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TO: All Members of Council

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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, 17 March 2021
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**.

Yours sincerely

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

Chief Executive

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 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.

3 MINUTES (Pages 9 - 24)

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2021 are attached.

4 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.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pages 25 - 26)

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.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Pages 27 - 116)

Committee Date	Subject	Recommendation
HWB 18 th November 2021	Amended Terms of Reference for HWB	Council approves the updated Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference.
Cabinet 23 February 2021	Bury 2030 Strategy	The Council endorses the strategy for adoption and encourages other public service and community leaders to do the same
HRA 25 February 2021	Pay Policy	The Pay Policy Statement [2021-2022]at Appendix A, has been drafted to ensure compliance with the Localism Act and it is put before the Council for approval
Democratic Arrangements Forum – 2 nd March 2021	Members Allowance Scheme	Council is recommended to: (a) Agree the Members’ Scheme of Allowances for 2021/22 set out at Appendix 1; (b) Note that a new Independent Remuneration Panel will be appointed later this year by the Director of Law and Public Services in consultation with the Mayor to advise on a Scheme of Allowances for 2022/23 ahead of the all-out May 2022 Local Elections.
Democratic Arrangements Forum – 2 nd March 2021	Meetings timetable	That the timetable of meetings for the 2021/22 Municipal Year, as set out, be approved.

7 **CORPORATE PLAN** (Pages 117 - 150)

Report attached.

8 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2021/22** (Pages 151 - 180)

Report attached.

9 **SCRUTINY REVIEW** (Pages 181 - 190)

Report attached.

10 **BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT** (Pages 191 - 202)

Report attached.

11 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 203 - 230)

To receive a report 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, Cabinet Members and Chair of a Committee 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.

A member may ask a verbal question of the Leader, any Member of the Cabinet or Chair of a Committee about any matter on the Council agenda and which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Borough. Only one verbal question per Councillor.

12 **COMBINED AUTHORITIES UPDATE - REPORT BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS** (Pages 231 - 242)

(A) An update 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 Rules.

13 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(i) The Right to Food

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

This Council notes that:

The Covid Pandemic has laid bare the vast inequalities that exist across communities. The crisis has highlighted the levels of poverty and inequality that has manifested itself in the lack of access to food. A recent analysis of Greater Manchester shows that an additional 4500 children have crossed the poverty threshold and have become eligible for free school meals. Data from the DWP also shows the number of households who receive Universal Credit in the region has increased to 252, 609 from 149,638 in February 2020. The government's constant u-turns on the issue has added to the stress of food insecurity and increased workloads on key workers. This insecurity is increased by the government's failure to agree to incorporate the additional £20 uplift in Universal Credit payments as a permanent measure.

The government is undertaking an independent review intended to set out a vision and a plan for a better food system for England, the National Food Strategy. The review will include economic and social issues.

The 'Right to Food' campaign, launched by Fans Supporting Foodbanks, calls for a change in the law to make access to food a legal right for all in the UK making Government legally responsible to help people suffering from food poverty. Greater Manchester has become the first city-region to support a campaign which calls for the 'Right to Food' to become a legal requirement.

In addition, Sustain a powerful alliance of organisations and communities working together for a better system of food, farming and fishing, and cultivating the movement for change, some of the measure it advocates are that Local Authorities should:

- Support fair pay by promoting the Real Living Wage to the local council and employers
- Ensuring children's access to food 365 days a year
- Supporting services that provide financial crisis support and advice
- Developing an alliance and action plan to tackle food poverty.
- Support measures to improve the uptake of Healthy Start vouchers

Measures that this Labour administration has supported.

This Council resolves to:

- Endorse the campaign for the 'Right to Food' to be incorporated into the 'National Food Strategy'.
- Endorsing a legal mechanism for enforcing the right to food. The mechanism could set out responsibilities for the wide range of public bodies who would need to take action to improve incomes (such as the introduction of the RLW), control every day costs (such as utility costs) and improve access to good food (such as free school meals 365 days of the year).
- To write to the Independent Lead of the National Food Strategy commission to support the incorporation into law the Right to Food.

- To work with other authorities within the Greater Manchester region to develop 'No Child Should Go Hungry' campaign.
- To write to Government that the £20.00 uplift in Universal Credit should be retained permanently and for government funding of food vouchers to children entitled to Free School Meals during the school holidays.

(ii) Tackling Litter and working towards cleaner communities

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

Councillors M Powell, C Tegolo and S Wright

Bury Council commits to tackling issues with litter across our Borough and to working for cleaner streets and public spaces across our communities.

Council notes that:

- The existing work of the Authority in tackling rubbish and fly-tipping, and that additional resource has been put into this area of work.
- The Keep Britain Tidy Campaign offers local authorities the opportunity to become a member of a Network, which provides access to specialist advice and support.
- The campaign is also promoting a Love Parks campaign and a Charity Bin sponsorship scheme whereby the monies raised from recycling cans deposited in designated local authority bins is contributed to local charities.
- Several national supermarket chains are now operating trials of reverse vending machines, where customers are rewarded for returning used cans and bottles for recycling.
- The Government department DEFRA has also previously published a voluntary code for local businesses and local business partnerships to sign up to and reduce the litter that results from fast food businesses.

Council recognises that:

- Whilst we are committed to tackling litter across Bury, and to working for cleaner streets and public spaces across our communities, we cannot do this alone.
- In the battle for cleaner streets and public spaces, we must involve the public and our business partners in a co-operative effort.
- There are community champions and organisations commendably 'doing their bit'.
- The Keep Britain Tidy and DEFRA initiatives provide extra opportunities and an extra incentive for members of the public and business partners to become actively engaged and empowered in tackling the litter which blights our streets.
- In doing their bit, residents and business will help the Council to make the streets, district centres, parks and public amenities of our Borough

cleaner and more inviting to residents and visitors.

Council resolves to:

- Promote participation in litter prevention activities to members of the public, community, faith and youth groups, and businesses through our social media, website and existing email-outs to partners.
- Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to examine the merits of becoming a local authority member of the Keep Britain Tidy Network, and identify which of the campaign's initiatives, including Love Parks and Charity Bins, could be introduced in the Borough.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to national supermarket chains with stores in this borough asking them to consider Bury as the location for a future trial of a reverse vending machines.
- Promote take up of the DEFRA voluntary code amongst our fast-food businesses and local business partnerships and seek their sponsorship for the introduction of a Charity Bin scheme and for public education programmes.

Please note the Conservative Notice of Motion has been withdrawn

a **Urgent Motion** (Pages 243 - 246)

Details of a late additional urgent motion is attached.

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

15 **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).

16 **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.