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TO: All Members of Council

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Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 21 September 2022
Place:	Council Chamber, Bury Town Hall
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

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

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 20th 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:

Committee/Da te	Subject	Recommendation
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">• 2021/22 Prudential and Treasury Indicators• Treasury Management 2021/22 Outturn Report

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).

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Minutes of: **COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 20 July 2022

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor , in the Chair)
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 and M Whitby

**Apologies for
Absence** Y Wright

Public Attendance: 5 members of the public attended the meeting.

C. 12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. All members of the Labour Group (Excluding the Mayor) and Councillor Mary Walsh declared a personal interest in Notice of Motion – Industrial Action as members of Trade Union.
2. Councillor A Quinn declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as both his son and daughter-in law, work for the NHS.
3. Councillor D Quinn declared an interest in all matters under consideration as an employee of the Citizens Advice Bureau and both her son and daughter-in law, work for the NHS
4. Councillors Rizvi and Grimshaw declared personal interest in all matters under consideration as their relatives work in the Nhs.
5. Councillor S Donnelly declared a personal interest in the Emergency Motion as he works voluntarily with the RAF cadets and the veterans .
6. Councillor Rydeheard and Brown declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda as he undertakes work representing the Taxi trade
7. Councillor Tariq declare a personal interest in the Labour notice of motion as the Manager of Healthwatch and a member of the Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board.
8. Councillor S Arif declared a personal interest in the Clean Air item as a Taxi driver operating in the Borough.

C. 13 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor placed on record her pleasure in the way the six towns of Bury came together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

The Mayor congratulated those from Bury recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours, namely, Antony Cotton who has been awarded an MBE for services to the British Army Personnel and Veterans.

The mayor also congratulated the following Voluntary organisations;

Corrie Gardeners,
Greater Manchester Army Cadet Force (Hawk shaw),
The Attic Project
Bury2gether
and Rammy Men

These five organisations been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service which is the highest award given to local voluntary groups in the UK.

C. 14 MINUTES

The minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C. 15 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of 5 questions. 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.

Questioner	Topic	Responding
Andy Hay	Prestwich Regeneration	Cllr O'Brien
Anwarul Haq	Project29	Cllr Gold
Andrew Levy (Not present)	Pot Holes	Cllr Quinn
Charlie Allen	Road markings in Hawkshaw	Cllr Quinn
Glyn Heath	Giant Hogweed	Cllr Quinn
Additional Questions		
	Climate Change	Cllr Quinn

C. 16 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from Cabinet or Council Committees.

C. 17 CLEAN AIR REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Quinn and seconded by Councillor Morris it was:

RESOLVED:

That:

Bury Council:

1. Note the 'Case for a new Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan' document attached as Appendix 1 and associated appendices A to E has been submitted to the Secretary of State as a draft document subject to any comments from Bury Council ahead of the next Air Quality Administration Committee.

2. Note that Councillor Alan Quinn as Bury Council's appointed representative on the Air Quality Administration Committee will represent Bury Council comments.
3. Note the initial screening undertaken to assess which protected characteristics are likely to be impacted by the new GM Clean Air Plan, and in scope for the Equalities Impact Assessment.
4. Note the updated Do Minimum position for 2023 and 2025 and the forecasted points of exceedance in GM in 2023 and 2025; and
5. Note the participatory policy development approach and the next steps for the GM CAP.
6. Note the new 'ask' from Government to remove out-of-area operation by private hire drivers/vehicles to support the new GM Clean Air Plan.
7. Note feedback from early engagement activity with vehicle owner representative groups.
8. Note the NO₂ monitoring results and the exceedances of the annual mean across sites set up for GM CAP purposes between 2018 and 2021.

C. 18 LEADER' 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:

	Questioner	Cabinet Member	Topic
1	Cllr S Arif	Cllr Quinn	Road Surfacing
2	Cllr Moss	Cllr Morris	Gigg Lane
3	Cllr Thorpe	Cllr Gold	Cost of Living
4	Cllr Lancaster	Cllr L Smith	Radcliffe High School
5	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr Quinn	Pollution Levels
6	Cllr D Quinn	Cllr Morris	Taxis at Parklife
7	Cllr Morris	Cllr O'Brien	Town Centre Masterplan
8	Cllr Hussain	Cllr Cummins	Empty Properties
9	Cllr Boroda	Cllr Morris	Whitefield Live event

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 10 to 19 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

Questioner	Cabinet Member	Topic
Cllr Tegolo	Cllr L Smith	Children's Services
Cllr R Bernstein	Cllr O'Brien	Election Complaints
Cllr M Smith	Cllr O'Brien	Radcliffe Regeneration
Cllr Hayes	Cllr O'Brien	Northern Gateway
Cllr Moss	Cllr O'Brien	Levelling up
Cllr Vernon	Cllr O'Brien	Household Support Fund
Cllr McGill	Cllr O' Brien	Bury Business

C. 19 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 Rules:

Questioner	Combined Authority Member	Topic
Cllr Dean	Cllr Gold	Manchester Airport
Cllr Rizvi	Cllr Gold	Emergency Service Response Times
Cllr McGill	Cllr Peel	Electric buses
Cllr Vernon	Cllr O'Brien	GM Scrutiny arrangements
Cllr Jones	Cllr Gold	Police Numbers
Cllr Harris	Cllr Gold	Hate Crime

C. 20 NOTICES OF MOTION

- (i) Access to health services

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

Councillors: A. Arif, N Bayley, C Boles, N Boroda, C Cummins, S. Donnelley, 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 that primary care services are in crisis, with people across our borough and the country struggling to access GP services and adequate dental treatment.

We recognise the tremendous efforts of GPs in Bury in maintaining services as far as possible during the course of the pandemic, implementing new ways of working, and in addition doing an incredible job in delivering the vaccination programme in the borough. However, we also know that many of our constituents are expressing concerns about accessing to GP services and also dental services.

This Council believes that everyone should be able to get an appointment to see a doctor or relevant health professional in a reasonable amount of time and local people have the right to receive dental treatment on a reasonable ongoing basis.

However, this Council is concerned by the government's admission that they will be unable to deliver the promised 6,000 additional GPs by 2024/25 which will create further pressures on the system, particularly in places like Bury which already have a shortage of GPs.

This Council:-

- (a) recognises that general practices across the country are at breaking point, putting the whole of the NHS at risk;
- (b) believes that Primary Care is the 'Bedrock of the NHS', dealing with around 90% of patient contacts, and acknowledges that, currently, GPs and their teams are at the forefront of helping communities recover from the pandemic; caring for people whose mental and physical health has been affected by Covid 19; and leading the Vaccination programme; whilst at the same time, they are dealing with the backlog of people on waiting lists elsewhere in the NHS;

notes that:-

- (c) (i) in 2016 the Conservative Government promised to increase GPs by 5,000 in 5 years but that the overall number of GPs has seen little growth since 2015;
- (ii) the number of patients per practice is 22% higher than it was in 2015 but the GP workforce has not grown with this demand; there are now just 0.46 fully qualified GPs per 1,000 patients in England – significantly below the average number of physicians in comparable nations;
- (iii) there is a growing backlog of care in the NHS; long waits for specialist treatment are skyrocketing and pressure on Accident and Emergency Departments is reaching pre-pandemic levels;
- (iv) General practice and general practitioners are under pressure; a recent survey by the British Medical Association (BMA) showed high levels of mental health conditions and exhaustion; resignations from General Practice are also rising, and practices are shutting down at record rates; and
- (v) it is becoming increasingly difficult to get GPs to practice in deprived areas; as a result, those communities who most need good primary care are least able to access it; and

(d) calls upon the Government and the Chief Executive of the NHS to take urgent measures to address this crisis, including:-

- (i) delivering on previously unmet promises to increase the number of GPs by at least 5,000;

- (ii) ensuring that incentives are in place to meet the primary care needs of communities with the greatest need;
- (iii) reducing red tape and bureaucracy by exploring with the profession which regulatory and administrative tasks need to be kept and which don't;
- (iv) rebalancing the health system by encouraging better outreach work from secondary care; and
- (v) increasing investment in community-based health-promoting activities to address the underlying causes of poor health.

This Council resolves to:

Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care urging him to bring forward a plan to fix the crisis in primary care, meet the target for new GPs and ensure everyone who needs an NHS dentist can access one.

Do everything we can locally through the new Integrated Care Partnership to ensure that residents (through patient voice and patient experience) in our borough can access primary care services as needed and without delay.

On being put with 37 Members voting for and 12 against the Mayor abstaining the motion was declared carried.

(ii) Industrial Action

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

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

This Council is deeply concerned by the industrial action already undertaken by The Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) Union and the further threatened industrial action by the RMT and other Trade Unions including Unite, National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT), National Education Union (NEU), Unison, General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union (GMB), Communications Workers Union (CWU). This Council is also concerned by BMA threats to ballot for industrial action by junior doctors.

This Council believes that the demands of the Trade Unions threatening industrial action and the BMA are unrealistic in the context of normalisation and economic recovery from the pandemic and war in Ukraine.

The action already taken by the RMT Union detrimentally impacted business and social activities and until it is stopped will cause people to lose confidence in travelling by train which will damage the future long-term prospects for the rail industry and have a detrimental effect on the environment.

This Council resolves to:-

- Call on the Chief Executive to write a letter to the General Secretary of the TUC asking to withdraw the support of the TUC for the current action by the RMT Union and to urge all Trade Unions threatening industrial action to cease to do so.
- Call on the Chief Executive to convene an emergency meeting of the Teachers Joint Consultative Committee to make clear that any potential industrial action

set against the background of normalisation from Covid-19 will be damaging to children and young people attending schools in Bury and thus irresponsible.

- Call on the Chief Executive to convene an emergency meeting of the Corporate Joint Consultative Committee to make clear any potential industrial action set against the background of normalisation from Covid-19 will be damaging to the communities of Bury and thus irresponsible.
- Call on the Chief Executive to write a letter to the Chairman of the BMA outlining the irresponsibility of any industrial action by Junior Doctors at this time.

On being put with 11 Members voting for 36 Members voting against and the Mayor abstaining – the Mayor declared the motion lost.

NB – Cllr Green was not in the Chamber when the vote was taken.

(iii) Introduction of a Formal Socio-Economic Duty Policy

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

Councillors D Berry, C Birchmore, A Booth, D Duncalfe, G Marsden, J Mason, M Smith, M Walsh

We are calling on the Council to formally adopt a Socio-Economic Duty Policy. This will mean that any decisions on policy, funding or disposal of assets will be mindful of the impact on residents from more socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Through this policy the Council would aim for a more equal society where residents' access to quality education, health services, access to an equal standard of leisure services, public amenities and outdoor green spaces is not governed by their socio-economic status. The Council would introduce the requirement for observance of the guidelines derived from this policy into the formal decision making process.

This is a further extension of the proposal from the Overview & Scrutiny meeting that the Cabinet consider as part of its Antipoverty strategy adopting voluntarily the Socio Economic Duty as detailed in Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010.

The council notes:

- Despite currently being rated as the third most affluent borough in Greater Manchester, Bury MBC currently has extremes of differences in Index of Multiple Deprivation ratings having several areas rated as being in the 10% most deprived while several other areas are in 10% least deprived.
- There is a difference of average life expectancy of 15 years for men and 12 years for women between the longest and shortest life expectancy MSOAs.
- The achievement of pupils in Maths and English GCSE in the lowest achieving MSOAs was 25.3% compared to the national average of 43.2% and the rest of the borough at 39.8% (2019 figures)
- Some areas of Bury MBC have seen significant under investment for many years which has led to a deterioration of the area in terms of the quality of the council owned amenities and infrastructure.

This council resolves to:

1. Call on the Council to write and adopt a Socio-Economic Duty Policy requiring all departments at the Council to consider the potential of any policy, project or material amendment on all residents in the community. In particular they should ensure that areas of high socio-economic disadvantage are not unfairly impacted.
2. Ask the Council for the inclusion of 'disadvantaged socio-economic status' as a protected characteristic in council procedures. This should prevent anyone being subject to less favourable treatment in the exercise of their rights because of their inherited social status or economic situation.
3. Call on the Council to commit to more open consultation with residents on all projects going forward. They should endeavour to fully engage with residents, listen to feedback and act on the outputs of these on consultations.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Gold and Seconded by Councillor Morris to

First paragraph replace Council with Government

We are calling on the Government to formerly adopt a Socio-Economic Duty Policy. This will mean that any decisions on policy, funding or disposal of assets will be mindful of the impact on residents from more socio-economic disadvantaged backgrounds. Through this policy the Government would aim for a more equal society where residents' access to quality education, health services, access to an equal standard of leisure services, public amenities and outdoor green spaces is not governed by their socio-economic status. The Government would introduce the requirement for observance of the guidelines derived from this policy into the formal decision making process.

Second paragraph delete from 'the proposal from' to the end of the sentence

This is a further extension of the proposal from the Overview & Scrutiny meeting that the Cabinet consider as part of its Antipoverty strategy adopting voluntarily the Socio-Economic Duty as details in Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010.

Second paragraph insert after of

Bury's Inclusion Strategy, updated following an independent review across Bury Council and Bury CCG, saw the additional of socio-economic vulnerability included as a local community of interest in addition to the protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010. As such when decisions are being made in terms of policy development or reviews, and an Equality Impact Assessment is carried out then due regard is required to be given to the impact of any proposed change/decision in terms of the impact this would have on those experiencing economic vulnerability and the impact on inequality. As with considerations across protected characteristics this requires those conducting work to consider the impact of this, any potential positive or negative impact; mitigations to address any negative impact; and outline means of engagement and review. It forms a core principal of the 'Let's Do it Strategy', in the Equality Impact Analysis, which goes further and asks "What will the likely overall effect of your activity be on equality, including consideration of intersectionality"

Third paragraph insert after notes "that despite our best efforts to address issues of inequality"

So it reads

This Council notes that despite our best efforts to address issues of inequality

- Despite currently being rated as the third most affluent borough in Greater Manchester, Bury MBC currently has extremes of differences in index of Multiple

Deprivation ratings having several areas rated as being in the 10% most deprived while several other areas are in 10% least deprived.

- There is a difference of average life expectancy of 15 years for men and 12 years for women between the longest and shortest life expectancy MSOAs.
- The achievement of pupils in Maths and English GCSE in the lowest achieving MSOAs was 25.3% compared to the national average of 43.2% and the rest of the borough at 39.8% (2019 figures)
- Some areas of Bury MBC have seen significant under investment for many years which has led to a deterioration of the area in terms of the quality of the council owned amenities and infrastructure.

Insert before the start of the fourth paragraph

“However this Council recognises that inequality has vastly increased since the introduction of the austerity programme, cuts to welfare benefits, changes to public service funding which removes the recognition of the need to address inequality and tax cuts to the wealthy.

This council resolves to”

Delete ‘all residents’ in paragraph 1. and amend community to country

1. Call on the Government to write and adopt a Socio-Economic Duty Policy requiring all departments at the Government to consider the potential of any policy, project or material amendment on all residents in the country community. In particular they should ensure that areas of high socio-economic disadvantage are not unfairly impacted.
2. Ask the Government for the inclusion of 'disadvantaged socio-economic status' as a protected characteristic in Government procedures. This should prevent anyone being subject to less favourable treatment in the exercise of their rights because of their inherited social status or economic situation.
1. 3. Call on the Government to commit to more open consultation with residents on all projects going forward. They should endeavour to fully engage with residents, listen to feedback and act on the outputs of these on consultations.

The amendment on being put with 28 members voting for and 20 voting against and the Mayor abstaining the amendment was carried.

The substantive motion on being put with 29 members voting for and 19 voting against and the Mayor abstaining the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. 21 EMERGENCY MOTION - CASTLE ARMOURY

(iv) Emergency Motion - Castle Armoury

In accordance with the Council Constitution the Mayor agreed that it is not practical to defer this motion the motion had been received in the names of all Elected Members.

This Council notes:

1. All activity at Castle Armoury has been suspended due to the building being unsafe
2. Castle Armoury as well as being an important part of the current identity history of Bury is home to W Company 5th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, 207 Field Hospital Royal Army Medical Corp and The Lancashire Royal Regiment of Fusiliers volunteer Band.

3. It is also the base for our Army cadets, RAF cadets, a community Karate group, and the Armed Forces veterans breakfast club.

4. The building is owned by the Bury Castle Armoury Trust and is leased to NW RFCA through a formal agreement. Under the terms of the lease NW RFCA and in turn the Ministry of Defence assume full responsibility for repairs and maintenance.

5. The building is currently assessed as needing over £2m spending on it for urgent repairs and several million more to fully modernise it. The RFCA have not been able to obtain the funds needed.

Council further notes that:

There is an overwhelming desire to re-open Castle Armoury to all those that use it and a meeting was held last week for all the organisations that use it.

Council instructs:

That an open letter be written from the Council and concerned parties, urging the Ministry of Defence to provide the necessary funds to make it safe again and to modernise it.

That the council organise a meeting with the VCFA, the Armed Forces Champion, the Chair of Bury Castle Armoury Trust to look at what external funding may be available.

To inform all interested parties of progress on a regular basis and to convene another meeting to discuss further campaigning.

The Mayor declared that the motion was carried unanimously.

C. 22 * FOR INFORMATION - COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER**

C. 23 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no scrutiny review reports and specific items "called in" by scrutiny committees.

C. 24 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no questions on the work of outside bodies or partnerships.

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(Notes: The meeting started at 7.10pm and ended at 10.40pm)

Public Questions September Council 2022

1. Residents in Greenmount are complaining about the lack of a bus service from Greenmount to Ramsbottom. This service used to operate but was discontinued some time ago. Bus users now have to walk to Holcombe Brook if they wish to catch a bus to Ramsbottom, which is not possible for some elderly people and those with mobility issues.

What is the process for getting this bus service reinstated and will the Council lobby TFGM and help the local residents with this issue?

Supplementary question If the Council won't get involved with this, how do local residents engage with TFGM to make their case and persuade TFGM to reinstate this vital service?

Response – Transport for Greater Manchester are responsible for the bus services that operate across Greater Manchester and therefore the starting point would be to contact them - <https://tfgm.com/public-transport>

However I would be very happy to support you in raising the issue of access to bus services in Greenmount and Ramsbottom.

Charlie Allen

2. Residents are concerned about speeding traffic on Newcombe Road, which is used as a cut through to the motorway. Will the Council instigate a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph together with installing traffic calming measures?

Response –

Road safety funding is allocated to locations where there is evidence of existing injury collisions taking place in some numbers or on roads near schools or at locations where there is a perceived difficulty in crossing the road for vulnerable road users.

The injury collision history for Newcombe Road has been checked and this has revealed that no injury collisions been recorded on this road during the most recent standard three year (2019-2021) monitoring period (an engineering metric) available to us.

This would mean that Newcombe Road would be a lower priority on any list for speed reducing measures. Of note also is that even if we did have funds available to introduce a road safety scheme in the locality, any new scheme proposals (especially if they are proposed to feature physical traffic calming measures) would need consultation with local residents in the area and we would need a 50% support rate from the responses received from residents for a scheme to be sanctioned to proceed.

Jacqui Connor

3. Can the Council make Chester Street and Clifton Road, Prestwich into a one way system?

Response –

There are no plans to introduce one way working on Chester Street and Clifton Road - one way driving in general can lead to increasing vehicle speed, which is to the detriment of road safety. Given that these roads lead into and out of residential areas, the likelihood of the increase in traffic speed means that this is not an option we would look to progress.

Andy Hay



Classification: Open	Decision Type: Key
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Report to:	Cabinet	Date: 07 September 2022
Subject:	Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities	

Summary

- The report outlines the financial position and provides an update on the following aspects of the Treasury management function throughout 2021/22. The report covers:
 - the Council's capital expenditure and financing.
 - the treasury position as 31st March 2022.
 - the investment and borrowing strategy.
 - borrowing and investment Outturn.

The Council is required by legislation to produce an annual Treasury Management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for the year. This report meets both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

Recommendation(s)

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the report.

Cabinet is requested to approve, for onward submission to Council on the 21st of September, the:

- 2021/22 Prudential and Treasury Indicators
- Treasury Management 2021/22 Outturn Report

Reasons for recommendation(s)

- It is a requirement of the CIPFA Code that the Council receives an annual It is a requirement of the CIPFA Code that the Council receives an annual Treasury Management Outturn Report.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- N/A

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2021/22. This report meets the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management, (the Code), and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, (the Prudential Code).
- 2.2 During 2021/22 the following reports were provided:
- an annual treasury strategy in advance of the year (approved 23/02/2022) to Council.
 - a mid-year, (minimum), treasury update report (approved 17/11/2021) to Cabinet.
 - an annual review following the end of the year describing the activity compared to the strategy, (this report) to Council.
- 2.3 The regulatory environment places responsibility on members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities. This report is, therefore, important in that respect, as it provides details of the outturn position for treasury activities and highlights compliance with the Council's policies previously approved by members.
- 2.4 This Council confirms that it has complied with the requirement under the Code to give prior scrutiny to all of the above treasury management reports by Cabinet before they were reported to the full Council.

3 The Council's Capital Expenditure and Financing

- 3.1 The Council undertakes capital expenditure on long-term assets. These activities may either be:
- Financed immediately through the application of capital or revenue resources (capital receipts, capital grants, revenue contributions etc.), which has no resultant impact on the Council's borrowing need; or
 - If insufficient financing is available, or a decision is taken not to apply resources, the capital expenditure will give rise to a borrowing need.
- 3.2 The actual capital expenditure forms one of the required prudential indicators. The table below shows the actual expenditure and how this was financed.

	2020/21	2021/22 Revised	2021/22
	Actual £M	Budget £M	Actual £M
Capital Expenditure:			
Non-HRA	18.773	36.963	33.226
HRA	8.460	12.501	12.510
Total Capital Expenditure	27.233	49.464	45.736
Resourced by:			
Capital Receipts	1.604	0.087	0.613
Capital Grants	8.926	12.187	15.258
HRA	8.460	14.656	12.418
Revenue	2.475	2.533	2.709
Total Resourced by:	21.465	29.463	30.998

4 The Council's Overall Borrowing need

- 4.1 The Council's underlying need to borrow to finance capital expenditure is termed the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). This figure is a gauge of the Council's indebtedness. The CFR results from the capital activity of the Council and resources used to pay for the capital spend. It represents the 2021/22 unfinanced capital expenditure (see above table), and prior years' net or unfinanced capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for by revenue or other resources.
- 4.2 Part of the Council's treasury activities is to address the funding requirements for this borrowing need. Depending on the capital expenditure programme, the treasury service organises the Council's cash position to ensure that sufficient cash is available to meet the capital plans and cash flow requirements. This may be sourced through borrowing from external bodies, (such as the Government, through the Public Works Loan Board [PWLb], or the money markets), or utilising temporary cash resources within the Council.
- 4.3 The Council's (non HRA) underlying borrowing need (CFR) is not allowed to rise indefinitely. Statutory controls are in place to ensure that capital assets are broadly charged to revenue over the life of the asset. The Council is required to make an annual revenue charge, called the Minimum Revenue Provision – MRP, to reduce the CFR. This is effectively

a repayment of the non-Housing Revenue Account (HRA) borrowing need, (there is no statutory requirement to reduce the HRA CFR). This differs from the treasury management arrangements which ensure that cash is available to meet capital commitments. External debt can also be borrowed or repaid at any time, but this does not change the CFR.

4.4 The total CFR can also be reduced by:

- the application of additional capital financing resources, (such as unapplied capital receipts); or
- charging more than the statutory revenue charge (MRP) each year through a Voluntary Revenue Provision (VRP).

The Council's 2021/22 MRP Policy, (as required by DLUHC Guidance), was approved as part of the Treasury Management Strategy Report for 2021/22 on 17/03/2021.

The Council's CFR for the year is shown below, and represents a key prudential indicator. It includes PFI and leasing schemes on the balance sheet, which increase the Council's borrowing need. No borrowing is actually required against these schemes as a borrowing facility is included in the contract (if applicable).

4.5 Borrowing activity is constrained by prudential indicators for gross borrowing and the CFR, and by the authorised limit.

4.6 Gross borrowing and the CFR - in order to ensure that borrowing levels are prudent over the medium term and only for a capital purpose, the Council should ensure that its gross external borrowing does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the capital financing requirement in the preceding year (2021/22) plus the estimates of any additional capital financing requirement for the current (2022/23) and next two financial years. This essentially means that the Council is not borrowing to support revenue expenditure. This indicator allowed the Council some flexibility to borrow in advance of its immediate capital needs in 2021/22. The table below highlights the Council's gross borrowing position against the CFR. The Council has complied with this prudential indicator. The table below highlights the Council's gross borrowing position against the CFR. The Council has complied with this prudential indicator.

	31st March 2021 Actual £M	31st March 2022 Budget £M	31st March 2022 Actual £M
Gross borrowing position	206.016	236.188	220.826
CFR	265.072	285.073	299.719
(Under) / over funding of CFR	(59.056)	(48.885)	(78.893)

- 4.7 The authorised limit is the “affordable borrowing limit” required by s3 of the Local Government Act 2003. Once this has been set, the Council does not have the power to borrow above this level. The table below demonstrates that during 2021/22 the Council has maintained gross borrowing within its authorised limit.
- 4.8 The operational boundary is the expected borrowing position of the Council during the year. Periods where the actual position is either below or over the boundary are acceptable subject to the authorised limit not being breached.
- 4.9 **Actual financing costs as a proportion of net revenue stream** - this indicator identifies the trend in the cost of capital, (borrowing and other long term obligation costs net of investment income), against the net revenue stream.

	2021/22
	£M
Authorised limit	339.800
Maximum gross borrowing position	220.826
Operational Boundary	304.800
Average gross borrowing position	202.603
Financing costs as a proportion of net revenue stream:-	
Non - HRA	3.29%
HRA	14.96%

5. Treasury Position as at 31st March 2022

5.1 The Council's treasury position at the end of 2021/22 (excluding borrowing by PFA and finance leases), position was as follows:

		31st March 2021			31st March 2022		
		Principal		Avg.	Principal		Avg.
		£M	£M	Rate	£M	£M	Rate
Fixed rate funding							
	PWLB Bury	133.886			153.695		
	PWLB Airport	11.828			11.828		
	Market Bury	60.300	206.014		55.300	220.823	
Variable rate funding							
	PWLB Bury						
	Market Bury		0.000			0.000	
Temporary Loans / Bonds		0.003	0.003		0.003	0.003	
Total Debt		206.016 3.53%			220.826 3.57%		
Total Investments			15.928	0.13%		43.555	0.10%
Net Debt			190.088			177.271	

5.2 The maturity structure of the debt portfolio was as follows:

Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing	2020/21 Actual £M	2020/21 Actual %	2021/22 Actual £M	2021/22 Actual %
Under 12 months	5.190	2.52%	13.000	5.89%
12 months and within 24 months	13.000	6.31%	5.000	2.26%
24 months and within 5 years	7.300	3.54%	2.850	1.29%
5 years and within 10 years	31.550	15.31%	51.000	23.10%
10 years and within 15 years	0.000	0.00%	26.000	11.77%
15 years and over	148.976	72.31%	122.976	55.69%
Total Debt	206.016	1.00	220.826	1.00

5.3 The Council's investment portfolio was as shown below:

	Investment balance at 31/03/2021	Amount Invested in year	Investments realised in year	Investment balance at 31/03/2022
	£M	£M	£M	£M
Fixed Rate Investments				
	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total - Fixed rate	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Notice Accounts				
Barclays Bank - 32 day Notice account	0.250			0.250
Barclays Bank - 95 day Notice account	0.250			0.250
Lloyds - 32 day Notice account	0.000			0.000
Santander - 31 day Notice account	0.000	10.000	(5.000)	5.000
Santander - 35 day Notice account	0.000			0.000

Santander - 60 day Notice account	0.000			0.000
Total - Notice accounts	0.250	10.000	(5.000)	5.500
Call Accounts				
Barclays Bank - Flexible Interest Bearing Current Account	15.420	305.425	(282.790)	38.055
Bank of Scotland - Call Account	0.000			0.000
Total Investments	15.920	315.425	(287.790)	43.555

5.4 All of the Council's investments are held for a period of up to 1 year.

6. The Strategy for 2021/22

6.1 Investment strategy and control of interest rate risk

6.1.1 Investment returns remained close to zero for much of 2021/22. Most local authority lending managed to avoid negative rates and one feature of the year was the continued growth of inter local authority lending. The expectation for interest rates within the treasury management strategy for 2021/22 was that Bank Rate would remain at 0.1% until it was clear to the Bank of England that the emergency level of rates introduced at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic were no longer necessitated.

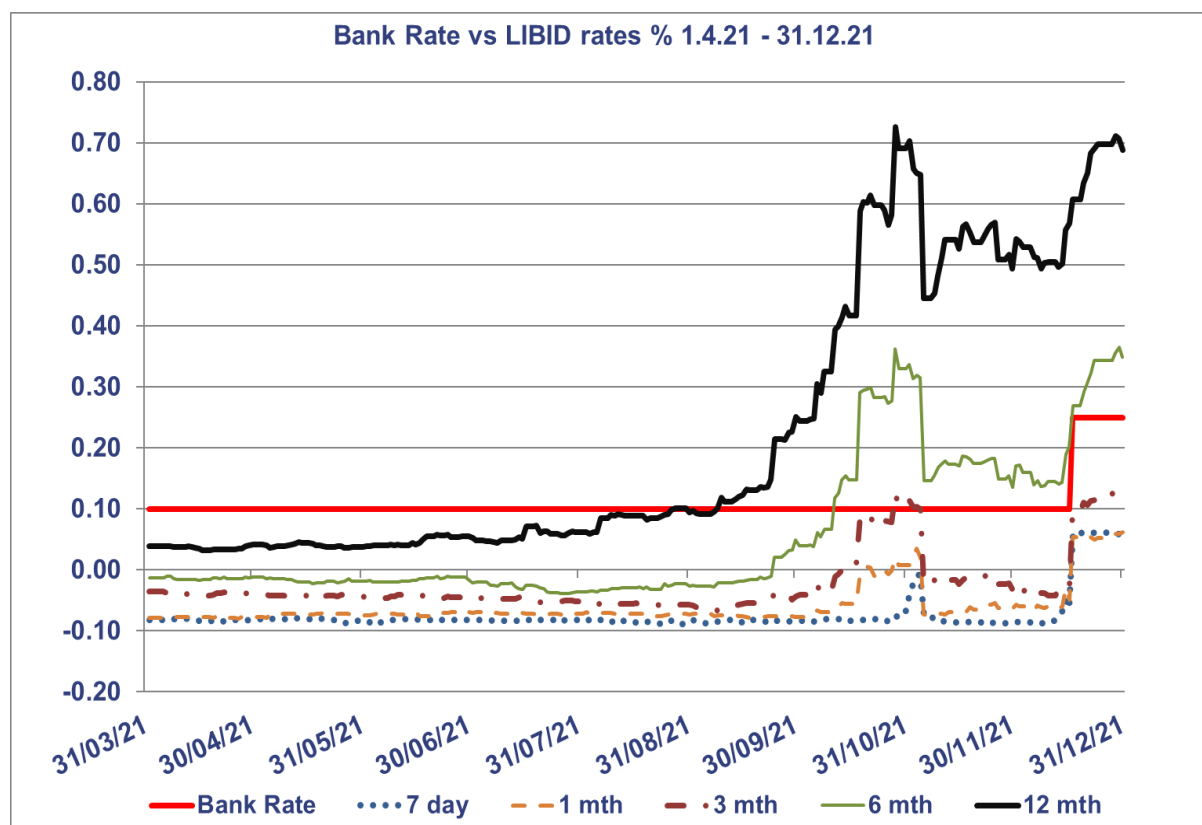
6.1.2 The Bank of England and the Government also maintained various monetary and fiscal measures, supplying the banking system and the economy with massive amounts of cheap credit so that banks could help cash-starved businesses to survive the various lockdowns/negative impact on their cashflow. The Government also supplied huge amounts of finance to local authorities to pass on to businesses. This meant that for most of the year there was much more liquidity in financial markets than there was demand to borrow, with the consequent effect that investment earnings rates remained low until towards the turn of the year when inflation concerns indicated central banks, not just the Bank of England, would need to lift interest rates to combat the second-round effects of growing levels of inflation (CPI was 6.2% in February).

6.1.3 This authority does not have sufficient cash balances to be able to place deposits for more than a month so as to earn higher rates from longer deposits. While the Council has taken a cautious approach to investing, it is also fully appreciative of changes to regulatory requirements for

financial institutions in terms of additional capital and liquidity that came about in the aftermath of the financial crisis. These requirements have provided a far stronger basis for financial institutions, with annual stress tests by regulators evidencing how institutions are now far more able to cope with extreme stressed market and economic conditions.

6.1.4 Investment balances have been kept to a minimum through the agreed strategy of using reserves and balances to support internal borrowing, rather than borrowing externally from the financial markets. External borrowing would have incurred an additional cost, due to the differential between borrowing and investment rates as illustrated in the charts shown above and below. Such an approach has also provided benefits in terms of reducing the counterparty risk exposure, by having fewer investments placed in the financial markets.

6.1.5 The information below show Bank and London Interbank Bid Rates (LIBID) for a selection of periods, the average interest rates, the high and low points in rates, spreads and individual rates at dates through and at the end of the financial year.



	Bank Rate	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
High	0.25	0.06	0.06	0.14	0.36	0.73
High Date	17/12/2021	29/12/2021	31/12/2021	31/12/2021	30/12/2021	28/10/2021
Low	0.10	-0.09	-0.08	-0.07	-0.04	0.04
Low Date	01/07/2021	27/08/2021	17/09/2021	08/09/2021	27/07/2021	08/07/2021
Average	0.11	-0.07	-0.05	-0.01	0.09	0.31
Spread	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.20	0.40	0.68

6.2 Borrowing strategy and control of interest rate risk

- 6.2.1 During 2021/22, the Council maintained an under-borrowed position. This meant that the capital borrowing need, (the Capital Financing Requirement), was not fully funded with loan debt, as cash supporting the Council's reserves, balances and cash flow was used as an interim measure. This strategy was prudent as investment returns were very low and minimising counterparty risk on placing investments also needed to be considered.
- 6.2.2 A cost of carry remained during the year on any new long-term borrowing that was not immediately used to finance capital expenditure, as it would have caused a temporary increase in cash balances; this would have incurred a revenue cost – the difference between (higher) borrowing costs and (lower) investment returns.
- 6.2.3 The policy of avoiding new borrowing by running down spare cash balances, has served well over the last few years. However, this was kept under review to avoid incurring higher borrowing costs in the future when this authority may not be able to avoid new borrowing to finance capital expenditure and/or the refinancing of maturing debt.
- 6.2.4 Against this background and the risks within the economic forecast, caution was adopted with the treasury operations. The Director of Finance therefore monitored interest rates in financial markets and adopted a pragmatic strategy based upon the following principles to manage interest rate risks:
- * if it had been felt that there was a significant risk of a sharp FALL in long and short term rates, (e.g. due to a marked increase of risks around relapse into recession or of risks of deflation), then long term borrowings would have been postponed, and potential rescheduling from fixed rate funding into short term borrowing would have been considered.

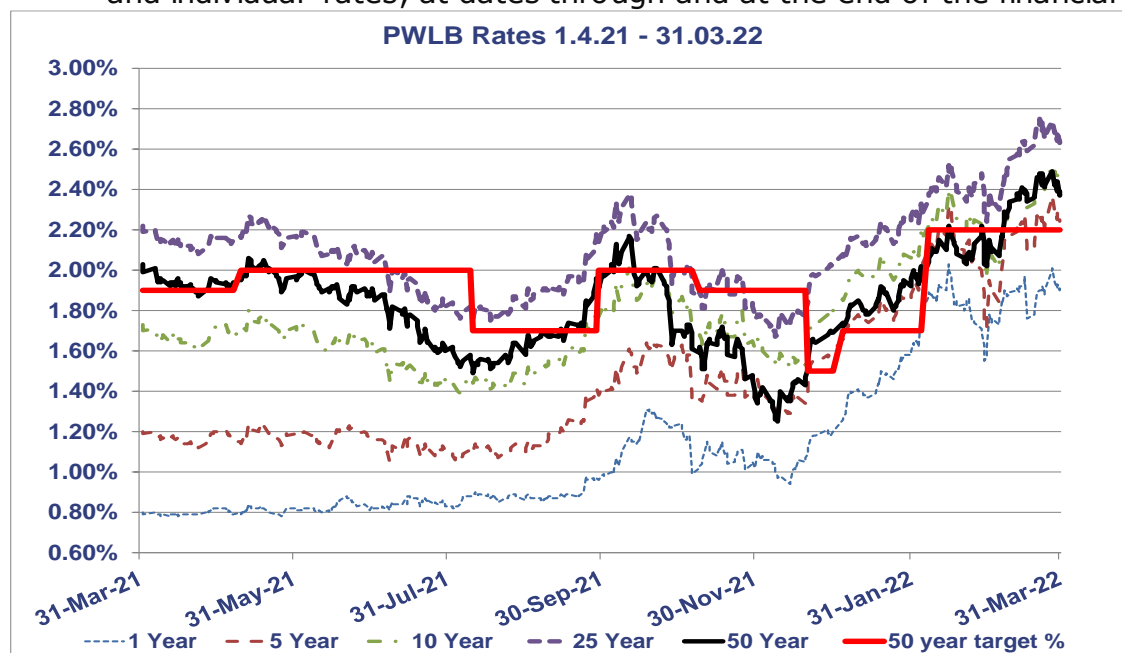
- * if it had been felt that there was a significant risk of a much sharper RISE in long and short term rates than initially expected, perhaps arising from an acceleration in the start date and in the rate of increase in central rates in the USA and UK, an increase in world economic activity or a sudden increase in inflation risks, then the portfolio position would have been re-appraised. Most likely, fixed rate funding would have been drawn whilst interest rates were lower than they were projected to be in the next few years.

6.2.5 Interest rate forecasts expected only gradual rises in medium and longer term fixed borrowing rates during 2021/22 and the two subsequent financial years. Variable, or short-term rates, were expected to be the cheaper form of borrowing over the period until well in to the second half of 2021/22.

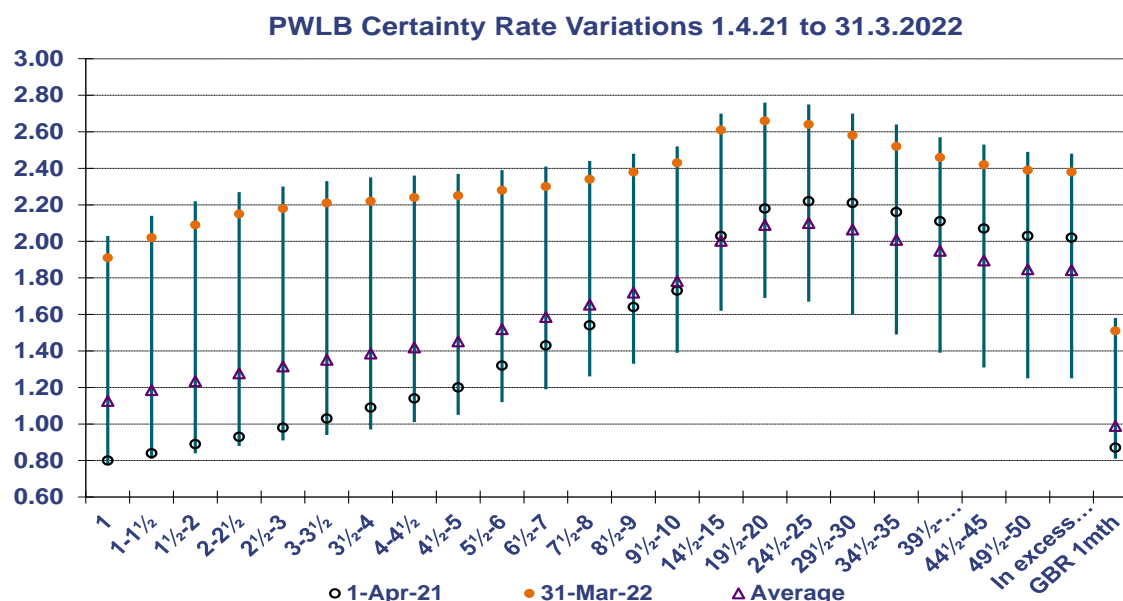
6.2.6 The table below shows the interest rate forecast as at mid-year 2021/22

Link Group Interest Rate View		9.11.20													
		Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24
BANK RATE		0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
3 month ave earnings		0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
6 month ave earnings		0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
12 month ave earnings		0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
5 yr PWLB		1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
10 yr PWLB		2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30
25 yr PWLB		2.50	2.50	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80
50 yr PWLB		2.30	2.30	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60

6.2.7 The information below show PWLB rates for a selection of maturity periods, the average borrowing rates, the high and low points in rates, spreads and individual rates, at dates through and at the end of the financial year.



	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	25 Year	50 Year
01/04/2021	0.80%	1.20%	1.73%	2.22%	2.03%
31/03/2022	1.91%	2.25%	2.43%	2.64%	2.39%
Low	0.78%	1.05%	1.39%	1.67%	1.25%
Low date	08/04/2021	08/07/2021	05/08/2021	08/12/2021	09/12/2021
High	2.03%	2.37%	2.52%	2.75%	2.49%
High date	15/02/2022	28/03/2022	28/03/2022	23/03/2022	28/03/2022
Average	1.13%	1.45%	1.78%	2.10%	1.85%
Spread	1.25%	1.32%	1.13%	1.08%	1.24%



6.2.8 PWLB rates are based on, and are determined by, gilt (UK Government bonds) yields through H.M.Treasury determining a specified margin to add to gilt yields. The main influences on gilt yields are Bank Rate, inflation expectations and movements in US treasury yields. Inflation targeting by the major central banks has been successful over the last 30 years in lowering inflation and the real equilibrium rate for central rates has fallen considerably due to the high level of borrowing by consumers: this means that central banks do not **need to** raise rates as much now to have a major impact on consumer spending, inflation, etc. This has pulled down the overall level of interest rates and bond yields in financial markets over the last 30 years. We have seen over the last two years, many bond yields up to 10 years in the Eurozone turn negative on expectations that the EU would struggle to get growth rates and inflation up from low levels. In addition, there has, at times, been an inversion of bond yields in the US whereby 10 year yields have fallen below shorter term yields. In the past, this has been a precursor of a recession. Recently, yields have risen since the turn of the year on the back of global inflation concerns.

6.2.9 Gilt yields fell sharply from the start of 2021 through to September and then spiked back up before falling again through December. However, by January sentiment had well and truly changed, as markets became focussed

on the embedded nature of inflation, spurred on by a broader opening of economies post the pandemic, and rising commodity and food prices resulting from the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

6.2.10 At the close of the day on 31 March 2022, all gilt yields from 1 to 5 years were between 1.11 – 1.45% while the 10-year and 25-year yields were at 1.63% and 1.84%.

6.2.11 With regard to PWLB borrowing rates, the various margins attributed to their pricing are as follows:-s are as follows: -

- PWLB Standard Rate is gilt plus 100 basis points (G+100bps)
- PWLB Certainty Rate is gilt plus 80 basis points (G+80bps)
- PWLB HRA Standard Rate is gilt plus 100 basis points (G+100bps)
- PWLB HRA Certainty Rate is gilt plus 80bps (G+80bps)
- Local Infrastructure Rate is gilt plus 60bps (G+60bps)

6.2.12 There is likely to be a further rise in short dated gilt yields and PWLB rates over the next three years as Bank Rate is forecast to rise from 0.75% in March 2022 to 1.25% later this year, with upside risk likely if the economy proves resilient in the light of the cost-of-living squeeze. Medium to long dated yields are driven primarily by inflation concerns but the Bank of England is also embarking on a process of Quantitative Tightening when Bank Rate hits 1%, whereby the Bank's £895bn stock of gilt and corporate bonds will be sold back into the market over several years. The impact this policy will have on the market pricing of gilts, while issuance is markedly increasing, is an unknown at the time of writing.

7 Borrowing Outturn

7.2 Treasury Borrowing

7.2.1 The Council has taken out PWLB loans totalling £20.0m during 2021/22. The borrowing was undertaken to undertake regeneration of the Millgate Centre.

	Balance at 31st March 2021	Loans raised in year	Loans repaid in year	Balance at 31st March 2022
	£M	£M	£M	£M
PWLB	133.886	20.000	(0.190)	153.695
Market	60.300	0.000	(5.000)	55.300

Temporary Loans	0.000	0.000	(0.000)	0.000
Other loans	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.003
Bury MBC Debt	194.188	20.000	(5.190)	208.998
Airport PWLB Debt	11.828	0.000	0.000	11.828
Total Debt	206.016	20.000	(5.190)	220.826

7.3 Debt Rescheduling

No rescheduling was done during the year as the average 1% differential between PWLB new borrowing rates and premature repayment rates made rescheduling unviable.

7.4 Borrowing in advance of need

The Council has not borrowed more than, or in advance of its needs, purely in order to profit from the investment of the extra sums borrowed.

8 Investment Outturn

8.1 Investment Policy

8.1.1 The Council's investment policy is governed by MHCLG investment guidance, which has been implemented in the annual investment strategy approved by the Council on 23/02/2022. This policy sets out the approach for choosing investment counterparties, and is based on credit ratings provided by the three main credit rating agencies, supplemented by additional market data, (such as rating outlooks, credit default swaps, bank share prices etc.).

8.1.2 The investment activity during the year conformed to the approved strategy, and the Council had no liquidity difficulties.

8.2 Resources

8.2.3 The Council's cash balances comprise revenue and capital resources and cash flow monies. The Council's core cash resources comprised as follows:

Balance Sheet Resources	31 March 2021	31 March 2022
	£M	£M
Balances General Fund	30.881	23.816
Balances HRA	10.422	9.842
Earmarked reserves	125.882	111.145
Provisions	11.835	8.477
Usable capital receipts	4.889	6.967
Total	183.909	160.247

8.3 Investments held at 31 March 2022

8.3.1 The Council managed all of its investments in house with the institutions listed in the Council's approved lending list. At the end of the financial year the Council had £43.555m of investments as follows:

Type	Institution	Amount £M	Term Days	Rate %
Call Accounts	Barclays Bank	38.055	0	0.08%
Total Call Accounts		38.055		
Notice Accounts	Barclays Bank	0.250	32	0.14%
	Barclays Bank	0.250	95	0.24%
	Santander	5.000	31	0.18%
Total Notice Accounts		5.500		
Total Investments		43.555		

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Links with the Corporate Priorities:

A strong financially sustainable Council is essential to the delivery of the Let's Do It Strategy

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.

Environmental Impact and Considerations:

5. There are no environmental impacts associated with this report.
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Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
There are considerable risks to the security of the Authority's resources if appropriate treasury management strategies and policies are not adopted and followed.	Regular monitoring and reporting ensures that any changes in the financial position are quickly identified and action can be taken to manage the overall position

Legal Implications:

6. There are no specific legal implications in this report. The S 151 officer has confirmed that the report meets the requirements of the CIPFA code of

practice on Treasury management and the CIPFA prudential code for Capital finance in Local Authorities.

Financial Implications:

7. The financial implications are set out in the report. The continuation of the Covid pandemic during 2021/22 impacted on both the revenue and capital budgets across the whole of the Council. The in-year position will be reflected in an updated medium term financial strategy and will inform the budget setting process for the 2023/24 financial year.

Background papers:

None

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning

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Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	21st September 2022
Title of report:	Leaders' Report
Report by:	Leader of the Council
Decision type:	Non key decision
Ward(s) to which the report relates:	All Wards.
Summary:	To provide a summary of the work of the Cabinet since this last report, an update on progress against the corporate plan, and a statement from the Leader of the Council.

1 Leader's note

- 1.1 I am pleased to provide Council with my report covering the period from 14th July 2022 to 12th September 2022.
- 1.2 I would like to start off by offering my sincerest condolences on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. She served our nation over the past 70 years with dignity and devotion to duty, and her loss will be felt by so many across this borough. We will always treasure Queen Elizabeth II's life of service and devotion to our nation and the Commonwealth; our longest-serving and greatest monarch.
- 1.3 I would like to issue a message of praise and thanks to our Chief Executive Geoff Little OBE, who this month announced he would be retiring in March 2023. Not only has he served Bury Council as Chief Exec since 2018, he first joined Bury Council in 1986 and spent 10 years in committee services and policy and research. In total Geoff has cumulated 45 years of public service. At Bury Council he has done a tremendous job, bringing together both the council and local NHS commissioning, a pioneering move to provide joined-up services which will benefit all Bury residents. His leadership has helped positively transform the council, even during the toughest years we have ever faced.
- 1.4 I hope the members of this chamber were able to find some time to relax and recover over the August recess. Most, if not all of the members here have other responsibilities in their lives while also taking on their

councillor duties to their constituents. Over the coming months we will continue at speed to progress with our exciting regeneration plans, while also doing what we can to prepare for a very difficult winter.

- 1.5 As members will be aware, we now have a new Prime Minister, and a largely modified government. The Rt Hon Simon Clarke has been appointed to the post of Secretary of State for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities. I'm sure the Secretary of State will have a packed in-tray as he begins his period in office, but I would urge him to prioritise local government finance; with the surging levels of inflations driving costs to local government far beyond what we can raise in fees and charges. A funding settlement is required quickly, before the impacts trickle down to our communities who we are placed to support, particularly though the current cost-of-living crisis.
- 1.6 On Friday 9th September we hosted a Cost-of-Living Summit to understand and respond to the crisis at hand. Over 50 voluntary, community, and faith organisations from across the borough were represented in what was a constructive dialogue on how we can all pitch together this winter to support one another and our communities. The new Prime Minister may have taken some action on the spiralling cost of energy bills, but unfortunately, they still remain 79% higher than last winter when hundreds of thousands across the country were forced to make a decision between 'heating and eating'. Our residents also face the prospect of prices rising faster than their wages, with inflation already standing at 8.8%. This is why it is a priority for us to help our residents to the best of our abilities, where government support doesn't extend far enough.
- 1.7 Our September Cabinet meeting continued to show our commitment to the three R's; Response, Recovery, and Renewal. I was delighted that we were able to remove a Green Belt site in Walshaw from the Places for Everyone masterplan. Thanks to our regeneration plans in Bury and Radcliffe Town Centres, plus the Mill Gate Centre we purchased, we have the opportunity to build more houses on these urban brownfield sites. This demonstrates our sincere commitment to our 'Brownfield First' policy.
- 1.8 I would like to make the members of this chamber aware of the Growth Company's Business Growth Hub's in-person networking initiative, BGH Match, which has been developed to connect businesses from across Greater Manchester. BGH Match is coming to Bury on Thursday 22nd September at The Village Hotel Bury for a morning of reconnecting businesses and expanding your network. Attendees will have the chance

to learn about the latest activity in the borough and hear about the latest business support available.

- 1.9 Our plans for the regeneration of Radcliffe were further boosted following our September Cabinet meeting. We took a decision to approve the funding of indicative costs for the Radcliffe Secondary School which will allow us to proceed with the development along with STAR Academy. We also took decisive action to provide an additional £150,000 funding for the new all-weather 3G football pitch in Radcliffe following information that the costs would rise due to inflationary increases in construction and building materials.
- 1.10 I would finally like to offer our solidarity with the people of Pakistan. The worst floods in Pakistan's history have left at least 1100 people dead, with millions more injured, displaced, or otherwise impacted. Over a million homes have been destroyed and over a third of the country is underwater. I hope our government will offer what support they can to the country to help with the disaster relief and rebuilding efforts.

2 Reporting progress against stated commitments in Corporate Plan

- 2.1 The following table provides a brief summary of the Council's progress against the priorities set out in our Corporate Plan covering June 2022 to July 2022.

Dept	Priority	Deliverables
BGI	Developing Bury Market & Flexi Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final transactions for land acquisitions underway Negotiations with Casino operator the key timing risk Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stage 3 design works underway Initial soft-market testing for an operator for the Flexi Hall
	Radcliffe Hub Levelling Up programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RIBA Stage Three is underway, with detailed design information being developed with services leads and commercial partners. Engagement with community groups is ongoing and the first edition of the Radcliffe Regen project newsletter has been distributed to residents and circulated to community groups, sports clubs and promoted by a press release and comms campaign on social media. The planning application for the temporary modular unit to house Freak Dance, has been submitted.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility diversion works were agreed at July Programme Board and have now been instructed. • Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DHLUC) report on project progress is due for submission in August and it has been confirmed that the Hub project is to feature as a case study project on the .GOV Levelling Up webpages –
	Radcliffe SRF including: - Housing - North Block - Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External consultant appointment underway - to lead on bringing procurement of the North Block forward, as either a standalone development or as part of a wider strategic portfolio. Work ongoing to scope out locations for town centre parking provision, which will include North Block and existing council owned car parks. • Draft brief for North block has been generated.
	Delivering the Prestwich Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Venture Agreement, Option Agreement and development Management Agreement all in final stages for sign off • Prestwich internal Board established • Members reference group established
	Delivering the Bury Town Centre Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury Town Centre Board has been established and had its inaugural meeting. • East Bury community plan in development • Millgate Joint Venture (JV) have appointed an architectural team to develop a centre masterplan • Initial proposals submitted to the UK SPF fund
	Assets disposed of in line with the Land Disposal Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation to take Summerseat House back out to the market • Preparation for further housing sites to go to the market
	Delivery of the Economic Development Strategy including embedded all age skills strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development strategy is being generated – following on from the data collection stage
	Delivery of activity associated with the progression of the Bury Local Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All responses to Inspectors' Preliminary Questions submitted. • Inspectors have published Matters, Issues and Questions and work ongoing on developing responses to these. Full responses due 8 Sept (legal, procedural

	Places for Everyone (PfE)	etc. matters) and 6 October (thematic, site allocations and Green Belt additions).
	Delivery of Brownfield Housing Site Sales Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to progress delivery of Tranche 1 and 2 sites: Pre-app determined for the William Kemp Heaton site in Bury, layout revised accordingly. Full planning app to be submitted. Full planning app submitted for Wheatfields 20.07.22, contracts to be exchanged Aug 2022. New Registered Provider Framework established for affordable housing development including specialist and supported accommodation on Council owned brownfield sites and through Section 106 and other planning agreements. Pre-app to be submitted for the Willow Street site (former CPU Kitchens in Bury), site investigations underway. Cabinet approval for the disposal of Fletcher Fold site.
CYP	Delivery of activity within the OFSTED Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent appointment made to the role of Director, Social Care Practice. Interim arrangements will remain in place pending the permanent post holder starting on the 06/09/22. Permanent appointment made to the role of Principal Social Worker who will commence in post on 01/08/22 First Ofsted Monitoring Visit has taken place and feedback has been provided and shared with the Improvement Board on 26/07/22. In August 2022 there will be an Improvement Board development session to look at the plan. We are preparing for the next Ofsted monitoring visit which we expect to take place in the Autumn.
	Support to deliver the Schools Capital Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions with Department for Education (DfE) / Star Academy on intended DfE delivery / procurement model and timescale for delivery of new school. Self-delivery option was not an option, awaiting feasibility studies from the DfE. Good progress made in respect of ASC Special Free School, with planning application secured May 2022. Current project plan shows practical completion late September 2023. Contingency plan for September 2023 opening being developed. Identification of first cohort, to inform engagement between parents and school commencing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New secondary Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) Special School competition closed, with applications received. Draft Heads of Terms for site under discussion with Property Services and Leisure approved by Council Legal services. On target for practical completion and opening September 2025. • Detailed project plan produced for adaptations to Spurr House, and relocation of Spring Lane School. Decant schedules for Summer 2023. Report to Cabinet June 2022 seeking financial approval to capital costs – deferred pending discussion with Governing Body on proposed solution. Agreed to continue to pursue as interim solution
	Delivery activity within the Project Safety Valve (PSV) programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSV delivery plan, and targets within that plan have been reviewed. The next formal progress to be presented to DfE September • Monthly dashboard has now developed to ensure that weekly performance on timescales is available to support tracking of work • Council for Disabled Children are delivering a 4-day joint training with parents and DfE (training on affective communication/ chairing skills / person centred approaches); dates are on the 22nd/27th September and a further session in October. • Council for Disabled Children agreed to joint work with us around the developing collaborative policy and practice around children who are deemed EOTAs (Education Otherwise Than At School) • Work has commenced on the planning for the whole day SEND event on the 5th October
	Improve education outcomes at all Key Stages,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First KS2 Attainment results since 2019 ; Bury's result for pupils achieving the expected standard at Reading, Writing and Maths combined was 59 %, which is the same as national (compared to 65% RWM in 2019 - both Bury+ national). Bury's results for all individual results were in line with national with Reading, Maths and Grammar, punctuation results being slightly above and writing slightly below. 76 % of Bury's children achieved expected standard in Reading compared to 74% nationally (compared to 73% in 2019); 68% of Bury's KS2 children achieved expected standard in Writing compared to 69% nationally. This was also the most significant drop since 2019, when both Bury and national results were 78%; 73 % of Bury's children achieved expected

		<p>standard in Mathematics compared to 71% nationally (compared to 79% in 2019); 73% of Bury's KS2 children achieved expected standard in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar compared to 71% nationally. (compared to 78% nationally)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School assurance board continues to meet regularly to bring together information, data and soft intelligence on all schools, and to agree appropriate response of challenge – at risk schools identified and appropriate actions agreed • Increase in proportion of good or better schools with 91% of primary schools good or better. • National Exclusion data published for 2020/21. Bury has reduced its permanence exclusion rate from 0.05 – 0.03 (National 0.05); Suspension rates have increased in Bury to 4.45 and are now at national.
	Review of Early Years Services against the 1001 days pathway and GMCA 8 stage delivery model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Family Hub implementation plan has been signed off and the pillar for delivery of early years will be progressed within the Bury Pilot • Work continues on developing the parenting strategy and universal offer 0-5 as part of Family Hub work
	Develop locality teams to a Family Hub model through Bury East pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered delivery stage of the model • Recruitment to fixed term transformation lead is now progressing
	Increasing attendance levels through a strengthened strategic approach to attendance and by the expansion of the role of the Virtual school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue reviewing attendance policy & offer in light of changes to the white paper.
	Develop SEND integrated transparent pathways through the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduated Approach collaborative workstreams proceeding according to plan with drafting dates scheduled for August and its formally launch in October at the SEND stakeholder event – Work will be inked into work around the Ordinary Available

	revised Graduated Approach	<p>Provision. Moving this forward we are now developing a child development and pedagogy programme to support the implementation of the graduated response -- note this is tracked by the PSV weekly tracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the review of the EHCP referral paperwork will support the use of the Graduated response as part of the evidence to support an application
	Increase the proportion of 16–25-year-olds with SEND in employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop approach to supported internships Continue the development of skills strategy Training around the annual review process to ensure that the Transition paperwork is embedded to support this agenda
	Improve the outcomes of SEND children and young people so they attain educationally to the best of their ability and potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing situation continues to improve in terms of permanent staffing which support the stabilisation of skill base with 2 more permanent staff starting in August Education, health and care (EHC) process under review with internal sessions undertaken to remove duplication of activity and strengthen the potential AR to ensure accountability to the EHC plan by school and setting
Ops	Develop the Wellness model and prepare to move existing provision to the new Radcliffe Hub (Ops improvement plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged with SLC to scope out the investment business plan for Wellness Engaged SLC to write bid to Sport England for Radcliffe Hub Leisure £1.5m Full Wellness investment business plan in development Procured library design company via Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation Community engagement re design and layout
	Achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and be single use plastic free across the Council by end 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop business case together to use Go Neutral. Carbon Literacy – E-Learning rolled out. 5x highways vehicles and 3x road sweepers have been delivered and are awaiting livery. A refresh of the single use plastic action plan has been produced and work underway to develop baseline. 7 charge points installed at Bradley Fold. Charge point installed at Bury Cemetery but awaiting ENWL connections

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury Means Green Business Breakfast Event held on 16 June 2022. • Community Environmental Forums established and running in each Neighbourhood • Published Greenhouse Gas Report for 21/22 • 'Let's Go Green' Branding produced and communications plan under development. • Delivery of 2x gully wagons with diesel 6 engines. • 1x gully wagon delivered and awaiting livery – 2nd gully wagon due for delivery by 16/08.
	Highway resurfacing and preventative maintenance (delivery of Highway Investment Strategy (HIS) - Tranche 2) and Improvement programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision made on HIS3* strategy (3-year highway programme) • Continue planning and programme development of HIS3
	Ops Improvement Plan - Corporate Landlord implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree disposal programme with advice from Robertsons • Develop Corporate Landlord structure • Development of Neighbourhood Asset Review (Lead BGI)
	Introduction of Clean Air Zone for Greater Manchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Manchester has now published a case for a new investment-led Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan, with no charging Clean Air Zone. This was submitted to government on 1 July 2022. • Participatory engagement approach under development.
	Introduction of a women's safety charter (voluntary pledge for all licensed premises)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation completed. • Consultation responses evaluated. • Community Safety coordinating production of training video needed before launch. • Web forms and website being finalised.
	Develop a Driver Safety initiative for the Taxi Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular coordination meetings with Greater Manchester Police (GMP) and Council. • Public Consultation open for licensed drivers 26/6/2022-9/8/2022 (6 Weeks).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 925 drivers, 32 Private hire operators, 8 Trade representatives contacted by email 29/6/2022 to raise awareness of public consultation. As of 22/7/2022 there had been 34 Responses. Reminder emails to go out on 2/8/22 for last week.
OCO	Maintaining and ongoing delivery of the COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan including testing, vaccination and Public Health support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangements for next year vaccination in development through Vaccination Assurance Group and Health protection board.
	Managing and overseeing transition to Integrated Care System (ICS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition to ICS complete Confirmation of Deputy Place Based Lead announced
	Health and Care System Transformation	<p>Urgent Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established System Wide Urgent Care 12 week turnaround programme reported to urgent and emergency care (UEC) Board. Prestwich walk-in centre proposed supported at Locality Board to next stage of development Completed and returned GM 100-day Challenge initial assessment <p>Elective Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bury Diabetes Plan submitted to GM to secure funding – senior responsible officer identified for the locality. New Long COVID pathway gone live, and submission made to GM for 22/23 funding allocation. <p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circles of influence event – Mental Health was the main priority for the second year running – Plans in place to engage with Youth Council in September 32 education sites signed up to MHST including primaries, secondaries, colleges, PRU and special school
	Deliver the government's adult social care reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Social Care Reform Program board established and programme manager recruited Fair Cost of care submissions at 35% return rate (35% is rate required by government)

	Population Health system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Learning Centre established as a Royal Society of Public Health accredited training centre and recruitment to L1 & L2 Health Improvement Courses underway. • Bury represented at 'Sustainable Food Places' day of celebration & action at Westminster and highlighted as area of best practice. • Established sexual health service as provider of Monkey Pox vaccination
Corp Core	Embedding the Neighbourhood Model	<p>Anti-poverty - Plan signed off by Cabinet and delivery group established to be led by Public Health.</p> <p>Culture Strategy - Update provided to Policy Advisory Group and report presented to Overview and Scrutiny in July, Draft spec developed for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) application to fund delivery of the strategy.</p> <p>Team Bury - State of the Borough report launched.</p> <p>Radcliffe People & Communities Plan - comms and engagement strategy shared with the Sub-Group and mapping of practitioner networks underway to align resources to the plan.</p> <p>Community Safety Plan - Delivery Milestones developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded contract for Data Warehouse • Launch of Bury ACEs consultation • Cabinet approval of 21/22 Annual Health and Safety Report
	Getting the basics right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LETS Values & behaviours framework designed and in implementation • Problem Solving approach developed and agreed to be rolled out Q3 • Core management development programme agreed and provider in place to deliver • Media and social media policy revised and agreed
	Delivery of the Internal Transformation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Engagement Strategy developed, starting with digital offer • Channel shift - Service redesign of four service areas scoped – school admissions, Building Control, Housing options and Council Tax recovery – as part of Agilisys review. Licensing and Registrars considered internally. Anticipated savings and FTE change set out. • Corporate business support service established • M365 training rolled out • New health & safety structure implemented • Health and Safety 21/21 Annual Report and 22/23 Priorities agreed • Revised member induction completed

	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st staff survey delivered and analysed• Armed Forces Covenant – Silver Award• Children’s Workforce Strategy finalised• Leadership Development Approach Approved• Wellbeing strategy re-launched
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3 Additional reports

- 3.1 Attached as an appendix to this report are a summary of Cabinet decisions taken since the last ordinary council meeting.

List of Background Papers:-

None identified

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022

COUNCIL INVESTMENT IN GIGG LANE STADIUM

1. Councillor Charlotte Morris, Cabinet Member for Culture and the Economy, presented the report which provided an update on negotiations with Bury Football Club Supporters Society Ltd ('BFCSS'), Shakers Community Society Ltd ('Shakers') and private benefactors, and requested approval for funding of £450k subject to the conditions set out in the recommendations.
2. Members voiced their cross-party support for the project, noting that further detail on the 'library of things' would be provided. Thanks were extended to all the fans, community groups, benefactors, Council staff, and to the government funding received, which had led to this important step.
3. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT HOUSING SERVICES - CALICO GATEWAY REVIEW

4. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, presented the report regarding proposals for the floating Support/tenancy support services for the next 2 years. In response to a Member's question, it was noted that the contract had been extended by two months to allow Cabinet to consider the longer extension, which had been approved through existing delegated authorities.
5. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

ATOM VALLEY MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE (NORTH-EAST GROWTH LOCATION)

6. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth and Skills, presented the report which sought approval for the creation of a Mayoral Development Zone within the North-East Growth Location and for this to be named the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone.
7. Members discussed the report, noting that the zone covered the Northern Gateway and would provide confidence on delivery for this site in the short and long term. Members noted the potential for this site to attract larger companies, creating a ripple effect for the area, as well as allowing existing innovative Bury businesses space to expand.
8. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

BURY COST OF LIVING AND ANTI POVERTY STRATEGY

9. Councillor Richard Gold, Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities, responded to the Scrutiny recommendations, advising that the financial data had been updated as far as possible and that the Socio Economic Duty as detailed in Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010 was already considered as part of the strategy and the equality assessment carried out.
10. He went on to present the report which outlined the strengthened focus undertaken by the Council on anti-poverty over the last 18 months, and the refreshed anti-poverty strategy. It was noted that, given the increasing cost-of-living pressures, the proposed strategy had been updated to consider the immediate operational response and support available to residents in the short term, alongside the medium term measures to increase resilience locally.
11. Members discussed the report, and the Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee thanked Councillor Gold for his attendance at their meetings and accepted his response to the recommendations. Councillor Gold

thanked the two Scrutiny Committees for their input and interest in the report, and advised that a guide was being developed for Councillors on this strategy.

12. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES RESTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

13. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which sought approval to progress with transformation of Children's Services. Members discussed the proposals, noting that they were ambitious but necessary. Concerns were raised on the logistical challenge of improvements and the difficulty recruiting posts in a competitive market, and it was noted that the Council's journey to rebuilding the service would take time.

14. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

FAMILY SAFEGUARDING MODEL

15. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which sought approval to engage with the Centre for Family safeguarding in Hertfordshire and to collaborate with the local partnership, by establishing a local board to explore the opportunity and consider the feasibility of implementing the Hertfordshire Family Safeguarding model of Practice within Bury's safeguarding social work teams. It was noted that this approach drew strength from partnership working, which would increase relationships between bodies across the borough and address a point made in the Ofsted inspection.

16. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN RADCLIFFE - FINANCIAL APPROVAL TO COUNCIL'S FUNDING OBLIGATIONS

17. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report regarding the delivery of a new secondary school in Radcliffe. It was noted that there was typo in the report, and that the Council had been asked to provide vacant possession of the site by September 2023 (not 2022). It was further noted that the feasibility study was still awaited but a meeting with DfE was taking place this week.

18. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIALIST RESOURCED PROVISION AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROMAN CATHOLIC (VOLUNTARY AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

19. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report regarding a proposal published by the Governing Body of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic (Voluntary Aided) Primary School regarding the establishment of specialist resourced provision at the school with effect from September 2022. It was noted that this was the first of a series of provisions coming through from the 'Safety Valve' agreement with the DfE.

20. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE (EVCI) PROCUREMENT OF A CONCESSIONARY CONTRACT

21. Councillor Alan Quinn, Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations, presented the report regarding public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) to

encourage residents and visitors to make the transition from Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles to Zero Emission vehicles including Electric Vehicles (EVs). It was noted that the proposed procurement exercise would allow a supplier to own, install, operate, and maintain a network of public EVCI on Council land, increasing the Public EVCI available without having to invest its own funds, but it wouldn't preclude the Council looking at investing in EVCI in the future.

22. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

REVIEW OF BURY ACES

23. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report regarding the future operation of the Bury Aces function, subject to the consultation of affected staff. It was noted that, whilst the Bury Aces function had proved effective in supporting Council resourcing in a number of areas, it was not consistent with the Authority's commitment to stable and high-quality employment because it did not provide a guaranteed minimum number of weekly working hours to individuals. Councillor Rafiq advised that it also posed a number of risks to the Council and, as such the closure of the provision subject to consultation with affected staff was recommended.
24. Although there was a small financial saving, in response to a Member's question regarding alternative providers it was noted that this decision reflected the Council's desire to ensure services were fit for our purposes and values rather than savings. As such the Schools Supply Service was proposed to be retained.
25. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

26. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the annual Health and Safety Report which set out key health and safety activity over the 2021/22 financial year alongside a summary of reported health and safety incidents, and also proposed a set of Health and Safety Priorities for the 2022/23 financial year. Members voiced concern over the rise in work related violence and it was noted that more robust health and safety practices were now in place to address issues such as this, and that it would be a priority over the year ahead.
27. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

28. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which set out amendments to the appointments made at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 25th May 2022.
29. Cabinet noted the appointments.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

PLACES FOR EVERYONE - UPDATED EVIDENCE ON HOUSING SUPPLY AND REQUEST FOR A MAIN MODIFICATION TO THE PLAN

1. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth and Skills, presented the report which provided an update in respect of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan (PfE). It provided details on the Borough's updated housing land supply,

which has significantly increased since PfE was submitted to Government in February 2022 owing to the acquisition of the Mill Gate and the work undertaken through master planning and the Joint Venture with Bruntwood.

2. In the light of the updated housing supply evidence, Members noted there was an opportunity to reduce the amount of Green Belt land that is needed to meet Bury's proposed PfE housing target without impacting on the overall strategy of the submitted Plan and, following an appraisal of the existing PfE sites, the report recommended that a request be made to the Planning Inspectorate to make a Main Modification to the plan involving the removal of the Walshaw site.
3. Councillor O'Brien thanked everyone for their contribution and work in bringing this forward and thanked residents for their engagement.
4. In response to Members' questions, Councillor O'Brien advised that this change was consistent with the Cabinet's brownfield first approach and was a result of months of hard work in delivering change to Bury Town Centre. It was agreed that any reduction in use of greenbelt land was positive but that the final decision was out of the Council's control. It was noted that this was the reason for such comprehensive due diligence, to provide robust evidence to support such a reduction. With regards to infrastructure, the benefit of having a wider strategic plan was that this could be planned and secured in advance.
5. With regards to why the Walshaw site was identified over others, it was noted that each site was assessed on its own merits, not just what was being lost but also what was being gained by each development and, in the view of the Council, the Walshaw site presented the least amount of strategic benefit.
6. Wider discussion from Members highlighted that a vote against PfE would not save greenbelt land; Bury Council were required to work within a government-mandated housing allocation and only had choice over where those sites could be. Brownfield land was being utilised as much as possible, but was not sufficient to cover the entire allocation, even with the reductions secured through the PfE Plan.
7. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

PLACES FOR EVERYONE - DELEGATED APPROVALS FOR EXAMINATION

8. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth and Skills, presented the report which sought approval to delegate authority to agree to potential modifications to the Submitted Places for Everyone Plan Joint Plan 2021 (PfE) as may be considered necessary during the PfE Examination and to the content of any Statements of Common Ground that may be considered necessary to aid the Examination process.
9. In response to Members' questions it was noted that it was ultimately up to the Planning Inspector to determine whether the Plan was sound, but we believe it is and that the changes being put forward would keep it so. It was noted that public consultation would be carried out in the best way possible, with the Council remaining transparent about how, why, and when decisions were being made.
10. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICE: YOUNG PEOPLE 18-25 YEARS

11. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Adult Health, Health and Wellbeing, presented the report which proposed an innovative support service, providing a transitional home for seven young Bury adults with Learning Disabilities and/or autism, aged 18-25 years. Members voiced their cross-party support for this scheme and noted that this could be a catalyst for further similar schemes.

12. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

INVESTMENT IN A POPULATION HEALTH MANAGEMENT APPROACH TO CORONARY HEART DISEASE AND LONG-TERM CONDITIONS

13. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Adult Health, Health and Wellbeing, presented the report which outlined a case for investment in data quality and project coordination to support the development of a population health management in primary care, with an initial focus on coronary heart disease (CHD). Members supported the proposal, noting that simple checks had the potential to save lives, and that this demonstrated a collaborative and invest to save approach.
14. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ONSIDE YOUTH ZONE IN BURY

15. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which updated Cabinet on the findings of the Viability Study for the proposed Youth Zone in partnership with the charity Onside, as well as potential funding, sites and next steps. Members voiced their cross-party support for the scheme and noted that work on engagement in townships outside of the Youth Zone itself was being undertaken from now until the next Cabinet report expected in January 2023.
16. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

RELOCATION OF PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT (SPRING LANE SCHOOL)

17. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which set out those proposed plans for relocation of the Secondary Pupil Referral Unit (Spring Lane School) in order to provide the Department for Education (DfE) with vacant possession of the site, and sought approval for the financial arrangements to deliver those plans. Members noted the request for ease of access for the leisure centre, which was not part of this report but was linked with the wider regeneration.
18. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN RADCLIFFE - FINANCIAL APPROVAL TO COUNCIL'S FUNDING OBLIGATIONS - ADDITIONAL SITE COSTS

19. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which sought approval for additional costs in respect of the delivery of the new secondary school in Radcliffe arising from a number of site-specific costs, largely relating to the existence of former coal mine workings in the area, which impact on the construction of the building.
20. In response to Members' queries regarding potential delays, it was noted that DfE had given assurances that the project was on track and would be handed over in September 2024, but that every project had potential for delays and as such the Council and Star Academy continued to work with the DfE and hold them to account to ensure any delays were flagged early and mitigated appropriately.
21. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

RADCLIFFE 3G FOOTBALL TURF PITCH

22. Councillor Alan Quinn, Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations, presented the report which provided details of a proposed floodlit 3G Football Turf Pitch

(FTP) at Redbank Playing Fields in Radcliffe together with associated pavilion, car parking and grass pitch improvements, and set out the details of a funding bid submitted to the Football Foundation as well as seeking approval to the overall funding package including expenditure of approved Council capital match funding.

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24. In response to Members' questions it was noted that ensuring clear soil samples had dictated the placing of the pitch. The Cabinet Member advised he was happy for further consultation to take place and that pricing mechanisms for the facility would be sensitive to the locality.

25. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

ELECTRICITY AND ANCILLARY SERVICES - CONTRACT RENEWAL

26. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth and Skills, presented the report which sought formal approval to use the YPO electricity supply framework for the purchase and supply of the Council's corporate electricity for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2027, with the option to extend for a further two-year period to 2029 and for a further two years until 2031. The Council's corporate electricity supply contract covers the supply of electricity to office buildings, schools, community centres, libraries, leisure facilities and buildings occupied by Persona and Six Town Housing. This comprises in excess of 500 supply points across the borough.

27. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION - 2021/22 OUTTURN

28. Councillor Richard Gold, Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities, presented the report which set out the final financial position for the Council for 2021/22. The report sets out the position for both revenue and capital and provides an analysis of the variances, both under and overspending. On revenue, Members noted that the revenue budget underspent by £0.667m. This net underspend comprises individual departmental overspends and underspends. The largest individual departmental overspend was on Children and Young People, mainly on staff costs for social care and safeguarding, as well home to school transport. The most significant underspend was on non-specific services, driven by reduced capital financing costs and the return from investing in Manchester Airport. On capital, Members noted that there was a £45.736m outturn against a budget of £49.464m. This is after the 2021-22 budget was reprofiled, so that £57.734m budget was transferred into the 2022-23 financial year.

29. Members discussed the report, welcoming the underspend but querying the variance from budgeted expectations. Councillor Gold agreed and advised that this had been an unusual year and that budgets were monitored throughout the year to mitigate unforeseen surprises.

30. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2022

31. Councillor Richard Gold, Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities, presented the report which outlined the forecast financial position of the Council at the end of the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year based on information known on 30th June 2022. The report sets out the position for both revenue and capital and provided an analysis of the variances, both under and overspending.

32. Members discussed the report, noting the increasing costs of fuel and utility services which would affect future budgets. It was agreed that Bury were not the only one in this position and it was hoped that a Government solution would be introduced. In response to a query over the vacancy factor, it was noted this was not a target but reflected the typical turnover of the Council and was common practice in Local Authority finances. It did not include services where agency staff were needed to cover vacancies, and it was positive that monitoring matched predictions.
33. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2021/22

34. Councillor Richard Gold, Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities, presented the report which provided an update on the Treasury Management function throughout 2021/22 including the Council's capital expenditure and financing, the treasury position as 31st March 2022, the investment and borrowing strategy, and the borrowing and investment Outturn.
35. Cabinet approved the recommendations.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OFSTED UPDATE

36. Geoff Little, Chief Executive of Bury Council, provided an update on the progress of the Children's Services Improvement Programme, covering four areas:

Strengthening Leadership and Management

37. The new Director of Social Work Practice started this week, who would effectively be the Deputy Director for Social Work over the department, and a Principal Social Worker had been appointed, who would lead development of practice of social workers. In addition, the Lead for Strategy, Assurance and Form and the Lead for Transformation had been appointed. Elsewhere in the service, four new Team Managers had been appointed in safeguarding and a new supervision policy had been adopted to strengthen the quality of frontline management.

Development of Workforce

38. Cabinet agreed a major overhaul of the structure of the department in July, which was currently out to consultation and was receiving positive feedback so far. The challenge in recruitment continued but further measures were being developed, for example international recruitment, review of offers in some service areas, and piloting changes to improve Business Support in defined service areas.

Adoption of the Family Safeguarding Model of Practice

39. Since this was approved by Cabinet at their last meeting the DfE have agreed to give bespoke support from Herefordshire Council to implement the new model of practice, which required the highest level of partnership support.

Forthcoming Ofsted Monitoring Visit

40. At its last meeting the Children's Improvement Board focussed on detailed partnership contributions to the improvement plan and on the performance of the Children's Safeguarding team within the Council and improvements being made. This was important as the next monitoring visit from Ofsted was due to take place in October and would focus on

child protection planning and processes leading to court proceedings. In addition, Manchester City Council were carrying out a peer review of Children's protection which, along with the work of the Board, would put us in a better position for the Ofsted visit, the outcome of which would be made public and brought to a future Cabinet meeting once received.

41. Members thanked Geoff for the update, thanked everyone in Children's Services for the improvements, and thanked partners across the borough for stepping up and engaging with the improvement plan.
42. Cabinet noted the update.

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1	Labour Cllr Peel	<p>Our projections suggest we have to cut £19.5 million in next year's budget. Could the leader tell us what this will bring the total cut from the council's budget since 2010 to and give us some examples of the impact this has had on council services and staff?</p> <p>Supplementary: The government is consulting on a social housing rent cap of 3%, 5% or 7%. If the shortfall in monies between the cap and the actual costs of providing social housing is not fully funded by government roughly what amount of money would a cap at each level leave as a shortfall in our HRA, thereby resulting in a reduction in monies available to fund home repairs, our refurbishment programme and investment in neighbourhoods?"</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>I thank the member for his question. I regret to inform the member that the latest projections are even higher than those stated. Due to rising levels of inflation and energy costs, we could be facing a gap of £25 million. This would be difficult for Bury Council, who has already had to make cuts totalling £114m since the Government enforced austerity upon us from the 2010/11 financial year onwards. We have also had to use of reserves totalling £31.5m since 2019/20.</p> <p>Savings and efficiencies have been made across the full breadth of services provided by the Council. Across some roles and departments we have been cut to minimum staffing and operational resources. In recent years, workforce initiatives have been implemented in Bury similar to those taken by other Councils eg, vacancy factors against pay budgets, staff taking unpaid leave, structure reviews that take account of management tiers and spans of control. Services have also been reviewed and innovative approaches taken to commissioning, working with other public sector partners and stakeholders to do things differently and adopt the Bury LETS strategy encouraging all four principles in order to create efficiencies and reduce the ask on the public purse.</p> <p>Supplementary: Running and building material costs will increase in 2023-24 due to a number of different inflation indices. Averaged out, these indices will potentially cost more than is to be received from the rental income uplift under the capping options. Work on the HRA model is ongoing as part of the budget process. However, to put the cost pressures into context, if inflation averages out at 8%, under a 7% cap there would a shortfall of £0.6m; under a 5% cap, a shortfall of £1.3m; and under a 3% cap, a shortfall of £1.7m.</p>
2	Labour Cllr Moss	<p>The Council launched an Anti-Poverty Strategy earlier in the summer. Since then further concerns have been raised about the increased costs of energy and the impact this may have on vulnerable residents on low incomes. Are</p>

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		the actions in the Anti-Poverty Strategy still the right ones and what more can be done?
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The anti-poverty strategy was written at a time of increasing pressures on the cost of living, through decade high inflation rates, rising food and fuel prices, and reduced spending power as costs increases outpaced rises in wages or benefits.</p> <p>It was in this context the strategy was developed with partners to address the immediate pressures whilst recognising the need for the strategy to be flexible to adapt to ongoing and increasing challenges, in particular that our most vulnerable residents on low incomes are experiencing.</p> <p>To further inform the local approach, we held a cost-of living anti-poverty summit earlier this month, bringing together a range of front-line services including statutory organisations and over 30 voluntary and community groups, to continue to assess the actions that we're delivering together and to understand further options for collective action. This will continue to be driven and reviewed through the multi-agency Bury anti poverty steering group and through further broader engagement events to take into account any national policy changes and evolve local plans as necessary to ensure actions have the maximum possible impact.</p>
3	Conservative Cllr Jo Lancaster	Can an update be provided as to progress of the skateboard facility at Clarence Park?
	Cllr Quinn	<p>After a lengthy time of contacting the contractor using every means possible and not having a reply, we have just been informed that the contractor who we procured for the Skatepark at Clarence Park, has entered voluntary liquidation in August and Administrators have been appointed from 15th September.</p> <p>Parks & Countryside have been in consultation with the Council legal department and procurement section about our options and our legal team are dealing with the Administrators. Parks and Countryside are also liaising with the external funder.</p> <p>Due to the legal processes involved, it is too soon to say when a new contractor can be appointed but we remain committed to completing the project and will report the revised timetable as soon as possible.</p> <p>Contractors equipment and fencing will be removed from site over the next few weeks and Grounds Maintenance will tidy up the area ready for the new contractor when in place.</p>
4	Labour Cllr Thorpe	Can the Cabinet Member update on the ongoing Bury Market upgrade and improvement programme?

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	Cllr Morris	<p>The ongoing capital program is progressing positively. The external elevation of the Market Hall is in the process of being improved with external painting, repairs of walls and cleaning the windows, which requires abseilers.</p> <p>From our capital fund, the entrances to the market hall are being refurbished, the ATM has moved to a better location and withdrawals are to be free. Another £300,000 of funding over 3 years which is specific to the market hall has been secured. All lifts within the market are in the process of being replaced, which will conclude in October. The flexi hall and new roof from the levelling up project is continuing, with a market trader briefing on Wednesday 21st September.</p>
5	Labour Cllr McGill	What is the council doing to reduce health inequalities?
	Cllr Tariq	<p>As we know health inequalities are long running and deeply entrenched and have been both highlighted and exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>The causes of health inequalities are complex and multi-faceted and therefore require a whole system, multi-faceted approach to tackle them. Our Bury LETS Do It Strategy has tackling inequalities at its heart and delivery of all the priorities within the strategy on the economy, housing and regeneration; education and skills, the environment and neighbourhood working will have a positive impact on health inequalities. The translation of the LETS DO IT Strategy into 'People & Community' Plans for every neighbourhood in Bury is critical to success. This is starting with Radcliffe, one of our most deprived areas.</p> <p>In the most immediate term, my priority is to support those people in our borough hit hardest by the current cost of living crisis through delivery of our new Anti-Poverty Strategy.</p> <p>In addition, through the Health and Wellbeing Board we are ensuring tackling inequalities in access, treatment and outcomes is embedded in all the Integrated Care Partnership transformation programmes and within all health improvement strategies such as physical activity, food & health, substance misuse and mental well-being. A particular emphasis is being put on long-term condition management starting with inequalities in premature mortality from Coronary Heart Disease as this is the biggest cause of ill health and premature mortality in the Borough.</p> <p>Finally, looking to longer term outcomes and breaking of intergenerational cycles, a key priority is making sure every child has the best start in life through delivery of the Family Hub model beginning in Bury East another of our most deprived areas.</p>

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6	Conservative Councillor Iain Gartside	The Cabinet at its last meeting authorised officers to request a main modification to places for everyone. Will the Leader now agree to allow a debate on the petition I handed in last autumn at the next Council meeting?
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The decision to authorise officers to request a Main Modification to Places for Everyone reflected the emergence of new evidence which showed a significant increase in housing supply that was not foreseen at the time PfE was submitted in February.</p> <p>The newly identified supply consists of previously-developed land in sustainable town centre locations that have good access to public transport, local amenities and services. It also includes recent completions on sites already under construction within the proposed first year of the plan. As clearly set out in the Cabinet Paper, it is appropriate and indeed expected to take account of new evidence and for the Council to consider the implications of this for the Places for Everyone Plan.</p> <p>In effect, the increased housing supply would have resulted in an increased buffer against the housing target and exceptional circumstances could not be demonstrated to support all the submitted Green Belt allocations. Consequently, Officers have recommended that the housing supply could be reduced by removing the Walshaw site from the plan and the Cabinet report sets out the reasons why this was the most appropriate response to this new evidence. Cabinet have approved the recommendation to request for a Main Modification.</p> <p>In light of the benefits that the plan provides for Bury, the matter will not be brought before the Council again for a debate and a vote to reverse the decision and to not proceed with the Places for Everyone.</p> <p>However, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the fact that Planning Inspectors have now been appointed and have identified the list of matters and issues that they want to explore. The public hearings into these matters will start in November.</p>
7	Labour Cllr Arif	Last year Bury Council raised a flag to commemorate the Independence Day of Kashmir for the first time. Will the flag be raised again this year?
	Cllr Farooq	<p>Yes, I can confirm that the flag will now be raised annually, this event has been added to the flag protocol.</p> <p>I invite the members of this council to join me on the 24 October outside the Town Hall to commemorate the independence of the Kashmir by raising the flag of Azad Kashmir.</p>
8	Labour Cllr Arif	Can the Cabinet Member inform council of the increases in energy costs including fuel for Bury's transport fleet?

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		Supplementary: Can the Cabinet Member update council on how many new vehicles have been purchased this year? How will these new vehicles help reduce our carbon footprint?
	Cllr Quinn	<p><u>Energy Costs</u> The actual spend on gas and electricity in 2021/22 across the corporate estate (Excluding VAT) was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas - £454,994 • Electricity - £2,123,342 (This figure includes street lighting) <p>Applying the usage figures for the financial year 2021/22 and the prices for 2022/23, a forecast has been created for this financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas - £1,847,275 • Electricity - £4,246,684 (This figure includes street lighting) <p>An action plan is in place to reduce energy usage, which in turn will reduce cost.</p> <p>Supplementary: Since January Bury Council have ordered 94 vehicles. Of these, 13 are electric vans, and the remaining vehicles will be fitted with diesel Euro 6 engines. The 13 electric vans will save 23.5 tonnes of CO2e. Using the new diesel Euro 6 engines will result in a 14.8% reduction in the carbon emissions from the heavy good vehicles in our fleet which will have a significant impact on our carbon footprint. In addition to a reduction in carbon emissions the new vehicles will have a significant impact on our emissions of harmful air pollution. The cleaner Euro 6 engines will provide an 85.5% reduction in carbon monoxide, 95% reduction in nitrogen oxide and a 92% reduction in particulate matter compared to the previous vehicles. The Council has also run a trial of HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) fuel and found it to perform the same as diesel. The plan is to consider running all the HGV fleet on HVO as it is claimed to reduce the carbon emissions by up to a further 85%.</p>
9	Conservative Councillor Dene Vernon	Several residents have recently contacted me expressing their dissatisfaction with the way the Council have failed to respond to issues they have raised. They sight not only long delays in getting any response but getting no response whatsoever. What due diligence is done to monitor complaints received and if shortcomings are identified, what action is taken to rectify them?
	Cllr Rafiq	Over the last 12 months the council has developed a digital transformation programme which aims to improve the customer experience through use of technology. It means that we are redesigning services to focus on better resolution at first point of contact. This includes a single-entry point so that contact is more customer focused and they do not need to understand the structure of the council to access the service they need – in this case

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		<p>reporting issues. We have also recently launched an online customer account so that any contact can be tracked and monitored by the customer, with the intention that responses will also be provided through this route in the future. Overall, this change in both operations and mindset towards our customers will provide a more satisfying experience for them where needs are met directly and effectively.</p> <p>Complaints are logged centrally with the customer contact team onto a central system and are monitored to chase outstanding responses within the timescales. They are also reported as part of monthly performance monitoring through the corporate plan. Responses are also quality checked before sending to customers.</p> <p>The corporate complaints process can be found here Complaints procedure - Bury Council</p> <p>For formal complaints for Corporate, Adults and Childrens services, for the last 3 months from 1 June to 31 August 2022:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97% of all complaints were acknowledged within the timescale • 74% were responded to within the 20 working day timescale • there are currently 2 corporate complaints overdue the timescale of 20 working days and 2 children's complaints overdue the timescale • Any learning points/processes resulting from complaints should be reviewed and put into practice by the service to prevent the complaint recurring again • Adults and Children's services also have a statutory requirement to produce an Annual Complaints Report submitted to Scrutiny.
10	Labour Cllr McGill	The new Community Safety Plan has now been in place for nearly six months. How is the Council monitoring progress against the priorities and is the Cabinet Member reassured that the right delivery plans are in place?
	Cllr Farooq	Bury's Community Safety Plan was launched in April with six priorities based on consultation with local residents. Each priority has a theme lead drawn from across the partnership including representation from Bury Council, Greater Manchester Police, Six Town Housing, Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance and Probation. Delivery plans for each priority with quarterly milestones sit alongside a detailed data dashboard to track progress of key measures. Earlier this month good progress was reported against each priority to the quarterly Community Safety Partnership meeting and to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council. Deliverables within each priority are kept under review to ensure any emerging opportunities are explored and risks mitigated and i am confident the priorities are right and the delivery of these is progressing well.
11	Labour Cllr Pilkington	Would it be possible to get an update on the new equipment that is due to be installed at the Woodhill play area? Local residents were critical in

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		<p>securing the funding for this, with a very generous donation from Brandlesholme Residents Association unlocking further council funding, and they are keen to see progress made.</p> <p>Supplementary: Can you reassure the residents of Woodhill and Brandlesholme that this equipment will be installed in the coming weeks and months?</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Thank you for your enquiry into the refurbishment of Woodhill Road Play area.</p> <p>An order has now been placed with a contractor for the installation of the new equipment on site and it is hoped the scheme will start in November.</p>
12	Conservative Cllr J Harris	<p>Following on from the success of the England women's football team at the UEFA women's euro 2022 would the cabinet member ask the executive director of children's services to write to all Head Teachers in the Borough with a request to ensure ladies football is included within the school's PE curriculum?</p>
	Cllr Smith	<p>We wish to join together in congratulating the England Women's Football team on their success in the Euro's. The performance of the team, and their continued success in the world cup qualifiers is an inspiration to us all, and hopefully will act as a catalyst in encouraging greater participating at youth level, including in our schools.</p> <p>PE is a compulsory subject at all four key stages in the national curriculum, but it is for schools to decide which sports and physical activities they offer their pupils. Factors influencing that decision include the spaces available for sports, along with available equipment. Schools should also take their pupils' views into account on which activities they want to be able to do, and make sure they are delivering a flexible, diverse and challenging PE curriculum that suits the needs of all their pupils.</p> <p>The success of the Lionesses in the Women's EURO 2022 will inspire a generation of girls to get involved with football. Whilst the Council cannot compel schools, it will seek to encourage all schools to reflect this increased interest in their PE offer.</p>
13	Conservative Cllr Luis McBriar	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for children's services and young people provide an update on the recruitment process in relation to the recent restructure proposals?</p>
	Cllr Smith	<p>The current restructure is currently in a formal process of consultation with employees and trade unions, which will run until the end of September.</p>

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		<p>At the end of the process, a final structure will be agreed, subject to approval, will then proceed to implementation.</p> <p>This is anticipated to be completed during October.</p> <p>In the first instance, appointments will be made where employees are ring fenced to particular roles under agreed processes, and a number of roles will be subject to internal expression of interest processes.</p> <p>This is already part of our planning in preparation for the re-structure implementation.</p> <p>Once these appointments are made, the Directorate will proceed to advertise and fill remaining vacancies.</p> <p>The Directorate is working assertively and creatively and will continue to recruit frontline social workers through its ongoing rolling recruitment programme throughout the implementation period, and will refresh this campaign to reflect the new operating structures and opportunities.</p> <p>The Directorate is also currently in the process of recruiting to existing Advanced Practitioner and Team Manager vacancies, and hope to identify candidates through that process that may be suitable for the additional roles being created.</p> <p>The Directorate is continuing to monitor the success of our recruitment programme, is actively reviewing our approaches, and is reviewing our package of incentives and approaches to ensure they are supportive of populating the new structure.</p>
14	Conservative Cllr Shahbaz Arif	Can an update be provided as to the current position of Castle Armoury?
	Cllr Farooq	<p>Following the closure of Castle Armoury in June a cross-party motion was unanimously agreed at July Council to write to Ministry of Defence urging it to provide the necessary funds to make the building safe again and to modernise it. – The maintenance of the building is the responsibility of the Ministry of Defence and the Defence Reserve Forces Cadets Association.</p> <p>The Council also committed to schedule a meeting with the Bury VCFA, the Armed Forces Champion and the Chair of Bury Castle Armoury Trust to look at what external funding may be available.</p> <p>In line with this motion, a letter, signed by all party Leaders, the Councilor Armed Forces champion and the Borough's two MP's has been shared on the Council website, with the further support of 319 Bury residents. The letter was sent to the Minister of Defence on 7 September 22 and reminded</p>

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		<p>them of their responsibilities and I have also met with the Head of the Defence Reserve Forces Cadets Association in the North West to emphasis this point.</p> <p>I have also had a number of meetings with officers, the VCFA and the Chair of Bury Castle Armoury Trust to discuss funding options which the Trust may potentially be able to access.</p> <p>In addition, the Council is also looking at how it can support the various groups who have lost their base through the closure of the building with very little notice.</p> <p>This matter is now very much in the hands of the Ministry of Defence and I look forward to receiving their response.</p>
15	Ind Cllr Y Wright	<p>As Budget “ Conversations” are presently taking place , on behalf of many of my constituents suggest funding is made available in 23/24 for thorough weed clearance as many parts of the borough have looked very neglected this summer.</p> <p>Tottington weeds are to be treated late September , this is too late and should be dealt with earlier in the season.</p> <p>If we wish residents to treat our town with respect, the Council must take the lead .</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Bury Council appoints an external highway weed spraying contractor to complete an annual treatment of the entire 600km highway network. The work is normally scheduled to commence in June/July and takes around 4 weeks to complete.</p> <p>Unfortunately, our external highway weed spraying contractor has not been able to carry out this work in June as planned and has recently proposed to make a start in mid-September. This is despite the best endeavours of officers to expedite the work sooner.</p> <p>Given that we are fast approaching the colder months when weeds will naturally die back, we have decided not to carry out a weed spray treatment of the highway this season.</p> <p>It is planned for annual weed spraying to recommence in June/July 2023.</p>

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Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	21 September 2022
Title of report:	Update on Greater Manchester Combined Authority Activity
Report by:	Leader of the Council
Decision type:	Non key decision
Ward(s) to which the report relates:	All
Summary:	This report provides an update on the activity of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

1 Background

- 1.1 This report provides an update on work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) following an update to Council in July 2022.
- 1.2 Since the last update there has been one meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

2 Overview of Greater Manchester Independent Inequalities Commission: One Year On Review

- 2.1 At the [29th July meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 2.2 That the activities described in the report which are now taking place, and the comprehensive and integrated approach Greater Manchester has adopted to tackling inequality centred around the refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy and monitoring through the 6 monthly GMS Performance Process be noted.
- 2.3 That the Commissioners' reflections in respect of the 'good work' and 'some progress on process' being made and the need for Greater Manchester to go further and faster, deeper and wider in tackling inequalities be noted.
- 2.4 That approval be given to the proposal that going forward:
 - 2.4.1 The GMS and GMS progress reporting will be the vehicles to steer a systemwide approach to addressing inequalities

- 2.4.2 The Tackling Inequalities Board will provide the necessary leadership and governance to continue to hold the system to account on our equalities commitments
- 2.4.3 The ongoing coordination work between existing governance boards around this agenda will further enable the embedding of responding to the inequalities into 'everybody's business' and will ensure that the right system ownership and leadership is in place to drive actions in response to the issues presented

3 Greater Manchester Strategy Progress Report

- 3.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 3.2 That the progress report, the systemic issues identified and possible GM responses and further dialogue with Government in support of the attainment of the Greater Manchester Strategy shared outcomes and commitments be received.
- 3.3 That all recipients of the progress report, stakeholder groups, partnerships and agencies, have given due consideration and reflection to the issues identified in the report, that will drive the change and actions required in all parts of the system if the GMS is to be delivered.
- 3.4 That it be noted that a review of the progress reporting process will be undertaken to refine and develop for future iterations.
- 3.5 That the GMCA welcomes the clarity provided by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it will use the Greater Manchester Strategy as a guide for its work holding the Authority to account going forward.
- 3.6 That a report be submitted to the September 2022 meeting of the GMCA providing an update on Trailblazer negotiations.
- 3.7 That a report on the Integrated Care System aligning priorities, and related opportunities be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.
- 3.8 That the Greater Manchester Strategy be reviewed to ensure it sufficiently captures the cost-of-living issues within the 'here and now' and that the dashboard being designed to analyse key indicators and measures be used to inform this.

4 Retained Business Rates Update

- 4.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 4.2 That a planning assumption for 25% of the 2021/22 retained business rates income to be invested in GM wide initiatives be noted.
- 4.3 That the proposed schemes set out in the table at paragraph 5.5 totalling £17.4m be approved.

- 4.4 It be noted that this was funded in full from a 25% share of the confirmed 2021/22 income of £16.3m and £1.1m of slippage against previously agreed schemes.
- 4.5 That the issues concerning the potential future of the scheme and the potential further Greater Manchester wide commitments be noted.
- 4.6 That urgent clarity on the future of the 100% business rate retention pilot be sought from Government to allow authorities to undertake accurate financial planning.

5 GMCA Revenue Update Quarter 1 - 2022/23

- 5.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 5.2 That the 2022/23 forecast outturn position for the GMCA budgets at the end of June 2022 (quarter 1) be noted.
- 5.3 That the changes to the GMCA General budget following the confirmation of additional funding since the budget was approved in February 2022, as set out in section 2.1, be approved.
- 5.4 That £10m of 2021/22 Waste reserves to be returned to the nine Greater Manchester local authorities be approved and that authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree the basis of distribution with local authority Treasurers.

6 Capital Budget - Quarterly Financial Update

- 6.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 6.2 That the 2022/23 forecast of £630.6m compared to the 2022.23 budget of £421.5m be noted and that changes to the capital programme, as set out in the report, be approved.
- 6.3 That the addition to the Capital Programme of the currently forecast expenditure in 2022/23 of £105.7m, funded from the GM allocation from the City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), as outlined in section 3.19.4 of the report, be approved.
- 6.4 That the addition to the Capital Programme of currently forecast expenditure in 2022/23 of £1m funded from Active Travel Fund (ATF3) grant funding from DfT, as outlined in 3.14.1 of the report, be approved.
- 6.5 That the allocations of Minor Works/ Road Safety and Highways Maintenance, the agreed split allocated to Local Authorities as shown in section 3.19.6 of the report, be noted.

7 UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Greater Manchester Investment Plan

- 7.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:

- 7.2 That the Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan, set out within the report, be approved.
- 7.3 That the submission of the Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan to Government by 1 August 2022 be agreed.
- 7.4 That the next steps on implementation be noted.
- 7.5 That the Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan be submitted to the October 2022 meeting of the GMCA for agreement.
- 7.6 That it be noted that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee had requested to review Implementation Plan at its September 2022 meeting in advance of consideration by the GMCA in October 2022.

8 Mitigating The Impact Of Digital Telephone Switch Over In Greater Manchester

- 8.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 8.2 That the timeline for the switchover be noted and it be ensured that all public sector organisations were undertaking appropriate steps to upgrade or mitigate.
- 8.3 That a review to evaluate the risks and impacts (financial and operational) to Greater Manchester public sector organisations and business community be supported.
- 8.4 That an industry led conference to increase awareness of the digital telephone switchover to businesses, public sector and residents in Greater Manchester be encouraged.
- 8.5 That Government be pressed to undertake a national campaign working with industry to highlight the change for UK residents and SMEs.
- 8.6 That the implications of the change for the digitally excluded be highlighted to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport by Councillor Eamonn O'Brien and it be ensured that action is taken by the Government working with industry to support vulnerable people most impacted by the change.
- 8.7 That an update on progress be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.

9 GM Adult Education Budget: Single Pot Approach To Level 3 Funding For GM.

- 9.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 9.2 That the plan to distribute devolved Adult Education Budget and national funds for a Single Pot Level 3 Offer for Greater Manchester resident and employers for 2022/23 onwards be approved.

- 9.3 That the authority be delegated to the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and execute all the necessary agreements to distribute devolved Adult Education Budget and national funds for a Single Pot Level 3 Offer for Greater Manchester residents and employers for 2022/23 onwards.

10 Greater Manchester Active Travel Programme

- 10.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 10.2 That the release of £2,118,033 of Mayor's Cycling & Walking Fund funding for Phase 2 of the Greater Manchester Bee Network Crossings scheme, as set out in section 2 of the report, in order to secure full approval and enable continued scheme delivery through the signing of the necessary supporting legal agreement, be approved.
- 10.3 That the planned governance and approvals approach regarding management of the £13.07 million Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3) programme for GM, following its addition to the 2022/23 Capital Programme at the May 27 GMCA meeting, be noted.
- 10.4 That Dame Sarah Storey be requested to attend the GMCA in the autumn to discuss what 'refreshing the mission' would look like and how best to work with Leaders on the Active Travel programmes.

11 Extension Of The Our Pass Pilot Scheme

- 11.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 11.2 That it be noted that the budget provision for the extension of the 'Our Pass' Pilot for a further one year was included in the Mayoral budget for 2022/23, which was approved by GMCA on 11 February 2022.
- 11.3 That the proposal to extend the Our Pass Pilot for a further year, to 31 August 2023 be approved.
- 11.4 That it be noted that the work to evaluate the impact of the Pilot was ongoing and that the extension of the scheme will enable this to be completed. The evaluation was currently scheduled to be completed in Autumn 2022 for submission to the GMCA
- 11.5 That it be noted that any further extension to the Pilot beyond 31 August 2023 will require approval as part of the budget setting process in February 2023.
- 11.6 That consideration be given to the feasibility of extending the remit of the pass to care leavers up to the age of 25 years old.
- 11.7 That it be noted that the GM Mayor and Councillor Mark Hunter would work together to raise awareness of the opportunities for cultural and sporting facilities available via Our Pass and that further sponsorship by cultural and sporting facilities be progressed.

12 Atom Valley, Mayoral Development Zone

- 12.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 12.2 That the designation of a Mayoral Development Zone known as Atom Valley be approved.
- 12.3 That the proposed area of the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone, as indicated in Plan 1 attached at Appendix 1, be approved.
- 12.4 That the establishment of a Mayoral Development Zone Board be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to agree appropriate representation on the Board, in consultation with Bury, Rochdale and Oldham Councils.
- 12.5 That the principles of the business case and development strategy for the Mayoral Development Zone, as set out in paragraphs 5.3-5.8 of the report, which the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone Board will refine into the development of a business case in overseeing the delivery of the growth sites, be approved.
- 12.6 That regular updates on the progress of the delivery of the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone be submitted to the GMCA.
- 12.7 That the renaming of the North-East Growth Location as the Atom Valley Growth Location be approved.
- 12.8 That it be noted that the authorities requested above will also be sought by the requisite Council Executives of Bury, Rochdale and Oldham Councils.
- 12.9 That the recent confirmation of City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement funding to undertake a business case for a tram/trainline spur to Middleton be noted.

13 Delivering The Bee Network: Bus Fares, Zero Emission Buses, Bus Depots and CRSTS

- 13.1 At the 29th July meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 13.2 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to allocate Bus Services Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding to reduce bus fares to a maximum of £2 single fares (£1 for children), with a maximum £5 day ticket (£2.50 for children), from 1 September 2022, subject to agreement with Government and bus operators.
- 13.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Chief Executive of Stockport MBC, to allocate the GMCA ZEBRA fund of £35.7m alongside match funds from Stagecoach Group Plc (Stagecoach) of £37.2m and a GMCA contribution of £12.5m to enable Stagecoach to procure 170 Zero Emission

Buses and the associated electrification works for deployment on routes operating to and from Stockport Town Centre by 2024.

- 13.4 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the GM Mayor to procure a further, 50 Zero Emission Buses initially, for deployment within Tranche 1 of bus franchising using the Crown Commercial Services national framework RM6060, to be funded from GMCA's City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement. Further detail on the proposed method of procurement, the preferred supplier and estimated cost is included in a report in Part B of this agenda.
- 13.5 That it be noted that subsequent proposals for the deployment of additional City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement funded zero emission buses will be submitted to the GMCA Authority in a subsequent report.
- 13.6 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA and TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester to negotiate and approve the acquisition of bus depots to support bus franchising, within previously approved capital and revenue budgets for bus franchising. Further details are provided in a report in Part B of this agenda.
- 13.7 That the update to be submitted to the September 2022 meeting of the GMCA provide as much accuracy as possible on the likely commencements of Tranches 2 & 3 of bus franchising.

14 Update from Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM)

14.1 Rotala Judicial Review Appeal judgement update

- 14.1.1 In March 2022, the High Court made a judgment that the Mayor of Greater Manchester's decision to implement a bus franchising scheme across Greater Manchester was lawfully carried out; as were all other aspects of the franchising process. This judgment was appealed by Rotala Plc and today, the Court of Appeal unanimously rejected the appeal by Rotala and upheld the original decision of the High Court in March. In response, Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester issued [this statement](#). Throughout the appeal process, GMCA continued efforts to work to deliver bus franchising across Greater Manchester.

14.2 Get On Board Campaign Update

- 14.2.1 The Mayor of Greater Manchester launched the new Get On Board low bus fares campaign at the end of August. From Sunday 4 September, simple and clear low bus fares will be available in Greater Manchester, making it easier for people to get around the city-region. Adults will pay no more than £2 for a single bus journey, while a £5 one-day AnyBus Adult travelcard will cover unlimited bus travel within the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester until 03:59am the following day.

14.3 Metrolink renewal and improvement works update - Bury Line Update

- 14.3.1 From Saturday 13 until Friday 19 August, TfGM and KAM temporarily closed Metrolink's Bury line in two stages to undertake essential track renewals between Bury and Radcliffe tram stops and install under-track crossing and retaining walls to facilitate the construction of a new power substation near to Heaton Park.
- 14.3.2 Several TfGM and KAM works were programmed to take place at the same time during the closure to minimise the need for future disruption to customers of Metrolink's Bury line. The works were completed successfully and on-schedule. The construction of the power substation will continue off-track and once complete provide additional power to improve the capacity of the Metrolink network.

14.4 Engage Driving Scheme Reminder

- 14.4.1 Driving instructors across Greater Manchester are being encouraged to sign up to a new training course designed to help learners become safer and smarter drivers. The Safer Roads Greater Manchester Partnership (SRGM) is supporting the Engage Driving scheme as part of ongoing efforts to reduce the number of people being killed or seriously injured on local roads.
- 14.4.2 Engage, which is already supported by road safety groups in Cheshire and Merseyside, provides approved driving instructors (ADIs) with an array of exclusive learning resources designed to enhance their own knowledge as well as improving the quality of the lessons they provide. For more information on the Engage Driving scheme, visit <https://engagedriving.co.uk>.

14.5 National Active Travel Update

- 14.5.1 On 22 August, the Department of Transport, Department for Health and Social Care, and Active Travel England jointly announced that walking, cycling, and wheeling will be offered on prescription in eleven local authority areas as part of a nationwide trial.
- 14.5.2 GPs will offer social prescriptions which aim to improve mental and physical health and reduce health and social inequalities across the country. £12.7 million in funding will go towards pilot projects which will include adult cycle training, free bike loans, and walking groups. The projects are designed to help people overcome potential barriers to physical activities and are expected to be delivered alongside improved infrastructure to help participants feel safe to cycle, walk, and wheel.
- 14.5.3 The pilot forms part of the government's Gear Change plan which will seek to evaluate the links between active travel and health. The need for GP appointments and reliance on medication will be measured as part of the trial. The eleven local authority areas chosen to trial the scheme are: Bath and North East Somerset, Bradford, Cornwall, Cumbria, Doncaster, Gateshead, Leeds, Nottingham, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Staffordshire.

14.6 Dogs on Trams Pilot Scheme - request

- 14.6.1 The three-month pilot allowing up to two well-behaved pet dogs per passenger on trams, launched on 1 August and all passengers have been encouraged to complete the live online survey available on the dedicated Dog on Trams webpage before the pilot ends on 31 October. TfGM have received a positive number of responses to the survey so far and are keen to provide as many people as possible with the opportunity to share their views.

14.7 Bee Active campaign

- 14.7.1 In November 2021, TfGM, working in partnership with Manchester City Council, Salford City Council and Trafford Council, launched GM's first publicly operated, self-service, 24/7 cycle hire scheme. Since then, bikes have been available from multiple stations across Oxford Road, the University of Salford and MediaCity, making cycling a real option for commuters, cross city journeys and students. The scheme is expanding with more bikes and stands rolling out across key locations in Manchester, Salford and Trafford.
- 14.7.2 TfGM has now launched the #BeeActive campaign to promote active travel and highlight the exciting initiatives, infrastructure, resources, and tools available to help people across Greater Manchester get out walking, cycling, and wheeling. As part of the campaign, TfGM have updated our Bee Active webpage and are looking to promote a 15 minute walking and cycling map and cycle training in skills and bike maintenance courses.

14.8 GM Clean Air Plan update

- 14.8.1 Further to the Air Quality Administration Committee on Wednesday 17 August, Greater Manchester has submitted its case for a new GM Clean Air Plan to government. A response is expected from government after the new Prime Minister is in place.
- 14.8.2 While GM waits for feedback from government, participatory policy development is taking place with key stakeholders to develop and shape the new Clean Air Plan Policy, including proposals for funding support, in line with the investment-led, non-charging approach. A public consultation on the new Clean Air Plan proposals will then take place in early 2023.

14.9 Helping Hand Cost of Living Assistance

- 14.9.1 To help address the cost-of-living crisis, GMCA, TfGM, and GM local authorities have launched a new initiative called Helping Hand to support people across the region who are struggling. GMCA will soon be launching a webpage which offers tools and advice to lend residents a helping hand, and a TfGM webpage is also in place that summarises the wide range of support TfGM offer to reduce unnecessary costs when travelling on public transport.

- 14.9.2 These include free bus travel for older people who qualify for a state pension, with the option of adding tram and train travel for an additional £10 a year, free and low-cost travel for people with disabilities, free bus travel for children under the age of five, discounted fares and travel passes including igo cards and Our Pass for school-aged children and young people, and free travel for young people aged 18 to 21 who were previously in care. The full range of tickets, including concessions and discounted travel, can be found on TfGM's ticket and pass finder.
- 14.9.3 Metrolink also offers a one-day family Metrolink travelcard providing unlimited off-peak travel for one to three children accompanied by one or two adults, contactless travel ensuring you will never pay more than the daily cap when you touch-in and touch-out, and an early bird bonus is also available to save customers money. For passengers who travel regularly but not every day, other ticket options are available including smart cards and clipper tickets, offering more flexibility and cost savings.

15 Greater Manchester Waste Authority (Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM)) Update

15.1 Paper and card contamination

- 15.1.1 At the last update, R4GM were just starting work on a paper and card campaign in Whitefield and Radcliffe. R4GM recycling officers have been out checking bins for contamination. Stats for this period include:

- 15.1.1.1 Number of bins checked over two sessions: 2115
- 15.1.1.2 Number of contaminated bins: 546
- 15.1.1.3 Number of amber tags given out: 430
- 15.1.1.4 Number of red tags given out: 20

- 15.1.2 Amber tags act as a warning to residents who are putting the wrong things in their bin. The bin crew will collect it this time but if contamination persists, their bin will not be collected. Only 20 households didn't show a positive change after receiving a red tag. These households will now receive a visit from our recycling team who will explain the importance of recycling properly and the issues caused by contamination.

15.2 Supporting events

- 15.2.1 R4GM have been out supporting at events in Bury throughout July and August. R4GM worked with Bury Council colleagues at the Six Town housing community events over the summer, including Chesham Fold, Topping Fold, Charles Street, Whitefield and the Chapelfield estate. R4GM also created a drop-in session at Radcliffe Library. This was primarily to talk to residents about our paper and card campaign, but were able to answer residents' questions on all aspects of recycling.

- 15.2.2 R4GM have also attended Bury's Love Food Hate Waste event in July. They spoke to residents about preventing food waste, giving them tips and hacks to store food properly so it lasts longer. They gave away recipe cards to encourage people to make the most of their leftovers as well as caddy liners to capture their food waste.

15.3 Now collecting rigid plastics

- 15.3.1 R4GM have recently added new containers at our recycling centres. 18 of their sites will now have containers to collect 'hard plastics' including Every Street and Cemetery Road in Bury. Hard plastics are rigid items like garden furniture, buckets and toys. Residents can look out for the garden chair symbol when at a recycling centre or ask the Suez team on site. Staff will be continuing to hand-sort rigid plastics to ensure we're maximising collections.

15.4 Fly-Tipping Training

- 15.4.1 R4GM have recently hosted a fly-tipping training session for all 9 districts that make up Greater Manchester's Waste Disposal Authority. This is with the view of creating a joint comms campaign to tackle the huge issue many councils are facing with dumped waste on streets and at beauty spots. The training session was run by colleagues from Keep Britain Tidy, based on their report 'Beyond the tipping point'. Using insight gathered on the day, a small working group, including a representative from Bury, has been put together to help shape the comms campaign.

25 Recommendation

- 25.1 That Council note the updates from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Transport for Greater Manchester, and Recycle for Greater Manchester, with further updates to be presented to future Council meetings.

List of Background Papers:-

None identified

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Combined Authority Running Order

1	Please can an update be provided on GMP Response Times in relation to high threat/high harm [Grade 1] calls at a force and specifically Bury district level? What further steps can be made to improve this?	Cllr Rizvi	Cllr Farooq
	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>I can confirm that grade 1 response rates for Bury, measured as the proportion of incidents attended within 15 minutes, stands at 91.8% for the last full month of data which is above the force average of 84.2% and is actually the best in force.</p> <p>For the most recent week the local figure is 95.7%</p> <p>Response times at Bury are consistently the best in Force which local colleagues have worked hard to maintain through local structure review and tight governance processes.</p> <p>Whilst this is positive news, GMP Bury are keen not to be complacent and there are further commitments made through their Plan on a Page programme boards to further improve response to incidents and emergencies. One of the program boards is undertaking a review of response policing. The program board have presented their early considerations which include the creation of several support functions such as secondary investigation teams who will progress criminal investigations which have initially been recorded by the response teams- thereby allowing response officer the capacity to focus on their response to incidents and emergencies.</p> <p><i>For info Grade 2 response times have improved month-on-month and is currently 83.2% of grade 2 incidents attended within one hour, with the GMP force average at 58.7%</i></p>		
2	Following the introduction of the cap on bus fares what are the plans to increase patronage on the busses?	Cllr Bayley	Cllr Peel
	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>The Following response was provided by TfGM – Councillor Peel as TfGM representative, requested further information, once received this will be shared with Elected Members.</p> <p>As part of TfGM's work to increase patronage and respond to the cost-of-living crisis, new caps on the cost of certain fares for bus travel within the city region</p>		

	<p>have been introduced one year earlier than originally planned. Single journey fares now cost no more than £2 for adults and £1 for children, and passengers may make unlimited journeys across all bus operators for no more than £5 (adult) or £2.50 (child) a day.</p> <p>In addition, opportunities are also being explored to extend the cap to other ticket types, for example weekly passes. New caps will benefit current bus users and are forecast to grow patronage and begin to increase revenue to build the system's overall sustainability over time.</p>		
3	Can an update be provided as to the current status of Greater Manchester police and the HMIC intervention?	Councillor Khalid Hussain	Cllr Farooq
	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>Greater Manchester Police have continued to take positive strides in addressing the cause for concerns which resulted in them being placed into special measures. Through embedding their Plan on a Page force strategy, this is delivering sustainable improvements in policing performance and service delivery for victims and communities across Greater Manchester.</p> <p>HMICFRS have expressed their satisfaction with the work on record keeping and concluding of crimes. Improved call handling and response/attendance times have been secured to maximise public service standards, safeguarding opportunities and crime standards. Increased crime recording, improving standards of investigations and focus on solved outcome improvement is being delivered for victims and communities.</p> <p>In total 174 areas for improvement and recommendations have been progressed and closed, superseded or 'no further actioned' since December 2020. The Force has reduced its open recommendations from the start of HMICFRS engagement in December 2020 by almost three quarters, from over 120 to now just 32 recommendations.</p> <p>Force wide revisits are due to take place this month with regard to engagement and special measures provision of the standards of investigation across GMP. Positive outcomes of these inspections would continue a trajectory of improvement and be a major step in progress towards being taken out of special measures, though it is important we wait for the results of these inspections.</p>		
4	Following concerns about the significant drop in metrolink patronage, what work is being done to lobby the government to extend the financial support package reflecting the impact the pandemic has had on the network	Cllr Green	Cllr Peel

	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>A package of funding support from central government has been agreed up to the beginning of October 2022. DfT / HMT have indicated that no further recovery funding will be provided beyond this point. TfGM is engaged in ongoing dialogue with DfT in an effort to secure a partnership to sustain the network beyond the expiry of recovery funding.</p> <p>Greater Manchester Local Authority Leaders were briefed on Bee Network delivery and financial planning on Tuesday 20 September.</p> <p>As a last resort, if required and with appropriate approvals GMCA has sufficient reserves available to temporarily fund Metrolink's forecast net deficit for the remainder of 2022/23. In parallel, a Financial Sustainability Plan is being prepared, which will include a strategy for Metrolink to cover its operating, renewals and financing costs in the medium to long term, including replenishing the reserves.</p>		
5	<p>Can an update be provided as to the current status of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service cause for concern position?</p>	<p>Councillor Liam Dean</p>	<p>Cllr Farooq</p>
	<p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>Following an inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) in April and May 2021 a Cause for Concern letter was issued. The cause was in relation to GMFRS having its own marauding terrorist attack (MTA) response that is resilient, timely and cost effective. It was noted this should be prepared as part of a multi-agency response to terrorist incidents and be understood by all staff and properly tested.</p> <p>On 1st November 2021, GMFRS provided HMICFRS with a comprehensive business case detailing how the service intended to improve the capacity and capability of its response to terrorist incidents. It detailed how all staff in the service would be trained, equipped and supported to carry out agreed MTA activity in accordance with the MTA joint operating principles.</p> <p>GMFRS and HMICFRS have been in regular contact since the issuing of the cause of concern and on 15th May 2022, HMICFRS revisited the service. HMICFRS were pleased to see the service had reviewed its policy and standard operating procedures for MTA capability and that it had made sure that all staff were aware of them. Also, that it had developed a training programme that will be introduced to all members of staff. This training programme includes a number of exercises that will be carried out by both the police and ambulance services.</p>		

	On 2nd September the inspectorate published a letter detailing the removal of the Cause for Concern. I'd like to thank local GMFRS colleagues for supporting in this activity.		
6	What have been the passenger numbers for Manchester Airport during the past 3 months?	Councillor Jack Rydeheard	Cllr O'Brien
	<p>Thank you for your question, I can report that passenger number continue to increase;</p> <p>June – 2,423,576 July – 2,609,592 for Manchester this was 82% of pre Covid numbers August – 2,732,718</p> <p>The traffic figures are published every month on the MAG website</p> <p>Operational performance also continues to improve, with 93% of passengers at Manchester Airport clearing security in 30 minutes or less in July. More than two-thirds – 69% – passed through in 15 minutes or less.</p> <p>This positive trend was maintained into the first week in August, with 99% of passengers clearing security in less than 30 minutes and 84% in less than 15 minutes.</p>		

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

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.

~~REMOVE [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.

~~REMOVE [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.]~~

INSERT [The ongoing challenges of litter and fly-tipping and maintenance of trees and other growth along the canal and the responsibilities of all partners involved to keep the canal well maintained and prevent further deterioration.

The ambitious and exciting Restoration Feasibility Study commissioned in 2020 jointly by Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal Society, the Canal & Rivers Trust, Bury Council and Bolton Council for the full restoration of the 5-mile stretch of canal through Bury to Bolton.]

The Council resolves to

Commit to the following:

~~REMOVE [- 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

INSERT [

- Maintain our commitment to the full restoration of the canal through Bury and Radcliffe as expressed in the 2020 Restoration Feasibility Study.
- Write to the relevant Minister making the case for funding for the restoration, which our study estimates would bring £1 million per annum in socio-economic benefits to Bury and Radcliffe.
- Continue as an active partner in the maintenance and restoration of the canal through the participation of our officer and member representatives on the MBBC steering group.]

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

REMOVE ~~[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.~~

This Council notes:

The announcement that the Government will now cap energy bills for typical a household to £2500, nearly £1500 higher than two years ago.

That this cap will still leave households facing significantly higher bills and steep financial pressures.

REMOVE

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

INSERT:

That this change of policy will not be funded by a windfall tax on excessive profits within the oil and gas industries

RETAIN:

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

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.

ITEM	RESPONSE / ACTION REQUIRED	OFFICER LEAD	PROGRESS/DATE COMPLETED
Access to health services  Labour Group motion_.docx	<p>Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care urging him to bring forward a plan to fix the crisis in primary care, meet the target for new GPs and ensure everyone who needs an NHS dentist can access one.</p> <p>Do everything we can locally through the new Integrated Care Partnership to ensure that residents (through patient voice and patient experience) in our borough can access primary care services as needed and without delay.</p>	<p>Chief Executive Office</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Adult Care Health and Wellbeing</p>	 024 SoS Health and Social Care 2022.07..
Amended Radcliffe First Motion  Tracked Changes RF NOM Amendmen	<p>This council resolves to"</p> <p>Delete 'all residents' in paragraph 1. and amend community to country</p> <p>1. Call on the Government to write and adopt a Socio-Economic Duty Policy requiring all departments at the Government to consider the potential of any policy, project or material amendment on <u>all residents in the country community</u>. In particular they should ensure that areas of high socio-economic disadvantage are not unfairly impacted.</p> <p>2. Ask the Government for the inclusion of 'disadvantaged socio-economic status' as a protected characteristic in Government procedures. This should prevent anyone being subject to less favourable treatment in the exercise of their rights because of their inherited social status or economic situation.</p> <p>3. Call on the Government to commit to more open consultation with residents on all projects</p>	<p>Letter from Chief Executives Office</p>	 025 SoS levelling up, housing and coi

	going forward. They should endeavour to fully engage with residents, listen to feedback and act on the outputs of these on consultations.		
<p>Emergency Motion</p>  <p>EM Castle Armoury.docx</p>	<p>That an open letter be written from the Council and concerned parties, urging the Ministry of Defence to provide the necessary funds to make it safe again and to modernise it.</p> <p>That the council organise a meeting with the VCFA, the Armed Forces Champion, the Chair of Bury Castle Armoury Trust to look at what external funding may be available.</p> <p>To inform all interested parties of progress on a regular basis and to convene another meeting to discuss further campaigning.</p>	<p>Chief Executive Office</p> <p>Chris Woodhouse/Cllr Gold</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next Council meeting</p>	 <p>026 Letter to SoS Defence.pdf</p> <p>Chief Officer of Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance (VCFA) has met with the Chair and has produced a funding options appraisal</p>

25 July 2022



Department for Corporate Core Services

The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Letter sent via email to: mb-sofs@dhsc.gov.uk

Dear Secretary of State,

Reference: Access to Health Services

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 20 July 2022 debated a notice of motion in relation to access to health services.

The Council recognised and noted:

1. That general practices across the country are at breaking point, putting the whole of the NHS at risk.
2. That Primary Care is the 'Bedrock of the NHS', dealing with around 90% of patient contacts, and acknowledges that, currently, GPs and their teams are at the forefront of helping communities recover from the pandemic; caring for people whose mental and physical health has been affected by Covid 19; and leading the Vaccination programme; whilst at the same time, they are dealing with the backlog of people on waiting lists elsewhere in the NHS.
3. That in 2016 the Conservative Government promised to increase GPs by 5,000 in 5 years but that the overall number of GPs has seen little growth since 2015.
4. That the number of patients per practice is 22% higher than it was in 2015 but the GP workforce has not grown with this demand; there are now just 0.46 fully qualified GPs per 1,000 patients in England – significantly below the average number of physicians in comparable nations.
5. That there is a growing backlog of care in the NHS; long waits for specialist treatment are skyrocketing and pressure on Accident and Emergency Departments is reaching pre-pandemic levels.
6. That general practice and general practitioners are under pressure; a recent survey by the British Medical Association (BMA) showed high levels of mental health conditions and exhaustion; resignations from General Practice are also rising, and practices are shutting down at record rates.
7. That it is becoming increasingly difficult to get GPs to practice in deprived areas; as a result, those communities who most need good primary care are least able to access it.
8. That the Government and the Chief Executive of the NHS take urgent measures to address this crisis, including:-
 - (i) Delivering on previously unmet promises to increase the number of GPs by at least 5,000.
 - (ii) Ensuring that incentives are in place to meet the primary care needs of communities with the greatest need.
 - (iii) Reducing red tape and bureaucracy by exploring with the profession which regulatory and administrative tasks need to be kept and which don't.
 - (iv) Rebalancing the health system by encouraging better outreach work from secondary care.
 - (v) Increasing investment in community-based health-promoting activities to address the underlying causes of poor health.

The Council resolved to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care urging him to bring forward a plan to fix the crisis in primary care, meet the target for new GPs and ensure everyone who needs an NHS dentist can access one.
2. Do everything we can locally through the new Integrated Care Partnership to ensure that residents (through patient voice and patient experience) in our borough can access primary care services as needed and without delay.

Accordingly, I am writing to you in relation to this matter. I look forward to your response so that an update can be provided to Members of Bury Council.

Yours sincerely

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Geoff Little OBE
Chief Executive

25 July 2022



Department for Corporate Core Services

The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Letter sent via email to: correspondence@levellingup.gov.uk

Dear Secretary of State,

Reference: Socio-Economic Duty Policy

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 20 July 2022 debated a notice of motion in relation to the adoption of a Socio-Economic Duty Policy.

The Council recognised and noted that:

1. Despite currently being rated as the third most affluent Borough in Greater Manchester, Bury currently has extremes of differences in index of Multiple Deprivation ratings having several areas rated as being in the 10% most deprived while several other areas are in 10% least deprived.
2. There is a difference of average life expectancy of 15 years for men and 12 years for women between the longest and shortest life expectancy MSOAs.
3. The achievement of pupils in Maths and English GCSE in the lowest achieving MSOAs was 25.3% compared to the national average of 43.2% and the rest of the Borough at 39.8% (2019 figures).
4. Some areas of Bury have seen significant under investment for many years which has led to a deterioration of the area in terms of the quality of the Council owned amenities and infrastructure.

The Council resolved to:

1. Call on the Government to write and adopt a Socio-Economic Duty Policy requiring all departments at the Government to consider the potential of any policy, project or material amendment on the country. In particular, they should ensure that areas of high socio-economic disadvantage are not unfairly impacted.
2. Ask the Government for the inclusion of 'disadvantaged socio-economic status' as a protected characteristic in Government procedures. This should prevent anyone being subject to less favourable treatment in the exercise of their rights because of their inherited social status or economic situation.
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Geoff Little OBE
Chief Executive

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7 September 2022

The Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP
Secretary of State for Defence
Ministry of Defence
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2HB

Letter sent via email to: defencesecretary-group@mod.gov.uk

Dear Secretary of State,

We are writing to urge the Ministry of Defence to fulfil its leaseholder obligations for the maintenance and repair of Castle Armoury in Bury, which has been closed with very short notice on safety grounds.

Castle Armoury is an important part of the current identity and history of Bury. It is an iconic building in the centre of a town with a proud military heritage which is owned by the Bury Castle Armoury Trust and leased to NW RFCA. Through this formal agreement, the armoury is home to Bury Fusiliers, known as W Company 5th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, as well as a centre for 207 Field Hospital Royal Army Medical Corp. The armoury is also home to the Lancashire Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Volunteer Band, the base for our Army Cadets, RAF Cadets, a community karate group, and one of the Borough's armed forces veterans breakfast clubs.

Under the terms of the lease NW RFCA and, in turn, the Ministry of Defence assume full responsibility for repairs and maintenance. Earlier this month all activity at Castle Armoury was, however, suspended due to the building being unsafe.

At its meeting on 20th July 2022, Bury Council passed an emergency motion unanimously to urge the Ministry of Defence to provide the necessary funds to make Castle Armoury safe again and to modernise it, in accordance with the leaseholder agreement.

The Council is working with its voluntary and community sector, the Armed Forces Champion and the Chair of Bury Castle Armoury Trust to look at what external funding may be available. This does not however excuse the Ministry of Defence from its obligations in the lease of full responsibility for repairs and maintenance.

We look forward to a reply confirming that the monies will be provided as quickly as possible so that it can be re-opened at the heart of the community which it serves.

Yours Sincerely,



Councillor Eamonn O'Brien
Leader, Bury Council



Councillor Richard Gold
Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities
Armed Forces Champion

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Cllr Russell Bernstein
Leader of Bury Conservatives

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Cllr Mike Smith
Leader of Radcliffe First

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Christian Wakeford
Member of Parliament for Bury South

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James Daly
Member of Parliament for Bury North