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TO: All Members of Council

Dear Member/Colleague

Annual Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 19 May 2021
Place:	Castle Leisure Centre
Time:	2.00 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.
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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 "GP Little".

Chief Executive

AGENDA

1 (A) ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART 1

1. To elect the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022
2. To elect a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 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.

4 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 14)

Minutes from the meeting of the 17th March 2021 are attached.

5 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.

6 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS MAY 2021

To receive the following report from the Chief Executive on the outcome of the Election of Councillors held on 6 May 2021 for each of the seventeen wards of the Metropolitan Borough:-

Ward	Councillor Elected
Ramsbottom	Councillor Tom Pilkington
North Manor	Councillor Roger Brown and Councillor Liam Dean
Tottington	Councillor Luis McBriar
Elton	Councillor Jack Rydeheard
Moorside	Councillor Ciaron Boles and Councillor Kevin Peel
East	Councillor Ummrana Farooq
Church	Councillor Jordan Lewis
Redvales	Councillor Shaheena Haroon
Unsworth	Councillor Nathan Boroda

Radcliffe East	Councillor Carol Birchmore
Radcliffe North	Councillor Jo Lancaster
Radcliffe West	Councillor Gareth Staples-Jones
Pilkington Park	Councillor Russell Bernstein
Besses	Councillor Lucy Smith
Holyrood	Councillor Steven Wright
St Mary's	Councillor Sam Butler
Sedgley	Councillor Debbie Quinn

7 **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS** (Pages 15 - 50)

A report from the Leader of the Council is attached.

8 **STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE** (Pages 51 - 60)

Leader's Annual Report is attached.

Questions or comments will be invited from Members of the Council, providing that such questions relate to matters raised by the Leader in his statement.

9 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21** (Pages 61 - 70)

A report is attached.

10 **(B) ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART 2 4PM**

At the request of the Mayor, Part 2 of the **Annual Meeting of the Council** will be held on the above date at **4.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bury**. Due to reduced capacity and the requirement for social distancing, a limited number of Members will attend, for which separate invites have been issued.

Minutes of: **AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 17th March 2021

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

Apologies: Councillors, R Cathcart, J Grimshaw, K Leach and J Mason

Public attendance: Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and government guidance in respect of social distancing, the meeting was held virtually and streamed live on the Council's website.

C.XXX DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made at the meeting in relation to items on the agenda:

1. Councillor Quinn declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as both his son and daughter-in law, work for the NHS, his wife works for the CAB and he is a member of the Trade Union, Unite and the Downs Syndrome Association.
2. Councillors David Jones and D Vernon declared personal interest in the CXXX Combined Authority update as retired Police Officers.
3. Councillor Simpson declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as both herself and her son are employed by the NHS.
4. Councillor S. Wright declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as his wife works for a school in the Borough.
5. Councillors Susan Southworth and J Harris declared personal interest in any matters under consideration as members of the 6 Town Housing Board.

C.XXX MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 24th February 2021 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

C.XXX MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

As this will be the last Full Council meeting of this municipal year the Mayor wanted to place on record his thanks to all Elected members that would be standing down at the forthcoming local elections, these comments were supported by group leaders.

C. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of the following 2 questions:

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Parking in Unsworth	Mr N Borada	Councillor L Smith
2.	Waste disposal	Mr A Hay	Councillor A Quinn

C.XXX RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting of HWB 18th November 2020 – Amended HWB Terms of reference

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

RESOLVED:

That Council approves the updated Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference.

Meeting of Cabinet 23rd February 2021 – Bury 2030 Strategy

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

RESOLVED:

That the Council endorses the strategy for adoption and encourages other public services and community leaders to do the same.

Meeting of HRA 25th February 2021 – Pay Policy

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

RESOLVED:

The Pay Policy Statement [2021-2022] is approved.

Meeting of DAF 2nd March 2021 – Member Allowance Scheme

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

RESOLVED:

Council;

- (a) Agrees 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 Democratic 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.

Meeting of DAF 2nd March 2021 – Meetings Timetable

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

RESOLVED:

That the timetable of meetings for the 2021/22 Municipal Year, as set out, be approved.

C.XXX CORPORATE PLAN

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

RESOLVED:

That Council approves the Corporate Plan 2020-22 (2021 refresh).

C.XXX TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2021/22

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

RESOLVED:

That Council approves the:

- Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2021/22
- Prudential Indicators forecast for 3 years
- Schemes of Delegation and Responsibility attached at Appendices 2 and 6

C.XXX SCRUTINY REVIEW

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

On being put, with 29 voting for, 17 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor resolved that:

Council;

- a) Notes the views of scrutiny members set out in the Report.
- b) Approves the establishment of a new Children and Young Persons Overview and Scrutiny committee and revised terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny effective from 1 June 2021.
- c) Authorises the Monitoring Officer to make consequential changes to the Constitution.
- d) Notes the LGA will support a review of the scrutiny function after the May elections.

C.XXX BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

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

On being put, with Councillors J Black, S Briggs, C Cummins, A Cummings, R Gold, S Haroon, M Hayes, T Holt, D Jones, 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 for; Councillors R Caserta, P Cropper, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, J Harris, S Hurst, K Hussain, N Jones, G Keeley, O Kersh, A McKay, I Schofield, D Silbiger, M Smith, D Vernon, R Walker, and Y Wright voting against, and with the Mayor and Councillors M Powell, C Tegolo and S Wright abstaining, the Mayor resolved that:

That Council approves submission of the proposed new warding patterns to the LGBCE.

C.XXX LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME**(a) Written question (Notice given)**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E O'Brien, 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	Elections Security	Cllr J Harris	Cllr O'Brien
2	Town centre recovery plan	Cllr G McGill	Cllr O'Brien
3	NHS Pay	Cllr Whitby	Cllr Simpson
4	Covid Winter Grants	Cllr D Vernon	Cllr O'Brien
5	Brownfield First Strategy	Cllr M Hayes	Cllr O'Brien
6	Universal Credit	Cllr S Walmsley	Cllr Simspon
7	Councils use of bailiffs	Cllr Tegolo	Cllr O'Brien

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 8 to 21 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) Verbal Questions

1	Council funding	Cllr N Jones	Cllr O'Brien
2	Bus De-Regulation	Cllr M Powell	Cllr O'Brien
3	Radcliffe Regeneration	Cllr P Cropper	Cllr O'Brien
4	Hospital Discharge funding	Cllr Whitby	Cllr O'Brien

C.XXX COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

(a) The Council received a report on the work of the Combined Authorities.

(b) The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Metrolink ticketing	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Gold (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
2.	GMP 101 phone system	Councillor Powell	Councillor Jones (Representative on Police and Crime and Panel)
3.	GMP	Councillor R Caserta	Councillor Jones (Representative on Police and Crime and Panel)

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

C.XXX NOTICES OF MOTION

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:
Councillors J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, C Cummins, A Cummings, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, M Hayes, 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.

(i) Right to Food

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.

On being put, with 30 voting for, 16 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(ii) Tackling Litter and working towards cleaner communities

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of: **Councillors: Powell, 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 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.
- Existing good work that the Authority has done towards tackling litter and fly-tipping and the good work of many voluntary and community groups.

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

On being put, with 46 for voting for, 0 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(iii) Community Safety in our Borough

An Emergency motion had been received 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 Council notes:

Safety in our towns comes before money. Street lighting is vitally important and helps residents feel safe at night.

This week in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Chief Constables from across the country discussed ways to improve community safety following the tragic death of Sarah Everard in London.

Yesterday, the government announced it will double its Safer Streets fund to £45 million to provide better lighting and CCTV at night. The increased funding for the scheme will target parks, alleyways and routes from bars, restaurants and nightclubs.

In the February Budget the Labour Group put forward plans to dim streetlights to save £20,000 and reduce energy consumption in 2021/22 and £10,000 in 2022/23

The Conservative Group in February put forward an alternative budget which focused on community safety. This included:

- Extra funding to install Hi-Tech CCTV
- Reversing the proposal to dim streetlights

The Council resolves to:

- Reverse the decision to dim streetlights and ensure all streetlights are switched on full through the night to ensure residents feel safe to walk the boroughs streets
- A report to be put forward to Overview and Scrutiny Committee to outline how many streetlights are currently not working in the Borough and a full review to take place of the Operations Directorate – Task and Finish Group to be set up from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- SLAs to be implemented for streets lights to be fixed within 5 days of them being reported as not working.
- The Council to conduct a full review of street lighting including alleyways or parks in the borough to ensure no street does not have sufficient lighting.
- Introduce the Women’s Safety Charter – The charter will be a voluntary pledge for all licensed organisations within the borough, including but not exclusive to, bars and clubs. The charter will include five principles on how they will support women experiencing sexual harassment in their premisses.

This Council thanks Bury’s frontline staff, charities and organisations for their life saving work.

It was moved by Councillor L Smith and seconded by Councillor Susan Southworth as an amendment to:-

Remove:

In the February Budget the Labour Group put forward plans to dim streetlights to save £20,000 and reduce energy consumption in 2021/22 and £10,000 in 2022/23

The Conservative Group in February put forward an alternative budget which focused on community safety. This included:

- Extra funding to install Hi-Tech CCTV
- Reversing the proposal to dim streetlights

Amend:

- Reverse the decision to dim streetlights and ensure all streetlights are switched on full through the night to ensure residents feel safe to walk the boroughs streets

To say:

- To ensure all streetlights are working to ensure residents feel safe to walk the boroughs streets

Add in:

- Write to the Home Secretary to demand the funding to replace the 2000 police officers lost across Greater Manchester since 2010.
- Express our concerns to the Home Secretary that the recent Crime & Sentencing Bill fails to mention domestic abuse, sexual violence or street harassment against women.
- That the Bury Community Safety Partnership conducts a listening exercise for women and girls in Bury to influence and improve our community safety plan.

On being put, with 26 voting for, 17 voting against and with 4 abstaining, the Mayor declared the amendment carried.

On being put, with 25 voting for, 21 voting against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the substantive 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).

Councillor T Pickstone
THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 11.05pm

NOTE:

- 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.

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Classification	Item No.
Open	

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	19 May 2021
Title of report:	ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS
Report by:	Leader of the Council
Decision Type:	Council
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

The report sets out:

- a) the Executive arrangements to be adopted by the Council;
- b) the notification of Political Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders, the allocation of Portfolios to Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members; and the allocation of Spokesperson Roles for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year, (Appendices A and B)
- c) the appointment of Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies affected by the Political Balance Rules contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year. (Appendix C)
- d) the appointment of the Audit Committee and other bodies not covered or exempted from the Political Balance Rules for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year; (Appendix D)
- e) the appointment of representatives on Joint Authorities/GMCA Bodies, (Appendix E).
- f) the appointment of other internal bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules; (Appendix F).
- g) the appointments to outside bodies; (Appendix G).

Recommendation(s)

Recommended option

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, with an reduction in the Cabinet to 8 Members be confirmed for 2021/2022.
2. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members and spokespersons for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
4. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointment of other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to the Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year, set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
8. That the appointments to outside bodies for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Members Allowance Scheme for 2021/2022 as agreed on 17th March 2021 and set out in Appendix H be noted.
10. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2021/2022 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Cabinet for information.
11. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential changes to the Constitution as a result of any changes to Cabinet Portfolios

Key considerations

ISSUES

1.1 POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS AND DEPUTY LEADERS

- 1.1.1 The appointment by the Political Groups on the Council of their Leaders and Deputy Leaders has been notified and the details are set out in Appendix A to this report.

1.2 THE LEADER

- 1.2.1 In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Council currently operates a Strong Leader with Cabinet form of decision-making.
- 1.2.2 The Council Constitution made under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and its associated Regulations and directions and adopted by the Council on 21 November 2001, as amended, provides for the Council to appoint the Leader.

1.3 REGULATORY COMMITTEES, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES COVERED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

1.3.1 The rules and requirements for securing political balance on the Regulatory Committees (and Sub-Committees), Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Advisory Committees and certain other bodies appointed by local authorities as set out in Appendix C of this report, are contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, as amended.

1.3.2 The general effects of the balance rules on this Council are that it is under a duty:-

- (a) to ensure that the membership of those bodies covered by the rules reflects the political composition of the Council as far as practicable;
- (b) to allocate seats on these bodies to the political groups in proportion to their numerical strength on the Council as far a practicable;
- (c) to accept the nominations made by the Groups for the filling of seats allocated to them; and
- (d) to review the allocation of seats to political groups at, or as soon as practicable after, the Annual Council Meeting and at certain other specified times

1.3.3 In determining the allocation of seats to the political groups, the Council must apply these overriding **two principles so far as is reasonably practicable:-**

- (A) Not all seats on a body are to be allocated to the same political group;
- (B) The group with a majority of seats on the Council shall be allocated a majority of seats on a body.

Having first satisfied (A) and (B) above, then:-

(C) The total of all seats on ordinary Committees shall be allocated to the groups in proportion to their respective political strengths on the Council.

Once (A), (B) and (C) above have been satisfied then:-

(D) The number of seats on other affected "bodies" (Sub-Committees/Other Bodies) shall also be allocated to the political groups in proportion to their respective political strengths on the Council.

Group/Ind	Council Seats	Proportion
Labour	27	52.94%
Conservative	15	29.41%
Liberal Democrats	4	7.84%
Radcliffe First	4	7.84%
Unaligned	1	1.96%

- 1.3.5 **Recommended seat allocations (actual)** to the groups are shown against each body listed in the Schedule. Based on the approved sizes of “bodies” and bearing in mind the principles referred to above, the actual seat allocations for the main Committees are as follows:-

Group	Committees	Total Seats
Labour	35	35
Conservative	17	17
Lib/Dem	6	6
Radcliffe First	6	6
Independent/Unaligned		
TOTALS	64	64

- 1.3.6 The final allocation of places to bodies listed in Appendix C will be based on discussions between the political groups so the requirements set out in 1.3.5 above are met.

1.4 OTHER BODIES NOT COVERED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

- 1.4.1 The appointment of certain other bodies are not covered by the Political Balance Rules.
- 1.4.2. The Council is now responsible for the Health and Wellbeing Board and Jointly with Bury CCG the Strategic Commissioning Board. Membership is set out in Appendix D.

1.5. REPRESENTATIVES ON GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT AUTHORITIES

- 1.5.1. The Council is entitled to appoint representatives to serve on the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for 2021/22 and to nominate, from amongst the appointed representatives, Spokespersons to answer any questions (duly notified at Council meetings) on the functions of the Joint Authorities on which they serve.

1.6 APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER INTERNAL BODIES NOT GOVERNED BY THE POLITICAL BALANCE RULES 2021/2022

- 1.6.1 Attached to this report at Appendix F is a schedule giving details of the appointments to other internal bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules.

1.7 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/2022

- 1.7.1 Attached to this report at Appendix G is a schedule giving details of appointments to be made to outside bodies.

2.0 CONCLUSION

- 2.1 Appendix A contains details of appointments of Group Leaders/Deputy Leaders.
- 2.2 Appendix B contains details of appointments relating to the Cabinet.
- 2.3. Appendix C contains details of the Regulatory Committees and Sub-Committees/Other Bodies to be appointed in accordance with the Political Balance Rules.
- 2.4 Appendix D contains details for the appointment of the Audit Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board, Strategic Commissioning Board and other bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules.
- 2.5 Appendix E contains details of appointments of representatives on the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities.
- 2.6 Appendix F contains details of appointments of other internal bodies not covered by the Political Balance Rules.
- 2.7 Appendix G contains details of appointments to outside bodies.
- 2.8 Appendix H contains the current Members Allowance Scheme

Equality Impact and considerations:

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Consultation:

Group Leaders and Unaligned Member

Legal Implications:

The appointment of the various bodies indicated in the report complies with the provisions of the Council Constitution adopted under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 and its related Regulations and directions; and also with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended in respect of the political balance rules.

Financial Implications:

The number of portfolio positions and deputy portfolio holders within the Cabinet have reduced from nine to eight in 2021/22 with associated savings in responsibility allowances of £11,541.

However, as a consequence of there now being 2 parties with the same number of seats there are additional costs associated with 3rd party allowances of £5,726 and the requirement for an additional scrutiny chair at a cost of £6,379, these additional costs will be met within existing resources.

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APPENDIX A**APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS/DEPUTY LEADERS FOR
2021/2022**

Group/Position	Appointees 2021/2022
	Councillors:
Labour Group	
Leader	Cllr Eamonn O'Brien
Deputy Leader	Cllr Tamoor Tariq
Conservative Group	
Leader	Cllr Nick Jones
Deputy Leader	Cllr Paul Cropper
Liberal Democrat Group	
Leader	Cllr M Powell
Deputy Leader	Cllr C Tegolo
Radcliffe First Group	
Leader	Cllr J Mason
Deputy Leader	Cllr M Smith

APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET FOR 2021/2022*

Position	Appointees
Leader, Finance and Growth	ClIr Eamonn O'Brien
Deputy Leader, Children, Young People and Skills	ClIr Tamoor Tariq
First Deputy, Health and Wellbeing	ClIr Andrea Simpson
Communities	ClIr Richard Gold
Environment, Climate Change and Operations	ClIr Alan Quinn
Corporate Affairs and HR	ClIr Tahir Rafiq
Culture and The Economy	ClIr Charlotte Morris
Housing Services	ClIr Clare Cummins

*Note- Opposition Group Leaders are invited to all Cabinet meetings in a non-voting capacity

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS FOR 2021/2022

Position	Appointees
Finance and Growth (Ramsbottom Town Plan)	ClIr Kevin Thomas
Children Services	ClIr Clare Walsh
Communities	ClIr Ummrana Farooq
Health & Wellbeing	ClIr Debbie Quinn
Environment, Climate Change and Operations	ClIr Kevin Peel and ClIr Nathan Boroda
Corporate Affairs and HR	ClIr Joan Grimshaw

APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW CABINET FOR 2021/2022

Position	Appointees
Leader, Finance, Housing and Regeneration	ClIr Nick Jones
Deputy Leader, Environment and Climate Change	ClIr Paul Cropper
Public Health and Adult Social Care	ClIr Roger Brown
Children, Young People and Skills	ClIr Jo Lancaster
Communities, Leisure and Culture	ClIr Luis McBriar
Corporate Affairs, Transformation and HR	ClIr Russell Bernstein
Transport and Highways	ClIr Jackie Harris

APPOINTMENT OF POLITICALLY BALANCED COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2021/2022

Committees	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2021/2022
	Cllr	Co-Opted	
1. Planning Control Committee	11	0	<p>Lab(6) Con(3) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1) Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Gavin McGill (Chair) (Lab) Cllr Martin Hayes (Lab) Cllr Kevin Thomas (Lab) Cllr Ciaron Boles (Lab) Cllr Debbie Quinn (Lab) Cllr Nathan Boroda (Lab) Cllr J Harris (Con) Cllr D Vernon (Con) Cllr J Lancaster (Con) Cllr C Tegolo (LD) Cllr J Mason (RF)</p>
2. Licensing and Safety Committee	11	0	<p>Lab(6) Con(3) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1) Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Sandra Walmsley (Chair) (Lab) Cllr Trevor Holt (Lab) Cllr Joan Grimshaw (Lab) Cllr Karen Leach (Lab) Cllr Clare Walsh (Lab) Cllr Yvonne Wright (Con) Cllr Sam Hurst (Con) Cllr Jordan Lewis (Con) Cllr S Wright (LD) Cllr M Smith (RF) Cllr G McGill (Lab)</p> <p>(Full Panel to deal with all policy and monitoring matters) (3 members of the Panel to form individual politically-balanced (where possible) Panels for individual licence applications.)</p>

Committees	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2021/2022
	Cllr	Co-Opted	
3. Employment Panel	9	0	<p>Lab(5) Con(2) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1)</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Tahir Rafiq (Lab) Cllr Joan Grimshaw (Lab) Cllr Trevor Holt (Lab) Cllr Sam Butler (Lab) Cllr Richard Gold (Lab) Cllr Russell Bernstein (Con) Cllr Roger Brown (Con) Cllr Tim Pickstone (LD) Cllr J Mason (RF)</p> <p>Chair: Cabinet Member/Lead member for HR</p>
3a. Individual Panels/ Boards	(3) or (5)	(0)	<p>3 or 5 Members of the Panel selected to form Employment Panel dealing with:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortlisting and Appointment of Staff <p>Membership to comprise the Cabinet Member for Human Resources or nominated representative (who will act as Chair)</p>

4. Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	<p>Lab(6) Con(3) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1)</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p> Cllr Clare Walsh (Lab) Cllr Kevin Peel (Lab) Cllr Lucy Smith (Lab) Cllr Nathan Boroda (Lab) Cllr Gavin McGill (Lab) Cllr Ummrana Farooq (Lab) Cllr Russell Bernstein (Con) Cllr Liam-James Dean (Con) Cllr Dean Vernon (Con) Cllr M Powell (LD) Cllr C Birchmore (RF) </p> <p>Chair – Councillor Russell Bernstein (Con)</p> <p> (Cabinet Members not to be members of the Committee.) (Deputy Cabinet Members not to be a Member of a Committee dealing with an area in which they have an involvement or an interest). </p> <p>Overview Project Groups</p> <p> Set up as required with membership drawn from all non-Cabinet Members. Overview and Project Groups will appoint Co-opted Members as required. </p>
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Committees	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2021/2022
	Cllr	Co-Opted	
6. Health Scrutiny Committee	11		<p>Lab(6) Con(3) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1)</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Trevor Holt (Chair) (Lab) Cllr Joan Grimshaw (Lab) Cllr Shaheena Haroon (Lab) Cllr Martin Hayes (Lab) Cllr Sandra Walmsley (Lab) Cllr Tom Pilkington (Lab) Cllr K Hussain (Con) Cllr R Brown (Con) Cllr J Lewis (Con) Cllr C Tegolo (LD) Cllr C Birchmore (RF)</p> <p>Chair – Trevor Holt</p> <p>(Cabinet Members not to be members of the Committee.)</p> <p>(Lead Members not to be a Member of a Committee dealing with an area in which they have an involvement or an influence).</p>

APPOINTMENT OF NON-POLITICALLY BALANCED COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2021/22

***Indicative Balance calculations are provided**

Committee	No of seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2021/22
	Cllr s	Ind	
1. Audit Committee	9	1	<p>Guidance from the external auditor is that Cabinet Members should not be members of Audit Committee</p> <p>Lab(5) Con(2) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1)</p> <p>Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Mary Whitby (Chair) (Lab) Cllr Martin Hayes (Lab) Cllr Beth Mortensen (Lab) Cllr Sam Butler (Lab) Cllr Ummrana Farooq (Lab) Cllr Iain Gartside (Con) Cllr Jack Rydeheard (Con) Cllr Steve Wright (LD) Cllr Mike Smith (RF)</p> <p>Co-opted - Independent Member</p>
2. Standards	9		<p>The Mayor (Councillor Pickstone) will chair the Committee</p> <p>Lab(5) Con(2) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1)</p> <p>Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Martin Hayes (Lab) Cllr Mary Whitby (Lab) Cllr Tahir Rafiq (Lab) Cllr Sam Butler (Lab) Cllr Lucy Smith (Lab) Cllr Yvonne Wright (Con) Cllr Russell Bernstein (Con) Cllr Gareth Staple Jones (RF)</p> <p>(The Leader of the Council cannot be a Member of the Standards Committee)</p> <p>(One Member may be appointed from the Cabinet but he/she cannot Chair the Committee.)</p> <p>Independent Person(s):</p>
3. Health &	4	TBC	Councillors:

Wellbeing Board			<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Lab 3 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Con 1 </div> </div> <p> Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing(Chair) Cabinet Member Children and Young People Additional Labour Cabinet – Cllr Eamonn O’Brien Deputy Cabinet for Health and Wellbeing and Public Lead Shadow Cabinet Member, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor Roger Brown </p> <p>Core Voting Members:</p> <p> A nominated representative from the Voluntary Sector – Sajid Hashmi Executive Director of Children Young People and Culture – Sheila Durr Executive Director for Strategic Commissioning – Will Blandamer Director of Community Commissioning across the Council and CCG and Director of Adult Social Services – Julie Gonda Director of Public Health – Lesley Jones Two nominated representatives from the GP Clinical Commissioning Group –Dr Schryer and Geoff Little A nominated representative from the Local Healthwatch – Ruth Passman A nominated representative from Greater Manchester Police – Suzanne Downey A nominated representative of Greater Manchester Fire Service – Val Hussain A nominated representative from Northern Care Alliance – Tyrone Roberts A representative of the LCO – Kath Wynne Jones A nominated representative from Pennine Acute NHS Trust – Steven Taylor A nominated representative from Pennine Care Foundation Trust – Keith Walker A nominated representative from Six Town Housing – Sharon McCambridge </p>
4. Strategic Commissioning Board	7		<p> All members of Cabinet to attend 9 members of Cabinet to be voting members Opposition Leaders of the two Largest parties to attend also in a non-voting capacity </p> <p>Other voting members:</p> <p> Clinical Director x 5 Voting Lay Member – Quality Lay Member - PPI Lay Member – Finance and Audit Governing Body Registered Nurse </p>

			Chief Executive and Accountable Officer Joint Chief Finance Officer (S151 responsibilities) Joint Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning
5. Radcliffe Cabinet Committee	7		Voting Members: The Leader of the Council (Chair) (Lab) Two Cabinet Members Cllr Clare Cummins (Lab) Cllr Charlotte Morris (Lab) Non-Voting Members: Four Ward Councillors (two Radcliffe First and one each from Conservative and the Labour Groups). M Smith (RF) C Birchmore (RF) Jo Lancaster (Con)

GMCA & AGMA Nominations and Appointments - Local Authority 2021/22

GMCA Nominations and Appointments 2020/2021						
Body	Nominations Required	Length of Term	Meeting requirements	Notes	Existing Appointment	To be completed by Democratic Services Managers - LA Information
GM Combined Authority	10 members 1 to be appointed by each LA Plus 1 substitute member from each LA Plus GM Mayor	1 year	Monthly	Plus 1 substitute member from each LA	E Obrien T Tariq	E O'Brien A Simpson
GM Waste & Recycling Committee	2 nominations from each LA (with the exception of Wigan) GMCA to agree final membership	Up to June Annual Meeting		The Committee will have 15 members to ensure political proportionality and gender balance. Chair of the Committee to be agreed by the GMCA following recommendation from the Waste & Recycling Committee.	Quinn Cummings	A Quinn Boroda
GMCA Audit Committee	4 members (cannot be Leaders) & 2	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	<u>Cannot be Leaders</u> GM Political Balance	Whitby	Whitby

	<p>Substitute members invited from across GM nominated by the LAs, if they wish to do so.</p> <p>GMCA to agree final membership</p>			<p>rules apply</p> <p>Plus 4 Independent persons</p>		
GM Transport Cttee (formerly TfGMC)	<p>11 Members : 1 member from each LA</p> <p>(2 members from Manchester)</p> <p>LAs to appoint substitute members</p> <p>GMCA to appoint substitute member</p> <p>Mayor to appoint substitute members</p>	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Committee will have 23 members to ensure political proportionality and gender balance. •GM Local Authorities appoint to 11 places on the Joint Committee plus substitutes •The GMCA to appoint to one place on the Joint Committee •The Mayor to be a member of the Joint Committee •The remaining 10 members (plus substitutes) are appointed by Mayor and will be made to ensure political balance across GM is represented. 	R Gold Luck Smith (sub) R Walker	K Peel N Boroda (sub) J Harris

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Transport Committee shall select and recommend to the Mayor its own Chair 		
GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Cttee	10 Members - 1 member from each LA, invited from across GM, plus 1 substitute member from each LA GMCA to agree final membership	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 per year	*recommend membership to replicate the AGMA Statutory Functions Cttee	J Black D Jones (sub))	C Morris R Gold (sub)
GM Work & Skills Executive	10 members – 1 member (Executive Lead for Work & Skills) to be appointed by each LA			(Executive Lead for Work & Skills)	Tariq	Tariq
Health & Social Care Partnership Board	10 members one to be appointed from each LA <u>Plus 1 substitute from each LA</u>		Bi-monthly		Simpson	Simpson
Health & Social Care - Joint Commissioning Board	10 members – 1 member to be appointed by each LA		Bi-monthly	*Those appointed to appoint their own deputies	Simpson	Simpson

	Those appointed to appoint their own deputies					
Transport for the North – Substitute member for the GM Mayor	1 member invited from across GM to act a substitute member for GM Mayor. Nominated by LAs, if they wish to do so. To be appointed by the GMCA					
Transport for the North – Scrutiny Committee	1 member & 1 substitute member invited from across GM, nominated by the LAs, if they wish to do so. To be appointed by the GMCA				Roy Walker	J Harris
GMCA & AGMA Scrutiny Committees	Each LA is requested to make 6 nominations – *See Notes	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	* Process for appointments has been circulated by Joanne Heron – GMCA Statutory Scrutiny Officer *4 of these nominations should be from the ruling	Vacancy (Corporate Issues and Reform) Hayes (Housing, Planning & Environment) Whitby (Economy,	Lab Vacancy (Corporate Issues and Reform) Hayes (Housing, Planning & Environment)

	GMCA to agree final membership			group and 2 from the major opposition group, except where there is a hung council (or no opposition group). Districts with a three way hung council are expected to be politically inclusive in their nominations.	Business, Growth & Skills Gunther (Housing, Planning & Environment) R Walker(Economy, Business, Growth & Skills) T Pickstone (Corporate Issues and Reform)	Whitby (Economy, Business, Growth & Skills) T Pickstone (Corporate Issues and Reform) Cllr Bernstein Cllr Cropper
Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee	10 members - 1 member & 1 substitute member to be appointed by each LA (Lead executive member for clean air)	Up to June Annual Meeting		Plus 1 substitute member from each LA	L Smith A Quinn (Sub)	A Quinn N Boroda (sub)
Air Quality Administration Committee	11 members 1 member & 1 substitute member to be appointed by each LA (Lead executive member for clean air) GMCA portfolio Lead for green City Region	Up to June Annual Meeting		Plus 1 substitute member from each LA GMCA to appoint 1 substitute member	L Smith A Quinn (Sub)	A Quinn N Boroda (sub)
NW Regional	Membership will	1 year	Quarterly	Those appointed to	No LA appointment	A Quinn

Flood and Coastal Committee	be drawn from the Planning and Housing Commission			appoint their own deputies	required.	
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AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2021/22						
Body	Nominations Required	Length of Term	Meeting Requirements	Notes	Existing Councillor	To Be Completed by Democratic Services Managers – LA Information
AGMA Executive Board	9 Leaders, 1 City Mayor of Salford, (plus GM Mayor) to be appointed by the LA <u>Plus 2 substitutes from each LA</u>	1 year	As and when required	Need to appoint 1 substitute member *(AGMA Constitution changed from 2 subs to 1 in 2019)	O'Brien Tariq (substitute) Simpson (substitute)	O'Brien Tariq (substitute) Simpson (substitute)
Draft Joint Development Plan – Places for Everyone Committee	9 members (with the exception of Stockport) Leader & Substitute member	Up to June Annual Meeting		Leader & Substitute member Plus 1 substitute member from each LA	O'Brien	O'Brien
Statutory Functions Committee	10 members (1 per Authority invited from across GM to be appointed by the LA Plus 1 substitute member from each LA	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 per year	*recommend membership to replicate the GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Cttee	J Black	C Morris
Police and Crime Panel	10 members (1 per Authority & 1 substitute member) (cannot be Leaders)	1 year	At least 3 times per year	Cannot be Leaders Need to appoint substitute members	D Jones R Gold (sub)	R Gold U Farooq (sub)

	invited from across GM to be appointed by the LA					
Police & Crime Steering Group	10 members (1 per Authority (cannot be Leaders) invited from across GM to be appointed by the LA			Cannot be leaders	D Jones	R Gold
GM Health Scrutiny Committee	10 members (1 per Authority) invited from across GM to be appointed by the LA <u>Plus 1 substitute from each LA, to be non-Executive/Cabinet members from respective LA.</u>	1 year	Quarterly	Chairs of Health Scrutiny or scrutiny members ideally (must be non-Executive/Cabinet Members) <u>Plus 1 substitute from each LA, to be non-Executive/Cabinet members from respective LA.</u> GM Political Balance rules apply	S Smith Grimshaw (sub)	T Holt Grimshaw (sub)
Planning and Housing Commission	11 members (1 per Authority) invited from across GM to be appointed by the LA Plus Leader portfolio holder for Planning & Housing AGMA Executive to agree final membership	1 year	Quarterly	Members to be drawn from LA Planning & Housing portfolio holders GM Political Balance rules apply Plus Leader portfolio holder for Planning & Housing	C Cummins G McGill (sub)	C Cummins G McGill (sub)

	Plus 2 Independent members					
GM Pensions Fund Management Panel	<p>9 members (1 per Authority – Lead Authority (Tameside) appoints its member) invited from across GM to be appointed by the LAs</p> <p>AGMA Executive to agree final membership</p>	1 year	<p>Quarterly</p> <p>Sub-groups may also require attendance (there are four)</p>	In previous years members have been drawn from LA Lead Executive members	Grimshaw	Grimshaw
Halle	1 member invited from across GM nominated by the LAs, if they wish to do so, to be appointed by AGMA Executive	1 year			Black	Morris
Peoples History Museum	1 member invited from across GM nominated by the LAs, if they wish to do so, to be appointed by AGMA Executive	1 year	Quarterly	Charity Trustee role	Black	Morris
Christie Hospital NHS foundation Trust	1 member invited from across GM nominated by the LAs, if they wish to do so, to be	3 years		Council of Governors		No nominations required - Cllr Eddie Moores appointed in 2019/20 for 3 years

	appointed by AGMA Executive					
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APPOINTMENT OF OTHER INTERNAL BODIES

APPENDIX F

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	Appointment 2020/2021	Appointment 2021/2022
Fostering Panels (Susan Harris)	3 Members 2 Lab 1 Con	Caserta Susan Southworth C Cummins	C Cummins Lab Vacancy Con Vacancy
Substance Misuse Partnership Delivery Group (TBC)	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Simpson	Simpson
Community Safety Partnership (Tom Houghton)	Cabinet or deputy cabinet member	D Jones	Gold
Corporate Parenting Board (Democratic services)	11 Members: Chair - Cabinet Member for Children and Families 10 members based on political balance: Lab (5) Con (3) Lib Dem(1) Rad First (1)	Caserta Gartside Schofield Pickstone Cathcart (Chair) Tariq Susan Southworth O'Brien C Cummins Briggs	O'Brien Tariq Walsh Cummins Peel Lab Vacancy T Pickstone LJ Dean J Lancaster L McBriar
Corporate JCC (Democratic services)	10Members: 3 Con 5 Lab 1 Lib Dem 1 Rad First	Keeley Gartside Hurst Pickstone Holt Quinn Rafiq O'Brien Black Hayes	Holt Rafiq Quinn O'Brien Hayes T Pickstone I Gartside D Vernon S Hurst C Birchmore

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	Appointment 2020/2021	Appointment 2021/2022
Democratic Arrangements Forum (Democratic services)	4 Members: Leader or Dep Leader Chair of Standards 1 Lib 1 Con	N Jones/Cropper Powell/Tegolo E O'Brien/Tariq	O'Brien/Tariq M Powell Nick Jones Sub P Cropper
Housing Issues Advisory Group (Marcus Connor)	4 Members: (Not to include Members of STH Board) 1 Con 3 Lab	D Gunther Tegolo Walmsley Cummins	Walmsley Cummins
Joint Consultative Committee Health and Safety (Democratic services)	4 Members: 1 Con 3 Lab	D Vernon Pickstone Rafiq Hayes	Rafiq Hayes Bernstein
JCC with Teachers and JCC with Lifelong Learning Staff (Democratic services)	8 Members: 2 Con 4 Lab 1 Lib Dem 1 Rad First	G Keeley S Hurst Pickstone Cathcart Tariq Thomas McGill Briggs	Tariq Thomas McGill Lab Vacancy T Pickstone S Hurst Con Vacancy C Birchmore
Joint Consultative Committee with the Magistrates' Courts	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	Hussain Grimshaw Hayes	Grimshaw Hayes K Hussain
Local Access Forum (David Chadwick)	2 Members Cabinet Members for Environment and Leisure, Tourism & Culture - Dep Cabinet Members as subs	Quinn Black Cummings/Mortenson (Subs)	Quinn Morris Boroda/Peel (sub)

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	Appointment 2020/2021	Appointment 2021/2022
Corporate Diversity Team (Catherine King)	7 Members: Leader or Deputy Leader 2 Con 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem 1 Rad First	N Jones Y Wright Pickstone O'Brien Tariq Black D Jones	O'Brien Tariq Morris Gold Tegolo L McBriar L J Dean
Member Development Group (Democratic services)	Group Leaders where possible and Lead Member for Human Resources/member development	Cropper Tegolo Holt Black	Holt Rafiq Powell Cropper
Older Peoples Partnership	3 Members: Cabinet Members for Communities and Health and Wellbeing. Lead Member for Elderly	C Walsh Simpson (Vacancy)	Simpson D Quinn
Persona (Shareholder panel) (Catherine Nugent) C.nugent@bury.gov.uk	2 Cabinet Members	E Obrien Simpson	O'Brien Simpson
Risk Management Group (Dave Hipkiss)	3 Members: Cabinet Member for Finance Chair of Audit Leader of Opposition	N Jones E Obrien Whitby	O'Brien Whitby N Jones
Six Town Housing Board	3 Labour	J Harris	Peel

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	Appointment 2020/2021	Appointment 2021/2022
(Alison Leach) A.J.Leach@bury.gov.uk	1 Con	S Wright R Cathcart Susan Southworth	L Smith N Jones
Six Town Housing Limited – Shareholder (Alison Leach) A.J.Leach@bury.gov.uk	Cabinet Member to attend meetings as sole shareholder.	Cummins	Cummins
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) (C. Crisp 0161 3686147)	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	Silbiger Vacancy x 2	Lab Vacancy Lab Vacancy K Hussain

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	Appointment 2020/2021	Appointment 2021/2022
Youth Cabinet (Democratic services)	9 Members: 2 Con 5 Lab 1 Lib Dem 1 Rad First	Cropper Keeley D Vernon Powell Tariq Mortenson Morris Hayes Vacancy	Tariq Morris Hayes Butler Tegolo P Cropper J RydeHeard
Adult Learning Advisory Group (Julie Kenrick)	One Member from each township, and one other with an expertise in this subject area and Deputy Cabinet member for Communities and safer neighbourhoods to Chair	Harris – West Schofield – Ramsbottom S Wright – Prestwich Holt – East Grimshaw – Whitefield and Unsworth Cathcart – (Radcliffe) McGill – (specialist knowledge) Haroon (Chair)	Pilkington – Ramsbottom Y Wright – West Holt – East Grimshaw (Chair)– Whitefield and Unsworth Opposition – Radcliffe McGill – Specialist Knowledge) U Farooq

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/2022

APPENDIX G

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Existing Appointment 2020/21	Nomination (Councillor) 2021/2022
Bury and District CAB (Alison Close Chair - a.r.close@btinternet.com)	3 Members 2 Lab 1 Con	P Cropper Cummings Vacancy x1 Lab	Vacancy x1 Lab J Lewis K Peel
Bury Local Strategic Partnership Executive Board (Team Bury)	1 Member	E O'Brien	E O'Brien

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Existing Appointment 2020/21	Nomination (Councillor) 2021/2022
(Emma Joos e.joos@bury.gov.uk)	plus 2 Officers: 1 Lab	Tariq (sub)	Tariq (sub)
Bury Metro Arts Association (AGM) (Victoria.robinson@themet.biz 01617617107)	6 Members: (3 voting/3 non voting) 4 Lab 2 Con	I Gartside D Vernon Hayes Vacancy x2 Lab	Hayes Morris Vacancy x2 Lab L McBriar
Bury Metro Arts Association (Executive) (Victoria.robinson@themet.biz 01617617107)	3 Members: 2 Lab 1 Con	D Vernon Black K Thomas	Morris K Thomas L McBriar
Bury Music Service Ltd (Mr P Jarvis 0161 796 9910, mail@burymusic.co.uk) burymu.302@clara.co.uk Helen Potter Administrator Bury Music Service)	3 Members: 2 Lab 1 Con	G Keeley Vacancy x2 Lab	Vacancy x2 Lab P Cropper
Bury Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted D Chambers 0161 763 7014 buryblindsociety@buryblindsociety.org enquires@buryblindsociety.org	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	Y Wright Grimshaw Vacancy x1 Lab	J Lewis Grimshaw Vacancy x1 Lab
Bury Town Centre Management Board Liz Gillan E.gillan@bury.gov.uk 5974	2 Members: Cabinet Member with responsibility for Regeneration 1 Member for East Ward	E O'Brien 1 East Ward Member Holt	O'Brien Holt

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Existing Appointment 2020/21	Nomination (Councillor) 2021/2022
Council of Voluntary Organisations (Alex Whinnom, Director, Greater Manchester Council for Voluntary Organisations, St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ 0161 277 1004 – alex.whinnom@gmcvo.org.uk)	1 Member 1 Lab	Whitby	Whitby
East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management (Democratic Services – Michael Cunliffe)	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	R Walker Susan Southworth C Jones (Non cllr)	J Harris K Peel Vacancy x1 Lab
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority – Waste Forum (Sarah.mellor@oldham.gov.uk)	1 Member: 1 Lab	Vacancy x1 Lab	A Quinn
Groundwork Bury (Vicki Devonport – 0161 624 1444 vicki.devonport@groundwork.uk.org)	1 Members: 1 Lab	Susan Southworth	K Peel
Hollins Institute Educational Fund (Roy Spencer - hvca@hotmail.co.uk)	2 Members from Unsworth Ward	Jones T Rafiq	Rafiq Boroda
Local Government Association – General Assembly (memberservices@lgo.gov.uk Marion Stribling – 0207 664 3040	Leader, Deputy Leader Opposition Group Leaders	N Jones Powell O'Brien Tariq	O'Brien Tariq Jones
Manchester Air Pollution Advisory Council mapac@manchester.gov.uk	2 Members plus Deputies:	Quinn/Cummings	A Quinn Boroda
Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal Restoration Partnership (Paulhindle@talktalk.net)	2 Members	Vacancy x2 Lab	Vacancy x2 Lab

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Existing Appointment 2020/21	Nomination (Councillor) 2021/2022
Manchester Mesivta Grammar School Governing Body (Lindsay Laddin – 0161 773 1789 – mesivta@bury.gov.uk)	1 Member: 1 Lab	Quinn	A Quinn
North West Local Authorities' Employers Organisation (Vic Hewitt, Chief Executive – 0161 214 7123) (kathrynm@nwemployers.org.uk)	1 Member plus substitute 1 Lab	Holt	Holt
Older People's Network: North West of England (David Halpin, Social Services Directorate, PO Box 162, East Cliff County Offices, Preston, PR1 3EA) Tel 01772 534358 David Halpin@SSD.LancsCC.gov.uk	1 Member (Older People's Champion)		Vacancy x1 Lab
Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Democratic Services – Julie Gallagher)	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	Gunther S Smith G McGill	McGill Holt Brown
Pennine Care NHS Trust Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Democratic Services – Julie Gallagher)	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	Gunther Grimshaw Whitby	Grimshaw Whitby Brown
Pennine Care Foundation Trust – Council of Governors (Not a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Member) Louise Bishop secretary lisa.howarth@nhs.net	1 Member 1 Lab	Vacancy x1 Lab	Vacancy x1 Lab
Pension Fund Advisory Committee (0161 342 3050 carolyn.eaton@tameside.gov.uk)	1 Member: 1 Lab	Grimshaw	Grimshaw
Greater Manchester Forests Partnership (previously -Red Rose Forest Partnership Group) (Anne Carpenter – Anne@cityoftrees.org.uk)	2 Members plus reserve: 2 Lab Con reserve	Cummings Quinn (Sub Gunther)	Quinn Boroda Cropper (sub)

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Existing Appointment 2020/21	Nomination (Councillor) 2021/2022
Ring and Ride Forum (must be a non GMPTA Rep) Jackie.Beaumont@RingandRide.info Chris.Berry@RingandRide.info >	1 Labour	Vacancy x1 Lab	Vacancy x1 Lab
Rivers Estate Management Committee – Contour Homes (Karen Hughes – 0345 6021120 karen.hughes@contourhousing.co.uk Quay Plaza 2, 1 st Floor, Lowry Outlet Mall, Salford, M50 3AH	3 ward members	Whitby Simpson L Smith	Whitby Simpson L Smith
University of Manchester – General Assembly (Martin Conway - martin.f.conway@manchester.ac.uk)	1 Member: 1 Lab plus Deputy	Quinn	Quinn
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Statement from Council Leader Eamonn O'Brien

It is almost a whole year since I was selected by the council to be Leader of Bury Council. When I became Leader, we were in a similar situation as we are now with lockdown restrictions being lifted and with a great sense of hope from our residents that we can begin to return to society as we know it. I hope that this time our emergence from lockdown will be the last, and that the heroic vaccination efforts in our borough will prove enough to end this pandemic once and for all.

But what we must not forget is what we have learned during the pandemic. We have learned who our key workers really are, and that they must not be taken for granted. We have learned how important our local communities are, from the local businesses we have found a new appreciation for, to the selfless individuals who have sacrificed their time to volunteer to help those who need it the most in their local area.

This is why as a council we have taken decisions to ensure that we build back better from this pandemic. In our budget we committed to paying all our workers and contractors a real living wage of at least £9.50 per hour. We strengthened and delivered on our plans towards achieving carbon neutrality in our borough and protecting our green spaces by improving our parks, allocating more funding to unlock brownfield land for housing, and pledged our support towards a 'brownfield first' policy.

This State of the Borough Report outlines what we have achieved in my first year as Leader of Bury Council, structured around the three 'Rs' which will continue to spell a renaissance for Bury. Response, Recovery, and Regeneration. We are hopefully coming towards the end of our response efforts now, although we will not stop until as many of our residents are vaccinated as possible, and until we see the end of Covid-19 in our country.

Our efforts towards a recovery in our borough have been underway for over a year now. We are confident that we have supported businesses to a high standard by distributing grants to those in need, including a generous support offer to our famous market and its traders. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure businesses have a smooth transition towards reopening and wish them a prosperous future in our borough.

And finally, I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made on regeneration schemes across our borough. We have already committed to raising more than £30m to transform the heart of Radcliffe, and masterplans to regenerate Bury and Prestwich town centres are well underway. We also want to produce a bespoke Town Plan for Ramsbottom and will be looking at how we can protect the future of the civic suite there as part of it. I believe our schemes will make our borough an even greater place to live, work, and socialise.



Cllr Eamonn O'Brien

Leader of Bury Council

Covid-19 response

Just over a year ago the Covid-19 pandemic dawned upon our borough and the country at large. Our number one priority was to provide help and support to our borough's residents and our businesses.

The council stepped up to do what we needed to do. We set up Community Hubs across the borough, bringing together hundreds of volunteers and redeploying council staff to help vulnerable people with shopping, prescriptions, and other support. Bury Council even worked with partners to build a mobile app to coordinate requests quickly and easily for support and volunteering in the community.

We gave our market traders a rent holiday, suspended debt chasing, eased the pressure on local businesses who rent premises from the council by waiving rent payments, gave hundreds of businesses rates relief, and provided thousands of small businesses with grants all within one week of the first lockdown.

All rough sleepers in our ABEN (A Bed Every Night) facility were moved into their own secure and safe accommodation with support and health provision.

We have continued to provide free school meals to children over half-term breaks and for pupils who are required to self-isolate.

When the chance came up for us to support the mammoth effort to end this pandemic by supporting the vaccination efforts we stepped up. We transformed the Elizabethan Suite into a vaccination

centre and supported efforts to bring Covid-19 vaccines to the Prestwich Walk-in Centre, Bealey's in Radcliffe, and Ramsbottom Civic Hall.

We also opened a 'pop-up' Covid vaccination clinic at the Jinnah Centre aimed at Bury's South Asian community. This was led by local GPs, clinical pharmacists, and the community, together with Bury Council and NHS Bury CCG. It offered vaccinations to people who were eligible for a jab but had not yet taken up the offer.

As of the 9th May 2021, our tremendous vaccination efforts meant we had given a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to at least 100,000 residents, with 61,000 having received a second vaccine and being fully vaccinated.

Business

We have set up town centre boards in each of our townships to bring together local firms and help co-ordinate recovery post-Covid.

We have a dedicated business support team, which has administered more than £30 million in local business grants through the various Local Restrictions Support Grants, Additional Restrictions Grants, closed business lockdown payments, and Restart Grants. The Business Rates team also paid out £40 million in small business and retail grants between April and September 2020.

We also helped market traders and others with rent holidays etc. during earlier restrictions.

We supported taxi drivers to recover from lockdown by extending vehicle licenses, extending license tests, postponing medical examinations, and issuing 12-month licence renewals.

Recovery

We are also pleased to announce that we completed our 10-point plan for recovery set last July. This includes: Summer provision for our children; No rough sleepers; The Bury opportunity guarantee; Anti-poverty strategy refresh; Year of Culture; Health and care recovery; Backing Bury businesses; Working well; Economic recovery strategy; and championing the borough's key workers.

Opportunity Guarantee

We progressed our work to ensure every resident of the Borough has the opportunity to maximise their life chances, including responding from the impact of Covid-19.

The Opportunity Guarantee is aimed at all ages, from Early Years, through education including transition, to ensure opportunities to promote work and life readiness.

The guarantee will provide a joined-up approach to skills provision, in one place, showcasing the variety of options regardless of circumstance.

We are making a guarantee that everybody in the Borough has the opportunity to develop themselves or others and to get involved in their community as a volunteer.

Apprenticeships

Earlier this year we proudly announced that we will be putting into place a policy which ensures that Bury Council apprenticeships will be ringfenced for our own residents. This will increase employment and training opportunities for people living in Bury.

Plans will be brought forward in the coming months to make the most of this opportunity with residents as they come forward.

This is on top of our work to create over 30 jobs through the government's Kickstart job creation programme. Which we are well on our way with recruiting to.

Real Living Wage

At the beginning of this pandemic, we clapped for the NHS and our key workers. The past year has proven to us how important our key workers are, and how we must not take the services they deliver for granted.

Now, the council has gone one step further and committed to paying our employees, whether directly employed by the Council or contracted out, the Real Living Wage (£9.50ph).

For people currently working full time on the minimum wage (£8.91 for over 25s) this could mean a pay increase of over £100 per month, potentially taking many people above the poverty line (21% of employees are paid below the Real Living Wage – Resolution Foundation)

This is likely to have a huge difference for the thousands of staff we employ in our

social care services and for those who clean our buildings to make them as safe as possible during the pandemic.

Environment

At Bury Council we are taking our climate emergency pledge seriously as we continue to reduce our carbon footprint and make our air cleaner for our residents. This pledge has only been strengthened during the pandemic with a shift to home-working and a greater appreciation of our green spaces and parks, proving that we need to Build Back Better out of this pandemic. All six towns should be thriving and sustainable and by 2030 we will have delivered key regeneration opportunities within our town centres. Everyone will be living in a high-quality carbon-neutral environment by 2038

Through the hard work of our council officers we were able to receive a grant of £8.5 million to cut carbon emissions from our buildings. Improvements will be made to 16 council buildings include double glazing, insulation measures, air source heat pumps, solar panels, and LED lighting. This will lead to total annual energy savings of £265,160 and reduce annual carbon emissions by 1,033 tonnes.

We have signed up to a huge range of green/climate change initiatives, from carbon neutral pledges to tree planting, solar panels and new green bin wagons.

We invested £3.5 million in a new 'fit for purpose' fuel efficient fleet of 19 waste collection vehicles to boost efficiency. Fourteen of the new vehicles are 'state of the art' Rotopress vehicles. The main noticeable difference with Faun Zoeller

Rotopress vehicles is that the main body of the vehicle is in the form of a cylindrical drum. This rotates while the vehicle is stationary and on the move, to shift the waste to the front of the vehicle.

Savings of nearly £140,000 will be made after the installation of solar panels at the council's operations HQ at Bradley Fold. Some 69 panels have been fitted to the south-facing roof of the vehicle workshop of the depot. The panels will generate around 22,000kWh of electricity annually and reduce carbon emissions by 10 tons a year.

Parks and green spaces

We agreed to spend £1.1m last year to improve our parks, which all have Green Flag status. All the borough's parks have been inspected and the first phase will be to refurbish three parks in East Bury which were considered to be most in need of investment – Manchester Road Park, Hoyles Park and Openshaw Park.

In addition, most parks will benefit: work will include improvements to paths, structures, fencing, access, drainage, bins, play areas, ball zones, access and landscaping. There will also be a contribution to enhancements to car parking at Burrs Country Park and support for a scheme led by the Friends of Nuttall Park, plus work at St Mary's, Whitefield and Close parks.

We pledged £350,000 of funding for upgrades to Clarence Park, which includes £150,000 to restore the skate park. A public consultation which attracted more than 600 responses found many users wanted to skate park to return. The park will also see refurbishment of the tennis courts, play area, ball zone, paths,

railings, signage, landscaping, benches and bins.

In the budget earlier this year we took the decision to invest a further £600,000 in green spaces in its next phase of an ongoing programme to upgrade Bury's Green Flag parks. This complements the £1.1m green spaces improvement programme approved in November 2020.

There will also be provision for further development of the Burrs Strategy as well as health and safety works and developing external funding bids towards the longer term sustainability of this well-used country park

Other key enhancements to the borough's leisure facilities include improvements to all tennis courts over 2 years, athletics track development, public rights of way works, development of 3G all-weather football pitches and improvements to play areas and ball zones.

Flood defences and preparation

Earlier this year Storm Christoph threatened to cause flood and damage to our residents and businesses, as it did across other areas of the UK. However, thanks to the tireless efforts of council staff and partner agencies, we were able to keep residents safe.

Operational teams worked flat out to respond to issues in all parts of the borough, from widescale flooding in Nuttall Park in Ramsbottom and Close Park and Jubilee Mill in Radcliffe to many instances of surface water in local streets.

Thankfully, there were no major incidents and residents did not need to be evacuated from their homes.

Infrastructure

We agreed to invest a further £10 million in road improvements. Out of the £10 million, £4.5 million was allocated to structural maintenance (e.g. resurfacing), £3 million on preventative maintenance (e.g. surface dressing), leaving £2.5 million for reactive maintenance (e.g. potholes, patching).

Town of Culture

Arts organisations in the borough creatively moved activities online to ensure culture could continue to flourish during our year as the first Greater Manchester Town of Culture. We were delighted to hear that our year of culture has been extended for another year due to the impact of Covid-19, an opportunity we could not refuse.

Bury's own The Met hosted much of the United We Stream programme in the first lockdown, featuring DJs, big name acts like Elbow and Brandon Flowers, performance, arts and food.

Earlier this year we funded six artists with £500 to celebrate Bury's cultural offer, rich heritage and diverse communities.

We are now making final preparations to develop a new Cultural Strategy for the borough. Central to the strategy is the need for strong partnership and engagement activity to develop and deliver the borough's cultural vision together. It will also explore how Town of Culture activity can be used as means for conversations with wider communities to generate future cultural initiatives.

Skills and learning

A year ago we made many of our adult learning courses available to our residents for free online, including courses such as essential English and Maths, courses relating to improving digital skills, and

courses introducing learners to health and social care.

Health and fitness

The pandemic has shown us how important leading healthy lives can be. During the first lockdown many of us took the opportunity to get outdoor for our daily exercise. As a result, we took the decision to give our council owned gyms an upgrade to encourage people to keep fit or improve their fitness in the future.

Our three gyms have had a £500k upgrade to improve the digital experience of their thousands of visitors.

The improvements at Castle Leisure Centre, Radcliffe Leisure Centre and Ramsbottom Pool & Fitness Centre were carried out in time to welcome customers back on 12 April when coronavirus lockdown restrictions were lifted.

The council partnered with Matrix Fitness to install 135 of the latest machines across the three sites, including those which focus on building strength, function fitness and cardiovascular capacity.

Regeneration

Radcliffe

We set out major short, medium and long-term regeneration plans for Radcliffe, to transform the area for generations to come.

The plans for Radcliffe include:

Civic Hub: a new public services hub in the heart of Radcliffe town centre which will bring real regenerative benefits into the core of the town and provide confidence for other owners to invest in their property/the town. Uses currently

being explored include Council offices to accommodate staff relocating from Whittaker Street; Creative workspaces; a health-related facility; a community space; and retail / active frontage on the ground floor.

Market Chambers: Refurbishment work is expected to commence in 2021. The SRF proposal is to bring the whole of the building back into active use, with potential to include flexible working space for young start-up businesses and entrepreneurs, particularly those in the technology and creative industries sectors, as well as retail and office use.

Residential Development: The development of key brownfield sites will provide much needed new homes for Radcliffe residents and help to bring forward considerable investment and confidence into the town.

East Lancashire Paper Mill (ELPM) - This site is being delivered jointly with Homes England

On the School Street site over £880,000 of funding has been secured through Greater Manchester's allocation of the Brownfield Land Fund.

Phase 2 of this project will involve identifying new opportunities for new large scale residential sites within Radcliffe.

Phase 3 of the work will look at other potential sites in and around the centre, which are likely to be longer term opportunities.

A new High School for Radcliffe:

Thanks to the work of the Council and STAR Academies to make the Coney

Green Site available for a new secondary school in Radcliffe, STAR were able to submit a successful bid to government for funding for a new secondary school.

The new school will accommodate 750 pupils, opening one year at a time, i.e. start with a Year 7 with an intake of 150 and growing over 5 years to 750 pupils.

Star Academies runs a group of 29 primary and secondary schools in Lancashire, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, the Midlands and London. The trust is one of the country's leading education providers. In 2018 and 2019, it was the top-performing trust in England for the progress pupils make at its secondary schools. Star Academies schools promote excellence in everything they do, with around half of all Star schools judged to be 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

3G football pitch

Earlier this year we worked with the Football Foundation and Lancashire County FA on developing a funding application for a 'state of the art' 3G football facility in Radcliffe.

This would be the third of its kind in the borough, the others being at Goshen Playing Field and at Elton High School.

3G pitches are made up of synthetic grass filled with rubber cushioning as a performance infill. The surface allows for better grip, smoother play, better shock absorption and excellent ball performance.

The council has set aside a total of £500,000 funding for the project and will

seek additional funding from other partners too.

Prestwich Regeneration

Over the past year we took our regeneration proposals a step further, including our proposals to transform the heart of Prestwich. We took the decision to buy the Longfield shopping centre from its current owners in order to drive forward multi-million pound regeneration of the village.

This will be the single biggest breakthrough in a decade, removing one of the biggest roadblocks to the regeneration of Prestwich. This will mean we can finally move from the passenger seat to the driving seat in bringing a new modern town centre to Prestwich.

Masterplan for Bury Town Centre

We are also developing plans to transform Bury town centre (including the transport interchange and Bury Market). We have bid successfully, and have submitted more bids, to build affordable housing on brownfield land in the area.

We are consulting on our Housing Strategy to make sure we have the type of housing needed for the future.

Ramsbottom Town Plan

The regeneration efforts don't stop there. In November 2020, Cabinet approved proposals to engage consultants to prepare a public realm and place management plan for Ramsbottom. The plan will principally set out a series of initiatives to improve public realm, townscape and movement within the town

centre and explore opportunities to improve its visitor offer in order to help maintain its role as a quality destination for the next 10 to 15 years.

Bury Market

To support the future of our market and its traders we took the decision to install upgraded cameras on Bury Market to boost security and contribute to future development plans.

The new CCTV system will help to maintain a safe shopping environment for visitors and bring the operating system into the 21-century, giving us the ability in future to accurately count the number of people visiting the market, with a heat map to identify busy areas and shopper habits which will contribute to our strategic plans to modernise the market.

The future of our borough

Bury Futures

Towards the end of February, we began our 'Bury Futures' conversations, bringing together local, regional and national thought leaders to discuss Bury topics linking into our Bury 2030 strategy.

Our first event, 'Enterprise', hosted by Phillip Collins in conversation with Professor Diane Coyle Mike Emmerich and Heather Williams, discussed what role local government can play in creating a thriving economy, and what central government can do to help our towns rebuild after the pandemic.

Our second event, 'Strengths', hosted again by Phillip Collins in dialogue with Cllr Eamonn O'Brien, Cllr Tamoor Tariq, Cllr Andrea Simpson, Ruth Passman,

Steph Meskell-Brocken, Cllr Jane Black, and Kath Wynne-Jones. Panellists in this conversation reflected on the role health, education, and culture must play in creating a thriving community.

Our final event, 'Together', was again hosted by Phillip Collins, this time in conversation with Adam Lent, Warren Heppollette, Sajid Hashmi, Vicky Maloney, Reverend Paul Cannon, Cllr Eamonn O'Brien, Isaac Ginsbury, and Tina Harrison. In this discussion participants considered the role of community leadership and working together to achieve shared outcomes for the borough.

A common thread ran through each of them: there are huge challenges for us all, but we need to stay ambitious for our future, a future we can all play an important part in to make the most out of the opportunities that are out there.

Thousands of people tuned in for the video streams of these events, and we hope we have inspired the people of Bury about what the future might hold for them.

Bury 2030

The Bury 2030 Strategy has been developed by the 'Team Bury' partnership for everyone who has a stake in our Borough's future: local people, community groups, organisations of every sort, whether public, private or voluntary. This is not just a "public sector" strategy. It belongs to all of us and delivering it is a responsibility we all share.

This strategy is a call to action for everyone in our Borough to get behind the change we all want to see and do all we can to make it happen. It is a commitment to a decade of reform; a bold ambition to tackle deprivation and improve growth through a programme of work that covers

people; places; ideas; infrastructure and the business environment.

By 2030, no matter who you are, or where you live, our vision is for everyone in the Borough of Bury to have equal chances in life and the opportunity to be the very best they can be.



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Meeting:	Annual Council
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Title of report:	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report
Report by:	Julie Gallagher – Democratic Services Manager
Decision Type:	Council
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

This report provides a summary of progress and key outcomes made over the past year by the Council's Scrutiny Committees. It also highlights work undertaken by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees for Pennine Care and Pennine Acute.

Recommendation(s)

Option 1 (Recommended)

1. Note the contents of the report and progress made by the Council's Scrutiny Committees over the past two years.

Option 2 (Not recommended)

1. Reject the above recommendation

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As a result of Covid-19 and the lack of a 2019-20 Annual report, this report summarises the activities of the Council's Scrutiny Committees and reports on some of the highlights and achievements of the last 2 years.
- 1.2 Throughout the period, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has tackled a wide and varied work programme cutting across all Council Departments. The Committee have engaged with Cabinet Members prior to decisions being taken and also held them to account on service areas and policy.
- 1.3 The primary focus for the Health Scrutiny Committee during 2020-21 has been the Council's approach to dealing with the pandemic, including scrutiny of health partners.
- 1.4 The Council has continued to take the lead role in administering the two Joint Health Scrutiny Committees established in January 2004, which review the work of the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and the Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. Excellent working relationships have continued with Members and Officers in both the NHS and in the partner Local Authorities of, Stockport, Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside.

2.0 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN BURY

- 2.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committees are an important part of the way we make decisions. Although they have no Executive powers, the scrutiny process does allow Members to explore issues in depth and help to influence decisions through recommendations to the Cabinet or Full Council.
- 2.2 In Bury, the role of scrutiny bodies can be broken down into these two main functions:-

2.3 Holding the Cabinet to Account

This involves scrutinising decisions before they are implemented by way of 'Call-in' to the relevant Scrutiny Committee for debate. The effect of a 'Call-in' is to suspend the decision until the Scrutiny Committee has had the opportunity to consider the implications of the decision and, where appropriate, to offer comments back to the Cabinet.

2.4 Policy Development

- 2.5 This involves Scrutiny Committees undertaking reviews of functions within their individual remits leading to recommendations to the Cabinet, and to assist in the development of future policies and strategies.

In Bury the following Committees are constituted to carry out Overview and Scrutiny in Bury:

2.6 **Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Set up to scrutinise Cabinet decisions and Council performance, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee operates within the following terms of reference:

- To review and scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions.
- To review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and all particular service areas.
- To set up, appoint and monitor Overview Project Groups (set up to carry out reviews of policies, services or the impact of decisions).
- To make recommendations to the Cabinet and/or appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the Scrutiny process.
- To review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions.
- Oversight of the provision, planning and management of the assets and audit arrangements.
- Oversight of the Council's corporate plans and strategies and the monitoring of the corporate plan and departmental plans.
- To scrutinise outside bodies and partners relevant to the Council.
- To receive all reports from external inspectors.

2.7 **Health Scrutiny Committee**

2.8 A dedicated Health Scrutiny Committee was set up to scrutinise partner organisations on issues relevant to the residents of the Borough. Full terms of reference are:

- To carry out the Council's statutory obligations in relation to reviewing and scrutinising any matters relating to the planning provision and operation of health services in the area of the Council.
- To oversee the health and well being of the borough's population

- To scrutinise the provision, planning and management of Adult Care Services.
- To monitor the implementation of any scrutiny recommendations accepted by the Cabinet.

2.9 **Overview Project Groups**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is responsible for setting up and monitoring reviews carried out by Overview Project Groups. These Groups are tasked with reviewing particular policy areas with a view to making recommendations that will ultimately result in service improvements.

3.0 **KEY OUTCOMES**

3.1 During 2019-2021 the Council's Scrutiny Committees and Overview Project Groups have looked at a wide range of topics and issues. Various methods have been used to examine and investigate issues which have resulted in positive outcomes in terms of policy development and holding decision makers to account.

➤ **Covid-19**

The Committee has kept a focus on the effects of the pandemic, with particular attention to the allocation of grant funding to support local businesses and the effect on educational performance across the Borough.

➤ **Bury 2030**

The Committee have been involved in the development of the Bury 2030 Strategy, receiving regular updates from the Cabinet Member. Moving forward the Committee have requested a formal process be introduced to measure and monitor progress through the Council's scrutiny function.

➤ **Regeneration**

The Committee have sought to scrutinise regeneration projects and growth aspects within the borough, which has included updates from the Leader on the delivery of specific regeneration schemes within townships, including an update on the work across Greater Manchester and the One Public Estate programme.

➤ **Education Performance**

The Committee have continued to scrutinise the work of Children's Services, with regular attendance by the Director and Cabinet Member to report on education performance, Special Educational Needs, safeguarding, early years, integrated youth services and funding issues.

➤ **Performance Monitoring**

As part of its performance monitoring role, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has received regular reports in relation to Corporate Performance; Financial Monitoring; Treasury Management; and all the draft Budgetary reports in advance of the Full Council Budget meeting. During 2020/21 interim budget updates were provided to assist the budget setting processes of the Council.

3.2 Decisions Called In

Under the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee has the power to call in decisions made by the Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members and key decisions made by officers. During 2019-2021 decisions "called in" included:

- **Children's Centres Management Arrangements** – The reason for call in was to understand the financial implications and social hardship that will be caused by transferring centres to private ownership. The decision was supported with no comments offered.
- **Housing Strategy** - The reason for call in was in respect of the level of information provided as to how the consultation methodology will reflect the views of all residents within the stated time frame. The decision was supported with no comments offered.
- **Terms of Reference for Radcliffe Regeneration Delivery Board** – The decision was called in to allow the Committee to seek clarity as to how the members of the board was established; the size and scope of the budget available; the responsibilities of the board. The decision was supported with no comments offered.

4.0 Local Health Scrutiny Committee

➤ Covid-19

By far the main focus of the Committee during the recent period has been on Covid 19 and the Council's response and recovery. Regular updates have been received from the Director of Public Health and Chief Executive. Throughout the course of the pandemic the Committee have been updated on the following aspects:

- Introduction of testing & contact tracing
- Risks and challenges in recovery
- Recovery phasing
- Recovery principles
- Recovery priorities
- Role of Community Hubs
- Cohorts to consider in recovery
- Overall recovery for Bury

➤ Mental Health Services

The Committee has given a high priority to the consideration of mental health services during the Covid outbreak and the recovery plans.

In response to the current pandemic, the One Commissioning Organisation has worked in partnership with all providers to design a graduated multi agency approach to support children and adults. The Committee have resolved to ensure that overview and scrutiny of mental health services remains central to its work going forward into 2021-22.

➤ **Persona Care**

The Committee have received regular updates on the work of Persona, including proposals for contract renewal.

Other issues considered by the Committee:

- Health and Care Recovery and Transformation
- Urgent and Emergency Care
- Intermediate Care Review
- Health Visitors Update
- Abuse Allegations in Care Homes
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Update
- Annual Complaints Report

5.0 WORK OF THE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (JHOSC)

- 5.1 The two Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee were established jointly by Bury, Manchester, Oldham and Rochdale Councils to consider issues affecting the health of local people (the overview role) and to call the NHS to account on behalf of the local communities (the scrutiny role).
- 5.2 Each of these Councils has appointed three representatives to sit on each Committee.

6.0 LOOKING FORWARD – ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 6.1 A workshop to review of the work of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Sub-committee and consider the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements was held in January 2021 involving all members of the Sub-committee, Sheila Durr - Executive Director Children and Young People; Councillor Caserta - Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Cllr Stella Smith –Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Susan Southworth – Chair of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
- 6.2 The workshop confirmed the essential role of overview and scrutiny in the safeguarding process and the need for independent internal scrutiny and challenge. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined in statutory guidance as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment.
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development.
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.

- 6.3 As part of their assessment of the functioning of the children's system, Ofsted look at the commitment of members and local leadership and the role scrutiny plays in improvement. It is that whole system approach to local accountability which serves to amplify the voices of children, young people, families and foster carers. A separate children's scrutiny body would reflect on the priority given to children and families and maintain that focus.
- 6.4 It was agreed that the work of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Sub-Committee needed to have a higher profile and access to the full range of statutory scrutiny powers to enable it to take evidence, undertake reviews, develop a work plan and report directly to Cabinet or Council from time to time. It was proposed that it be reconstituted as a Children and Young Persons Overview and Scrutiny committee to achieve this.
- 6.5 This proposal was formally agreed at Full Council in March 2021 and will take effect from June 2021.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The Scrutiny function is well established in Bury, with good examples of in depth reviews and partnership working.

Community impact/links with Community Strategy

Delivery of effective scrutiny is an essential element of delivering the Council's Corporate Plan and underpins all of its Corporate Priorities.

Equality Impact and considerations:

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Equality Analysis	<i>Please provide a written explanation of the outcome(s) of either conducting an initial or full EA.</i>
There are no equalities implications	

**Please note: Approval of a cabinet report is paused when the 'Equality/Diversity implications' section is left blank and approval will only be considered when this section is completed.*

Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
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Consultation:

Legal Implications: Overview and Scrutiny is a legal requirement for local authorities under the Local Government Act 2000. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Financial Implications:

The scrutiny function of the Council takes place within existing budgetary provision.

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