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TO: All Members of Council

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

Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 18 January 2023
Place:	Council Chamber, Bury Town Hall
Time:	6.45 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If 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 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

4 MINUTES (Pages 7 - 16)

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December are attached.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pages 17 - 22)

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

6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Recommendation		
Cabinet – 11 th January 2023	Appointment of deputy mayor.	TBC

7 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME (Pages 23 - 28)

Report attached.

8 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER (Pages 29 - 30)

Report attached.

9 ESTABLISHMENT OF GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CLEAN AIR (Pages 31 - 36)

Report attached.

10 GREATER MANCHESTER INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (Pages 37 - 40)

Report attached.

11 LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME (Pages 41 - 66)

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet and to answer

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

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

12 COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 67 - 78)

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

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

13 * SHORT ADJOURNMENT*****

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Scrap Voter I.D. Requirement for Local Elections 2023

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:

- With the passage of the Elections Act last April, voters will now have to present identification when they go to vote in person.
- If an eligible voter does not have or cannot present identification, they will be turned away.
- According to government-issued research, 2% of eligible voters have no form of photo ID, and 4% of eligible voters have no form of recognisable ID. For Bury, this means thousands of eligible voters would be at risk of not being able to vote.
- The 344-page legal guidelines setting out how the system will operate were only put before parliament in November 2022 and have only just come into effect, giving election officials minimal time to respond.
- The Association of Electoral Administrators has said it is already concerned about the tightness of timescales and recruiting enough temporary staff for polling stations.
- The Electoral Commission, the official watchdog that will oversee the rollout of voter ID, has said the timetable could affect some eligible voters' ability to vote in the May 2023 local elections, saying there was a risk of confusion and of valid voters being turned away, which could damage wider confidence in

elections.

- The Local Government Association (LGA) has also shared concerns that there is insufficient time ahead of the May 2023 elections to introduce the requirement to show photo ID and are calling for a delay of the process.

This Council resolves to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities expressing our opposition to the new requirements and calling for a delay to the introduction of voter I.D. requirements for the local elections in May 2023.
- Write to the Members of Parliament for Bury South and Bury North requesting that they also write to the Secretary of State expressing opposition to the new requirements and call for a delay to the introduction of voter I.D. requirements for the local elections in May 2023.
- In the situation where our resolutions are ignored or rejected, to call on the Returning Officer to run a comprehensive voter registration campaign and voter I.D. awareness campaign in the run up to the local elections in May 2023. This would include, but not be limited to:
 1. Correspondence to all households about the new requirements
 2. Targeted communication to those most likely not to have accepted identification
 3. Engagement with schools and colleges encouraging younger people to register to vote

(ii) **Withdrawal of Bury Council from the Places for Everyone Plan**

A motion has been received and set in the summons in the names of councillors Arif, Bernstein, Brown, Dean, Gartside, Harris, Hussain, Jones, Lancaster, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon.

The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities recently made a statement in the house of commons in relation to an update on the levelling up bill.

In this statement the Secretary of State confirmed that he believes that the plan-making process for housing has to start with a number. This number the Secretary of State went on to say should be an advisory starting point, a guide from that is not mandatory.

The Secretary of State further added it will be up to Local Authorities, working with their communities, to determine how many homes can actually be built, taking into account what should be protected in each area-be that our precious green belt or national parks.

The Secretary of State further outlined how those local authorities with local plans at an advanced stage of preparation who will not benefit from these provisions can take advantage of transitional arrangements to produce plans that are compliant with the new guidance. Although this Council is part of the Places for Everyone submission we have no adopted local plan. As such the housing need calculation made within Places for Everyone is now obsolete and not in line with national guidance. As such it is clear that Bury's local plan must produced in line with the new national guidance. Bearing in mind the clarification outlined in the Secretary of State's statement in the house of commons;

This council resolves to;

- Withdraw Bury Council from the Places for Everyone Plan as an immediate priority.
- Develop a joint approach to calculating housing need though community

- consultation and a reinforced brownfield first policy.
- Make a public commitment to protect the Borough's precious green belt by removing Simister, Walshaw and Elton reservoir sites from any future local plan

15 **COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER** (Pages 79 - 86)

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

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

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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).

Minutes of: **COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 7 December 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, L Dean,
S Donnelly, D Duncalfe, 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, L McBriar,
G McGill, C Morris, E Moss, E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn,
D Quinn, T Rafiq, J Rydeheard, M Smith, T Tariq, C Tegolo,
S Thorpe, D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh, M Whitby and
Y Wright

**Apologies for
Absence** C Cummins, U Farooq, J Mason, K Peel, I Rizvi and L Smith

Public Attendance: 12 members of the public attended the meeting.

C. 27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillors S. Arif, Hussain and Walsh declared personal interests in all matters under consideration as governors at Schools in the Borough.
2. Councillor Tariq declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as a manager at Healthwatch, Oldham.
3. Councillor Morris declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration in relation to Prestwich regeneration as her partner works for Font Comms.
4. Councillor Tegolo declared a pecuniary and prejudicial interest in the Conservative Notice of Motion and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

C. 28 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September be approved as a correct record.

C. 29 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked all those across the Borough, involved in organising events for Remembrance Sunday and wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukah.

C. 30 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of 7 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
Andrew Luxton	Weeds in Elton Ward	Cllr Quinn
Alistair Scott (not present)	Bin Collection	Cllr Quinn
Samia Farid	Skateboard Facility Clarence park	Cllr Quinn
John Southworth	Island Lodge, Tottington	Cllr Quinn
Steven Devine	Prestwich Regeneration	Cllr O'Brien
Andrea Turner	Prestwich Regeneration	Cllr O'Brien

C. 31**RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES****Meeting of Youth Cabinet – Changes to the Terms of reference**

It was moved by Councillor D Quinn and seconded by Councillor Thorpe and it was agreed that:

Council approves the Youth Cabinet revised Terms of Reference.

Meeting of Democratic Arrangements Forum – Amendment to the Constitution

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Bernstein and it was agreed that:

Section 4.1.34.1 of the constitution be amended to:

Amendments will be considered in the order in which they are received. An amendment to a Notice of Motion must be delivered to the Monitoring Officer by midday on the day prior to the meeting. Following consideration by the Monitoring Officer the content of the amendment will be shared, other than amendments made in advance of Budget Council; unless the Group Leader or their representative provides express permission to do so.

Meeting of Cabinet – Freedom of the Borough nominations

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Bernstein and it was agreed that:

All five nominations be progressed and an expediated ceremony be arranged for former Councillor, Roy Walker in December 2022 and a further ceremony for the remaining nominees, including Kieran Trippier, in January 2023

Meeting of Audit – Contract Procedure Rules

It was moved by Councillor Whitby and seconded by Councillor Gold and it was agreed that:

The revised Contract Procedure Rules be approved and implemented from 1 February 2023.

Meeting of Employment Panel – Appointment of the Chief Executive

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Bernstein and supported by Councillor M Smith and it was agreed that:

Lynne Ridsdale be appointed the Chief Executive and Place Based Lead for Bury Council.

C. 32 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 Berry	Cllr O'Brien	Housing tenants
2	Cllr Hayes	Cllr Morris	Economic Development Strategy
3	Cllr A Arif	Cllr Morris	Gigg Lane
4	Cllr Lancaster	Cllr Quinn	Street Lighting
5	Cllr Moss	Cllr O'Brien	Six Town Housing
6	Cllr D Quinn	Cllr O'Brien	Housing for residents with additional needs
7	Cllr S Arif	Cllr A Quinn	Muslim Burial Policy
8	Cllr Whitby	Cllr D Quinn	Ofsted
9	Cllr Thorpe	Cllr Pilkington	SEND
10	Cllr McBriar	Cllr A Quinn	Road crossing in Tottington
11	Cllr McGill	Cllr Gold	Council Financial Position
12	Cllr Hussain	Cllr O'Brien	Social Housing

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 13 to 17 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 Bernstein	Cllr O'Brien	Permanent memorial to the

		Queen
Cllr M Smith	Cllr O'Brien	Radcliffe Regeneration
Cllr Morris	Cllr Quinn	Road Safety in Brandlesholme
Cllr Gartside	Cllr Quinn	Road Safety in Tottington
Cllr McGill	Cllr Quinn	3G pitch Radcliffe
Cllr Vernon	Cllr Quinn	Caddy liners
Cllr Tegolo	Cllr Quinn	Heaton Park Active Neighbourhood Scheme
Cllr Boles	Cllr Gold	Budget cuts
Cllr Birchmore	Cllr Quinn	Heating arrangements warm hubs

C. 33

**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 Whitby	Cllr Grimshaw	Gm Pension Fund
Cllr Boles	Cllr Gold	GMP
Cllr Vernon	Cllr Gold	GMP
Cllr Bayley	Cllr A Quinn	Buses
Cllr Dean	Cllr Gold	Water safety
Cllr Harris	Cllr O'Brien	Mcr airport

C. 34

******SHORT ADJOURNMENT******

C. 35

NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) School Meals in the Borough

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

This Council Notes:

All schools in the Borough have policies around school meals regarding nutritional balance, variation and dietary requirements as per the legislative requirements.

It is noticeable that what is missing from these policies is the balance between the number of students attending cafeteria facilities and the time available to them to queue, choose, purchase and consume their meals. What is not clear from these policies is the available choice readily available to the students who are at the back of that queue.

Analysis has shown that Bury MBC does not have a specific policy for the management of the school meals, such as a Mealtime Management Plan for the distribution and consumption of the meals. From all the non-fee-paying High schools within the Borough of Bury, only one of those schools does in fact, have a policy for the management of school meals.

We believe there is a need for such an overarching policy for Bury MBC to review the management of lunches and produce a Policy, that can be recommended for adoption and implementation to each High School, as either a separate policy to suit their own students and school circumstances or as part of the Whole School Food Policy.

We call upon the Council to recognise that as part of the healthy eating aspect of school meals, that there should be time to purchase and consume such a meal. We believe this action is required to avert potential issues of hunger, ineffective learning and digestive ill-health issues that may emanate from consuming lunches in a fast-paced and hurrying manner.

The Council resolves to -

Commission an internal review of meal management at Bury Schools and that the findings of the review inform a policy which can be commended to all Schools.

On being put with 8 Members voting for and 34 members voting against and the Mayor and Councillors Gartside and Tegolo abstaining

The Mayor declared the motion was lost.

(ii) Fair Tax

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 that:

1. The pressure on organisations to pay the right amount of tax in the right place at the right time has never been stronger.

2. Polling from the Institute for Business Ethics finds that “corporate tax avoidance” has, since 2013, been the clear number one concern of the British public when it comes to business conduct.
3. Almost two-thirds (63%) of the public agree that the Government and local councils should consider a company’s ethics and how they pay their tax as well as value for money and quality of service provided, when undertaking procurement.
4. Around 17.5% of public contracts in the UK have been won by companies with links to tax havens.
5. It has been conservatively estimated that losses from multinational profit-shifting (just one form of tax avoidance) could be costing the UK some £7bn per annum in lost corporation tax revenues.
6. The Fair Tax Mark offers a means for business to demonstrate good tax conduct, and has been secured by organisations with a combined annual income of £50bn and more than 6,500 outlets and premises, including many social enterprises and co-operatives. ([Fair Tax Councils - Fair Tax Foundation \(fairtaxmark.net\)](http://fairtaxmark.net))

This Council believes that:

1. Paying tax is often presented as a burden, but it shouldn’t be.
2. Tax enables us to provide services from education, health and social care, to flood defence, roads, policing and defence. It also helps to counter financial inequalities and rebalance distorted economies.
3. As recipients of significant public funding, local authorities should take the lead in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct; be that by ensuring contractors are paying their proper share of tax, or by refusing to go along with offshore tax dodging when buying land and property.
4. Where substantive stakes are held in private enterprises, then influence should be wielded to ensure that such businesses are exemplars of tax transparency and tax avoidance is shunned - e.g., no use of marketed schemes requiring disclosure under DOTAS regulations (Disclosure Of Tax Avoidance Schemes) or arrangements that might fall foul of the General Anti-Abuse Rule.
5. More action is needed, however, current law significantly restricts councils’ ability to either penalise poor tax conduct or reward good tax conduct, when buying goods or services.
6. UK cities, counties and towns can and should stand up for responsible tax conduct - doing what they can within existing frameworks and pledging to do more given the opportunity, as active supporters of international tax justice.

This Council resolves to:

1. Approve the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.
2. Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.
3. Ensure contractors implement IR35 robustly and pay a fair share of employment taxes.
4. Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.
5. Undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.
6. Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers and their consolidated profit & loss position.
7. Promote Fair Tax Mark certification for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.
8. Support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses who say what they pay with pride.

9. Support calls for urgent reform of EU and UK law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.

On being put with 32 Members voting for and 12 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining

The Mayor declared the motion was carried.

(iii) Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration

A motion had been received and set in the Summons in the names of: Councillors Arif, Bernstein, Brown, Dean, Gartside, Harris, Hussain, Jones, Lancaster, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon

The United Kingdom has long been a safe haven for those individuals, and groups of people, who have had to flee their countries of origin due to religious, political, and social persecution. People also migrate for economic reasons due to unemployment, conflict, war, famine, and other natural disasters.

We are proud of our Country's humanitarian legacy in accepting refugees, asylum seekers through fair and legal means such as through the United Nation's Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme (VPRS).

However, this motion aims to deal head on with a new and dangerous phenomena that is putting the lives of innocent men, women and children in grave danger and is leading to loss of life.

Since the beginning of 2022, more than 40,000 illegal immigrants, many of whom are at the mercy of criminal human trafficking gangs, have crossed the English Channel in small boats. This is up from 28,526 in 2021.

It is the view of many people living within the Borough of Bury, that this is one of the most pressing issues which our country faces today.

The increasing number of illegal migrants are putting a great deal of pressure on local services throughout the country and the residents of Bury are rightly concerned that the situation seen elsewhere with local hotels being commandeered for large numbers of irregular migrants could happen here in Bury. This would of course put intolerable pressure on local services.

We are not against lawful and controlled migration. On the contrary, we are immensely grateful to those who have made the United Kingdom their home and have shaped our nation for the better. Whether this be through working within the NHS or in other public, private and charitable fields.

Overseas workers are an integral part of our nation's fabric and diversity.

However, what we cannot condone, under any circumstances, is the arrival upon our shores of those who have deployed illegal and criminal means to enter the United Kingdom.

Whilst we sympathise with some of those who try to enter the UK through crossings, many are doing so in order to commit heinous crimes in the United Kingdom.

We must also remember that many criminal gangs and prohibited organisations are profiting at the misfortune of those crossing in small boats and putting the lives of those who chose to cross in this manner at serious risk of danger.

It is incumbent on us all as elected officials to guarantee that the law of this country is upheld and respected.

Therefore, we must do all we can to prevent these illegal crossings and acts of illegal migration from occurring.

That is why we are asking this Council to do the following:-

* Condemn the criminal gangs and organisations that are putting the lives of men, women and children at risk by enforcing small boat crossings in the English Channel.

* Fully support the UK Government's plans to reduce these illegal crossings through a strategic partnership with our European neighbours.

* Instruct the Chief Executive to write to both the Bury North and Bury South Members of Parliament to ask that they support the Government's plans to tackle illegal immigration and support offshore processing of illegal immigrants.

An amendment was moved by Councillor O'Brien and Seconded by Councillor Whitby to:

Since the beginning of 2022, more than 40,000 **REMOVE** [illegal immigrants] **INSERT** [people], many of whom are at the mercy of criminal human trafficking gangs, have crossed the English Channel in small boats. This is up from 28,526 in 2021.

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INSERT [* Fully support Labour's five-point plan to tackle Channel crossings, which includes:

- Redirecting spending on Rwanda to set up a new National Crime Agency cell to crack down on smuggling gangs
- Speeding up asylum decisions
- Reforming settlement schemes
- Replacing the Dublin Agreement to include safe returns and family reunion
- Working internationally to address why people flee their homes]

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* Instruct the Chief Executive to write to both the Bury North and Bury South Members of Parliament to ask that they support **REMOVE** [~~the Government's plans to tackle illegal immigration and support offshore processing of illegal immigrants.~~] **INSERT** [an ethical and effective immigration policy.]

The amendment on being put with 30 Members voting for and 11 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining

The Mayor declared the amendment was carried.

The amendment became the substantive motion and on being put with 30 Members voting for and 11 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining

The Mayor declared the motion was carried.

Councillors Donnelly and Gartside were not in the Chamber when the vote was taken.

Councillor Tegolo left the meeting during discussion of this item due to a prejudicial interest in the matter being discussed.

C. 36 COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER

For information

C. 37 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no scrutiny reports or specific items called in.

C. 38 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no questions on the work of the outside partnerships

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(Notes: The meeting started at 7pm and finished at 10.45pm.)

Public Questions January 2023

1. What help can the council provide to resolve ongoing match day car parking issue in a small new development Cul de Sac Street - Singleton Drive. **S Jussab**

Councillor Quinn

Unfortunately a permit parking scheme couldn't be considered for this location as all properties on this road appear to have private driveways. It is not council policy to introduce permit schemes on roads where residents have private driveways.

2. It is now over 2 years since the first consultation meetings were held for the Heaton Park Low Traffic Neighbourhood. It is over 10 months since the in person 'draft design drop in' event & over 8 months since i asked my Labour Ward Councillor about this, without response. Can you please give details of when the final LTN design will be published and when work will begin on the Heaton Park LTN?

Supplementary Question: I requested a formal review into FOI Request Decison FOI13748 on 21st July 2022 (regarding the Heaton Park LTN). I contacted Bury Council again on 20th November 2022 to ask when this review would take place. I have had no reply. Can you tell me when the review will be carried out and why it has taken almost 6 months for this to happen. **Mr P Liggins**

Councillor Quinn

The aim of the Heaton Park Active Neighbourhood project, delivered by Sustrans and Arup on behalf of TfGM, was to create safe, attractive streets through reducing speed and volume of traffic.

A series of engagement events including online workshops, drop-in events and social media posts took place. This was to develop the proposals with the local community via a public consultation on the proposed changes for this area.

The consultation took place in March 2022, with two options for the scheme presented to residents. Both options proposed to provide a bus gate on Whittaker Lane and two further vehicle filters, while Option 2 proposed to introduce a number of additional filters. The overall response rate was 23 per cent of the 2,766 households surveyed. The bus gate on Whittaker Lane and the road filters had mixed support with no majority either way. The pedestrian crossings were popular; however, they are dependent on the introduction of the scheme as a whole, therefore cannot be introduced separately.

A decision has been taken by Bury Council therefore not to progress the scheme at this time due to lack of public support. The data and

information gathered through the surveys and workshop can still be used to support a future scheme if desirable.

FOI 13748 was responded to in July 2022 – the response given was -
‘These emails are business sensitive and therefore can not be provided

3. The Council recently announced online that it was continuing with its programme to replace streetlights in Bury's streets with energy efficient street lighting columns.

But after months of my reporting of streetlights that aren't working, how can Bury's residents, especially those in Elton, have confidence in the Council's ability to light up the roads in the dark? **Andrew Luxton**

Councillor Quinn

Street Lighting fault repairs are completed as quickly as our resources allow – our target is within 10 working days of being reported. Some repairs can take longer, cable faults for example, and repair times can slip when we experience a high demand on the service, usually around Winter time when the dark nights are upon us. Our current repair time is 10.2 days after receiving the report.

If you could kindly provide specific locations where faults have not been repaired in a timely manner I will investigate these and come back to you.

4. For 6 years it has been argued that central government targets have been driving the inflated housing targets for Bury which are not mandatory! I'm sure we can all agree that they were incorrect and a better plan is now required. Bury Folk along with many other groups have challenged this nationwide. Will this council now take the opportunity to pause and reconsider like so many have done around the country pending changes in national policy? **Stephen Cluer**

Councillor O'Brien

On 22 December, the Government published consultation documents setting out its proposed approach to updating parts of the NPPF. The consultation runs until 2 March, and these are currently under consideration.

In terms of the Submitted Places for Everyone Plan, the Planning Inspectors that have been appointed to consider the plan have confirmed that the proposed consultation changes are indeed that – proposed changes that are being consulted on. As such, they do not hold the same weight as the adopted NPPF. The Inspectors have also

indicated that they intend to carry on with the examination of the Places for Everyone Plan as currently programmed in the context of the tests of soundness set out in current NPPF.

Therefore, just to be clear, whilst the Government has proposed amendments - these are not immediate changes to Government policy and we must wait until the consultation process runs its course. This is the view of the Planning Inspectors, who have indicated that the Examination process will need to consider the final content of any revised NPPF in due course.

It is worth noting, that as previously discussed at length in this chamber, that it is only through working jointly with the other 8 Places for Everyone authorities we have been able to reduce our housing target to 76% of the target that has been set by the Government's in their standard methodology – and this is a methodology that the current consultation does not propose to change.

(Leader may want to say something positive around Northern Gateway)

5. I made a complaint regarding the conduct of a Councillor in May 2021 regarding the conduct of 2 of them. I have still heard nothing despite repeated e mails from myself to the CEO of the Council, Democratic Services and others
This doesn't exactly bode well for transparency does it? **Alan Bayfield**

Monitoring Officer to respond

6. When BMBC have to put in place a local plan will they agree to stop selling brownfield sites/land, retain them and agree Joint Ventures to provide social homes to rent built to PassivHaus Principles, and also transfer the in-fill sites in Bury to community housing groups? These in-fill sites could have up to 6 homes or 9 flats built on them, again social housing to rent, and be operated by community housing groups in Bury? **P Smith Lawrence**

Councillor O'Brien

The submitted Places for Everyone plan expects all new development to be net zero carbon from 2028, and our 2021 Climate Action Strategy sets an objective of ensuring all our buildings are carbon neutral by 2038. Bury's Local Plan will also consider further planning policies that would be applicable to all residential developments.

The Council's brownfield housing delivery programme prioritises previously developed land that is suitable for residential development and seeks to match local housing needs with investment opportunities and accelerating development of new homes. We will continue to assess the most appropriate means to bring sites forward on a site by site basis but any land disposal must meet the obligations of the best value requirements of s123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Where possible and viable, when housing development is on Council owned land, we will seek to achieve higher eco standards ahead of changes to planning policies and Building Regulations. For example, this is what we are seeking to achieve through the proposals on the Seedfield site, which will seek to deliver a range of eco-friendly principles including

- **low energy solutions on the 22 affordable plots**
- **all plots having increased u values – complying to the new Part L Building Regulations**
- **EV charging points on every house**
- **a drainage strategy that will incorporate SUDS.**

7. Recent inquiries by Bury Green Party into the progress of the Heaton Park Active Neighbourhood suggest that the Council intends to scrap the scheme entirely, purportedly due to insufficient engagement with the consultation. However, comparable schemes elsewhere show that favourable comment and feedback tends to be generated following initial implementation, especially where, as here, schemes are implemented as trials that can be tweaked in situ for optimum results. Can the Council therefore disclose its alternative strategy for reducing rat-running, improving air quality and creating cleaner, safer and more inviting streets for residents, especially the many non-car users, in this area?

Supplementary question (if applicable): Given its proximity to central Prestwich, how does the abandonment of the Heaton Park scheme square with the Council's claims to want to focus on active travel in the upcoming Prestwich Village regeneration? **Nick Hubble**

Councillor O'Brien

The aim of the Heaton Park Active Neighbourhood project, delivered by Sustrans and Arup on behalf of TfGM, was to create safe, attractive streets through reducing speed and volume of traffic.

A series of engagement events including online workshops, drop-in events and social media posts took place. This was to develop the

proposals with the local community via a public consultation on the proposed changes for this area.

The consultation took place in March 2022, with two options for the scheme presented to residents. Both options proposed to provide a bus gate on Whittaker Lane and two further vehicle filters, while Option 2 proposed to introduce a number of additional filters. The overall response rate was 23 per cent of the 2,766 households surveyed. The bus gate on Whittaker Lane and the road filters had mixed support with no majority either way. The pedestrian crossings were popular; however, they are dependent on the introduction of the scheme as a whole, therefore cannot be introduced separately.

A decision has been taken by Bury Council therefore not to progress the scheme at this time due to lack of public support. The data and information gathered through the surveys and workshop can still be used to support a future scheme if desirable.

The Council is currently drafting a Boroughwide Transport Strategy which will identify our proposals for encouraging active travel, improving air quality and making neighbourhoods cleaner, safer and more inviting streets for residents. The strategy will be consulted on in February 2023 when residents, businesses and other stakeholders will be invited to engage with the strategy and feed into its development

8. I have received a complaint from a resident who is unable to access the Hartley Gardens park on Palatine Road. "Kissing gates" have been installed at the entrances to some parks in Bury, to stop scrambler bikes from accessing and racing around the parks. Unfortunately, in an attempt to stop this anti-social behaviour, the council has denied access to some mobility scooter and double buggy users. Disabled persons and those with reduced mobility issues have the right to non-discriminatory access to public spaces. Will the council reconsider the use of these types of gates and look into alternatives which will allow everyone to enjoy our parks? **Charlie Allen**

Councillor Quinn

The kissing-gates at Hartley Gardens have been in place for many years and were installed to the design standards of the time.

Officers ensure that improvement projects at our greenspaces are designed and constructed to meet the current inclusive mobility standards where possible. I will arrange for the kissing gates at Hartley Gardens to be checked against current standards and if necessary brought up to current standards when funding becomes available.

9. Question is could the council provide me with an update on Prestwich regeneration? **Andy Hay**

Councillor O'Brien

The Joint Venture will shortly be undertaking a consultation process on the initial plans for the regeneration plans at Prestwich. This will be carried out as follows:

Public Consultation	16/12/2022 [soft launch] – 17/03/2023
Regeneration Liaison Group	24/01/2023
Public drop-in	29/01/2023
Longfield Centre Tennant drop-in	01/02/2023
Public webinar	01/02/2023
Prestwich Village Community Workshop	20/02/2023
Faith Liaison Group	09/03/2023

These events are supported through information circulated via the Internet and through links to social media.

Following the completion of this activity, the team will undertake development of the RIBA Stage 2 (Concept) design, a process which will run from March to June.



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Report to:	Council	Date: 18 January 2023
Subject:	LOCAL SCHEME OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities	

Summary

1. Each year local authorities are required to formally approve their Council Tax Support Scheme. The scheme must be approved by Full Council and must be considered as part of the budget setting process. As part of the process, local authorities are required to consider whether to revise their existing scheme or replace it with a new one.
2. The report outlines the background, current scheme, context of overall Welfare Reform and recommendations for delivering a local scheme of Council Tax Support with effect from April 2023

Recommendation(s)

3. the scheme continues in its current form for the year 2023/24
4. the current disregard of all War Widow's/Widower's Pension or War Disablement Pension is continued
5. the performance of the scheme continues to be closely monitored and will be reviewed and amended as appropriate on an annual basis.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

6. The Council is required to set a local scheme for Council Tax Reductions, these recommendations are the same as in previous years based on an affordable model to support low-income households in Bury

Alternative options considered and rejected

7. The scheme for pensioners is determined by statute and the council has discretion regarding the award of council tax reductions for working age residents, the details of the scheme were last reviewed and consulted upon in 2017. A detailed review of new options will take place in 2023/24

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Background

9. The original local scheme was introduced in Bury from April 2013. This was amended in 2017 so that the maximum amount that any working age claimant could receive is 80% of the liable Council Tax charge

COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2022/2023

10. The Council is required to review and amend its scheme annually.
11. In doing this it is necessary to consider a variety of factors:
 - Performance of the scheme
 - The level, and adequacy, of Government funding for 2023/24
 - The Council's overall financial position
 - Options for changing the scheme if required
 - The outcome of the previous consultation

Performance of the Scheme

12. The operation of the scheme is meeting its objectives during the financial year 2022/23. The cost of the scheme is similar to the previous year and the live caseload for both working age and Pensioners has reduced over the last twelve months
13. As in 2021/22 the Council continues to see an increase in the number of claimants who are in arrears on the amounts of council tax that they owe. Working practices have been amended to try and minimize the number of these accounts that proceed to recovery through the courts and beyond. The council is working hard to support it's residents who may be experiencing financial hardship via signposting to various agencies for further benefits and support.

Government Funding for 2023/24

14. The Government has announced additional Council Tax Support Funding of £100 million of which Bury Council has a provisional allocation of £346,328
15. The government expects local authorities to use the majority of their funding allocations to reduce bills for current working age and pension age Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) claimants by up to £25. Councils can use their remaining allocation as they see fit to support vulnerable households with council tax bills.
16. Based on current caseload this would equate to £322,625 assuming all cases are awarded the maximum of £25.00

The Council's Overall Financial Position

17. The Council, like most Authorities, is experiencing significant financial pressures due to funding reductions in previous years further impacted by the

Covid pandemic. Therefore the opportunity to provide additional funding over and above what is already provided is limited and would create a cost pressure that would need to be managed elsewhere within the Council's budget.

The Outcome of Previous Consultation

18. Any change in the Council Tax Support Scheme requires consultation with the major preceptor, the GMCA with regard to the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner precept and the Mayoral General Precept including Fire Services. There is also a requirement to carry out public consultation.
19. As no change to the scheme is being proposed, there is no requirement for formal consultation.

EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE SCHEME

20. For audit purposes the external auditors have asked that consideration is given to the disregard for War Widow's/Widower's Pension or War Disablement Pension
21. When deciding claims for Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support The Social Security Administration Act 1992 section 134(8)(b) and 139(6)(b) provides Local Authorities with the discretion to increase the amount of war pension it disregards. Local Authorities can introduce a local scheme to disregard some or all of any War Widow's/Widower's Pension or War Disablement Pension remaining after the mandatory disregards have been applied. Bury currently applies a full disregard and have been doing so for a number of years. The auditors have asked that a reminder of this arrangement is set out in the report to members when considering the 2023/24 scheme as this is now a requirement of the annual audit certification process.

Discretionary Council Tax Fund

22. The Welfare Support Team currently administer applications for hardship relief in accordance with the Council Tax Reduction Policy under Section 13A (1) (C).
23. Housing Support Funding is now in its third phase of operation, with additional resources being made available to help vulnerable council taxpayers access support including Council Tax hardship relief. It is anticipated that further Housing Support funding will be made available from April 2023 with a view to maintaining this resource.

Links with the Corporate Priorities:

Please summarise how this links to the Let's Do It Strategy.

This policy supports our local community particularly those who are experiencing hardship. This relates to both the local and strengths-based elements of the Bury 2030 strategy in order to support our residents from

getting into debt

Equality Impact and Considerations:

Please provide an explanation of the outcome(s) of an initial or full EIA.

Intranet link to EIA documents is [here](#).

No differential Impact has been identified.

Eqia Attached

Environmental Impact and Considerations:

Please provide an explanation of the carbon impact of this decision.

None

Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
<p>The Covid pandemic increased the number of eligible claimants for the scheme during 20/21. This number has gradually fallen during 21/22 and continues to fall in 22/23.</p> <p>The number of claimants requiring welfare support or who are unable to pay the remainder of the council tax bill remains high with the cost-of-living crisis adding to pressures on individuals, in turn increasing pressure on the council in terms of costs and also other types of support and resources.</p> <p>Additional government funding will reduce the burden on those facing increases in their charges.</p> <p>Many Councils have reviewed Council Tax Reduction Schemes in recent years moving to more simplified systems such as Banded Income solutions, making it easier to administer and simpler for customers to understand, this should be considered for future years providing enough time and resource for adequate consultation.</p>	<p>No changes to the scheme are proposed and the utilisation of the fund to support increased demand enables the council to maintain support at current levels.</p> <p>Regular monitoring is in place to review increases in demand, additional Welfare Support and close working with partners helps identify vulnerable customers and available support.</p> <p>Maintain Professional links with the appropriate government departments and professional bodies in order to consider best practice.</p>

Legal Implications

Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (“the 1992 Act”) and as amended by The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 requires each billing authority in England to make a scheme specifying the reductions which are to apply to amounts of council tax payable by persons, or classes of person, whom the billing authority considers are in financial need. This must be decided by 11th March the preceding financial year.

Financial Implications:

It is important that the Council uses all of its powers and discretions to support its most vulnerable residents, and this is more important during times of economic difficulty. The local council tax support scheme seeks to help those who are struggling financially and who are still liable for council tax.

Appendices:

Please list any appended documents.

Appendix 1 – Council Tax Support Explained

Background papers:

Please list any background documents to this report and include a hyperlink where possible.

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

Term	Meaning

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Report to:	Council	Date: 18 January 2023
Subject:	Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officers	
Report of	Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth and Skills	

Summary

1. The Council is required to appoint Deputy Electoral Registration Officers to provide assistance and cover to the Electoral Registration Officer.

Recommendation(s)

2. Council appoints Lynne Ridsdale, Bury Council's Deputy Chief Executive as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer until 1 March 2023.
3. Council appoints, Bury Council's Monitoring Officer, Jacqui Dennis and the Joint Chief Information Officer, Kate Waterhouse as Deputy Electoral Registration Officers.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

4. Following the Deputy Chief Executive's appointment as Chief Executive, she will automatically become Electoral Registration Officer from 1 March 2023.
5. The Council's Monitoring Office and the Chief Information Officer will be the senior officers supporting the Chief Executive in their electoral responsibilities.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Not applicable.

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Background

6. All Councils must appoint a senior officer to be Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) with responsibility for maintaining the Electoral Register throughout the year.
7. At Bury Council this role is fulfilled by the Chief Executive who is also the Returning Officer.
8. Sections 52 and 53 of the Representation of the People Act 1982 sets out the statutory functions of the ERO.

9. The Electoral Commission recommend that Council's approves the appointment of one or more Deputy EROs who can carry out the duties and powers of the ERO if they are unable to act personally.
10. The ERO does not have the power to appoint a Deputy ERO. This must be a Council decision.

Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
In the event that the Electoral Registration Officer is unable to fulfil their role, the Council need Deputies in place.	Appoint two deputies to provide cover if required.

Legal Implications:

11. The legal implications are set out in the body of the report.

Financial Implications:

12. There are no financial implications.

Appendices:

Please list any appended documents.

Background papers:

Please list any background documents to this report and include a hyperlink where possible.

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

Term	Meaning
ERO	Electoral Registration Officer



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Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	18 th January 2023
Title of report:	Establishment of Greater Manchester Joint Scrutiny Committee
Report by:	Leader of the Council
Decision Type:	Council
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

This report seeks to establish a Greater Manchester Joint Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise decisions of the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee and the Clean Air Administration Committee.

Decisions of both committees are currently subject to Scrutiny by each District; the proposed joint Scrutiny arrangements will enable decisions to be scrutinised more effectively and efficiently on a Greater Manchester basis.

Recommendation(s)

Council is requested to:

1. Agree to the establishment of a GM Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee;
2. Agree the Terms of Reference of the Committee as set out in Appendix A; and
3. Appoint a member and substitute to the Committee.

Background

Clean Air Administration Committee

The ten Greater Manchester Districts and GMCA established the Clean Air Administration Committee in March 2021 and delegated to the committee -

- *the GMCA's and the Constituent Authorities' functions under sections 82 to 84 of the Environment Act 1995*

- *the GMCA's functions in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan (including the taking of action likely to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of Greater Manchester in connection with it and the use of grants made by the Secretary of State under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 to implement that plan).*
- *the Constituent Authorities functions under the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan including those under Part 3 of, and Schedule 12 to, the Transport Act 2000 and regulations made thereunder (excluding any decision thereunder that must be taken jointly by charging authorities) including, but not limited to:*
- *action required under the Environment Act 1995 (Greater Manchester) Air Quality Direction 2020 (other than the making of the joint local charging scheme);*
- *the exercise of their powers under sections 176, 177 and 192 of the Transport Act 2000;*
- *the application of the Constituent Authorities' shares of any net proceeds of a joint local charging scheme made by them.*

The discharge of such functions includes the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of those functions.

The Clean Air Charging Committee

The Clean Air Charging Committee was established in October 2021 by the ten districts with the following functions:

The Committee shall have power to take all such decisions of the Constituent Authorities (as charging authorities) that must be taken jointly under Part 3 of, and Schedule 12 to, the Transport Act 2000 and any regulations made thereunder.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- *Making and varying a joint local charging scheme order;*
- *Decisions of the charging authority under such a joint local charging scheme and the Road User Charging Schemes (Penalty charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013.*

Scrutiny Functions

Decisions of both committees are currently subject to Scrutiny by each District. However, as the Committees are jointly exercising the functions of the authorities it is proposed that the Scrutiny arrangements are also exercised jointly. This will enable decisions to be scrutinised more effectively and efficiently and on a Greater Manchester basis and across both Committees.

Proposed Terms of Reference for the GM Scrutiny Committee are attached at Appendix A and recommendations are set out at the front of this report.

Equality Impact and considerations:

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

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

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

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

Equality Analysis	<i>Please provide a written explanation of the outcome(s) of either conducting an initial or full EA.</i>
This proposal has no impact on equalities.	

Legal Implications:

The proposed Committee will avoid the 10 districts and GMCA separately scrutinising any decisions, thus enabling a more effective scrutiny process for both committees.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications.

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Appendix A

Clean Air Scrutiny Committee – Terms of Reference

General

The Clean Air Scrutiny Committee (“the Scrutiny Committee”) is a joint committee created by the ten Greater Manchester local authorities (“the Constituent Authorities”) under section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Membership of the Scrutiny Committee

The membership of the Scrutiny Committee shall be ten, consisting of one member appointed by each of the Constituent Authorities. The Constituent Authorities shall also each nominate a substitute member to attend and vote in their stead. Membership must reflect (as far as reasonably practicable) the political balance of the whole GM area.

Role of the Committee

The Scrutiny Committee’s role and function is as follows:

1. To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken by the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee, including decisions delegated by it to officers and sub-committees;
2. To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken, in relation to the Constituent Authorities’ functions, exercised by the Air Quality Administration Committee, including decisions delegated by it to officers and sub-committees;
3. To make reports or recommendations to the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee or the Air Quality Administration Committee concerning the discharge of their functions;
4. To Call-In decisions made by the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee, including decisions delegated by it to officers and sub-committees;
5. To Call-In decisions made, in relation to the Constituent Authorities’ functions, exercised by the Air Quality Administration Committee, including decisions delegated by it to officers and sub-committees;
6. Any three members of the Scrutiny Committee can call in a decision of the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee or the Air Quality Administration Committee.
7. If the Scrutiny Committee does Call-In a decision it can:
 - (a) Direct that a decision is not to be implemented while it is under review or scrutiny by the Scrutiny Committee; and
 - (b) Recommend that the decision be reconsidered.
8. To establish formal sub committees or informal task and finish groups if they wish.

9. Attendance
 - Members of the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee or the Air Quality Administration Committee;
 - Officers exercising delegated functions of the Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee or the Air Quality Administration Committee;must attend meetings of the Scrutiny Committee, if invited, to answer questions.
10. Other people may be invited to attend meetings of the Scrutiny Committee, but are not obliged to attend.

Operation of the Scrutiny Committee

11. The Committee shall appoint a Chair at its first meeting.
12. The Quorum of the Committee shall be two thirds of its members (7 members).
13. Each member shall have one vote.
14. The Chair shall not have a casting vote.
15. Unless required by law, decisions shall be made by a simple majority.
16. The Committee will meet as often as required.

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Report to:	Council	Date: 18 January 2023
Subject:	A review of Special Responsibility Allowances for Members appointed to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Report of	The Council's Monitoring Officer	

Summary

To report the recommendations of the GM Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the remuneration of the Members of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation(s)

1. Note the recommendations of the report of the GM Independent Remuneration Panel. (Appendix 1).
2. Note that the levelling up bill is still proceeding through parliament and therefore the GMCA does not yet have legislative power to pay allowances directly to the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee members.
3. That Bury Council (along with GM Districts) pay allowances to their appointees to the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the interim.
4. Ensure that appropriate arrangements are put in place with the GM treasurer to enable reimbursement from the GMCA to Bury Council.
5. Payments of SRAs for Members and Chair of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set as recommended in the report (Appendix 1) and are backdated to 24th June 2022 when the new scrutiny arrangements were put in place.
6. The Council's Member Allowance Scheme is adjusted to take account of the interim arrangements.

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1. Background

1.1 The Greater Manchester Combined Authority Order 2011, as amended by the GMCA (Amendment) Order 2015 and the GMCA (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 provides for the appointment of a GMCA Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP). At their meeting on 24 February 2017 the GMCA agreed to establish in accordance with relevant statutory provisions, its own Independent Remuneration Panel.

1.2 Following consideration of the Independent Review¹ of the GMCA Scrutiny function undertaken by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny at their meeting on the 24 June 2022, the GMCA agreed to re-convene the IRP to consider a special responsibility allowance for members and substitutes of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

2. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PROCESS

2.1 Membership of the Greater Manchester Independent Remuneration Panel consists of:

- ☐ Dr Declan Hall –Independent Chair
- ☐ Clive Memmott – Chamber of Commerce
- ☐ Vicky Knight – UNISON Northwest

2.2 The Panel met in July 2022 to begin the process of reviewing the remuneration for the Members of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Their final report was completed in November 2022 but was not considered immediately by the GMCA as it was anticipated that the reference to the payment of allowances to Scrutiny, Audit and PCP Committee members within the Levelling Up White Paper was imminently to become law.

2.3 The Panel formally convened to conduct the review and it interviewed members of Scrutiny, members the GMCA and relevant officers. In addition, all Scrutiny members were sent a short questionnaire for those who were unable to meet with the Panel were given the opportunity to make a written submission.

2.4 The Panel wishes to thank those Members and officers who assisted them with their review and submits its recommendations for consideration by the GMCA.

3. RENUMERATION PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations of the GMCA's Independent Remuneration Panel are –

a) The IRP recommends that the Members of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee are paid an annual SRA of £3,228.

b) The IRP recommends that the Substitute Members of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee are paid an SRA consisting of two components:

□ A Standing SRA of £536 per year

□ A Variable SRA of £134.52 for every meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and task and finish group attended

c) The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Chair of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be £9,684.

d) The IRP recommends that if the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoint a Vice Chair then that post holder should receive an SRA of £4,035.

e) The IRP recommends that the SRAs recommended for the Members, Substitutes, Chair and if so appointed a Vice Chair of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee are also annually indexed in accordance with the annual percentage cost of living increase that is applied each year as set by the National Joint Council for Local Government Staff, with the indexation applied at the same time it is applied to the remuneration of the GMCA Elected Mayor and Co-opted Members.

f) The Panel further recommends that the recommended SRAs for Members and Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are backdated to 24th June 2022 or any date thereafter than the GMCA deems is appropriate.

Legal Implications:

Under the Local Authorities (Members Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 Local Authorities must maintain an Independent Panel and updated scheme. The Member allowance scheme was agreed by Members at Annual Council on the 25th May 2022. If members are minded to agree to the recommendations the current scheme will be amended to reflect to proposal from the GM Independent Remuneration Panel. Members are to note that this is a temporary change until such point as the relevant legislation is enacted.

Financial Implications:

There will be no financial implications for Bury Council as a result of the proposed changes to the Member Allowance Scheme however we will need to administer the payments until the arrangements with the CA are in place.

Appendix 1 – full report of the Independent Remuneration Panel – November 2022.

Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	18th January 2023
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 26th November 2022 to 9th January 2023.
- 1.2 I would like to start by wishing a Happy New Year to the members of this council, all of those who work and with the council, and to all those who we represent across the borough.
- 1.3 2022 was a very difficult year; we began with the fight against Covid, headed into a dreadful war in Ukraine, and an internal battle at government level which has given us three Prime Ministers. As the year ended the struggle for many people was, and still is, to put food on the table and turn on the heating. Bills have gone through the roof, and this calamitous cost of living crisis means that a lot of people will have had a bleak end to the year.
- 1.4 This year our mission is to remain ambitious. Despite all the challenges we continue to face. We're going to continue providing help to get Bury people through these financial challenges: from free school meals over the holidays to fuel bill supplements for residents who rely on medical equipment at home.
- 1.5 We'll also be going flat out to regenerate our town centres in Bury, Radcliffe and Prestwich, putting in unprecedented levels of money to ensure our borough thrives for decades to come.
- 1.6 As part of this regeneration, many new homes will be built on brownfield sites across the borough, helping families to get on the housing ladder

and bringing derelict sites back into use. And, as a Real Living Wage employer, some of the lowest paid people in Bury will get a pay rise, particularly those who work in social care.

- 1.7 There are countless people who deserve our thanks for all their hard work in 2022. I'd particularly like to praise all the staff and volunteers who administered the Covid vaccination programme, keeping Bury people safe from illness and worse.
- 1.8 We will also have a new chief executive of the council when Lynne Ridsdale takes up her post. She'll not just be leading council services but also the local NHS. Again, Bury has been ahead of the field by formally bringing together local health and care services. As the current problems with hospital discharges show, these two are inextricably linked, and both must be properly funded.

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 November 2022.

Dept	Priority	Deliverables
BGI	Developing Bury Market & Flexi Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION - RIBA Stage 2 is complete and the team are developing RIBA Stage 3 outputs, including planning documentation. Pre-planning advice has been received through the revised options will be reviewed by the Council on the 14th of November. Consultation is continuing with the Market Traders Association and other stakeholders during this period to ensure that they are kept informed with more detailed presentations and events in the New Year. LAND ASSMEBLY – CBRE have now made offers to assemble the remaining 3 properties required to deliver the development. The offer presented to the casino operator has been immediately rejected and CBRE are undertaking further discussions this week. The offer for Back Georgiana Street is still under consideration and we await a response w/c 14/11. Initial discussions suggest it will be accepted. The sale of 2 Princess Parade has now been agreed and a paper will be presented to Cabinet to progress matters. OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT - Internal work has been carried out to agree an operations

		<p>management strategy for the flexi hall. The market is now being tested to select an external operator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MONITORING / REPORTING - Monitoring reports to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) will be submitted over the next 2 weeks and will now include more detailed outcome/benefits realisation information which is now required by Civil Servants.
	Radcliffe Hub Levelling Up programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION - RIBA Stage Four is now set to commence. Work continues to complete documentation required for planning application submission (due in January) and submission of the full bid to the Sport England Strategic Investment Programme (deadline end of January) • CONSULTATION/COMMS - The Regen office will re-open in it's new Blackburn Street location. Work continues towards developing engaging and interactive communication assets – development prospectus, micro site and site hoardings. Work will also continue towards the next edition of the Regenerating Radcliffe newsletter (due for publication in February 23) • COMMERCIAL – Negotiations ongoing to reach an agreement on vacant possession with Boots • TEMPORARY/ENABLING WORKS - Decant planning ongoing with Radcliffe Market operator and traders. Project remains on programme, with the majority of Utility diversion works now been instructed. Dialogue is ongoing with BT Openreach and Cadet in relation to fibre cable and gas main diversions • MONITORING/REPORTING - Outcomes reporting and benefits realisation plan needs to be developed as a priority. Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) have requested site visits in early January for both Levelling Up Fund (LUF) projects, to assess progress
	Radcliffe SRF including: - Housing - North Block - Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deloitte has been appointed to deliver a multi-disciplinary study and recommendations which will baseline plans for parking on the Radcliffe Hub alongside wider development opportunities in the Town. This commission will reference recent progress and design development for the Radcliffe Hub, the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) plans for the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and developments at the new

		<p>High School and the East Lancs Papermill (ELPM) sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ELPM site Reserved Matters application due in December 2022.
	Delivering the Prestwich Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Venture Agreement - Joint Venture Agreement, Option Agreement and Development Management Agreement has been signed off and Prestwich Regeneration LLP has been formed. Design and Planning - RIBA stage 1 Preparation and Design work: Design team working on draft Masterplan, cost plan, financial modelling, and business case in preparation for RIBA Stage 1 report by Jan 2023. Hub Building engagement scoping session with Health commenced on 14th November to establish interest in the Hub from health perspective Discussions are ongoing with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) around the travel hub and wider mobility infrastructure in the site. Comms and Engagement - Comms soft launch: 16th December - website, socials and press release Vacant Possession (VP) - Operational work on the lease renewals, tenancy engagement, and agreeing HoTs for the Vacant units. VP strategy being developed with Keppie Massie to score tenants of the Longfield Shopping Centre (LSC) Discussions are ongoing with the design team about decant retail space for the tenants
	Delivering the Bury Town Centre Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bury Town Centre Advisory Board programme revised to include updates from Bury College and Voluntary, Community and Faith Alliance (VCFA) and links to skills strategy. Additional meeting scheduled in January to consider Millgate masterplan. Meetings continue with regards to the SOBC for the new Interchange. Proposal to fund some public space enhancements is approved in principle, pending GMCA receiving their grant determination letter. The new, business led, Bury Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) has now been established, with scope to support the delivery of the masterplan. Meetings with Strategic Transport lead regarding borough-wide transport strategy and Bury Parking provision

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bury Town Centre Major Projects Interface meetings set up (namely Bury Market and Flexihall, Mill Gate and Bury Transport Interchange)
	Delivering the Ramsbottom Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work continues on the early development of the priority projects and consideration of resources required to implement them. Ongoing support from the Council's Delivery Unit to support further development of the delivery programme/projects plan. Appropriate and efficient governance arrangements are confirmed. Project brief complete regarding the Ramsbottom Market Chambers and Civic Hall buildings to commission a feasibility study via SBS Framework to consider options for an enterprise centre in line with the funding secured from Evergreen. First stage brief to go out via the framework 06/12/22. Discussion held with the Libraries Service regarding options to use the library building to soft-market test enterprise-type provision locally to support development of an actual enterprise centre. Meetings continue with the strategic transport lead and engineers to link their work of the borough-wide transport strategy, active travel and CRSTS links to support delivery of the plan in relation to the Ramsbottom Parking Strategy and the town centre public spaces. Proposals to support delivery (feasibility work) via UK Shared prosperity Fund UKSPF) have been approved in principle, pending Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) receiving their grant determination letter. Overview & Scrutiny report complete and taken to meeting 22/11/22.
	Assets disposed of in line with the Land Disposal Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme continuing – active steps being taken to move transacted deals through the legal process Cabinet approval received for the sale of Summerseat House Sale of former site of Fire Station. Site to be re-marketed following termination of sale to Midia Marketing of former Police Station site commenced.
	Delivery of the Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 initiation meeting held with Hatch - awaiting details of revised timetable

	Strategy including embedded all age skills strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline structure prepared - Will be considered by project team in Dec.
	Delivery of activity associated with the progression of the Bury Local Plan: Places for Everyone (PfE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on-going on strategic sites in conjunction with Places for Everyone (PfE). Includes further work with National Highways to identify the mitigation needed on the motorway network. Hearing sessions on-going. Northern Gateway to be discussed on 17 January 2023 and other Bury allocations on 24 January 2023.
	Delivery of Brownfield Housing Site Sales Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Kemp Heaton – site surveys and ground investigations underway. Wheatfields – Planning ap determination due Dec 2022. Fletcher Fold – approval from Cabinet for disposal to a registered provider on the RP Framework – procurement underway. Pipeline of sites in place, prioritisation of sites in line with updated Accelerated Land Disposal Programme (ALDP) commenced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School St – exchange contracts w/c 5/12/22 (was 29/11/22) subject to Overage approval. Planning app w/c 12/1/22. Seedfield site - exchanged and deposit received 10/11/22 and planning app submitted 11/11/22 ELPM site –Cabinet approval of revised offer 16th November 2022. Supporting Planning process for RM app in January. Humphrey House – Growth Location funding agreed for Phase 1 due diligence and feasibility work for Build to rent apartment scheme. Homes England funding for survey work secured. Pyramid Park – Soft market testing commenced and joint master plan with TfGM being scoped. Phase 1 Townfields Close Cabinet report being drafted for proposed disposal using RP framework for a 100% AH Older People's scheme.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uplands/Whitefield Library/Pinfold - potential land swap proposal being discussed which will result in options paper. • LGA/OPE Brownfield Land Release funding criteria being reviewed for short list of unviable/market failed sites eligible for funding in Spring 2023.
Children and Young People	Delivery of activity within the OFSTED Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Peer Review (10th/11th Nov) focused on corporate parenting, part of continued support from LGA to develop corporate parenting in Bury. • Workshops have begun to support the implementation of the Family Safeguarding model of practice; 5 workshops took place in November (Thresholds, Duties & Family Rights) with further workshops booked in until the end of March 2023. • Essex completed a 2 day diagnostic under the SLIP arrangements, to look at how an edge of care offer would support improved outcomes for children and families. • Neglect Strategy has been approved
	Support to deliver the Schools Capital Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star Academy Radcliffe – Local Authority (LA) led Project team continues to meet; DfE has faced some challenges with procurement process and we continue to work closely with the Department for Education (DfE); pre-planning & highways discussions have continued; planning for removal of Spring Lane School and Radcliffe Leisure progressing as planned • Construction of new special school in Unsworth expected to be complete late autumn 2023; ongoing discussion with DfE/Shaw on formal opening date (anticipated January 2024) • LA/Shaw in discussion about specific cohort of children that will be admitted on opening • SEMH special free school on schedule. Applications assessed and two applicants to progress to interview in January 2023. • Detailed design work completed for relocation of Spring Lane School to Spurr House; Planning submission anticipated early 2023; financial approvals in place; completion anticipated late autumn 2023 – relocation date to be confirmed
	Delivery activity within the Project Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation plan has been produced • PSV Board continues to meet to monitor progress and financial remodelling is in progress

	Valve (PSV) programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A moderation process linked to criteria around need is currently being drafted, around special school top-ups • A newly established Schools Capital Board will oversee implementation of the resource provision project plan and expansion of the capital programme
	Review of Early Years Services against the 1001 days pathway and GMCA 8 stage delivery model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructure signed off so now able to progress additional posts in Early Years' Service which will drive the 0-2 year old offer • Developing Woodbank as centre of excellence for early years
	Develop locality teams to a Family Hub model through Bury East pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On track to launch first iteration in East Bury • Mapping the offer in Radcliffe and site for delivery
	Develop Special Educational Needs (SEND) integrated transparent pathways through the revised Graduated Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group of schools have begun to pilot the graduated response and using the resources • 32 schools engaged in SEND peer reviews to gain the Inclusion Mark • Continued work undertaken with the EHCP team to assure improved processes around assessment and EHCP advice • Neuro pathway taken to the Children's Strategic Partnership Board
	Increase the proportion of 16-25-year-olds with SEND in employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our destinations data shows that we have more learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities (LLDD) starting on apprenticeships: 37 16-18 year olds started in 2020/21 (12.5% of all apprenticeship starters) which has risen to 61 in 2021/22 (20.3% of all new starts). For those aged 19-24, we had 34 last year compared to 43 this year. These numbers include young people with mental health issues which we know have been impacted by Covid. • The number of high needs students (funded by Bury Council) leaving Bury College in summer 22 with an employment related destination is 11. • We have 87.4% young people in education, employment or training (EET) for those in years 12 & 13 who had an Education and Health Care

		Plan (EHCP) on leaving school (as of Nov 22) with 90.1% for those who received SEN support
Operations	Achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and be single use plastic free across the Council by end 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go neutral - GMCA are providing a consultant resource to provide information/data, business cases to help bring solar PV projects to market A refresh of the Single Use Plastic Action Plan has been produced and we have joined a GMCA group to progress this consistently across GM and share best practice. 'Let's Go Green' Branding produced and draft communications plan currently being circulated internally for comment All car club cars in place at both Market Car Park Bury and Fairfax Road, Prestwich so trial is in full operation.
	Develop the Wellness model and prepare to move existing provision to the new Radcliffe Hub (Ops improvement plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport England full bid for Radcliffe Hub submitted £1.5m Planning Application preparation underway Management Operational Plan for Radcliffe Hub in development
	Highway resurfacing and preventative maintenance (delivery of Highway Investment Strategy (HIS) - Tranche 2) and Improvement programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and programme development of HIS3. Prioritisation will follow after Nov/Dec with a report going to cabinet late Q3.
	Create a Youth Zone facility (subject to site identification and mutual approval)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility Study Bury vs Radcliffe completed
	Introduction of a women's safety charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web forms and webpage finalised and will go live following WSC launch.

	(WSC)(voluntary pledge for all licensed premises)	
	Develop a Driver Safety initiative for the Taxi Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Completed - 421 aware participants with 83 contributors to the consultation. Separate focus group completed by Trade Engagement Officer. Consultation findings report drafted. Production (video) companies being sought to quote for training video. Next Greater Manchester Police (GMP) meeting scheduled for January 2023.
One Care Organisation	Health and Care System Transformation	<p>Elective care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Derma pilot – GP Communications circulated to all Bury GPs to support December launch. • Clinical Diagnostic Centre proposition connected to Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in development with Northern Care Alliance (NCA) • Elective Care and Cancer Single System Work Plan – initial meeting held with NCA and system partners - draft plan to be submitted to Integrated Delivery Collaborative Board (IDCB) January 2023 <p>Urgent Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) Improvement Plan Group continues • No reason to reside (NRTR) Turnaround Group programme continues • GM System Operational Response Taskforce (SORT) return all completed <p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mental health strategy and action plan has been agreed by the locality board and moves into delivery phase this month • CYP Mental Health Strategic group convened – system review into Bury pressures will shape the wider GM ask for investment • CYP Campaign work is progressing
	Deliver the government's adult social care reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First iteration of Care Quality Commission (CQC) gap analysis completed with key internal stakeholders on 1.11.22. Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) Peer challenge day re: CQC assurance booked for 16th Feb 2023. Initial meeting re: future data and business intelligence requirements held. First draft ASC Business Plan

		<p>and Assurance reporting proposals reviewed with DASS. Inception meeting with 'Policy Portal' supplier 18.11.22 to commence development of updated ASC policy framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee modelling for 23/24 has begun. Awaiting feedback from Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and instruction to publish Cost of Care reports. Terms of reference have been drafted for the proposed Provider strategic engagement group and are currently being reviewed. • Financial impact and demand modelling activity postponed due to Autumn Statement. Activity will continue with a smaller project team to carry out the system developments identified as good practice following the introduction of the integrated Liquidlogic Adult Social Care System (LAS) /ContrOCC systems. • CYP colleagues have joined the LPS project team; next meeting arranged on 30th November.
	Population Health system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money Advice Referral Tool completed and launched • Follow up cost of living summit for all Bury Partners to build on anti-poverty plan and work through community-based support and solutions was held over 60 in attendance • 'Warm Space' directory pulled together and launched through The Bury Directory • Successful bid for funding to support targeted work in Sedgley Park and for people with LD to reduce inequalities in uptake of covid vaccine • Flu programme continuing to roll out alongside covid programme
Corporate Core	Getting the basics right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LETS Values & behaviours framework implementation - Framework launched at event on 15th November • Core management development programme go-live - Detailed design underway. Planning on go-live of first cohort in January • Update on absence to be provided to Performance Scrutiny Sub Group in December • New Website - Brand guidelines agreed and functional user acceptance testing commences • Digital Operating Model - Development workshops completed with staff and draft initial target operating model presented to senior management group.

	Embedding the Neighbourhood Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget consultation launched on the options for future funding of the Art Gallery Anti-poverty action plan - Update presented to Scrutiny and second Anti-Poverty Summit held. New provisions via the Household Support Fund agreed and Free Schools Meals Programme extended through to Easter 2023. First draft of Family Hub Model presented to the Public Service Reform Steering Group. Further work to be undertaken to align model to wider PSR vision
	Delivery of the Internal Transformation Strategy	Detailed report giving overview of Transformation Delivery developed for Cabinet. This outlines next steps including programme of staff consultation
	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pulse Survey 3 live Leadership Development Approach - Approach agreed and in place, go-live in January Children's Workforce Strategy delivery - Strategy agreed. Delivery underway: New structure implementation progressing

3 Additional reports

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

List of Background Papers:-

None identified

**(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – 15 December 2022
Re. School Street – Brownfield Housing Grant Viability issue**

Decision taken:

To approve the overage sum to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority as part of the sales agreement payable on completion.

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:

Overage payable due to viability of site - risk of full grant clawback if unresolved in December.

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GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022

TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY UPDATE

1. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which provided a detailed update on the implementation of the Transformation Strategy through the three programmes of work in the Let's Do It! Strategy and the parallel digital strategy, and the ways in which the work has evolved since the launch of the Strategy in July 2021. Members discussed the report, noting the challenging context and the need for everyone to work together to set achievable targets and to ensure the Council realised them.
2. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

MILLWOOD PRIMARY SPECIAL SCHOOL: UPDATE ON REMEDIATION PROGRAMME & EXPANSION PROPOSAL

3. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which provided an update on the remediation programme and set out a proposal to expand capacity at Millwood in order to meet increasing demands for local specialist provision. In response to Members' questions it was noted that the initial contractors were being used as this reflected the best route to achieve speed of delivery without compromising on quality. In terms of timescales, it was noted that there was an aspiration completion date in 2024, but this would depend on the views and needs of the school and its current pupils.
4. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES EDUCATION AND EARLY HELP RESTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

5. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which sought approval in principle to progress to formal consultation with affected staff on the next phase of the transformation of Children's Services, setting out proposed changes to the Education Directorate. In response to Members questions it was noted that new posts in phase 2 should be faster to fill as there was no national recruitment issues for these posts.
6. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

7. 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. In response to Members' questions Jacqui Dennis, Director of Law and Democratic Services, advised that the costs from Counsel for their advice concerning this appointment would be shared with Members one available, and that this Panel was discharging formal functions and the appointment had been made in consideration of political proportionality across the Council.
8. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

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Question / Responder	Questioner / Question / Response
1	<p>Does the Cabinet Member for Communities believe enough is being done to deter people carrying knives in Bury Town Centre?</p> <p>Cllr Shahbaz Arif</p>
Cllr Gold	<p>Bury Community Safety partners are committed to ensure that Bury town centre, and indeed the Borough as a whole is a safe place for all. Tackling Crime, including knife enabled crime, is one of Bury Community Safety Partnership's priorities. With a specific sub-group of the CSP in place, this group is delivering on a 'EPIC' Knife Crime plan for the Borough – covering enforcement; prevention; insight; and communication.</p> <p>In relation to the Town Centre, this has included in recent weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proactive mix of hi-visibility and covert (under cover) patrols and operations, including Operation Spectre; a day of action with GM Violence Reduction colleagues and joint patrols with the Integrated Youth Outreach team - Specific tasking in Operations including Heartbeat and Dasher including use of stop-search powers - The use of knife arches and wands at Bury Interchange and across the transport network in conjunction with Travelsafe - Education and awareness sessions in conjunction with schools and Colleges on the danger of carrying a knife, including pilot of letter to parents where individuals have been associated with anti-social behaviour or criminality where reports of a knife have been made (ie beyond just any individual identified as carrying a knife) <p>This activity will remain a priority in the context of the Serious Violence Duty which comes into force at the end of this month. Bury CSP are already undertaking work to develop a local Strategic Needs Assessment which will further focus our work across public service partners (through neighbourhood based public service leadership teams); with business (including the Night Time Economy as part of building on the Best Bar None initiative with licenced premises); with community groups and with local residents.</p>
2	<p>During this Cost of Living Crisis, what is the Council doing to support those with the least during maternity and a child's early years to ensure they have access to healthy food?</p> <p>Supplementary: What plans do we have to promote the Healthy Start voucher scheme project across the whole borough?</p> <p>Cllr Fitzgerald</p>
Cllr Gold	<p>As part of the anti-poverty work we have created a local Money Advice Referral Tool, which has been actively promoted for frontline staff including those working within maternity and health visitors. This can help signpost young mothers and parents to available financial support and where they can access support in the form of food and fuel vouchers.</p> <p>Young mothers and parents to young children can also access food and fuel vouchers through frontline trusted referrers if they are experiencing financial difficulties.</p> <p>Finally, we are working with food banks to support their conversions to more sustainable food pantries, where parents and carers of babies and young children can go to access subsidised healthy foods should they need to.</p> <p>Supplementary: The Healthy Start Vouchers have already been promoted throughout all key partners and frontline staff via the Bury Food Partnership. We have actively worked to increase the number of retailers where these can be used including working with Bury Markets to support them to become retailers. We have also recently been successful in an application to the sustainable food places grant, this which will allow us to have increased capacity to actively promote the healthy start vouchers uptake and usage within the market.</p>

3	<p>What plans are in place to promote the cultural offer of our borough for 2023?</p> <p>Supplementary: How are we working with culture colleagues at Greater Manchester Combined Authority to deliver this?</p> <p>Cllr D Quinn</p>
Cllr Morris	<p>The significant contribution which culture makes to the economic offer of Bury's townships and the wellbeing of residents is understood, particularly after being the GM borough of culture for 2 years.</p> <p>The Council works closely with partners to offer a diverse culture offer across both arts and community celebrations through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a Culture Organisation's Group in Bury town centre, including the Art Museum; ELR and the Met - The engagement of community partners and support to events such as community-led festivals and carnivals is supported through the Community Hubs. <p>Together, partners are developing a borough culture strategy, in partnership with the Arts Council, which will be brought forward for approval in March 2023.</p> <p>Supplementary: The Council was a proactive contributor to consultation on the updated GM Culture Fund, to ensure opportunities for the borough were maximised. Rolling, increased funding has been secured for the Met and the Council has supported partners with applications to the "Spirit" strand of recent funding opportunities. Future applications to the "Collaborate" strand of major, partnership-based GM culture funding will be pursued during 2023 with the benefit of the partnership strategy as a basis for delivery.</p>
4	<p>Could the Cabinet Member advise why residents in Radcliffe North and Ainsworth must accept damage to their properties caused by council owned trees. These trees have been an ongoing issue for over 5 years and the response to each enquiry usually suggests that the trees in question are in reasonable health and require no immediate work. The responses usually go on to suggest if residents have concerns the council advise that they contact their house insurers for guidance. Is it fair as a consequence of this advice residents will have to pay extra insurance in the following year?</p> <p>Cllr Jo Lancaster</p>
Cllr A Quinn	<p>It is often difficult from visual inspections to determine if damage to property is due to Council owned trees. For this reason it is for the resident to prove that the damage is being caused by a Council Owned tree. We advise that residents contact their own home insurance company for guidance.</p> <p>If a claim is then submitted to the Council by the resident, through their insurers, the issue will be investigated by the Council's in house insurance section - who would deal with the claim and carry out their own investigations into the matter. This protocol agreed with our insurers, and is for all areas of the Borough, not just Radcliffe north and Ainsworth.</p>
5	<p>I understand 3 Knowsley Place is leased. How much is the annual rent for 3 Knowsley Place and how long is the agreed lease period on Knowsley Place?</p> <p>Cllr Birchmore</p>
Cllr O'Brien	<p>The current annual rent is £682,656 exclusive of VAT and the lease expires on 9th February 2035.</p>
6	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for Housing outline what support the Council has put in place regarding cold weather provision for rough sleepers in our borough?</p> <p>Cllr Moss</p>
Cllr Cummins	<p>We currently have 35 individual supported units for our rough sleepers, plus we have an outreach service that proactively identifies, reacts and provides support to any new genuine rough sleepers within the Borough. If this provision is full and during the cold weather (zero or</p>

	<p>below) we would then place our rough sleepers into B&B provision until space become available.</p> <p>We also have 115 dispersed properties across the Borough that we use for our statutory homeless cases, which equates to 364 bed spaces in total and which is usually at capacity. To put this into perspective, at the moment we are accommodating and supporting 91 families, 15 singles and 2 couples with the average stay of 169 days.</p> <p>Both statutory and non-statutory (rough sleepers) provision is temporary with the aim of moving these people into more permanent affordable and sustainable accommodation as quickly as possible which is one of the main challenges we face as a Local Authority due to the severe lack of appropriate accommodation.</p> <p>We aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a rapid response to new rough sleepers • provide dedicated officers to support and assist those rough sleeping into dedicated accommodation • provide support based on each individual's needs and coordination intervention needed in partnership with all our commissioned service providers. • help rough sleepers to access a place of safety • reconnect rough sleepers from outside the area with their community and relatives / friends etc.
7	<p>In 2019, the Conservative Government promised to end “no fault evictions” but has yet to pass any legislation to deliver this. What support does the Council provide to help tenants at risk of being made homeless by this practice?</p> <p>Supplementary: Have we seen homeless enquiries increase since the temporary ban was lifted during the pandemic?</p> <p>Cllr Green</p>
Cllr Cummins	<p>Despite the Government committing to ending Section 21 notices in the 2022 Queens Speech, and the previous Prime Minister committing to their abolition in Parliament, legislation has still not been brought forward to end this practise. The Council works closely with Private landlords and tenants to try and prevent tenancy failures and sustain tenancies. To provide support to tenants and the private landlords and help sustain tenancies we have a commissioned floating housing support service that will work with landlords and tenants to offer support and advice when needed. We have also recently been successful in receiving external match funding from DLUHC to recruit to a PRS Development coordinator, one of the main objectives of this role is to work with PRS landlords and develop frameworks / pathways to better support and advise landlords and to help avoid the practice of ‘no fault evictions’ as stated in the question and avoid were possible Landlords serving section 21 notices.</p> <p>Since the introduction of the Homeless Reduction Act in 2018 the aim is to prevent homelessness in the first instance. All Homelessness cases are assessed against the homelessness and housing legislation to ensure we are providing the required advice and support to meet our duty as a local authority.</p> <p>In terms of non-priority need cases as determined by legislation we also have additional provision available to provide temporary and emergency accommodation with support.</p> <p>Supplementary: demand has significantly increased over the past 12 months since the lifting of the ban and the Covid restrictions due to several factors which is aligned to other GM LA's, Regional and National trends. This will be challenging to manage but the service is being</p>

	proactive to find solutions to these increasing demands with the increased supplies of affordable and social housing within the Borough.
8	What preparations are the council putting in place to allow street parties and other celebrations for His Majesty The Kings Jubilee? Cllr Khalid Hussain
Cllr Gold	<p>The Coronation of His Majesty The King, Charles III, will take place on Sunday 6th May 2023. It has been announced that the Coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry. Further details on planned national activities have yet to be announced by the Royal Household.</p> <p>Locally, preparations are being made to determine appropriate civic activity to mark the Coronation, and the opportunities for local residents to celebrate the occasion, with the Monday following the 6th May being designated as a public (bank) holiday.</p> <p>A dedicated page will be available shortly on the Council's website and information promoted through a press release and social media channels which will detail activities. In the meantime guidance on organising events including applying for road closures for street parties is available at bury.gov.uk/eventsguidance and proposals will be considered, as with any event, by the Bury Event Safety Advisory Group.</p>
9	Can the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provide an update on the key actions being taken to improve performance in Children's Services? Cllr Bayley
Cllr Smith	<p>I want to say, personally, how important it is that you keep asking questions about this. Other Councils that have been through a similar journey say the second year, which we're about to enter, can be the most challenging because people lose momentum, so keep asking me questions.</p> <p>As you know we have taken some key actions already, mainly around securing a senior leadership team and we're slowly starting to see an improvement in our performance. With the new structure we're successfully recruiting to some of the key posts we needed. We have started ambitious recruitment for our social workers, which is a national challenge, and we're hoping to recruit and have in place several social workers by April.</p> <p>Our performance data means that for the first time in a long time we can see our data and understand what is happening and the numbers will tell us where to look and where to improve in a better and more functional way. The performance data is helping us put in learning circles and support around practitioners so we're learning as we go, alongside our quality assurance which, in the last Ofsted monitoring report, had been greatly improved.</p> <p>In terms of the next steps, the DfE came in last week and, though their written response is awaited, their anecdotal feedback was positive with challenges aligned to those we have highlighted, showing our understanding of the service. We will look at DfE recommendations and take them to our Improvement Board alongside our new data so we can ensure full understanding across all our partnerships about what the next step is and how we can double our commitment for year 2.</p>
10	What plans does the Council have to expand the provision of special education places in our borough? Cllr Peel
Cllr Smith	Through its Specialist Place sufficiency Strategy, the Council has set out its ambitions to increase the capacity of high quality specialist provision to meet the needs of children and young people across the borough. Plans are being developed to increase the capacity of

	<p>Millwood Special School; a new secondary Special School is being built in Unsworth and will be ready by the end of the year; a further secondary Special School is at an advanced stage, with a preferred sponsor to be identified mid-January; and an application is currently with the Department for Education for a primary Special School. Alongside these new schools, the Council is also developing a number of Resourced Provision units linked to mainstream schools, providing children and young people in mainstream schools with access to additional specialist provision. In addition, the Council is bringing forward plans to relocate the Pupil Referral Unit into suitably adapted accommodation. All of this represents significant investment in specialist provision to meet the needs of the boroughs most vulnerable children and young people.</p>
11	<p>The Museum Estate And Development Fund was launched by the Department for Digital Culture, Media and Sport to enable local and regional museums to undertake vital infrastructure, repair and maintenance work. Funding is for capital expenditure from £50,000 to £5 million to undertake vital infrastructure and urgent maintenance backlog work to non-national accredited museums. Bury Art Museum is in need of such maintenance. Was the art museum eligible for this funding and was an application made by the council?</p> <p>Cllr Jack Rydeheard</p>
Cllr Morris	<p>Bury Art Museum first applied to the Museum Estate and Development Fund (MEND) fund in 2021, the application was not successful as the project was not at the correct RIBA design stage. Since then, we have sought to undertake the work to progress us to the correct stage.</p> <p>Historic England have since recommended a conservation architect who is better placed to assess the level of work needed and advise correctly given that BAM is Grade II Listed. A complete review of the building's condition is needed, which then clearly identifies specific items in order of priority which can be used to demonstrate need to the MEND application panel. Following the initial EOI to MEND, subject to their response, this would lead on to the development of detailed proposals to RIBA stage 3 ('planning application' stage).</p> <p>The focus will be on the most urgent aspects. i.e., keep the water out, protect the building and collections. On initial assessment the conservation architect thinks that this is likely to bring down the grant ask (which was significant previously) - the key will be to balance the most urgent works with what is likely to be obtained from the MEND fund (better reflecting the grant eligibility). Original estimated project cost £968,809, £775,047 requested from MEND, £193,702 match from Bury Council.</p> <p>£10,000 to enable RIBA stage 3 has been secured, £3,000 in grant funding from Museums Development North West and £7,000 through the Town of Culture reserve. A third round of the MEND fund opens this February and BAM will submit an expression of interest, deadline for EOIs is end of March, if invited to put in full application, the deadline for that will probably be June/July 2023.</p>
12	<p>Radcliffe school pupils have been identified as having the highest number of most severe absences within Bury. Do we now have an understanding as to why this is the case, and what is being done to reduce this?</p> <p>Cllr Mike Smith</p>
Cllr Smith	<p>In autumn 21/ spring 22, the primary schools in the locality of Radcliffe had the highest percentage of severe absentees compared with the primary schools in the Bury and Whitefield localities. The reasons for this are complex. Radcliffe has an improving proportion of good/better schools and school leaders are working with the LA to focus on improving attendance.</p> <p>As the LA works towards full implementation of the DfE's 'Working together to improve school attendance' we have deployed School Attendance Support Officer resource against localities following analysis of absence figures and numbers of persistent and severe absentees. Each school has been given a RAG rating of red, amber or green. We are prioritising the 'red' schools</p>

	from now as we start to implement the new model. Our overarching priority groups are pupils who have been/ are severely absent and those that are not in school full-time. Every school has an assigned School Attendance Support Officer and conversations about each severe absentee are underway. The conversations are to identify barrier/s to attendance, impact of any actions taken and next steps. These pupils will remain high priority and will be followed up to check progress.
13	Can the Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR update on the latest work around Transformation? Cllr Rizvi
Cllr Rafiq	the Council's Transformation Programme has delivered key delivery milestones recently, particularly in relation to digital, customer contact, ways of working and financial efficiencies. These achievements include the creation of the Council's Business Support Function, improvements in customer service targets and the forecast disposal of an initial 6 internal-facing buildings planned through the effective use of our agile working model. As has been reported in other financial monitoring reports the Transformation Programme is on track to deliver its financial savings targets with the exception of those relating to Procurement which will be addressed within the Medium Term Financial Savings Strategy in February. The Report concludes by proposing that the remaining Transformation budget is diverted to support other priorities in the Council which was approved by Cabinet. The remaining work in the Transformation Strategy will now be monitored as business as usual within the Corporate Plan.
14	Following the successful application of the Council to join the Cooperative Councils Innovation Network, can an update be given on plans to encourage a more cooperative approach to the work of the Council? Cllr Whitby
Cllr Morris	In December 2022 Bury Council successfully became a member of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network. Such an approach sits neatly with the principles set out in Bury's Let's Do It! strategy, of focusing on local neighbourhoods, through an enterprising spirit, working together in a co-operative, collaborative and integrated way, building on local strengths to improve outcomes for local people. Key themes of the Co-operative Councils approach centre are around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing the co-operative economy, which locally will be encouraged through the further development of our Economic Strategy and delivery of the GM Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Accord through a refreshed service level agreement with Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance • Community Wealth Building, which locally is being encouraged through building on a community of practice with the Northern Care Alliance and the Council has set an example on through being a GM Good Employment Charter Member • And Co-operative place making – which locally is being encouraged through the development of People and Communities Plans, embedding the priorities of local people into regeneration and community development plans in our towns. To support this there is a key themes for Co-operative Councils training session which will be made available for officers and Elected Members
15	The recent road closure between Meadow Nook and the Woodstock Drive section of Turton Road has been caused by suspected land slippage. Could the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the investigations taking place and what work will be necessary to make that part of the road safe again? Cllr Iain Gartside
Cllr A Quinn	Turton Road was initially closed to all traffic due to the evidence of a land slippage. This was essential to ensure public safety and to allow initial investigations into the possible impact of the movement on gas services in the area.

	<p>An engineer from Cadent Gas has since met with Officers on site and confirmed that there is no damage to the gas services.</p> <p>Now that we have this reassurance arrangements are being made for the road to be re-opened, with 2-way traffic signals in operation.</p> <p>The traffic signals will remain in place until detailed ground investigations are carried out to find the cause of the failure. Once the results of this investigation are known, a decision will be taken on what repairs are required.</p> <p>It is not possible at this stage to give a timeframe of when repairs will be complete and the road fully re-opened.</p> <p>Cadent will be carrying out weekly inspections of the gas mains until the road is repaired and fully re-opened.</p>
16	<p>What is the latest position in respect of Gigg Lane and council funding?</p> <p>Cllr Nick Jones</p>
Cllr Morris	<p>As Members know last November members of Bury Football Club Supporters Society (BFCSS) and The Shakers (the Society behind Bury AFC) voted on a merger of both societies to bring the fan base together and to enable the AFC to become Bury FC playing at Gigg Lane. A majority of both societies voted in favour of a merger but the BFCSS vote fell just short of the two thirds majority required by their constitution.</p> <p>When I reported this to Council on 7th December I said then that the Council would continue to talk to both societies to facilitate continued dialogue and to encourage both to explore further ways in which they could come together. Since then we have continued these discussions alongside officials from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUCH), the Football Supporters Association and the Combined Authority.</p> <p>Unfortunately these talks have not yet been successful. However, Council will continue to support BFCSS, the private benefactors who part funded the acquisition of Gigg Lane and AFC to find a way of creating a new organisation that can deliver this project.</p> <p>The talks have included how to ensure compliance with the terms of the £1m grant from the Government's Community Ownership Fund and I understand that there is a possibility of a visit by a DLUCH minister if timings allow.</p> <p>The Council's position remains as it always has been: our objective is the support all parties to come together to bring senior men's football back to Gigg Lane. To this end Cabinet on 13th July last year agreed to provide up to £450k towards the refurbishment of Gigg Lane on the condition that the project resulted in football coming back to Gigg Lane in a way that is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. fan controlled; 2. with clear community benefit; and 3. commercially viable. <p>These conditions have not been met and therefore the £450k cannot be provided.</p> <p>For the Council, commercial viability has always meant merger of AFC and BFCSS. If there are alternatives to merger which still achieve financial viability and which meet the other two conditions we will, of course, considered them and if necessary I would be prepared to bring a recommendation to Cabinet to consider again providing up to £450k. However, I have to say we are a long way off that at the moment.</p> <p>I will let Members of Council know as soon as there are further developments.</p>
17	<p>Do the council have any plans to review the age of vehicles which taxi drivers can use which currently is vehicles no more than 5 years old? Cllr Roger Brown</p>

Cllr Morris	<p>The taxi and private hire age policy in Bury is part of the Greater Manchester wide common minimum licensing standards that were adopted by this council in November 2021.</p> <p>It is not the case that all taxis in Bury are required to be under five years old. As a result of common minimum licensing standards, in the case of private hire vehicles, they must be under 5 years from date of registration. For wheelchair accessible private hire vehicles and hackney carriages, it is 7 years.</p> <p>This came into effect for newly licensed drivers when the standards were adopted and for existing licensed drivers this will be in effect from 1 April 2024.</p> <p>It is worth noting that in the consultation on common minimum licensing standards, 77.8% of the public said they supported the age policy proposed.</p> <p>We constantly seek feedback about the licensing service the council operates, including the licensing standards that are in place in Bury, as they are across Greater Manchester, through the private hire and taxi trade liaison group.</p> <p>As a result of this engagement, we successfully made changes to licensing standards that were proposed as common minimum licensing standards, notably on colour and livery. We continue to welcome feedback from the trade on all aspects of the licensing service and licensing standards, and we enjoy a productive and collaborative relationship with driver representatives.</p>
18	<p>Could the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People give an update on the overseas recruitment initiative for children's social workers?</p> <p>Cllr Luis McBriar</p>
Cllr Smith	<p>The Director of Social Care Practice has returned from South Africa this week. 34 candidates were interviewed. 23 candidates were appointable, offered social work posts and have accepted the offer to work for Bury. The Director of Practice is satisfied with both the candidate's skill base and experience and has reported that this is an exciting time for Bury. Next steps include ensuring all the registration and visa requirements are gained as soon as possible. Planning has already started in receiving our newly appointed staff, but, as will be understood by members, relocation is not a quick process. It is hoped the first social workers will arrive in Bury by April.</p>
19	<p>A 70 year old local man contacted the urgent care centre for dental support recently and was informed to return in a week !</p> <p>In acute pain he then extracted his own tooth .</p> <p>On just a basic pension he is unable to afford private dentistry .How can Bury Council help residents experiencing Dental Poverty ?</p> <p>Cllr Yvonne Wright</p>
Cllr Tariq	<p>I am sorry to hear of the situation of your constituent.</p> <p>It is hard to comment on specific cases. If Cllr Wright would provide further details of the patients with the relevant consent to investigate whether the appropriate clinical triage advice was provided to the resident, NHS colleagues will be pleased to review.</p> <p>The council is not responsible for the commissioning or provision of dental services but works with NHS partners as part of an integrated health and care system. However all Cllrs will share a concern about the access to dental services in the borough, and Cllr Wright will be aware the health scrutiny committee discussed this in some depth at its meeting on 21st July.</p> <p>For patients with a regular dentist, they should approach their dental practice in -hours for</p>

	<p>urgent care.</p> <p>There are arrangements in place across Greater Manchester for accessing urgent dental care for those patients who are unable to access through a regular dentist or require urgent dental care out of hours. A poster describing this has been shared widely across all health and care system partners and will be circulated to all Cllrs.</p> <p>We will re- circulate the poster to all primary care services – GPs and dental surgeries.</p>
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Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	18 January 2023
Title of report:	Update on Greater Manchester Joint Authorities 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) and other Greater Manchester joint authorities following an update to Council in December 2022.
- 1.2 Since the last update there has been two meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

2 Greater Manchester Franchising Scheme for Buses: Procurement Update

- 2.1 At the [25th November meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 2.2 That the outcome of the process to procure a preferred service provider to operate the Bolton Large Local Service Contract and the Wigan Large Local Service Contract in Sub-Area A of the Scheme be noted and agreed.
- 2.3 That the proposed key contractual arrangements of the Bolton Large Local Service Contract and the Wigan Large Local Service Contract be noted.
- 2.4 That in relation to the Local Service Contracts required for the implementation and operation and Sub-Areas B and C of the Scheme:
 - 2.4.1 That the commencement and procurement process be agreed

- 2.4.2 That authority be delegated to TfGM to undertake and manage the procurement process on behalf of the GMCA subject to the following condition:
- 2.4.2.1 TfGM will recommend a preferred bidder in relation to each Local Service Contract; in relation to large Local Service Contracts the decision to award will be taken by the GMCA and in relation to small Local Service Contracts and contracts for schools, the decision to award will be taken in accordance with the contract award delegations as set out in the GMCA Constitution.
- 2.5 That in relation to Sub Area A, it be agreed that TfGM will manage the implementation and operation of the Scheme and the Local Service Contracts awarded in relation to Sub Area A following their award on behalf of the GMCA, subject to the following conditions:
- 2.6 TfGM will manage the above contracts in accordance with the provisions of an agreed Protocol with the GMCA.
- 2.7 That authority to agree the final terms of the above Protocol and any other associated necessary legal agreements on behalf of the GMCA be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.
- 2.8 That authority to complete and execute the Protocol and any other necessary legal agreements be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.
- 2.9 That TfGM be authorised to enter into the agreements referred to in section 4 of this report for the purposes of establishing and implementing the Residual Value Mechanism on behalf of the GMCA.
- 2.10 That the comments of the Scrutiny Committee as reported, be noted.

3 Transport Capital Programme: City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement Drawdown

- 3.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 3.2 That the funding draw-down requests for the schemes, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be approved.
- 3.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to procure a further 50 Zero Emission Buses for deployment within Tranche 2 of bus franchising using the Crown Commercial Services national framework RM6060, to be funded from GMCA's City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement.

4 TFGM Executive Board - Appointment Of Non-Executive Directors

- 4.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 4.2 That extensions to the appointments of Tracey Matthews and Jo Kaye as Non-Executive Directors of TfGM until 31 January 2026 be approved.

- 4.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to formalise the terms of the extended appointments.

5 Greater Manchester Civic Leadership Programme

- 5.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 5.2 That the programme's first year outputs, outcomes and case studies be noted.
- 5.3 That the commissioning of a year two programme, funded from the Mayoral Budget, and the areas of focus and delivery, be endorsed.
- 5.4 That the GMCA consider practical ways to support this year's participants, and next year's programme delivery and participants.
- 5.5 That, ahead of the first Civic Leadership Programme Graduation event, the GMCA will prepare a report on the actively to support the programme by bringing through opportunities post-graduation.
- 5.6 That the GMCA will look at the feasibility of Civic Leadership becoming a 'Programme of the 11' going forward.
- 5.7 That each GM local authority be requested to nominate an individual as lead contact for the Programme going forwards.
- 5.8 That other key partner bodies within GM, including GMP and the Magistrates Court, should also be encouraged to nominate individuals to act as lead contacts for their organisations and support the Programme.
- 5.9 That the nominated individual contact leads be requested to assist in developing and shaping clear key targets for the programme going forward.

6 Homelessness Update

- 6.1 At the 25th November meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 6.2 That the £460,000 investment into A Bed Every Night being made by the Greater Manchester Mayor from within current resources be noted.

7 Greater Manchester European Social Fund Co-Financing Programme Update (Key Decision)

- 7.1 At the [16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA](#), members decided:
- 7.2 That the progress made in relation to the GMCA ESF Programmes be noted.
- 7.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Lead Member and Lead Chief Executive for Education, Skills, Work, Apprenticeships and Digital (and subject to considerations around any conflicts of interest which might arise), to take forward the final ESF commissioning, including the procured element, to contract award where required.

- 7.4 That the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and GMCA Treasurer be requested to ensure that the GMCA continues to comply with all of its obligations in relation to the Greater Manchester European Social Fund Co-Financing Programme, including its obligations to retain records relating to the use of ESF monies for the required period following the end of this Programme in September 2023.

8 Delivering The Bee Network: Weekly Bus Fares (Key Decision)

- 8.1 At the 16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 8.2 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to cap weekly bus fares in Greater Manchester at £21 for adults and £10.50 for children from January 2023, subject to agreement with bus operators and Greater Manchester Travelcards Limited (GMTL).
- 8.3 That it be noted that the development of a sustainable funding model will be a key part of the annual review of the existing and proposed bus fare caps, to be undertaken in Summer 2023.
- 8.4 That the recommendations raised by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny be noted and welcomed.
- 8.5 That the GMCA commits to providing monthly updates as we move through 2023.

9 Transport Capital Programme (Key Decision)

- 9.1 At the 16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:
- 9.2 That Strategic Outline Business Case submission for Bury Interchange Redevelopment to DfT and HM Treasury in November 2022, as part of the retained case process, and the importance of maintaining momentum on this scheme prior to Government's response be noted.
- 9.3 That the drawdown of £2.6 million of CRSTS funding to facilitate the progression of the Bury Interchange Redevelopment Outline Business Case (i.e. single preferred option) activity, with the intention being that this will enable the scheme to continue to be developed (including throughout the DfT's assessment of the SOBC as a retained scheme) be approved, noting that a further update will be submitted to the GMCA in due course.
- 9.4 That the overall Local Contribution, financed by borrowings, for the Bury Interchange Redevelopment for the current CRSTS tranche (to March 2027) is £10.8 million be noted and endorsed.
- 9.5 That the update on the Minor Works / Road Safety (previously ITB) funding be noted.

10 Greater Manchester Active Travel Programme (Key Decision)

- 10.1 At the 16th December 2022 meeting of GMCA, members decided:

- 10.2 That the release of up to £7.209 million of MCF delivery funding for the Manchester to Chorlton Area 3 scheme be approved.
- 10.3 That the release of up to £3.451 million of MCF delivery funding for the GM SpotSpeed Safety Camera scheme be approved.

11 Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) update

11.1 Christmas tree recycling

- 11.2 R4GM have been reminding residents in Bury how to recycle their real Christmas trees. As well as recycling in their brown food and garden bin, larger trees can be taken to recycling centres, across Bury, free of charge. R4GM were running targeted advertising to ensure the process is as straightforward as possible for residents. Additionally, they're supporting a scheme where Bury residents can donate their old Christmas trees. A team of volunteers collected Christmas trees from the following postcodes: BL0, BL8, BL9, M25, M26 and M45, and also picked up in Ainsworth, Bradley Fold, Harwood and Bradshaw. All funds raised through recycled trees go to support Bury Hospice.

11.3 Ongoing messaging

- 11.4 The volume of waste generated by households through the festive period means January is a very busy time for bin crews and staff at recycling centres. R4GM are focusing on core messages over the coming month; encouraging residents to maximise their recycling, limit contamination and make the most of their bins throughout the period. They're also reminding Bury residents that they can visit their local recycling centres at Every Street, Cemetery Road and Lumns Lane if they have more waste than normal. Councillors can support our work by speaking to residents online and offline about the options available to them with their waste.

11.5 Extended Producer Responsibility

- 11.6 In the coming months local authorities will gain a greater understanding of the proposed introduction of the Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) through a number of workshops hosted by Defra. The EPR will see the packaging supply chain take some financial responsibility for the collection, processing, recycling and disposal of packaging waste. We should also see the Government's comments in response to the consultation on consistent waste collections and a deposit return scheme for beverage containers. These will inform the future direction of waste collection in Greater Manchester and contribute to the development of a revised waste strategy.

12 Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) Update

12.1 Is This Okay? Campaign

- 12.2 On Friday 16 December the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester launched the next phase of the multi-award-winning #IsThisOK? campaign. The campaign was launched with a short video, which shows the types of behaviours that happen in public (a pub, tram stop and takeaway restaurant)

and contribute to gender-based violence, such as sexual harassment and unwanted sexual comments. The film makes clear that these behaviours make women and girls unsafe and uncomfortable and that they are not socially acceptable.

- 12.3 This timely campaign reinforces the need for further discussion about gender-based violence experiences and steps we can all take to make everyone feel safer.
- 12.4 Following the announcement of TfGM's White Ribbon Accreditation, we've delivered a series of workshops to engage residents across GM about safety on the transport network. A Safer Transport Network engagement series looks to explore the practical steps TfGM can take to enable everyone – particularly those who identify as men or boys – to create an environment that encourages feelings of safety among those who identify as women or girls, on public transport and in our streets.
- 12.5 Previous workshops in this series have focused on the different experiences of gender-based violence, particularly those perpetrated by men towards women. However, we recognise that this dynamic is not always the case so want to build on this conversation to learn more about LGBTQ+ people's perspectives and unique experiences. Upcoming workshops will be delivered in collaboration with LGBT Foundation on 10 and 11 January.
- 12.6 Additional workshops – some of which will be delivered in person and with children and young people – are scheduled for delivery in early 2023. More information on these will be released shortly.
- 12.7 **Local Link and Ring and Ride Services**
- 12.8 TfGM have developed a promotional toolkit for Local Link and Ring and Ride to help raise awareness of the services. Including newsletter text, social media assets, and a leaflet, the toolkit is available [here](#), please feel free to share these assets across your own channels, networks, and platforms where you think the information may be of benefit to your audiences.
- 12.9 TfGM's Local Link offers a flexible transport service for local journeys in areas where public transport services are limited. Passengers can book a shared minibus to travel anywhere within one of the Local Link service areas: Dunham Massey, East Manchester, Heald Green, Heywood, Middleton, Partington, Saddleworth and Mossley, Timperley and Wythenshawe. Local Link is available to everyone, there are no restrictions, once passengers are registered for the service they can book their journeys by phone or online, between 1 hour and 7 days in advance.
- 12.10 TfGM's Ring & Ride provides accessible, low-cost transport to disabled people and older people with walking difficulties. If passengers qualify, they can book a Ring & Ride accessible minibus to take them, and an accompanying adult, door to door for journeys of up to 6 miles in Greater Manchester.

- 12.11 Ring & Ride minibuses are suitable for taking wheelchairs, and all drivers have had special accessibility and disability-awareness training. The service operates between 8am and 10:45pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 10:25pm on Sundays.
- 12.12 **TravelSafe and Foundation92 extend partnership**
- 12.13 A collaboration between the TravelSafe Partnership and one of the region's leading charities is being extended to strengthen efforts to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) on public transport.
- 12.14 Following the pandemic, youth related ASB on public transport spiked – notably during the school holidays. Therefore, we teamed up with Foundation92, a charity formed by the Class of 92 and an official partner of Salford City FC – who've been supporting communities to improve their lives through sport, education and bespoke programmes since 2018.
- 12.15 A six-week pilot got underway in the Summer, engaging with young people at key locations across the network. A total of 17 sessions were delivered across nine districts, which made use of the charity's mobile hub – fitted with a TV and games console – to provide a safe space for young people to meet and socialise. Feedback from the pilot was overwhelmingly positive, with conversations conducted with over 200 young people, with an agreement now reached to extend the scheme – until at least April.
- 12.16 **GM domestic burning campaign**
- 12.17 Earlier this year, GM successfully secured Defra Air Quality Grant funding for a two-year research / behaviour change project around the risks of air pollution (PM10 and PM2.5) from domestic burning wood and coal, whether in a burner, stove, open fire or outdoors.
- 12.18 TfGM is supporting this work through a GM-wide public awareness campaign this winter to make people aware of the health impacts from domestic burning, and what they can do to minimise the risks by: using the cleanest possible fuels; and ensuring equipment is in the best possible condition.
- 12.19 This campaign is now underway, and health leaders are urging residents in Greater Manchester to follow advice on minimising air pollution from woodburning stoves and open fires this winter. You can support the campaign by sharing messages through your own channels, a toolkit and selection of assets.

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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GMCA QUESTIONS

- 1) With the recent announcement that bus franchising will start in Greater Manchester from September this year, including some parts of the borough of Bury, what changes will residents begin to see from that start date? **Cllr McGill**

In the short term we are expecting the network to roughly remain as it is, we will seek to address any changes to the network once we have access to performance and patronage data and had time to analyse this.

- 2) Under bus franchising, what plans are in place to improve the quality of the bus fleet, including the need for electric and other low carbon alternatives? **Cllr Farooq**

All vehicle specifications are Euro VI low carbon emissions, with 50 Electric Vehicles being allocated in tranche 1. For tranche 2 (Bury), 50 EV's have been allocated to this franchise.

- 3) How regularly is car park capacity in Metrolink station car parks in the Borough assessed? **COUNCILLOR JACKIE HARRIS**

Usage of the car parks is measured monthly, with staff attending daily.

- 4) Following the work of Operation Avro over the festive season around Bury Interchange, what impact did this operation have and what plans are in place to ensure continued focus on public safety in the town centre? **Cllr McGill**

Bury Community Safety partners are committed to ensure that Bury town centre our transport network and indeed the Borough as a whole is a safe place for all.

Multiple planned Operations took place over late December in Bury Town Centre, including

Operation Avro action led by Travel Safe with the GMP Transport Unit across Bury, Manchester and Bolton on 13th-16th December, which included 1 high risk missing located, 18 stop-searches and 7 arrests.

Operation Heartbeat which involved a concentrated, high visibility patrol plan of the town centre with GMP, Council ASB Officers and College staff working and patrolling together to address town centre ASB and criminality

Operation Dasher with additional patrols in high footfall shopping areas including The Rock and surrounds, through to Kay Gardens.

Operation Saturn, working in partnership with TravelSafe who were conducting an Avro day of activity on the tram network including the Bury line.

The Operations collectively saw an increase in partnership patrols within the town centre, across peak time periods including high footfall shopping and across the evening and night time-economy as people celebrated Christmas. These patrols increase resident

reassurance within the town centre at a busy period for those working, shopping and socialising; deterred crime and anti social behaviour and allowed for robust partnership activity. There were low levels of thefts from the person in the town centre over December at a time there would be an expected seasonal increase.

Tackling crime and ASB, alongside creating and maintaining Safe Spaces are two of the priorities of Bury's Community Safety Partnership. Public safety in the town centre will continue to be a focus, including through regular days of action; pulsing in Specialist Operations resources; targeted patrol plans informed through acquisitive crime data at a beat level; engagement activity as part of the town centre regeneration – such as the current engagement on the Market and Flexihall site – and in developing a Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment.

- 5) It was reported at a recent police, fire and crime panel that Bury Council received £18000 from GMCA to deliver on 2021/22 requirements for the home office funded western Balkans serious and organised crime community coordinator programme. The purpose of this initiative is it research and undertake a community research project to map western Balkan and Albanian communities across bury. How has this funding been utilised and why was Bury chosen for the project? **COUNCILLOR DENE VERNON**

This activity is part of the Western Balkans Serious and Organised Crime programme led by the Home Office to reduce the impact of Western Balkan driven serious and organised criminality on communities and protect the most vulnerable members of society from criminal exploitation. The project works to deliver a whole system approach to tackling SOC through coordinated activities that involve targeted Prevent interventions, resilience - building and strategic communications that develop capability on the ground.

Regions across the UK have been selected by the Home Office, to improve the understanding of illicit financial flows going through and coming out of different localities and regions and to develop deterrence tools. This is in keeping with the national 4P approach to *Pursue* individuals engaged in serious organised crime by disrupting and prosecuting offenders; *protect* individuals and systems by reducing the vulnerabilities exploited by serious organised crime; *prevent* people from engaging in such groups; and *prepare* by ensuring a comprehensive response to threats.

The funding was allocated to support the prevent element of this approach. A partnership Steering Group has overseen the commissioning of research which has involved stakeholder engagement and analysis within local communities to inform initial insight work, to better understand Western Balkan community demographics, access to services and connectivity.

- 6) What criteria will be used to determine the effectiveness of operation Falcon which recently resulted in arrests from the Bury area? **COUNCILLOR LIAM DEAN**

Operation Falcon aims to identify people involved in money laundering and organised crime, as part of partnership work across the north-west to disrupt such criminal activity. This involves teams involving Challenger (who focus on Serious Organised Crime), the economic

and cyber crime functions with GMP and local neighbourhood policing teams, working in conjunction with Council revenue teams to identify and combat cash-based money laundering.


The arrests at the start of this year came through the execution of 4 search warrants of 2 vehicles and 5 properties in the Borough, with three arrests of individuals in connection to money laundering offences and possession with intent to supply controlled substances.


Whilst there isn't a single metric to determine effectiveness of the Operation, important measures tracked include the value of illicit financial resources removed from our streets (£15,000 in the most recent warrants bringing the total value of seizures across the region to over £930 in the past nine months); the number of arrests (and consequential convictions) to disrupt organised crime groups (there have been 17 money laundering arrests across the region since May 2022), reduction in threat risk and harm profiling of known organised groups.

Longer term success will be measured by the conversion of these seizures to positive forfeitures at court following civil investigations. Almost 50% of this forfeited amount will be returned to GMP and can be spent on community initiatives.

The key is the collective impact on disrupting organised criminality and in turn reduced impact across a number of crime measures caused by such groups.

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ITEM	RESPONSE / ACTION REQUIRED	OFFICER LEAD	PROGRESS/DATE COMPLETED
<p>Fair Tax</p>  <p>LabFair Tax NOM.docx</p>	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration. 2. Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities. 3. Ensure contractors implement IR35 robustly and pay a fair share of employment taxes. 4. Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty. 5. Undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates. 6. Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers and their consolidated profit & loss position. 7. Promote Fair Tax Mark certification for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due. 8. Support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses who say what they pay with pride. 	<p>Sam Evans and Paul Turney to lead and provide a response re; progress ahead of January Council</p>	

	<p>9. Support calls for urgent reform of EU and UK law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.</p>		
<p>Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration</p>  <p>Labour Group Amendment to the (</p>	<p>That is why we are asking this Council to do the following:- INSERT [* Fully support Labour's five-point plan to tackle Channel crossings, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirecting spending on Rwanda to set up a new National Crime Agency cell to crack down on smuggling gangs • Speeding up asylum decisions • Reforming settlement schemes • Replacing the Dublin Agreement to include safe returns and family reunion • Working internationally to address why people flee their homes] <p>* Condemn the criminal gangs and organisations that are putting the lives of men, women and children at risk by enforcing small boat crossings in the English Channel. REMOVE [* Fully support the UK Government's plans to reduce these illegal</p>	<p>Leader of the Council and Cabinet</p> <p>All Councillors</p>	

	<p>crossings through a strategic partnership with our European neighbours.]</p> <p>* Instruct the Chief Executive to write to both the Bury North and Bury South Members of Parliament to ask that they support REMOVE [the Government's plans to tackle illegal immigration and support offshore processing of illegal immigrants.]</p> <p>INSERT [an ethical and effective immigration policy.]</p>	Chief Executives Office	Letter sent (See below)
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20 December 2022

Christian Wakeford MP
Bury South Constituency

Letter sent via email to: christian.wakeford.mp@parliament.uk

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I look forward to your response so that an update can be provided to Members of Bury Council.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Little OBE
Chief Executive

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Geoff Little OBE
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