement with Severance	167,820.17	31,310.74
Chief Officer 2	HROD	300919 flexible retirement then exit 310320	Flexible Retirement then Voluntary Early Retirement with Severance	165,730.27	30,614.80

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Council is asked to approve the above applications to enable contractual obligations to be met.
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List of Background Papers:-

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Q.	Party	Question
1.	Conservative	Will Bury MBC ensure football continues to be played at Gigg Lane by doing everything possible to facilitate the purchase of the site from the current owners? Cllr Daly
	Leader	The stadium is still in the ownership of Steve Dale, but is mortgaged to a third party. We are supportive of the efforts of Forever Bury to find a buyer of the Club capable of funding the acquisition of the stadium and the efforts to convince the EFL to allow entry to league two from the start of the 2020/21 season.
2.	Labour Cllr Black	<p>Following the government announcement that Councils will receive additional funding in order to prepare for a potential no deal Brexit, could the leader tell us how much has been allocated to Bury and confirm if this will be sufficient funding? Cllr Walmsley</p> <p>To date Bury Council has received £314,952 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Governance in relation to Brexit readiness, with options being developed to ensure the effective use of this funding including specific engagement with the Borough on concerns around Brexit; supporting residents access digital tools as part of Settled Status applications; providing support through a voluntary sector partner(s) at a neighbourhood level for those most likely to be impacted by withdrawal and from hard-to-reach groups; gaining further Bury specific insights on the impact of trade on local businesses in terms of import, export and workforce (skills and capacity)</p>
3	Labour	<p>Can the leader tell us how we are going to address the £25m shortfall in budget between the council and the CCG and what this could mean for residents in the borough?</p> <p>Supplementary:- The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has said he is committing £1.8bn of "new money" to the NHS, will Bury CCG see any of this money? Cllr C Walsh</p>
	Cllr Simpson	<p>The Council is addressing its share of the shortfall by progressing the savings measures which were agreed at the budget setting meeting in February of this year.</p> <p>Clearly some of these measures are more challenging than others, however we expect to be able to balance the budget with some one-off mitigations whilst continuing to monitor the progress on all the agreed savings measures.</p> <p>For the CCG there are plans to cover around 50% of the CCG gap during 2019/20 but with some risks to delivery of these. The CCG is working with other organisations across the health and care system to identify mitigations and financial support in order to meet statutory duties for the current financial year. There are no expected material impacts on Bury residents during 2019/20</p>

		<p>beyond those previously agreed as part of the budget setting process in February of this year.</p> <p>The Council and CCG are working together on a joint Medium Term Financial Plan which will need to address recurrent underlying financial issues. This includes reviews of the Urgent Care and Intermediate care systems, outpatients, and other key services. Proposals will be developed with recommendations going through Council and CCG governance over the next 3-4 months, with appropriate public consultation and engagement. Any potential impact on Bury residents will be clearly articulated at that stage</p>
4	Conservative	It was recently stated by the Member of Parliament for Bury North that Gigg Lane could not be built on. Is this true and did he receive this information from Bury MBC? Cllr N Jones
	Leader	The land which the grounds sits upon has a specific planning status which means the Stadium can only be redeveloped if an equivalent facility is constructed elsewhere in the Borough.
5	Labour	How are we progressing with the educational outcomes of young people in our borough? Cllr Susan Southworth
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Although the results we have are unvalidated- and there are still appeals with remarking taking place, we can provide a helpful overview.</p> <p>At Primary Level the overall position is one of stability: early years has done well, there are concerns regarding Key Stage one , Key Stage Two has held steady.</p> <p>Within this picture there have been some notable successes. The Chief Executive has written to a large number of schools where there have been commendable performances.</p> <p>At secondary level our results are also stable, albeit at a level where we should offer challenge to some governing bodies,</p> <p>The post 16 outcomes of our young People are notable good with some of our best ever results.</p> <p>In response to this general picture the local authority has developed and is implementing a robust school improvement programme.</p> <p>This in turn is the focus of both the Scrutiny Committee and of the Members Group set up to consider our educational outcomes.</p>
6	Labour	Can the leader tell council about the levels of insurance claims paid out by Bury Council due to pot holes? Cllr Mortenson

	Cllr Black	<p>For this financial year to date (1st April to 1st September) totally payments for settled pothole damage claims total £1,626.40</p> <p>For 2018/19 the total payments for such claims was £43,774.06 and for 2017/18 the total was £91,457.48</p> <p>The reduction is the result of a number of factors. In 2017 the Council commenced a £10 million highway improvement programme over 3 years. In addition to resurfacing schemes, the Council has invested in the latest spray injection patching equipment to reduce the backlog of potholes. A new highway inspection policy was also approved earlier this year, in line with the latest code of practice, which has allowed more claims to be defended.</p>
7	Conservative	<p>How many children have been referred over the last 12 months to child protection services because of suspected abuse and neglect.? How many were placed on the child protection register and how many were taken off. What has Bury Council learnt from these issues and what is it doing to deliver more effective solutions? Cllr Hussain</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Reporting Year (2018/19) 2,271 referrals were dealt with by the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) due to suspected Abuse or Neglect, which equates to 78% of all referrals.</p> <p>In the same reporting period, 296 children were made subject to formal Child Protection Plans and 292 children had their formal plans ended either because they became looked after or they stepped down to a Child in Need.</p> <p>The biggest category of abuse in Neglect, 52%, Emotional Abuse 42%, Sexual Abuse 3.4% and Physical Abuse 2%.</p> <p>Bury Children Safeguarding Board monitors and reviews child protection case conference activity and feeds any issues and themes into training and updating policies and safeguarding practice guidance. The Boards annual 2018/19 report is available on the newly formed Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership (BISP) website which provides more detailed information on learning that has taken place.</p>
8	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members what plans the Council has to protect the ground at Gigg Lane and retain it as a recreational space for the community, given its status as an Asset of Community Value and the recreational use covenant on the land? Cllr S Wright</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The ground at Gigg Lane is a privately owned stadium and the Council's role is as the planning authority to determine any</p>

		proposal for planning permission coming forward. Any application would obviously have to be dealt with on its merits but the current policy position is that redevelopment for non-football use (such as housing, retail or office use) would have to consider the relocation and delivery of appropriate facilities to an alternative site within the Borough. Further, as the ground is currently designated as an asset of community value, this means that should it come up for sale, the community group that registered it with the Council can have up to six months to raise funds and bid for it. It will also be relevant in any planning application to emphasise the community use to which the asset has been put.
9	Labour	Following the recent report from the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee on local government finance, could the Leader outline what representations have been made to government by Bury Council and / or the GMCA to tackle the estimated £5 billion funding gap ahead of next year's now delayed spending review. Cllr C Morris
	Cllr O'Brien	Bury Council plays full role in submitting evidence to support established networks in their representations on behalf of the whole of the Local Government Sector, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIGOMA (Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities) • LGA (Local Government Association) • GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority)
10	Labour	Can the Leader give us an update on the City Forest Park? Cllr Mortenson
	Cllr Quinn	All partners including Bury and Forestry England remain committed to the project and City of Trees have been organising various community engagement and practical conservation events. <p>Forestry England have been undertaking an extensive feasibility study over the last 18 months in relation to managing land owned by Bury Council – Philips Park, Outwood Country Park, Prestwich Clough and Outwood Trail.</p> <p>This is now complete and Forestry England have decided these sites do not fit into their current business model for managing sites. However, they are enthusiastic about the future of their partnership work with Bury Council on the land they already manage at Drinkwater and Waterdale, as well as their ongoing work with the City of Trees and other partners in the City Forest Park Project.</p>
11	Conservative	Has the GMSF been delayed due to legal reasons related to the drafting of the Plan and specifically how individual green belt sites are identified for proposed development Cllr Harris

	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Members may be aware that the next stage of the GMSF is currently timetabled to be released for consultation in the Autumn of this year. It has been widely reported in various media outlets that this timeframe may not be met. It should be noted that a formal decision on this has not been made and the issue will be considered at the next Greater Manchester Combined Authority meeting on 27th September.</p> <p>I am not aware that there are any legal issues associated with the drafting of the plan or the way in which individual sites have been identified that would warrant a delay to the timetable.</p> <p>However, I am mindful of the complexities around the GMSF as a statutory planning document, and the importance of ensuring that sufficient time is allocated to fully consider all of the submissions made in the second round of consultation. It may be that the timetable is eventually amended to give sufficient time to do this</p>
12	Labour	<p>Can the leader update us on waiting times for ambulances in the borough as residents have informed me of delayed waits of up to 9 hours ?</p>
	Cllr Simpson	<p>Ambulance transport is commissioned by Bury CCG from the North West Ambulance Services (NWAS). There are two types of transport – the emergency service (999) and the non-emergency Patient Transport Service. From your query, our working assumption is that the delay of 9 hours referred to would have related to the Patient Transport Service, rather than the emergency service.</p> <p>If it relates to patients waiting to be picked up to take them to a hospital appointment the target for NWAS is to arrive at the planned appointment no more than 60 minutes before their appointment time. The latest data for Greater Manchester for Quarter 1 (April – June 2019) shows that 73% of all conveyances arrived within 60 minutes of their appointment time. The target is 90%. For Bury specifically the latest information we have is for June 2019 which is at 74%. For the same month, we know that 5 Bury patients waited more than 90 minutes for their appointment, but do not have any information about the longest wait; so cannot corroborate any Bury patients waiting for 9 hours. If more specific information can be provided, for example when the patient's scheduled pick up time was and when the ambulance arrived and their destination hospital, then the CCG will be able to look into this further.</p>
13	Labour	<p>Can you please update us as to the current situation regarding the testing of licensed vehicles by Bury Council? Cllr Gold</p>
	Cllr Rafiq	<p>The Licensing Service currently licences just short of 1000 vehicles</p>

		<p>(989 as of the start of September). All vehicles are required to undertake a vehicle compliance check which tests the vehicle to current MOT safety standards along with a number of quality standards prescribed by the Licensing Authority. This compliance check exempts the vehicle from having a MOT certificate. All licensed vehicles are tested by the Operations Division Workshop usually housed at Bradley Fold. As Bradley Fold does not carry out repairs for failed vehicles it should be seen as an independent test facility.</p> <p>The current testing arrangements provide for 50 – 55 weekly appointments which equates to approximately 2500 annual slots. This is adequate for 1000 vehicles which usually need 2 test per year, with capacity to incorporate any additional retests. Taxi owners are encouraged to book their tests well in advance, however there are occasional problems for owners when they leave this to the last minute.</p> <p>In February 2019 Bradley Fold suffered a fire which destroyed the vehicle workshop. In order to maintain business continuity, alternative testing arrangements were up and running within 48 hours at Bolton Council Workshop 4 miles away from the Bradley Fold Testing Station. Bury Council vehicle examiners have been working at The Bolton centre, testing to Bury Council licensing standards since February whilst investigations were carried out and new plans for a replacement workshop were implemented. Work has now started on rebuilding the workshop with an expected completion date of November 2019.</p> <p>Following requests to provide the trade with additional testing facilities the Council has agreed to carry out a review and options appraisal. This will include an audit of the current facilities, procedures, manuals, the need for photographic or video recording of tests and a review of customer satisfaction and complaints.</p>
14	Conservative	<p>The Lord Raglan site in Nangreaves has been plagued with criminal and anti-social behaviour over the last year. Will the Council commit to supporting local residents by providing CCTV cameras to cover the area Cllr Gunther</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>Thank you Councillor Gunther for raising these concerns on behalf of people living close to the former Lord Raglan public house. In order to assess the extent of the issue, a Council officer last week visited the site in the evening. They spent around one hour looking round the adjacent area and spoke to people walking their dogs. There were no apparent signs of anti social or criminal behaviour in the area. The building itself was secure, with no signs of fly tipping, vandalism or graffiti, and, while vehicles were</p>

		<p>parked on the car park, there were no occupants or signs of criminal or anti social activity.</p> <p>The Lord Raglan is currently in private ownership and, according to their estate agent's website, for sale and 'under offer'.</p> <p>While installation of CCTV cameras would potentially alleviate local residents' concerns, their installation would not be immediate as consideration would need to be given to the type of systems used, appropriate lighting, and communications. As there is currently no local authority funding available for provision of new CCTV cameras, this would need to be found or an agreement reached with the current owner, however, due to the building's current 'under offer' status they may not be willing to support this.</p> <p>If residents become aware of any issues of the type you have raised, they should be encouraged to report it to the relevant authorities.</p>
15	Labour	<p>Could the Leader outline the next steps for the GM Clean Air plan now that the required funding has been refused by the Government. Cllr C Morris</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Funding for the GM Clean Air plan has not been refused by Government.</p> <p>The GM Clean Air Plan Outline Business Case submitted to the Government in March asked for £116m of funding to support businesses in upgrading to cleaner vehicles [£59m for freight, £29m for Buses and £28m for taxis and private hire vehicles], we also estimated that GM would need £78m to implement a Clean Air Zone.</p> <p>The Government responded in July by directing the Greater Manchester authorities to implement a Clean Air Zone and provided £36m of funding to take this forward. They also asked for a fuller justification for the cleaner vehicle funds.</p> <p>The next steps are that we continue to develop the proposals in more detail using evidence from the 'Conversation' and other sources to justify the funding bids aforementioned but also to support other measures such as Loan finance, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, promoting Sustainable Journeys and further infrastructure and operating costs for the Clean Air Zone.</p> <p>This funding bid will be made in the Final Business Case once a statutory consultation on GM's Clean Air Plan detailed proposals is undertaken. The date for commencement of the consultation and submission of the FBC is under discussion with the government.</p>
16	Lib Dem	<p>The Sunday Times reports that Government plans to end freedom of</p>

		<p>movement on 31 October in case of no deal have been scrapped. The Government has stated repeatedly that EU citizens have until 31 December 2020 to apply for a new immigration status via the EU Settlement Scheme in case of no deal. However, the "Get ready for no deal" website suggests that EU citizens may need to apply ahead of the 31 October deadline "subject to negotiations and personal circumstances". Could the Leader of the Council clarify what options have you considered to outreach and inform EU citizens in Bury, especially vulnerable and at risk groups? Cllr Tegolo</p>
	Cllr Black	<p>As of 5th September, the government's Brexit pages reference that should the UK leave the EU without a deal the EU27 residents will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply with the deadline for applications being the 31st December 2020.</p> <p>A specification has been developed to secure support from the Bury Voluntary Community and Faith sector.</p> <p>The VCFA has been approached to support this work given the strength of community assets we have in the Borough and using individuals/groups that are embedded within our neighbourhoods to use their local knowledge, insight and experience to ensure readiness of residents most at risk of a no-deal Brexit, either directly in terms of EU27 citizens but vulnerable residents within the wider community.</p> <p>As a local authority the Council has specific duties within regards to supporting Looked After Children and Care Leavers, which is being fulfilled.</p>
17	Conservative	<p>Could the Council provide a detailed update on the actions being undertaken by various agencies at Island Lodge in Tottington and what plans there are for future work at the site by Bury MBC to address the ongoing problems? Cllr Gartside</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>A report and supporting topographical survey have been commissioned to look at the options open to the Council for the future management of Island Lodge. The report will also estimate the costs implementing the options identified.</p> <p>The draft report has now been written and it is expected that the final version will be completed in October when it will be made available to Councillors.</p> <p>United Utilities have completed their work in tracing and correcting six of the misconnected drains that were causing sewage to enter the lodge.</p> <p>Environmental Health officers have been working with United Utilities to tackle further misconnected foul drains. Originally 9 properties were identified and were sent letters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One has been solved by sewer upgrade in Byron Close • Two have complied with the letter

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five do not appear to have responded • One property is empty <p>Each property will receive a second letter in the next couple of weeks. Thereafter non-compliance will result in a S. 59 Building Act 1984 notice being served on the responsible persons.</p>
18	Labour	Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the preparations for this year's Homeless Winter Provision and A Bed Every Night scheme? Cllr McGill
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Bury has been working closely with GMCA to get A Bed Every Night phase 2 ready to re-commence.</p> <p>The latest announcement is that the initiative will be re-launched on the 1st October 2019. Bury has committed to start on this date for our rough sleepers. GMCA will communicate phase 2 across GM for all Local Authorities and we will be carrying out our own local publicity from the 1st October through social media, local partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>GMCA was expecting £6m of funding but the actual funding is currently £5.5m. Unfortunately this has resulted in funding to some LA's being reduced and Bury is one of the LA's affected.</p> <p>The overall A Bed For Every Night bed provision across GM for rough sleepers will be a total 420 beds with only 10 spaces in Bury instead of the 20 originally planned for.</p> <p>Bury had planned and followed commissioning processes to deliver the initiative this year. Unfortunately the funding outcome has now produced a reactive provision rather than a planned service. The preferred commissioned partner has informed Bury that A Bed For Every Night is no longer viable based on the revised funding This has now presented Bury with significant challenges to deliver the provision because of the timescales to re-commence on the 1st October and the lack of funding.</p> <p>This week Adullum, one of our partner providers, have confirmed that they would be able to deliver the 10 bed space provision from the 1st October 2019 until the 30th June 2020 and Council officers are working with them to ensure that the provision is ready for the 1st October 19.</p>
19	Labour	Can the Leader of the Council outline what steps are being taken to ensure Council Tax and Business Rates arrears are being collected? Cllr Hayes
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>In the case of both Council Tax and Business Rates the Council has robust procedures for the billing and collection of the amounts due.</p> <p>The processes are similar in that bills are issued and for any amounts not paid we issue a reminder before progressing to a court summons. If payment remains outstanding we would instruct an Enforcement Agent company who would seek to</p>

		<p>recover the debt on the Councils behalf. If the debt remains outstanding after this stage then we would consider serving an attachment of benefits or earnings before ultimately bankruptcy/ liquidation, charging orders or Committal to Prison</p> <p>At all stages in the process we encourage bill payers to engage with us if they are struggling to pay so that we can make realistic repayment plans or sign post them to work with either the Council's own Welfare support staff or the local Citizens Advice Bureau.</p>
20	Conservative	Are the Council confident that financial savings budgeted for this financial year are on track to be achieved Cllr N Jones
	Cllr O'Brien	Yes. The Joint Executive Team is reviewing progress against the savings measures agreed in February on a two-weekly basis. Some of these measures are more challenging than others, however we expect to be able to balance the budget with some one-off mitigations whilst continuing to monitor the progress on all the agreed savings measures.
21	Labour	What support has been put in place for looked after children? Cllr Whitby
	Cllr Tariq	<p>All Looked After Children have an allocated Social Worker and also from the age of 16 years a Personal Advisor. These roles are to support guide and advocate for Looked After Children and Care Leavers.</p> <p>Looked After Children are all allocated an Independent Reviewing Officer who provides oversight of their Care Plan and ensures that the local authority are fulfilling their duties in overseeing the Looked After Child appropriately.</p> <p>The Virtual School oversee the education attainment of Looked After Children, all Looked After Children has a Personal Education Plan which is updated on a termly basis which sets out the plans for that specific child.</p> <p>All Looked After Children can be referred into Social Care CAMHS service this is a dedicated service for young people who may be displaying emotional/mental health difficulties</p> <p>Bury Children's Rights offers a visit to every Looked After child over the age of 8 who becomes newly Looked after and provide advocacy and support. Mind Of My Own has also been adopted to provide Looked After children and young people the opportunity for their voice, wishes and feelings to be heard. This is a social media App that is easily accessible for children and young people.</p> <p>A Corporate Parenting Champions programme has recently been</p>

		<p>developed which will ensure that employees within Bury Council, CCG and partners can “champion” Looked After Children and Care Leavers and look for new opportunities and experiences to enhance their life chances, aspirations and outcomes.</p> <p>This concept has progressed via the Corporate Parenting Board in May 2019, the aim is to get champions across all Council departments and the CCG to highlight the profile of Looked After Children and Care Leavers and to ensure the role of Corporate Parenting is fully adopted and embedded in all areas of work.</p> <p>A Corporate Parenting Week 2019 will take place from 18th – 22nd November. This week will raise awareness of the collective corporate parenting responsibilities and how corporate parents can improve the outcomes and life chances of children and young people in care and care leavers.</p>
22	Labour	<p>I understand the Council is trialling online voting for the latest round of ‘Pitch’ events in allocating funding to community groups. Please can an update be shared on this and online uptake? Cllr Cummins</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>The Pitch funding utilises an approach known as Participatory Budgeting to put local people at the heart of the decision making process. The Pitch empowers residents and community groups of all parts of the community to develop local projects and enables local people to vote. This year’s March Pitch events were the most successful to date with a 50% increase in the amount of groups applying for Pitch funding and a 46% increase in the number of people turning out to vote. The attendance figures exceeded expectations with some areas attracting well over 200 voters.</p> <p>Despite the Pitch events getting bigger and better, we have received feedback from some of the groups and the public stating that they couldn’t always get to the events to vote. We therefore wanted to try and resolve this issue, enabling all those who wanted to vote an opportunity to do so. Therefore for this round of Pitches we are trialling an on-line vote via our new engagement on-line software – One Community.</p> <p>The voting is the same on-line as at the physical events, with each person having to vote for five groups or the vote will be void. Voters have had to register with an email address to try and stop multiple voting by individuals.</p> <p>The on-line voting has been staggered and to date only 3 of the 6 votes are open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prestwich vote closed on the 29th August and received 123 valid votes (7 Void) ● Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor closes on the 5th September and to date has received 207 votes ● Bury West opened on 29th August and has received 70 votes

		<p>to date. It closes on 12th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bury East – opens on the 5th September ● Whitefield and Unsworth – opens on 5th September ● Radcliffe – opens on 12th September <p>Because of a smaller than expected number of applications to Prestwich and Radcliffe, an on-line vote only will take place in these areas. The lower number of applications may be due to the additional 'Parklife' funding available in Prestwich and the last pitch event in Radcliffe was one of the biggest we had had.</p> <p>The process of on-line voting for Pitches will be reviewed early in October. I would encourage you all to go on to One Community and have a look at some of the great videos and work received.</p>
23	Conservative	Can the Council confirm the cash figure for uncollected council tax and business rates over the last 3 years Cllr Gunther
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Council Tax amount outstanding as at 1st September 2019 in relation to the last three full financial years:</p> <p>2018/19 £2,848,583</p> <p>2017/18 £1,870,693</p> <p>2016/17 £1,304,466</p> <p>Bury has a strong track record on collecting Council Tax In year. National Average for Metropolitan Councils is 95.3% with Burys collection rate being 96.49%. Collection compares well against other AGMA councils</p> <p>Business Rates amount outstanding as at 1st September 2019 in relation to the last three full financial years:</p> <p>2018/19 £1,774,345</p> <p>2017/18 £998,055</p> <p>2016/17 £927,258</p>
24	Lib Dem	<p>Pollinators are insects which are essential to our environment, and even to our lives and they are declining fast. They are so-called because they carry the reproductive dust, pollen, from flower to flower to grow the new generations of plants. Without them a significant number of plants, from trees to strawberries, could not reproduce. The environmental group Buglife says every third mouthful of our food depends on insect pollinators. Can the Leader tell us if a pollinator action plan has been developed to take a lead in mobilising the people of Bury to act to improve the habitat and the food sources of these insects and to reverse their rapid decline? Cllr Tegolo</p>
	Cllr Quinn	Bury Council does not have a specific 'pollinator action plan'

		<p>however there are at least 500 hectares of semi natural and natural land in the borough which helps to form habitats for wildlife and pollinators. We will be carrying out re-wilding trials next year that will involve growing wild flowers on some of our verges. Our pest control service is very conscious of the need to protect non target species from pesticides and we risk assess every pest treatment. We do not use pesticides on wasp nests in the open nor do we ever treat for bees nests. The Council is currently in discussion with the Pesticide Action Network to develop a pesticide reduction strategy.</p>
25	Labour	<p>Could an update please be provided on the Bury Strategy, the background to this and outline of the plans to develop the strategy? Cllr Grimshaw</p>
	Cllr Black	<p>This is an exciting time for our Borough as we look to develop our vision for the Borough over the next 10 years. We have an opportunity to consider what is great about the Borough, what our local people's hopes and aspirations are, how Bury will play a key role within Greater Manchester – all to improve outcomes and the life chances for our residents.</p> <p>The Bury Strategy will be our 10 year vision for the place – by 'our' I mean the Borough – it is a plan for Bury by Bury – and as such is based on place rather than a plan just for this organisation.</p> <p>The strategy will include themed activity plans which will be developed from a reflection of the strengths and achievements locally – be it the high rate of business start-ups, high quality care homes, Britain's favourite market and active tenant management groups. From this it will articulate how Bury is, and will be positioned to take advantage of opportunities regionally within Greater Manchester, how GM's model of unified public services look and feel in our neighbourhoods, reflecting the outcomes which matter the most to local people. This will be part of one overarching delivery plan to incorporate the Local Industrial Strategy, Locality Plan refresh and Bury's Public Sector Reform agenda.</p> <p>An over-riding principle of the plan is one of participation and being community led. A big conversation is underway throughout September with the people of Bury. The intention is to hear from thousands of residents, young people, businesses, partner organisations and visitors to gather their ideas, aspirations and concerns for themselves, their friends and family and local community within Bury for the next 10 years or so.</p> <p>Mass online engagement is taking place with social media content on Facebook, LinkedIn and Snapchat to drive responses to a</p>

		<p>survey on the Council's engagement platform 'One Community'. This will be supplemented by 'pop up' stands at local events and high footfall areas including the Bury 10k, our local markets in the Borough and at upcoming Pitch events.</p> <p>Officers will also be presenting workshop slides as a standard framework for discussion in partnership meetings during September where partners will be encouraged to cascade this through their channels, whilst there will be additional signage to the survey through GP surgeries.</p> <p>The feedback from the engagement activity, review of local strategies and analysis of outcome data will be reviewed during October in order that a draft strategy document can be developed as the basis for formal consultation proposed for November.</p> <p>So I'd encourage everyone to engage with the current conversation, visit One Community, and help inform the future of our great Borough.</p>
26	Conservative	Can the Council confirm the cash figure for voluntary redundancy payments made by the Council over the last 3 years? Cllr Keeley
	Cllr Black	<p>16/17 £17,015.59 17/18 Nil 18/19 £5,662.00</p>
27	Lib Dem	Can the Leader state how many families the Council has helped to resettle through the 'Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme' and can he also confirm the Council's commitment to contribute towards future resettlement programmes? M Powell
	Cllr Briggs	<p>Over the past 18 months Bury Council have supported The Community Sponsorship scheme, which enables community groups to directly welcome and support refugees in Bury, currently the Community groups have resettled two large Syrian families, both families are doing extremely well.</p> <p>The two sponsorship groups are:</p> <p>Mothers union and St Michaels and St Bernadette Church.</p> <p>We recognise the positive difference community sponsorship has made to the lives of refugees resettled in the Bury, and to the communities that have welcomed them. It is only made possible by the dedication, hard work and compassion of community sponsor groups within Bury.</p>
28	Conservative	Can the Council confirm its annual wage bill for each of the last 3 years? Cllr Daly
	Cllr Black	The totals for the last three years (ending 31st March) and the

		<p>three yearly average are as follows:</p> <p>2016/17: £147,6m 2017/18: £142.2m 2018/19: £141.5m Total: £431.3m Average: £143.7m</p> <p>Despite inflationary pay increases being applied annually, the downward trend can be attributed to two main factors:</p> <p>a) Reduced staffing numbers across the Council b) Gradual academisation of schools</p>
29	Lib Dem	<p>A resolution of the last meeting of the Council agreed to the motion on 'Fixing Fashion'. Could the Leader inform members on what is being done to implement the resolutions in the motion, including how the Council will deliver on zero reusable clothes in the residual waste stream? Cllr Pickstone</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>The GMCA has recently completed some waste composition analysis across GM and in Bury specifically.</p> <p>The excerpt from the Waste Compositional Analysis Report re: textiles reads as follows:</p> <p>Potentially collectable clothing and fabrics accounted for 12.7kg/household/yr or 5.6% of the residual waste i.e. grey bin waste in Bury. If these materials were not placed into the grey bin then diversion from residual waste would increase from 55% to 56.1%.</p> <p>This shows the extent of the issue and also the potential for trying to increase diversion.</p> <p>An initiative has been run in conjunction with a company called Bag It Up Ltd and schools across the borough over the last couple of years which encourages pupils to bring textiles into school for collection for recycling as a means of raising funds. This pilot has worked well logistically and the intention is now to promote the scheme and encourage a wider take up.</p> <p>Consideration is also being given to tendering a contract for the provision and servicing of a network of textiles recycling banks across the borough. Discussions have commenced with Procurement about progressing this idea.</p> <p>The R4GM website (administered by the GMCA) is full of information about textiles re-use and recycling, to which we need to ensure effective signposting from the Bury Council website.</p> <p>In theory the Council does have the legal powers to ban reusable clothing from its residual doorstep waste collection but the practicalities of introducing and effectively implementing a ban</p>

		and the implication for the waste collection service need to be carefully thought through. This work is underway.
30	Conservative	The Council have received a petition from residents of Tor Avenue, Greenmount asking for their road to be re-surfaced. When was Tor Avenue last inspected by council officers, is there a plan in place to undertake the work and when will it happen? Cllr Hussain
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Tor Avenue is inspected annually as part of the Council's system of routine Highway Safety Inspections. No dangerous defects warranting repair were identified during the most recent Highway Safety Inspection, conducted on 11/01/19.</p> <p>Officers are currently devising the strategy for allocating the funding across the network and between different work streams (reactive, preventative and structural maintenance). Given the breadth of potential sites, a prioritisation methodology will be used within each work stream. This will take into account factors such as road condition, insurance claims, traffic volumes and speed restrictions.</p> <p>Over the next few months a delivery plan for 2020/21 will be devised and an indicative plan for the following years. Once this has been completed we will be able to advise on when Tor Avenue is likely to be resurfaced.</p>
31	Lib Dem	Now that the A56 works in Prestwich are complete, could the Leader inform members what work, if any, is being undertaken to assess the long term impact of the scheme on other roads through Prestwich, or if a study to assess such any such impact is planned? Cllr Powell
	Cllr Quinn	<p>As part of the design of the Prestwich High Street scheme, extensive computer modelling was undertaken to understand the predicted traffic flows and the corresponding journey times between Hilton Lane and M60 Jnc 17. Recent monitoring has allowed an analysis of actual journey times to see how they compared against the predicted journey times. Other than the northbound evening peak (which is only around 55 seconds longer), there are no statistical significant changes to journey times.</p> <p>Being a principal road and a gateway to the motorway network, traffic flows will always be significant on the A56 in Prestwich. As explained previously, an area-wide study to capture a multitude of side-roads and alternate routes, would cost between £10k and 20k. As there is no evidence that the scheme has had a detrimental impact on journey times, no budget has been allocated to this work.</p>
32	Lib Dem	Cancer Research UK has partnered with the Local Government Association to produce a 'guide on tobacco control for elected members.

		Given that smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer what are the Council and its partners doing to meet the ambition of a smoke free UK by 2035, where less than 5% of adults across all socioeconomic groups smoke? Cllr Pickstone
	Cllr Simpson	<p>In March 2019 Bury Health and Wellbeing Board approved our local Tobacco Control Plan for 2019-2022. The plan sets out our commitment to work with partners, to effectively impact tobacco use across the borough. The plan aims to contribute to reducing ill-health and early death in the population, and improve the lives of the next generation of Bury residents.</p> <p>Reducing smoking prevalence in Bury is also a key action within our Locality Plan (2017-2021) and a stated ambition in our Primary Care Health and Wellbeing strategy.</p> <p>Local actions being taken to drive smoking prevalence rates down include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redesigning services: combining smoking cessation services with the Bury Lifestyle Service, to ensure services are accessible and holistic. 2. Continued delivery of the Baby Clear programme which pro-actively supports pregnant women who smoke, to quit. 3. Continued engagement with primary care staff to ensure they provide very brief advice and signposting to appropriate services. 4. Raising awareness of the dangers of smoking and the support services available, through promoting regional campaigns including TV and radio. 5. Promoting smoke-free environments and events (for example: the Bury leg of the Cycle Tour of Britain is smoke-free, Sept 19) 6. Enforcing tobacco regulation, ensuring compliance by traders to standards relating to point of sale bans, age restrictions on sales etc. 7. Offering support to quit via existing services such as the Bury Lifestyle Service but also via new pathways (in hospitals and via telephone helplines and websites). 8. Planned roll out of the CURE programme in hospitals, which will ensure all those patients coming into hospital who smoke are automatically provided with stop smoking support. <p>Smoking rates in Bury have fallen significantly in recent years – from 23.3% of adults in 2011 to 16.0% in 2018. This is a bigger reduction than most places in the North West, and the third highest drop over the period in Greater Manchester. The system approach we are taking, putting a high priority on education and on providing advice and support to smokers who want to quit looks to be making a significant impact.</p>
33	Lib Dem	Could the Leader of the Council inform members on how many street

		trees have been removed, and how many planted, so for this municipal year and in the previous three municipal years? Cllr S Wright
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Street trees will be removed only where necessary when a tree is dead, diseased, dying or dangerous. A typical example is where a street tree has outgrown its location, lifted the footpaths or damaged underground services.</p> <p>The highway is often not a suitable location for replacement trees, ether due to restricted space or cost. Street trees are now only planted in tree pits designed to ensure that roots do not cause damage. This can cost around £2,000 per tree. Bury's strategy is to plant trees in more suitable places such as parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Street tree removals as follows - 2016 – 47 2017 – 39 2018 – 29 2019 – 21 to date</p> <p>Trees planted as follows - 2016 – 9 street trees and 8 on green spaces 2017 – 11 street trees and 35 in Festival Gardens Radcliffe 2018 – 28 street trees including 12 in Prestwich high street and a further 13 on green spaces 2019 - To date 3 street trees and 2 in green spaces.</p> <p>A funding bid has been submitted to the 'Urban Tree Challenge' to plant 90 new trees at 5 green space locations as well as tree planting for mitigation in connection with Radcliffe Flood defence</p> <p>The Council is working in partnership with City of Trees to plant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2500 new trees in green spaces as mitigation for trees removed from Chamberhall development site • Tree or hedge planting at over 10 schools • 1000 trees at Springwater Park • 150 trees in St Marys Park • 500 trees at Mount Sion Road Radcliffe • 15 trees at Burrs Country Park

Joint Authority Questions

1. Could the Authority's spokesperson on the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee inform members what the regular costs are of replacing the 'anti-pigeon' netting on the bridge over Fairfax Road? What would the cost be of a more durable solution such as angled edges? **Councillor S Wright**

(To be answered by Cllr Mortenson)

I am aware that TfGM have been in contact with Cllr Wright to discuss this matter. The bridge netting is currently not providing an adequate deterrent and so TfGM has now instructed the Metrolink contractor, Keolis Amey Metrolink (KAM) to assess the site and propose a more permanent solution.

2. Could the Council's representative to the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee inform members what the estimated one-off and ongoing costs of introducing a regulated bus network in Greater Manchester and what options are being considered to meet these costs should such a scheme be introduced? **Councillor Pickstone**

(To be answered by Cllr Mortenson)

Decisions regarding bus reform, including setting the budget, are the responsibility of the GMCA and therefore procedurally this question should be addressed to, and answered by, Bury's representative on the GMCA.

The GMCA's transport budget for 2019/2020 was approved at the meeting that took place on 15 February 2019 and this included costs associated with bus reform.

Further information on costs are included in the assessment of a proposed bus franchising scheme, which was prepared by Transport for Greater Manchester on behalf of the GMCA. The assessment's recommended option was franchising, which is why the GMCA decided to follow the next step in the Bus Services Act by requesting a report from an auditor in an attempt to obtain the assurance of an independent third party on the assessment.

After the auditor's report is complete the GMCA will review the report and the assessment and then decide whether to proceed.

The next step, as specified by the Bus Services Act, would be to hold a public consultation at which point further information would be provided to outline the GMCA's proposed funding sources for meeting costs to make and operate scheme. That would give the public greater clarity of how the GMCA proposes to fund the scheme should it be introduced.

3. Could the Council's representative to the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel inform members how many calls are made the 101 non-emergency police number in Greater Manchester? How many go unanswered and what the average waiting time is? **Councillor Powell**

(To be answered by Cllr Briggs)

I am pleased to report the performance at answering calls via the 101 number has improved. Members will be aware that previously there were some issues with this service, but I am pleased to report an improved delivery of services to the public.

In August, the 101 service received approximately 2,000 calls per day. These calls were answered on average in 1 minute 16 seconds which is down from over 3 minutes for the same period last year.

The Police Switchboard was able to resolve 44% of these calls, the remaining calls were transferred to a call handler for further work, with an average answer time of 4 minutes and 1 second. About 28% of these callers disconnected at this stage (i.e. they abandoned their call before it was answered).

Approximately 5% of these calls were transferred for a crime report over the phone, the average answer time was 1 minute 30 seconds.

The volume of people that disconnect is clearly still too high. Callers who waited an hour and abandoned their call (without calling back) are having their call assessed and if the caller is believed to be vulnerable they are being contacted. The assessment involves listening to the original call (as it was received in the Switchboard), assessing the needs of the caller and re-calling.

Greater Manchester Police are trying to encourage more people to use their web-based Livechat facility, an online tool which is answered in about 16 seconds. This option seems to be gathering momentum with 40% more people using it in August compared to last year.

They are also promoting their call-back service at peak times, where call-handlers will return calls for those assessed as low-risk to avoid people queuing - about half of the calls received and resolved at Switchboard relate to requests for updates on previously reported crimes.

The Police & Crime Panel will continue to scrutinise the work of the Call centre and I will provide further updates to Council in the future.

4. Could the Council's representative to the Combined Authority inform members what call on reserves is necessary to undertaken the Mayor of Greater Manchester's commitment of no loss of fire fighter numbers in 2019-20 and 2020-21? **Councillor Pickstone**

(To be answered by the Leader)

The 19/20 revenue budget approved the use of £3.5m from reserves to support the revenue budget .The latest reported monitoring to

GMCA in July reported an underspend of £1.8m ie a reduced use from reserves in 2019/20 of £1.7m .

The budget for next year has not been determined not least as there are major uncertainties regarding Government funding and particularly whether the £5m of Fire pension grant continues. The medium term plan reported to the GMCA in February 2019 had an indicative use of reserves in 2020/21 to support the budget of £12m but this assumed no savings through Programme for Change and no continuation of the pensions grant ` `

- 5. Following the recent take over by Diamond to some bus services in Bury, many of their buses have failed to turn up or arrived late causing misery to commuters. Could the leader tell us what action TfGM will be taking to ensure Diamond Bus deliver this vital public service? Cllr Walmsley**

(To be answered by Cllr Mortenson)

TfGM worked extensively with Diamond in the run-up to the date on which they took responsibility for the operation of the former First depot in Oldham, in particular reviewing their planning and resourcing as well as ensuring that they were familiar with any processes and requirements that they may not have been exposed to previously as a Greater Manchester operator.

TfGM is aware that there have been some service delivery issues subsequent to the start of the Diamond operation. As a result, TfGM remain in close dialogue with the operator to review the position, and to try and ensure any further problems will be minimised.

It is important to acknowledge that most bus services are commercially operated, and in the current de-regulated environment, TfGM has little ability to influence them. However, with regard to those provided under contract, TfGM will ensure that such services meet the specification.

- 6. Can the Council's representative update us on how many 16-18 years olds in Bury have signed up to "our pass" which offers free bus travel and other benefits? Cllr Quinn**

(To be answered by Cllr Mortenson)

In relation to accounts created and accounts paid, Bury averages around 7% of all current applications and payments .

I'm afraid I don't have the relative to population figures, but considering Bury has 30,000-40,000 less residents than places like Trafford, Bolton, Salford, its relative uptake will be higher than other boroughs

I am happy to arrange for the exact figures, which I have in table form, to be put on the Council's website.

Figures for info:

Accounts Created

Authority	Count	Percentage
Bolton	3620	9%
Bury	2573	7%
Manchester	8609	22%
Oldham	2984	8%
Rochdale	3073	8%
Salford	3099	8%
Stockport	4063	10%
Tameside	3673	9%
Trafford	2965	8%
Wigan	4405	11%
Grand Total	39064	100%

Accounts Paid

Authority	Payments	Percentage
Bolton	2364	9%
Bury	1793	7%
Manchester	5535	21%
Oldham	1948	7%
Rochdale	2025	8%
Salford	2028	8%

Stockport	3040	11%
Tameside	2544	10%
Trafford	1984	7%
Wigan	3223	12%
Grand Total	26484	100%

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Motion Tracker: Full Council Meeting - 10 July 2019

ITEM	RESPONSE/ACTIONS REQUIRED	WHO RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/ DATE COMPLETED
<p>Council Motion: Education Performance</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Interim Assistant Director of Education to provide a written report to all councillors by Friday 9th August 2019 to confirm what steps must be taken to improve educational standards within the Borough. 2. That a working group of councillors be appointed to assume responsibility for overseeing the transformation of educational standards within the Borough. That this committee meet termly and be briefed on each occasion by the Interim Assistant Director of Education & the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People as to the progress of Bury MBC's plan to drive up educational standards within of our schools. 3. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, alongside the Interim Assistant Director of Education to appear before each sitting of the Scrutiny Committee for 	<p>Interim Assistant Director of Education/ Cabinet Member Children and Young People</p> <p>Interim Assistant Director of Education</p> <p>Democratic Services</p>	<p>Update provided to all Members – email from Cabinet Member 08.08.2019.</p> <p>Membership of Group agreed. First meeting date tbc</p> <p>Arrangements in place, work programme/forward plan amended to include</p>

	<p>this municipal year to brief members on the steps being taken by Bury Council to drive up educational standards. The focus of the meeting will be an agenda agreed / set by the Lead Member of Children and Young People.</p>		
<p>Council Motion: Climate Emergency</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency'; 2. To make the Bury Council, including statutory partners we control, carbon neutral by 2030. 3. Pledge to make the Borough of Bury carbon neutral by 2030. 4. Ask the Leader to make the immediate policy changes necessary to achieve these targets – including planning, land use, air pollution and transport 5. To create a cross party, stakeholder panel to develop a Climate Emergency Strategic Plan and associated Delivery Plan. The membership of this stakeholder panel should include public sector partners, community representation and the business community; This Strategic Plan would promote both big and small changes. It would have a particular focus 	<p>Director of Operations/ Cabinet Member Environment</p>	<p>Baseline information collected on the Council's carbon footprint. Initial draft action plan prepared. Initial discussion at Joint Executive Team.</p>

	<p>on reducing carbon emissions, promoting the development of renewable energy initiatives and seeking to make Bury a leader in eco – business. The ambition should be that plans to tackle climate change should be mainstreamed into the borough’s plans for economic growth and those to improve population health;</p> <p>6. The Stakeholder Panel should report back to Council within the next six months setting out what steps the Council will take to address the Climate Change emergency, and the longer term actions that will be necessary;</p> <p>7. The Council acknowledges that the public services in Bury alone cannot deliver the change that is needed and that leadership across our communities is required. On that basis, the Council will look to create Environmental Forums in each of the borough’s six townships to help develop a community response to the Climate Emergency.</p> <p>8. The Council will actively lobby the Government to provide the additional powers and</p>		
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	resources needed to meet the 2030 target		
Council Motion: Fixing Fashion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with our partners in the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority to enhance recycling facilities for textiles. 2. Include education about clothing reuse and recycling in the waste collection information we send to residents, publish online and through other media. 3. Investigate options for how Bury can become the first authority in the county to completely ban reusable clothing from its residual doorstep waste collection, with a report to Cabinet before the end of the 2019-20 municipal year. 4. Write to Bury's members of Parliament and the European Parliament informing them of this Council's views on this issue. 	Director of Operations/ Cabinet Member Environment	Discussions have commenced with the waste authority. Further updates will be reported