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TO: All Members of Council

Councillors : R Bernstein, C Birchmore, C Boles, N Boroda, R Brown, S Butler, R Caserta, P Cropper, C Cummins, L Dean, U Farooq, I Gartside, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, T Holt, S Hurst, K Hussain, N Jones, J Lancaster, K Leach, J Lewis, J Mason, L McBriar, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pickstone, T Pilkington, M Powell, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, J Rydeheard, A Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, C Tegolo, K Thomas, D Vernon, S Walmsley, C Walsh, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright

Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 23 February 2022
Place:	Council Chamber, Bury Town Hall, Knowsley Street, Bury BL9 0SW
Time:	6.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

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

Yours sincerely

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

Chief Executive

(Note: Members are reminded that under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if a Member of a Local Authority has not paid Council Tax for at least two months and, even if an arrangement has been entered into to pay arrears, then at any meeting where consideration is given to matters relating to, or which might affect the calculation of Council Tax, that Member must declare the fact that he/she is in arrears and must not vote on the matter).

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3 MINUTES (Pages 9 - 18)

Minutes from the meeting held on 19th January 2022 are attached.

4 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To answer questions from members of the public, notice of which has been given, on any matter relevant to the Budget business to be transacted. Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for this purpose.

If time permits, further questions will be invited from members of the public present.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Pages 19 - 40)

To receive and consider the recommendations to the Council contained in the following minutes of the Cabinet:

	Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
A	Cabinet 16 February 2022	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	As below:
Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approved the forecast outturn for the Housing revenue Account budget;2. Approved an increase in rents for all HRA social rent formula and affordable rent dwellings by 4.1% as set out in paragraph 2.8 of the report;3. Approved an increase Garage rents by 4.1% as set out in paragraph 2.13 of the report;4. Approved an increase Sheltered Management and Amenity Charges by 4.1% as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report;5. Noted that sheltered support and heating charges remain unchanged;6. Noted that Furnished Tenancy charges will remain unchanged; and7. Approved the Management Fee to Six Town Housing for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 1.5 of the report.			

B	Cabinet 16 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's Budget 2022/23 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 - 2025/26 (Appendix 4 attached) • The Dedicated Schools Grant and setting the Schools Budget 2022-23 • Capital Strategy and Capital programme 2022/23 • Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2022/23 • Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2022/23 	As below:
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Cabinet:

1. Approved the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the assumptions regarding resources and spending requirements;
2. Noted the Council Tax base of the equivalent of 55,611 band D equivalent dwellings on which the Council Tax funding has been calculated;
3. Approved the net revenue budget of £177.483m for 2022/23;
4. Approved the increase in Council Tax of 1.94% and the inclusion of a 1% social care levy;
5. Approved the recurrent changes to expenditure or reductions in income of £17.191m in 2022/23;
6. Approved the budget reductions and additional income of £5.892m for the 2022/23 financial year;
7. Approved the use of reserves of £14.355m in 2022/23;
8. Approved the transfer of £0.683m into reserves with regards to the funding of social care reforms;
9. Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Finance and the Chief Executive to agree the use of the social care reserve and the Children and Young Peoples Reserve established in 2021/22 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance;
10. Approved the transfer of £2.996m into a smoothing reserve;
11. Approved the transfer of £1.388m into a Business Rates Risk;
12. Noted the forecast position on reserves as set out in section 6 of this report;
13. Noted the Departmental cash limits as set out at Appendix 5;
14. Noted the significant financial risks for funding, income and demand pressures in future years and for the continued impact of Covid-19 on the strategy; and
15. Recommends Council to approve and adopt the budget for 2022/23.

a **2022/23 Budget Reports** (Pages 41 - 228)

Budget reports from the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth are attached:

- The Council's Budget 2022/23 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 - 2025/26 (Appendix 4 and 6 attached)
- The Dedicated Schools Grant and setting the Schools Budget 2022/23
- Capital Strategy and Capital programme 2022/23
- Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2022/23
- Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2022/23

b **Budget Amendments** (Pages 229 - 236)

Budget alteration and amendments from the political groups are attached.

7 **DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES** (Pages 237 - 266)

Questions on the delegated decisions made on the Budget made at the following meetings:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee (8th February 2022) Attached
- Joint Consultative Committee Corporate (10th February 2022) Attached
- Joint Consultative Committee with Teachers (10th February 2022) Attached
- Cabinet (16 February 2022) Attached