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TO: All Members of Council

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Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 22 February 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 that reads "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 VOTE OF THANKS

Councillors O'Brien, Bernstein and M Smith will be invited to speak.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 MINUTES (Pages 7 - 18)

Attached for approval, minutes of the meetings held on:
14th December 2022,
24th January 2023,
31st January 2023.

5 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

7 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Pages 19 - 108)

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

	Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
1.	Cabinet 15 February 2023	Locality Board Formalisation	See below:
Council is asked to confirm approval of the following key documents that will form part of the GM ICB approvals process :- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locality Board terms of reference.• Bury Integrated Care Partnership Agreement.			

- Section 75 agreement – principles included within covering report.
1. Council is asked to recognise the requirement to commit to the 2022/23 finance schedules as part of the GM ICB approvals process and is asked to confirm that this final decision to be approve be delegated to the Executive Director of Finance.
 2. Council is asked to note the ongoing commitment of partners to work across neighbourhoods in order to continue to deliver our Locality Plan.
 3. Council is asked to note that the principles included within the section 75 report included here will form the basis of the detailed updates to the full section 75 working document and the financial schedules in particular.
 4. Council is asked to note the commitment to further strengthen the section 75 legal documentation with a further iteration of this document proposed within next 3-6 months.
 5. Council is asked to note the contents of the updated Locality Plan that underpins all the work happening across the borough.

A	Cabinet 15 February 2023	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	See below:
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Council is asked to approve:

HRA Budget

- 2.1 Approve the 2023/24 budget for the Housing Revenue Account.
- 2.2 Approve a 3% reduction for the Management Fee to Six Town Housing for 2023/24.

Rent Setting

- 2.3 For 2023/24 individual social and affordable rents be set at the Governments rent cap of 7% with effect from 3rd April 2023.
- 2.4 For 2023/24 shared ownership rents be voluntarily limited to an increase of 7% with effect from 3rd April 2023.
- 2.5 Approve an increase in Garage rents by (Consumer Price Inflation as at September 2022) CPI 10.1%
- 2.6 Approve an increase in Sheltered Management and Support Charges by CPI 10.1%
- 2.7 Approve an increase in Service and Amenity Charges by CPI 10.1%
- 2.8 Approve an increase in Support and Heating charges by CPI 10.1%
- 2.9 Approve an increase in Furnished Tenancy charges by CPI 10.1%
- 2.10 Note that where a social rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant the rent level be increased to the target rent for that property.
- 2.11 Note that for 2023/24 and onwards, where an affordable rent

property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant the rent level be set by reference to 80% of the market rent (including service charges where applicable) for a similar property at the time of letting or the formula rent for the property, whichever is the greater.

B	Cabinet 15 February 2023	The Council's Budget 2023/24 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 - 2026/27 The Dedicated Schools Grant and setting the Schools Budget 2023- 24 Capital Strategy and Capital programme 2023/24 Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2023/24 Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2023/24	As below:
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Recommend that Council approves and adopt the budget for 2023/24, and:

1. Approve the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the assumptions regarding resources and spending requirements.
2. Approve the Council Tax base is the equivalent of 56,708 Band D dwellings, this is the basis on which the Council Tax funding has been calculated.
3. Approve the net revenue budget of £210.813m for 2023/24.
4. Approve an increase in Council Tax of 2.99% in terms of General Council Tax and a further 2% for the Adult Social Care Precept in each of the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.
5. Approve, subject to statutory regulations and legislation with regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State, to implement a 100% Council Tax premium on 2nd homes and to amend the timing of the premium on empty and unoccupied properties with effect from April 2024.
6. Approve the recurrent changes to expenditure of £16.852m in 2023/24.
7. Approve the non-recurrent changes to expenditure of £3.618m in 2023/24.
8. Approve the proposed savings and additional income of £22.545m for the 2023/24 financial year.
9. Approve the use of reserves of £4.802m in 2023/24.
10. Approve the transfer of £1.912m into reserves with regards to the funding of social care reforms.
11. Note the forecast position on reserves.
12. Approve the flexible use of Capital receipts strategy 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 2.
13. Approve the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Appendix 2
14. Approve the recommendations to Council as set out relating to the Dedicated Schools Grant and setting the schools budget.
15. Note the Departmental cash limits as set out at Appendix 5.
16. Approve the commencement of consultation in respect of options set out in paragraph 101 of this report.

a **2023 / 24 Budget papers** (Pages 109 - 224)

Budget reports from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities are attached:

- The Council's Budget 2023/24 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/24 - 2026/27 (Appendix 4B attached separately below)
- The Dedicated Schools Grant and setting the Schools Budget 2023- 24
- Capital Strategy and Capital programme 2023/24
- Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2023/24
- Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2023/24

b **Appendices to Budget Report** (Pages 225 - 374)

Appendices attached.

c **Supplementary Items** (Pages 375 - 378)

Attached:

Labour Group Alteration to the Cabinet Budget Recommendation
Conservative Group Budget Amendment.

8 **DELEGATED DECISIONS OF CABINET COMMITTEES** (Pages 379 - 408)

Minutes of the following are attached for information:

Budget JCC Teachers

Budget Corporate JCC

Budget Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Budget Cabinet