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**TO: All Members of Council**

**Councillors :** A Arif, S Arif, N Bayley, R Bernstein, D Berry, C Birchmore, C Boles, A Booth, N Boroda, R Brown, C Cummins, L Dean, S Donnelly, D Duncalfe, U Farooq, E FitzGerald, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold, D Green, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, K Hussain, N Jones, J Lancaster, G Marsden, J Mason, L McBriar, G McGill, C Morris, E Moss, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, I Rizvi, J Rydeheard, L Smith, M Smith, T Tariq, C Tegolo, S Thorpe, D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh, M Whitby 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, 21 September 2022
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber, 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)

**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 **MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - MINUTES SILENCE**

As a mark of respect as this is the first Council meeting following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen the Council will observe a minutes silence.

Group Leaders will be invited to speak

### 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 9 - 18)

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 are attached.

### 5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** (Pages 19 - 20)

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

### 6 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES** (Pages 21 - 38)

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

<b>Committee/Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Cabinet – 7th September 2022	Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22	Cabinet approved, for onward submission to Council on the 21st of September, the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2021/22 Prudential and Treasury Indicators</li><li>• Treasury Management 2021/22 Outturn Report</li></ul>

### 7 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 39 - 68)

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)

8 **COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S  
COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES** (Pages 69 - 84)

- (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.

9 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(i) Anti-social driving**

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

Councillors; Arif, Bernstein, Brown, Dean, Gartside, Harris, Lancaster, Hussain, Jones, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon

This Council is determined to take further steps to combat the scourge of dangerous and anti-social driving which has been reported over many years and months, and which continues to be a major issue for communities across the borough.

Speeding, reckless and dangerous driving in Bury, Radcliffe, Ramsbottom, Tottington, Prestwich and Whitefield is utterly abhorrent and poses significant and unnecessary risks to both road users and pedestrians alike.

In recent reports in the Bury Times and on social media (from community groups) it is clear the situation is becoming worse.

As a Council we have a duty and responsibility to protect all our residents living in the borough and those people who are visiting or passing through our towns and villages.

**This Council resolves to:-**

- Call on the Chief Executive to write to the GMP Bury Division Chief Superintendent to ask that mobile speed camera initiatives are implemented across the borough to catch offenders, crack down on dangerous drivers and to provide reassurance to the communities of the borough.
- Call on the Chief Executive to write to the GMP Bury Division Chief Superintendent to undertake a borough wide initiative with the objective to reduce the illegal use Off-Road Bikes and e-scooters which are a cause of significant anti-social behaviour.
- To ask the Council to hold meetings with residents and community groups in known hotspots of dangerous and anti-social driving to understand their concerns and to listen to their suggestions on how to combat these issues.
- To ask the Council to explore more options which can be implemented to reduce dangerous driving, whether this be speed humps, permanent traffic cameras or traffic islands.
- To ask the Council to consider if measures already agreed such as crossing points can be implemented earlier than announced.

**(ii) Work towards improving and safeguarding the Bury MBC stretch of the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal**

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

Councillors; Birchmore, Berry, Booth, Duncalfe, Marsden, Mason, Cllr Mike Smith and Cllr Mary Walsh

Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal is a fantastic wildlife corridor through Radcliffe and Bury. It extends as far as the border with Little Lever in the south and runs up to Elton Reservoir and into Redvales and Church ward at the north end. It is well loved by residents and in the lockdown period it served as a much-needed green space for residents. In recent years, the Bury MBC section has been looked after by Little Britain Anglers and Radcliffe Litter Pickers.

For many years there has been talk of restoring the canal but the Canal and Rivers Trust to consider the canal low priority. CRT are obliged to keep the MBB canal safe for public use, however they are under no obligation to make it navigable because it is classed as a 'remainder canal' (Transport Act 1968). As custodians of the canal the Council needs to find a way to work with CRT to improve the prospects for the canal.

### **The Council notes:**

The canal suffers from being overgrown by several species including:

- Duckweed, which as well as being unsightly and in hot weather is smelly, if left to thrive, the weed can cause problems for other aquatic plants and wildlife by starving it of oxygen and sunlight.
- Himalayan Balsam, growing along the banks and in reed beds is outgrowing native species and reducing biodiversity by restricting native plant growth
- Giant hogweed growing on the upper reaches near the Elton Reservoir end, is a very dangerous plant for which the sap can cause serious skin burns. It contains furocoumarin, which makes skin extremely sensitive to sunlight (phytophotodermatitis).
- Trees growing into the structure of the canal and can cause damage to the sides and will eventually impact on the structural integrity.

In addition to the problem plants and invasive species listed above, there is a problem with litter being thrown into the canal which is often difficult to retrieve. This is especially true at places where pedestrian bridges cross the canal. The Council should help to reduce the problems caused by litter by addressing littering on Council owned land bordering the canal and pedestrian access to the canal across Council owned land.

### **The Council resolves to**

Commit to the following:

- Carry out a feasibility study into renovation of the canal with the possibility of including it in the Radcliffe Regeneration plans. This should consider the ambition to use the canal as a facility for fishing and water sports and working with the Canal and Rivers Trust to improve the tow paths to give better access for walking and cycling.
- Look at ways of preventing fly-tipping and littering from Council owned land such as car parks and bridges crossing the canal

- Work to ensure visibility in currently obscured areas of access to the canal to prevent risk of crime, anti-social behaviour, and damage to property such as graffiti
- Working with the police to address the safety concerns of residents accessing and using the tow path
- Call on the Canal and Rivers Trust to adopt a strategy to stop the water in the canal dropping to a level hazardous to wildlife

## **(ii) Freeze Energy Prices With A Windfall Tax On Oil And Gas Companies**

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

Councillors: A. Arif, N Bayley, C Boles, N Boroda, C Cummins, U Farooq, E FitzGerald, N Frith, R Gold, D Green, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, M Hayes, G McGill, C Morris, E Moss, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, I Rizvi, L Smith, T Tariq, S Thorpe, S Walmsley, and M Whitby.

This Council notes:

The announcement that the household energy price cap will rise to £3,549 in October, a doubling of the cap in the last 12 months - equating to energy bills of £300 per month for a typical household.

Analysis from Citizens Advice which shows that a quarter of people in the UK simply won't be able to pay their energy bills in October.

The extortionate price hikes which will hit businesses, schools, local Councils and hospitals which are excluded from the price cap and reports that many vital local small businesses like small retailers, pubs and fish and chip shops will be forced to close.

Alarming reports that the energy price cap could hit over £5,000 in January.

That all of this come at a time when oil and gas companies are making enormous profits off the back of this crisis, giving out billions of pounds to shareholders.

### **This Council welcomes:**

The Labour Party's plan to freeze the household energy price cap, halting a massive hike in energy bills and saving every household in Bury £1,000 this winter, and that this will be paid for by a windfall tax on excess profits from oil and gas companies.

The Labour Party's package of support to help businesses facing spiralling energy costs, including an increase in the Business Rates threshold for small businesses saving high street businesses up to £5,000.

The Labour Party's broader plan for energy sustainability and security as part of a £28 billion Climate Investment Pledge which includes proposals to upgrade energy efficiency in 19 million homes - saving families in Bury an average of over £1,000 a year off their energy bills - double our onshore and offshore wind capacity, triple our solar power production and end the delay on nuclear power.

### **This Council commits to:**

Write to the new Prime Minister urging them to adopt Labour's plans to save households in Bury £1,000 this winter through a windfall tax, start insulating millions of homes to save households money in future years and address our long-term energy needs through investment in sustainable, renewable energy.

Include in the letter our concerns about the rising cost of energy for public services, including schools, hospitals and local authorities – as well as local businesses – who are not subject to a cap.

Continue to do all we can as a local authority, through our new Anti-Poverty Strategy, to support those residents most in need through the cost-of-living crisis, with £2.5 million targeted support this year for households in Bury.

a **Amendment to the Radcliffe First NOM** (Pages 85 - 86)

b **Labour Alteration to their NOM** (Pages 87 - 88)

10 **\*\*\*FOR INFORMATION\*\*\* COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER** (Pages 89 - 96)

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

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

12 **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).