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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: -

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 24 November 2021
<b>Place:</b>	Bury Town Hall
<b>Time:</b>	7.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	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.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **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](http://www.bury.gov.uk) – click on **Agendas, Minutes and Forward Plan**.

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "GP Little." The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Chief Executive**

## AGENDA

1 **PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FORMAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO CONVEY THEIR THANKS TO COLONEL ERIC DAVIDSON**

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 11 - 18)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** (Pages 19 - 22)

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

7 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES** (Pages 23 - 270)

<b>Committee/Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Democratic Arrangements Forum – 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Appointment of Co-opted members to the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee	The Democratic Arrangements Forum recommends to Council, following consultation with the Chair of the Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee, that one Trade Union and one Young Person (chair of the Youth Cabinet) be appointed as co-opted non-voting Members of the Committee.
Employment Panel – 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Business Growth & Infrastructure Department Leadership Structure	Employment Panel Recommends to Council: 1. That the Executive Director (Place and Housing) role (Band H) is redesignated as Executive Director (Place) which has been evaluated at

		<p>Band G (amended) of the Council's Chief Officer structure.</p> <p>2. Recommend to Council that the Assistant Director of Housing role (Band C) is deleted and a Director of Housing role established. This role has been evaluated at Band F of the Council's Chief Officer structure. The proposed role will report directly to the Chief Executive.</p>
Licensing and Safety Committee 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Review of Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005	That the Licensing and Safety Committee notes the report and recommends that Council accept and adopt the proposed Statement of Principles as set out in Appendix 1 to the report without amendment.
Licensing and Safety Committee 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Common Minimum Licensing Standards- Stage 2 (vehicles)	<p>That the Licensing and Safety Committee notes the report and recommends that Council approve and adopt the following;</p> <p>The recommendations presented in Section 4 (Lead Officer Recommendations) for each proposed standard for implementation except for Vehicle Proposed Standard 5 in relation to Vehicle Livery.</p> <p>That in relation to Vehicle Proposed Standard 5 (Vehicle Livery), Bury Council having carried out further consultation with taxi drivers and operators and following this, it's recommended that the Council implements the following GM livery standards proposed below:</p> <p><u>That all vehicles will:</u> Display permanently affixed licence plates on the front and back of the vehicle</p> <p><u>That all PHVs will:</u> Only display stickers provided by the licensing authority (at cost) which will</p>

		<p>bear the operator name and phone number, 'advanced bookings only', 'not insured unless pre-booked' and the licensing authority logo (the design, dimensions and placement of the stickers on the vehicle is to be determined at a future date)</p> <p>Display those stickers on both rear side doors and the back window</p> <p>Not use any magnetic stickers</p> <p>That any decision regarding the implementation of the proposed 'GM approved' bonnet sticker will be delayed for a period of 2 years while more work is carried out with the trade and GMP to address the concerns raised by the trade relating to antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>That existing vehicle livery standards in Bury will be retained until the new GM livery design, dimensions and placement are confirmed and procured. Ahead of the changes, the existing livery standards will be reviewed to accommodate the GM livery.</p>
Cabinet 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Freedom of the Borough	That Cabinet recommend to Council that they bestow an Honorary Freedom of the Borough on Henry Donn JP MBE.

8 **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL** (Pages 271 - 326)

Report attached.

9 **BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT** (Pages 327 - 378)

Report attached.

10 **BURY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 379 - 466)

Report attached.

11 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 467 - 508)

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet and to answer written questions from Members of the Council to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Chair of a Committee on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the Borough, provided the necessary written notice has been given. (30 minutes)

A member may ask a verbal question of the Leader, any Member of the Cabinet or Chair of a Committee about any matter on the Council agenda and which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Borough. Only one verbal question per Councillor. (15 minutes)

12 **COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES** (Pages 509 - 542)

(A) A combined authority update report is attached, for information

(B) Questions (if any) on the work of the Combined Authority to be asked by Members of the Council for which the necessary notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

13 **NOTICES OF MOTION** (Pages 543 - 546)

(i) Stop the Council Tax Squeeze

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

**Councillors C Boles, N Boroda, S Butler, C Cummins, U Farooq, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, M Hayes, T Holt, K Leach, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, A Simpson, L Smith, T Tariq, K Thomas, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby.**

The Chancellor and Conservative Government have openly admitted that this winter will be tough for many as we see soaring energy prices, rising costs in shops and cuts in Universal Credit. With the Bank of England warning a possible rise of inflation as high as 5%, many people across Bury are facing a real cost of living crisis – one that has been exacerbated by last month's Budget.

Despite a 10% hike in national insurance on workers and businesses, local councils across the country are facing no other but to also raise council tax next year in order to maintain frontline services - in fact, the Government's spending figures for local government rely on councils doing so, it is there in black and white in the Budget.

The council notes:

- That direct funding to local government has been cut year on year by the Conservatives with a cut to Bury Council of over £100 million so far since 2010.
- That the Conservative Government's latest Budget expects us to raise Council Tax by 3% in order to increase our spending power.
- Even with this hike in Council Tax, Bury Council will still be forced to make around £18m in cuts by the financial year 2023/24.

**This council resolves to:**

1. Call on the Government to stop the squeeze and fund Bury Council directly to avoid increases in council tax.
2. Call on the Government to reverse tax cuts on banks and consider a windfall levy on individuals and enterprise whose wealth grew exponentially in the pandemic.
3. Write to Bury's Conservative MPs asking them to co-sign a letter demanding true levelling up for Bury, by restoring our direct funding grant so that Council Tax payers don't have to bear an even heavier burden of funding vital local services, which should be funded by Government.

**(ii) Supporting our wonderful high streets over the festive period**

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

**Bernstein, Brown, Caserta, Cropper, Dean, Gartside, Harris, Lancaster, Hurst, Hussain, N Jones, Lewis, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon, Y Wright**

**The Council recognises:**

Bury Council notes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has had on residents and businesses across the borough over the last two years. The Borough owes a debt of gratitude to our key workers, residents, businesses and organisations for all that they have done through the pandemic.

As the festive period approaches the Council must do all it can to support our fantastic independent businesses across the borough and our high streets

**The Council notes:**

The Government provided over £100 million to Bury MBC to support residents and businesses whether the COVID-19 storm across the borough

In the October Budget our borough was awarded two levelling up bids totalling £40 million to regenerate Bury Market and Radcliffe Town Centre. Now we must celebrate this success and support our high streets, encouraging residents and visitors to shop local this festive period.

There are 4 Saturdays in December, including Small Business Saturday on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and as a Council we must do all we can to support business

This motion aims to support the boroughs high streets and independent retailers across Ramsbottom, Tottington, Bury, Radcliffe, Whitefield, and Prestwich and promote shopping locally throughout the month of December

**The Council resolves to:**

- All Council-owned car parks to be free every Saturday in December 2021 across Ramsbottom, Tottington, Bury, Radcliffe, Whitefield and Prestwich including Christmas Day

- Actively support and promote 'Small Business Saturday' in December by spreading the word across the Borough via locally via the Council website and all digital media channels
- Promote 'Shop Local' throughout the month of December across all the Councils digital media channels and share press releases with local media to drum up support for our wonderful towns this festive period

### **(iii) Children's Catch-up Funding**

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

#### **Councillors M Powell, C Tegolo and S Wright**

This Council recognises that:

- There has been an enormous impact from Covid-19 on schoolchildren in Bury
- The staff, pupils and Governors in our schools in Bury have worked incredibly hard to make sure the impact of Covid is mitigated
- For months at a time, most children have not been able to attend school, been isolated from their friends, and missed out on valuable experiences such as playing sports or learning a musical instrument
- The Government's former Education Commissioner Sir Kevan Collins recommended that £15 billion is required to help school children catch up on the learning and experiences they have lost during the pandemic
- The Liberal Democrats announced a policy at their Party Conference in September 2021 calling for the full £15 billion to be made available as a 'Catch-Up Fund' for schoolchildren
- £5 billion of this fund would go directly to parents in the form of vouchers to be spent in the best way they see fit. This would mean each school child in Bury would receive £200 worth of vouchers a year for each of the next three years (these vouchers would increase to £400-£600 a year for those from the most disadvantaged backgrounds or those in need of additional support)

This Council resolves to:

- Welcome these proposals and acknowledge they would result in parents and carers being able to give their children new opportunities and experiences that they have sorely missed out on over the past 18 months
- Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education to demand that the recommendations of the Liberal Democrat's Children's Catch-Up Policy are implemented in full. In particular, that the full £15 billion is made available as a Catch-Up Fund for schoolchildren, and that £5 billion of this goes directly to parents in the form of



vouchers that can be spent on their choice of approved courses and experiences

14 **COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER** (Pages 547 - 568)

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

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

16 **QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

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