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Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 9 September 2020
Place:	Microsoft Teams and Live Streamed on the Council's website
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

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

Chief Executive

AGENDA

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Council are requested to declare any interests which they have in any items or issues before the Council for determination.

2 **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 10)

The minutes of the meeting held on 08th July 2020 are attached.

3 **MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

To answer questions from members of the public, notice of which has been given, on any matter relevant to the Council or its services to the community. Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for this purpose.

5 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES** (Pages 11 - 40)

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Cabinet – 02 September 2020	Treasury Management Report	Approve the Treasury Management Review 2019/20 report; Approve the actual 2019/20 prudential and treasury indicators presented in the report; Commend the report to Full Council on 9 September 2020.
Cabinet – 02 September 2020	Appointments Update	Approve the changes to the Cabinet portfolio

6 **APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERIM SECTION 151 OFFICER** (Pages 41 - 44)

Report attached.

7 **REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY** (Pages 45 - 48)

Report attached.

8 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND MEMBER QUESTION TIME** (Pages 49 - 62)

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.

Questions and responses attached.

9 **COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES** (Pages 63 - 80)

(A) A report on the work of the Combined Authority is attached.

(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

Questions and responses attached.

10 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(1) protecting the public's say in the planning process

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:
Councillors M Powell, C Tegolo and S Wright

This Council notes:

- 1 The publication by Government of the White Paper, 'Planning for the Future' on 6 August 2020, which set out proposals on reforms to the planning process for the future.
- 2 That the vast majority of planning applications are given the go ahead by local authority planning committees, with permission granted to around 9 out of 10 applications.
- 3 That research by the Local Government Association has said that there are existing planning permissions for more than one million homes that have not yet been started.

This Council is concerned that the proposals seek to:

- 1 Reduce or remove the right of residents to object to applications near them.
- 2 Grant automatic rights for developers to build on land identified as 'for growth'.
- 3 Remove section 106 payments for infrastructure and their replacement with a national levy.

This Council Further Notes:

- 1 The Royal Institute for British Architects called the proposals 'shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes'. RIBA also said that proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing.
- 2 The reforms are opposed by the all-party Local Government Association, currently led by Conservative Councillors.

This Council Believes:

- 1 That existing planning procedures, as currently administered by our own team in Bury, allow for local democratic control over future development, and give local people a say in planning proposals that affect them.
- 2 That proposals for automatic rights to build in 'growth' areas, and increased permitted development rights, risk unregulated growth and unsustainable communities.
- 3 That local communities must be in the driving seat on shaping the future of their communities, and local determination of the planning framework and planning applications play an important part in this process.

This Council resolves to:

- 1 Take part in the consultation in the planning proposals, and to make representations against the proposals as outlined in this motion.
- 2 Write to and lobby both of our Members of Parliament, urging them to oppose these proposals and to circulate their replies to members.
3. Highlight its concerns over these proposals with the public and local residents.

(ii) Thank Our Key Workers Properly and Deliver Fair Funding for Bury Public Services

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, A Simpson, L Smith, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby

We the undersigned wholeheartedly thank our key workers, NHS staff and council employees for keeping essential services running throughout this pandemic. We thank many of our officers who have moved into different roles to support our communities and thank the trade unions for working with us to enable this.

We commend our care workers, who cared for our most vulnerable residents in the most difficult of circumstances. However, whilst we clapped our carers every

week during lockdown, many are still not fairly paid for the vital work they do. The Resolution Foundation estimates that half of all frontline care workers are not paid the Foundation Living Wage.

Bury Council currently has a projected budget deficit of £7m and this is likely to rise over the next five years to £77m as a direct result of Covid, loss of income to council services and additional cost pressures over the period of the pandemic. After 10 years of austerity and with £100m already cut from our budget, our financial position is extremely challenging.

This means that in Bury, we cannot afford to pay our own employees and our social care providers the real Living Wage. In order to do this, we would need an additional £11.4m over the next five years, with £5.6m needed in the first year.

As the government undertakes its Comprehensive Spending Review, we are calling on all parties to join our campaign to thank our key workers properly, protect their jobs and fight for fair funding so that we can afford to pay the real Living Wage. This would not only enable us to deliver high quality public services and value our staff, but deliver on our priorities for our borough. From creating jobs to improving our environment, investing in our roads and transforming health and social care, we will continue to be hamstrung by significant underfunding by national government if we are not funded fairly.

The Secretary of State promised to fund councils to 'do what it takes' in response to coronavirus, but we need more than just to cover our costs in this crisis. If we really want to build back better and level up, we need a fair settlement for Bury that empowers and enables our council and our communities to reach their potential.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- 1) Put on record our thanks to our key workers, NHS and Council staff
- 2) Thank our trade unions for their support and cooperation during the Coronavirus response
- 3) Write to the Secretary of State calling for all costs from Covid to be covered, as he promised, and fair funding for public services to be guaranteed
- 4) Demand that the costs of paying the real Living Wage be covered in future finance settlements for local authorities

(iii) Shop Safe, Shop Local

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, I Schofield, D Silbiger, D Vernon, R Walker, and Y Wright

The Councils Notes:

Businesses on our high streets, business parks and markets operating throughout the Borough have suffered greatly as a result of COVID-19. Many of whom shut their doors and found ways to help out in the community during this difficult time. As things slowly return to normal, it's now time for Bury Council to give back to our local businesses to help get them back on their feet.

The Council has received £169,235 in funding from the Government's Reopening High Street Safety Fund. However, there are still too many barriers for people in visiting our high streets, such as parking charges and concerns surrounding the safety of paying a visit to our six townships of Prestwich, Whitefield, Radcliffe, Tottington, Ramsbottom and Bury.

As the restrictions lift slowly and we move back to a sense of normality we need to encourage residents to shop local. We need play our part in protecting Bury's prosperity and safeguarding local jobs. In doing this, we need to kick start our local economy.

The Council Resolves:

Bury Council to introduce the following measures to encourage residents to Shop Safe, Shop Local and support our high streets.

- 2 Hours Free Parking on weekdays and Saturdays, to encourage shoppers to visit our local high streets and help revive our local economy until January 31st, 2021
- The installation of contactless hand sanitization stations, to reassure people that our high streets are safe to visit.
- Support Bury Market day traders with a six month rent cash grant
- All market traders to receive an additional 3 month rent free period
- Multi-channel marketing campaign in promoting our six townships and Bury Market to encourage residents to Shop Safe, Shop Local

11 FOR INFORMATION * COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER (Pages 81 - 84)**

Report attached.

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

13 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

14 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Questions on the delegated decisions made by the Regulatory Committees and Scrutiny Committees contained in the Digest of Decision ** published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, providing four clear working days' notices

has been given of the question.

Members are asked to bring to the meeting their copy of Digest **