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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, 17 January 2024
Place:	Council Chamber. Bury Town Hall
Time:	7.00 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Widdale', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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 9 - 18)

Minutes attached.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pages 19 - 22)

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

6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Pages 23 - 78)

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

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Locality Board – 8 th January 2024	Locality Plan – Terms of Reference	Approve the Revised Locality Board Terms of Reference.
Cabinet – 10 th January 2024	Children and Young People's Directorate – Senior Management Structure	Agree that the vacant post of Director of Social Care Practice (Chief Officer Band E, £93,102-£101,596) be redesignated as Director of Social Care & Early Help, evaluated as (Chief Officer Band F, £103,767-£112,636) to reflect the post's expanded portfolio.

7 POLLING PLACE AND POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW JANUARY 2024 (Pages 79 - 92)

Report attached.

8 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER FOR COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTIONS** (Pages 93 - 94)

Report attached.

9 **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT** (Pages 95 - 100)

Report attached.

10 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 101 - 126)

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. (20 minutes)

11 **COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES** (Pages 127 - 150)

- (A) A combined authority update report is attached, with an additional appendix on the area of focus – GMs Trailblazer Project. Report is attached for information.
- (B) The Leader will make a 5 minute statement on the Trailblazer project
- (C) 5 minutes of Verbal Questions on the appendix and Leader's Statement.
- (D) 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 (10minutes).

12 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(i) Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

A motion had been received in the names of: Councillors Carol Birchmore, Cllr Donald Berry, Cllr Andrea Booth, Cllr Des Duncalfe, Cllr Glyn Marsden, Cllr James Mason, Cllr Mike Smith and Cllr Mary Walsh.

This Council notes :-

Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) have become a significant part of the rental sector and can provide accommodation at a cheaper rate than renting a whole house or flat. This is useful for people who have limited housing choices or looking for short stay accommodation, such as migrant workers or young professionals.

Many landlords offer well maintained homes. However, there are still a number of landlords who rent sub-standard, overcrowded and potentially dangerous accommodation to vulnerable people. Many of these are not considered as 'Large' HMO's and therefore do not require a licence.

The growth of HMO's also has an impact on the local community Eg waste management, health and safety, social care, access to health services and property availability for first time buyers.

Licensing has largely been successful in helping to drive up standards in order that HMO's are safer places to live. All properties used as HMO's, housing five people or more in two or more households, sharing facilities come under legislation and will require a licence. The licence includes minimum room sizes (6.5sqm single person, 10.2sqm for 2 people, 4.6sqm child under 10years old) and requirements for landlords to provide adequate bins and waste storage.

Bury MBC is required to maintain a register of large HMO's. There are currently 105 such properties: 63 in Bury; 12 in Prestwich; 17 in Radcliffe; 0 in Ramsbottom; 3 in Tottington and 10 in Whitefield. Ten of the properties on the published register are out of their licence period.

This Council therefore resolves :-

- To update the website to state a review of the HMO register is in process and will be published when complete
- To inspect as appropriate applications to ensure a good standard of safety and maintenance and carry out appropriate enforcement of those that do not meet the standard.
- To explore the possibility of expanding the Article 4 Directive (remove permitted development rights), to other areas of the Borough, if and when such areas are identified.
- To explore Council Tax rules available to us and where possible ensure that landlords are paying appropriate tax for their business.
- To explore the potential of additional funding to be made available to the Licensing and Enforcement teams during the budget setting process.

(ii) Household Support Fund

A MOTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS: A ARIF, BAYLEY, BOLES, BORODA, CUMMINS, FAROOQ, FITZGERALD, FRITH, GOLD, GREEN, GRIMSHAW, HAROON, HAYES, IBRAHIM, MCGILL, MORRIS, MOSS, O'BRIEN, PILKINGTON, A QUINN, D QUINN, RAFIQ, RIZVI, RUBINSTEIN, RYDER, L SMITH, STAPLES-JONES, THORPE, WALMSLEY, WHITBY:

In 2010 60,000 people were using food banks in the UK, in 2023 2.9 million people had to use foodbanks. Over 6900 children qualify for free school meals in the Bury borough alone. Many residents are struggling with recent high inflation, high mortgage interest rates and a doubling of fuel bills in the last 2 years. The government's household support fund went part of the way to enable councils to support the worst hit residents when it was introduced in 2021. Now, the Government's Household support fund is set to end on 31st March, 2024.

This council believes that everyone is entitled to the basic physical needs, to be warm, dry, clean and fed.

This council recognises that in the last 12 months the Household support fund, (HSF) administered by Labour-ran Bury council;

Provided free school meals in the holidays for those who need it

Payments to those in food and fuel poverty

Grants to our Bury food support network

Community grants to organisations tackle the cost of living crisis

Discretionary housing payments for those at risk of homelessness

funded the Citizens advice bureau

and many more projects supporting those who most needed it.

Withdrawal of this grant, at a time when council's face such financial hardship, will only leave 1000s of bury residents to struggle even more.

This council resolves to

- Continue to execute our Cost of living and Anti-poverty strategy.
- Work with communities and partners to make sure we help those most vulnerable in the borough
- Call for a reinstatement of the HSF in our boroughwide Let's fix it campaign
- write to our two local MPs asking them to support our calls to keep the HSF
- Write to the Prime Minister and the chancellor of Exchequer asking them to keep the fund in their budget in March.

AMENDMENT (Pages 151 - 152)

Conservative amendment to the Labour notice of motion is attached.

(iii) Bury Council Twinning with a Town, Region or City in Ukraine

A MOTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLORS, ARIF, BERNSTEIN, BROWN, GARTSIDE, HARRIS, HUSSAIN, DEAN, LANCASTER, McBRIAR, RYDEHEARD, VERNON

The communities of Bury stand together with our friends in Ukraine.

From the darkest moments of the war we have supported the Ukrainian people as they fight against the illegal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine by Russia. This Council has been moved by the strength of feeling in this country to support Ukraine

Many people from Bury have given aid to Ukraine and have supported the humanitarian effort.

We have opened our doors to Ukrainian people through the Homes for Ukraine scheme and seen their wonderful culture first hand.

After the Second World War, the last time that Europe was ravaged by needless war, towns and communities across Europe twinned. It was done to share cultural

ties and further express our shared culture and values.

We now stand with the spirit of twinning and exchanging culture across Europe, which is ever more important since the Russian full scale invasion of Ukraine and aim to forge a new twinning relationship with a town, region or city in Ukraine.

Therefore, this Council resolves that:

- Bury resolves to seek to twin with a town, region or city in Ukraine to highlight the Council's strength of support for Ukraine.
- The Council resolves to work with the UK Friends of Ukraine to find a suitable town, region or city in Ukraine to twin with.
- The Council requests that officers come back to the next Full Council with a report on a formal twinning with a town in Ukraine and the next steps in a creation of a Twinning Association.

13 FOR INFORMATION *COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER (Pages 153 - 154)**

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

14 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There have been no scrutiny reviews reports or items called in since the last Council meeting.

15 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

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Minutes of: **COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 22 November 2023

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor S Walmsley, 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,
D Duncalfe, E FitzGerald, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold,
J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, K Hussain,
B Ibrahim, J Lancaster, G Marsden, G McGill, C Morris,
E Moss, E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq,
I Rizvi, M Rubinstein, L Ryder, L Smith, M Smith, G Staples-
Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe, D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh,
M Whitby and Y Wright

**Apologies for
Absence** C Cummins, U Farooq, D Green, J Mason, L McBriar and
J Rydeheard

Public Attendance: 33 members of the public attended the meeting.

C. 34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

C. 35 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2023 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

C. 36 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported to those present, duties undertaken as Bury's first citizen since the last Council meeting.

C. 37 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of the following 10 questions:

Questioner	Topic	Responding
T Boaden	traffic congestion around Arley Ave and the Seedfield Bowling Club	Cllr A Quinn
C Noone	RAAC	Cllr Rafiq
S Blackwell	Safety of Bury Market Stalls	Cllr Morris
S Middleton	Potholes backlog	Cllr A Quinn
P Smith-Lawrence	Regeneration Schemes in the Borough	Cllr O'Brien
A Bayfield	Health Inequalities	Cllr O'Brien
K Simpson	Compensation for Market Traders	Cllr Morris

G Eagle-Cooper	Repairs to the Market Hall roof	Cllr Morris
D Holland	3G Masts	Cllr O'Brien
J Sheppherd (Not present)	Health Inequalities	Cllr Tariq

The Mayor stated as the permitted time allowed for public questions had now passed no further questions would be permitted.

C. 38 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting of Cabinet 5th October 2023 – Youth Justice Plan

It was moved by Councillor L Smith and seconded by Councillor Thorpe and it was agreed

Council adopts the Youth Justice Plan.

Licensing and Safety Committee 19th October 2023 – Proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy Revisions following public consultation.

It was moved by Councillor McGill and seconded by Councillor Morris and it was agreed

Following the decision of the Licensing and Safety Committee on the 19 October 2023, Full Council adopt the proposals and confirm the delegated authority to amend the implementation date of any of these standards to the Head of Public Protection in conjunction with the Chair of Licensing & Safety Committee. Any changes to the amendment dates would be reported to the Licensing & Safety Committee.

Audit Committee 12th October 2023 – Suite of revised Policies as detailed in the Summons

It was moved by Councillor Whitby and seconded by Councillor Rafiq and it was agreed

The updated suite of policies, as presented to Audit Committee be approved and included in the Council's Constitution.

Democratic Arrangements Forum 2nd November 2023 – Changes to the Constitution

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

Council approves the following amendments to the Council Procedure rules:
Invite CA appointed representatives on a rotational basis to present an update on their area of responsibility. Allowing 5 minutes to present and 5 minutes for verbal questions.
10 minutes for all other questions to the CA.

The GM Mayor will attend once a year a meeting of Full Council.

Youth Cabinet to submit, once a year, a Notice of Motion. This notice of motion will be the first item on the agenda following public question time.

Amendments to the timings for speakers:

State of the Borough – Opposition group Leaders have a right of reply 5 minutes

Leaders statement - Opposition Group Leaders 2 minutes right of reply and a question.

Cabinet 7th November 2023 - Mid-Year Treasury Management Report

It was moved by Councillor Gold and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and it was agreed

Council approves the mid-year treasury management report.

Employment Panel 16th November and 20th November 2023 – Establishment of a post and appointment of the Council's Section 151 Officer

It was moved by Councillor Rafiq and seconded by Councillor Gold and it was agreed

Council is recommended:

1. Agree the termination of the Council's joint financial leadership arrangements with NHS Greater Manchester and the disestablishment of the post of Joint Executive Director of Finance, Chief Officer Band H (£127,377 - £139,067).
2. Agree the establishment of a new role of Executive Director (Finance) evaluated at Chief Officer Band H (£127,377 - £139,067) and that this post be designated as the Council's statutory Section 151 Officer
3. Agree the recommendation from Employment Panel that Paul McKevitt is appointed to the role of Interim Executive Director (Finance), Section 151 Officer with immediate effect for an initial period of six months, with the ability to agree a further six month extension delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs & HR and Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities.
4. Note the deletion of the role of Director of Housing Chief Officer Band F (£103,767 - £112,636).
5. Agree the establishment of the post of Director of Housing Operations evaluated at Chief Officer Band F (£103,767 - £112,636).

C. 39 CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATE REPORT - UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was moved by Councillor Gold and seconded by Councillor Whitby and it was agreed, that the updated Financial Regulations be approved and included in the Constitution.

C. 40 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 Boroda	Cllr Morris	Indoor Market
2	Cllr E Moss	Cllr Gold	Fair Funding Review
3	Cllr LJ Dean	Cllr A Quinn	Missed bin collections
4	Cllr M Smith	Cllr Gold	Outwood Country Park
5	Cllr Thorpe	Cllr Tariq	GP Provision in Prestwich
6	Cllr Whitby	Cllr Gold	Community Cohesion
7	Cllr Vernon	Cllr Rafiq	Staff Turnover
8	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr A Quinn	Water Street, Radcliffe
9	Cllr Pilkington	Cllr Tariq	Housing for vulnerable adults
10	Cllr N Frith	Cllr N Frith	Healthy Start Vouchers

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 11 to 19 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of those questions and responses will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

b) Verbal Questions

Questioner	Cabinet Member	Topic
Cllr Bernstein	Cllr O'Brien	Children Bus Passes
Cllr M Smith	Cllr O'Brien	Battery technology
Cllr D Quinn	Cllr L Smith	School Improvement
Cllr Pilkington	Cllr O'Brien	School Street, Ramsbottom
Cllr Vernon	Cllr A Quinn	Waste Management
Cllr Birchmore	Cllr A Quinn	Fly Tipping
Cllr A Arif	Cllr A Quinn	Muslim Burials
Cllr Rizvi	Cllr O'Brien	Atom Valley

Cllr Lancaster	Cllr A Quinn	Road Closures in Radcliffe on Remembrance Sunday
Cllr Hayes	Cllr A Quinn	Road safety
Cllr Boles	Cllr O'Brien	Freedom of the Borough

C. 41 COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Council received a report on the work of the Combined Authorities. The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

Questioner	Combined Authority Member	Topic
Cllr G Staples Jones	Cllr Bayley	HS2 monies
Cllr L Ryder	Cllr Gold	Safer Streets Initiative
Cllr J Lancaster	Cllr Gold	Bonfire demand for GMFRS
Cllr A Arif	Cllr Bayley	Bee Network Forums
Cllr S Arif	Leader	Manchester Airport Passenger Numbers
Cllr I Gartside	Cllr Gold	Manchester Airport Valuation

C. 42 NOTICES OF MOTION

Council considered a motion received in the names of COUNCILLORS ARIF, BERNSTEIN, BROWN, DEAN, GARTSIDE, HARRIS, HUSSAIN, LANCASTER, McBRIAR, RYDEHEARD, VERNON

THIS COUNCIL NOTES THAT:

Bury is home to wide diverse multifaith and multicultural communities and as a Borough we are proud of our record of social cohesion.

As Councillors, we strive to provide leadership to all our communities. We believe in working together to ensure that all members of all communities feel secure within Bury and can go about their daily lives safely and without fear of intimidation.

Significant world events have taken place over the past few weeks that have had a major impact on communities in Bury.

THIS COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT;

We want to work to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring the safety and support of all parts of the Bury community. As community leaders, we acknowledge the importance of creating an environment where everyone feels safe and supported in their daily lives.

We believe organisations that receive public funding should remain politically neutral.

The events in Israel and Gaza are a great tragedy and have caused significant anxiety in all communities. We recognise there is a great deal of suffering on both sides.

As Local Councillors, we cannot affect the international situation but we need to be mindful of the impact our actions have on community relations here in Bury.

THIS COUNCIL RESOLVES:

To support the UK Government position on a Two State solution.

To support all sovereign nations right to defend itself against all unprovoked attacks

Write to both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition supporting their calls for humanitarian pauses in the ongoing conflict as part of the International humanitarian effort to support innocent Palestinians.

To explore with the Multi- Faith Forum what action can be taken collectively by the communities of Bury to ensure we can all stand together during challenging times such as the present.

Form a cross-party group of councillors to examine how the Council can co-ordinate local efforts to provide aid and any other humanitarian support to the region. To liaise with charities, NGO's and others who are active in the region to assess what actions if any this Council can take to support their work.

To agree organisations who are not politically neutral should not be publicly funded.

On being put with 8 Members voting for, 36 Members voting against and the Mayor Abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion lost.

Proposed by: Cllr Carol Birchmore, Cllr Donald Berry, Cllr Andrea Booth, Cllr Des Duncalfe, Cllr Glyn Marsden, Cllr James Mason, Cllr Mike Smith and Cllr Mary Walsh

Addressing the impact of branded, non-standard trimmings and fabric pattern specific items on the cost of secondary school uniforms

As the cost-of-living crisis bites further parents are now facing the additional costs of ensuring that their children are clothed in the correct uniform. This is an additional drain on resources that parents struggling to put food on the table cannot afford.

In May 2023 the Children's Society estimated that parents spend around £422 per year on their child's school uniform. A look at websites of Bury MBC schools shows disparity between costs at different schools. One of the issues driving up the price of school uniforms is the inclusion of school branded items. These branded items are not restricted to simply the blazer and tie but also include branded and specified fabric pattern skirts (often tartan) and branded items of PE kit. The use of branded items is not restricted to private schools or academies but includes local authority schools. Several schools are listing a preferred supplier for the uniform. The most expensive badged blazer was one for a local authority school which was listed as costing £48.75 with a school skirt for the same school costing £30. Branded/specific fabric skirts typically cost around £22. Compulsory branded games T shirts cost between £15 and £20 and shorts/skorts ranging between £10 and £20 depending on the school.

With an increasing cost of living crisis many parents are struggling to afford uniforms especially for year 7 pupils who require full kitting out. The Government recognised school uniform costs as an issue and the Department for Education issued statutory guidance on the "Cost of School Uniforms" issued November 2021 and further non statutory guidance on school uniforms updated June 2023 designed to support schools in developing and implementing their school uniform policy. This guidance should be read in conjunction with "Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021. This guidance states that:

"Parents should not have to think about the cost of a school uniform when choosing which school(s) to apply for. Therefore, schools need to ensure that their uniform is affordable."

And with regards to branded items:

"Schools should keep the use of branded items to a minimum."

The difficulty with the legislation is that it fails to clearly define what exactly the term "affordable" means and in terms of keeping branded items to a "*minimum*", what would be a considered acceptable minimum.

While offering school uniform grants can help some sectors it does not have the universal impact that reducing the overall cost of uniform purchase would have.

While the work of groups such as FRGS at Gigg Lane and school's own uniform swaps is much appreciated, needed and should be encouraged with its significant economic and environmental advantages it would be great to ensure that "affordable" new uniforms are exactly that, irrelevant of parental income.

In recent correspondence with the Department for Education in response to a request for guidance on the issue they stated that:

"The school's governing body will want to consider, when developing their uniform policy, why each individual branded item is considered necessary and whether the overall number of branded items in that policy can properly be described as the minimum necessary."

And also, that, with regards to the guidance on school uniforms issued in November 2021:

"The guidance is clear that cost and value for money for parents should be the most important consideration for governing boards when considering how school uniform should be sourced. Parents should be able to purchase generic

items of uniform from a range of retailers, giving them choice and value for money. Schools should be able to demonstrate that they have obtained best value for money from their suppliers and how the views of pupils and parents have been considered in their decision."

Correspondence Department for Education, Ministerial and Public Communications Division, 9th October 2023

This council resolves to:

Ask the relevant Cabinet Portfolio holder to write to all Bury schools requesting:

- They review their uniform policy in line with the DfE November 2021 guidance to ensure that they are fully complying with the required guidelines when developing their uniform policy.
- They reconsider the use of mandatory branded school uniform items where unbranded items can be bought at more affordable prices.

Also, we ask the council to write to secondary schools within Bury MBC to request:

- Schools look at ways to ensure effective communication with parents and pupils when designing their uniform policy or when making any significant changes. They should consider these views when determining uniform policy.
- Schools undertake an audit of uniform policy and report back on identified means of reducing/minimising the cost of the school uniforms to make them affordable to all parents.
- Schools commit to choosing a PE kit which is practical, comfortable and affordable, minimising the use of branded items e.g. choosing non branded socks and shorts/skorts and games socks.

On being put with 44 Members voting for, 0 Members voting against and the Mayor Abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council considered a notice of motion received from Councillors: A Arif, Bayley, Boles, Boroda, Cummins, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Frith, Gold, Green, Grimshaw, Haroon, Hayes, Ibrahim, McGill, Morris, Moss, O'Brien, Pilkington, Quinn Alan, Quinn Deborah, Rafiq, Rizvi, Rubinstein, Ryder, Smith Lucy Staples-Jones Gareth, Tariq, Thorpe, Walmsley, Whitby.

Across the country, there are significant health inequalities that result in people living a poorer quality of life, and often reducing life expectancy.

The NHS states that health inequalities are unfair and avoidable differences in health across the population, and between different groups within society. These include how long people are likely to live, the health conditions they may experience and the care that is available to them.

The conditions in which we are born, grow, live, work and age can impact our health and wellbeing. These are sometimes referred to as wider determinants of health.

The Marmot Review and the Public Health white paper 'Healthier Lives, Healthy People' (2010) both recommend that planning, transport, housing, environment, and health systems should be fully integrated to address the social determinants of health.

This council acknowledges this and the upcoming Bury Health Inequalities paper will adopt this into the Bury system, subject to a formal launch next month. The council resolves to build on this work by becoming a Marmot area/place.

A Marmot place is one which has a significant commitment to tackle health inequalities through action on the social determinants of health - the social and economic conditions which shape our health - and has strong and effective plans and policies to achieve these reductions in health inequalities.

This council notes:

- Government spending has decreased most in the most deprived places and cuts in services outside health and social care have hit more deprived communities hardest.
- Approximately 16.6% of children aged 0-15 in Bury (an estimated 6400 children) live in income deprived homes, with this percentage rising to almost 31% in some of the most deprived wards: well above the regional or national averages. Poverty and deprivation can damage the health and wellbeing of children and young people and have severe impacts on 'life chances'.
- Life expectancy is 10 years lower for men and 8 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Bury than in the least deprived areas.
- The Marmot review into health inequalities of 2020 found that Covid 19 death rates were a quarter higher in Greater Manchester than the rest of England. The more impoverished a local authority, the higher its mortality rate.

Therefore this council resolves to:

- Ensure Bury aligns its approach with a 'Marmot Town' and joins a growing number of 'Marmot Places', which include cities, towns and regions (including Greater Manchester), that are working with UCL Institute of Health Equity to reduce health inequalities.
- together with its partner organisations, be required to establish innovative ways of tackling inequalities within existing resources, working in partnership with communities using a coproduction approach.
- through the Health Scrutiny Committee, and the Health and Wellbeing Board, hold the leaders across the health and care system to account for looking beyond the interests of their own organisations and driving forward improvement in health and wellbeing outcomes for the residents of Bury, leading a cultural change to a health and care system in which different organisations work together to narrow the gap in inequalities across the town.
- set itself an ambition to integrate preventive action into all decision making to tackle inequalities utilising a "Health in all Policies" approach.
- **On being put with 44 Members voting for, 0 Members voting against and the Mayor Abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

C. 43 * FOR INFORMATION *** COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER**
C. 44 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

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

C. 45 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(Notes: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.20pm)

Public Questions

	Question	
1.	What is the council's commitment to suicide prevention and training within Bury? <u>Rebecca Jackson</u>	E O'Brien
	<p>I'd like to thank Rebecca for her question and to pay tribute to her advocacy for this issue in Bury with colleagues at the Big Fandango</p> <p>Bury council is fully committed to the suicide prevention agenda and ensuring appropriate training is available across Bury. Bury council facilitates and co-ordinates the Bury Suicide Prevention Group (BSPG) which has been established since 2017. This is a multi-agency partnership which the Big Fandango is a key member. The group has a co-designed local plan which is updated annually, the plan is developed using local data and insight along with national evidence, it also aligns with regional and national objectives.</p> <p>Training is a core element of Bury's suicide prevention plan and as such Bury council works closely with organisations such as the Big Fandango who have been commissioned to provide suicide prevention training to a range of partners and schools over recent years.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Big Fandango, Bury council also supports the annual suicide prevention vigil which takes place each year on world suicide prevention day. This is a key event to promote and raise awareness of suicide and the support and training that we have locally, which concludes with a vigil at Burys suicide memorial stone which is located on castle leisure gardens.</p> <p>In addition, the Bury Council art museum has hosted the 'Speak Their Name – memorial quilt' which is a quilt made up of 54 unique squares each one lovingly created by someone bereaved by suicide, which was pulled together by the Big Fandango. Again the hosting of the quilt provided opportunities to further raise awareness of suicide prevention and the support available within Bury.</p> <p>Suicide is serious public health issue nationally and locally, in Bury we still see around 20 suicides per year.</p> <p>Bury council continues to work closely with a range of partners to address this serious issue and I would be happy to visit Rebecca and the Big Fandango as soon as possible to discuss this further.</p>	
2.	<p>In relation to the two planning applications for a change of use from residential care home to House in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) references : 70354 & 70343.</p> <p>Currently 227 comments have been made over the two applications. On the planning portal it states these applications are delegated decisions.</p>	E O'Brien

	Due to the strong local feeling on these applications, could the council please reconsider this being a delegated decision and hear both applications at a planning control meeting in order for local residents to share their views and to allow elected representatives to have the final decision on the applications? Andrew Luxton	
	The Council's scheme of delegation requires any non householder application, where there are three or more objections, to be presented to Committee if Planning Officers are minded to make a recommendation to approve the application. If officers are minded to refuse the application, then the Constitution permits delegation to refuse it without it going to the Planning Control Committee. Planning Officers are still considering the applications and have yet to formulate a recommendation at this time. However, rest assured, that the process outlined in the Council's Constitution will be followed.	

Received after the deadline no supplementary question at the meeting – member of the public has been informed

3.	<p>The Community and the businesses on Walmersley Road are hugely disappointed about the New proposal of Double Red Lines on Walmersley Road.</p> <p>During the Consultation period the majority opposed the proposal. Bury Council who claims to be listening and Let us do it should listen to its Community who you serve.</p> <p>Our Question is can you please re consider the proposal as there is a precedent already set at Rochdale Road (busiest road) where part time parking is allowed and this could be copied on this instant Walmersley Road is much wider road than Rochdale road. <u>Liaqat Ali</u></p>	A Quinn
	<p>Following the consultation exercise, the Walmersley Road Red Route scheme has been revised, reducing the length of the proposed Red Route by more than 50%. Originally the scheme covered the section of Walmersley Road between Moorgate and St. Mark's Square, but this has now been reduced to only cover the section of Walmersley Road between Moorgate and Birch Street.</p> <p>Walmersley Road is part of the A56, which is the most heavily trafficked road in the borough, not Rochdale Road.</p> <p>The Red Route scheme is worthy of introduction despite the objections received because of the wider benefits it will help achieve. These benefits include:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved journey times for vehicles including buses;• Improved safety for pedestrians, cyclist and general traffic; and• Environmental benefits, such as reduced traffic noise and cleaner air <p>The introduction of Red Routes supports the Greater Manchester Mayor's commitment to reduce congestion, improve air quality and reduce casualties on the highway.</p>	
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Classification	Item No.
Open	

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	17 th January 2024
Title of report:	Update to Locality Board Terms of Reference
Report by:	Leader of the Council
Decision Type:	Non key decision
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

In line with the locality governance arrangements, there is a requirement for the Locality Board Terms of Reference to be reviewed on an annual basis. It can be noted that there were some specific membership changes around voting arrangements made to the Terms of Reference in September 2023 which were approved by the Locality Board.

The Terms of Reference have been further reviewed and some proposed changes made to take into account the specific feedback received as part of the GM assurance and due diligence process provided in respect of Conflicts of Interest and Neighbourhood working in March 2023. These changes were approved by the Board at their meeting in December 2023 and are set out in the attached document.

It should be noted that a further amendment is expected to clarify the Board's membership in terms of finance officers representing both the Council and NHS GM (Bury); this amendment will be minor and will reflect current staffing arrangements. Council is therefore requested to delegate the subsequent revisions to the Director of Law and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the updated Terms of Reference for the Locality Board be noted, and the Constitution be updated to reflect these,

2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer to approve subsequent minor changes to the terms of reference and update the constitution accordingly.

Equality Impact and considerations:

N/A

Assessment of Risk:

N/A

Consultation:

The Locality Board have been consulted on the amendments to the Terms of Reference.

Legal Implications:

The changes reflected in the Terms of Reference are in line with locality governance arrangements and have been considered and approved by the Locality Board.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications.

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Background papers:

None.

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

Term	Meaning



The Bury Integrated Care Partnership The Bury Locality (System) Board Terms of Reference

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The Bury Locality system Board ("Locality Board") has been established to provide strategic direction to the Bury Integrated Care Partnership, to manage risk and to support the Bury Integrated Delivery Collaborative for the performance of the Bury health and care system. [The Locality Board will provide effective leadership to support the strong and ongoing commitment in the borough in respect of prevention, earlier intervention, health inequalities and neighbourhood working.](#) The Locality Board will undertake its duties in the context of the agreed Strategic Plan for Health, Care and Well-being for the Borough the Locality Plan. The primary purpose of the Locality Board is to set the Strategic direction for the reform and transformation of the operation of the health, care and well-being system in Bury, and to manage an integrated budget for the place (including a pooled fund between Bury Council and NHS GM). The Locality Board brings together senior leaders for the NHS (primary, secondary, community and mental health), local authority and the VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise).
- 1.2 The responsibilities for the Locality Board will cover the same geographical area as Bury Local Authority.
- 1.3 The Locality Board will have overarching responsibility and manage (subject to reserved matters) all matters relating to the Integrated Health and Care Fund (Pooled Budget) as set out in the S75 Agreement relating to the Integrated Health and Care budget for the borough between Bury Council and NHS GM. The Locality Board will have delegated decision making authority of up to £21.308.4m (annual spend) with regards to the Pooled Budget of the Integrated Health and Care Fund and any other relevant new funding streams (such as grants).
 - In terms of the Better Care Fund; The Health and Well-being Board continues to be responsible for the Joint Local Health Well-being Strategy (JLHWS) which should directly inform the development of joint commissioning arrangements (S75 of the National Health Service Act 2006) in the place and the co-ordination of NHS and local authority commissioning, which include the Better Care Fund plans.
 - With regard to the Pooled Budget; the Health and Well-being Board does not commission health services themselves and do not have their own budget however play an important role in informing the allocation of local resources. This includes responsibility for signing-off the Better Care Fund plan for the local area and providing governance for the pooled fund that must be set up in every area.
- 1.4 The Locality Board will have overarching responsibility and manage (subject to reserved matters) matters relating to the Integrated Health and Care Fund (aligned and non-pooled budgets).



2 **Status and authority**

- 2.1 The Bury Integrated Care Partnership is formed of the parties, who remain sovereign organisations, to provide strategic coherence, shared ambition, and operational delivery of the health and care system in Bury, in pursuit of better outcomes for residents and a financially sustainable system. The Bury Integrated Care Partnership is not a separate legal entity, and as such is unable to take decisions separately from the parties or bind its parties; nor can one or more party 'overrule' any other party on any matter (although all parties will be obliged to act in accordance with the ambition of the Strategic Plan for Health and Care in the Borough).
- 2.2 The Bury Integrated Care Partnership establishes the Bury Locality Board to lead the Bury Integrated Care Partnership on behalf of the parties. As a result of the status of the Bury Integrated Care Partnership, the Locality Board is unable in law to bind any party so it will function as a forum for discussion of issues with the aim of reaching consensus among the parties. However the Locality Board will have responsibility via the Section 75 agreement for the operation of the Integrated Pooled Budget for the borough.
- 2.3 The Locality Board will function through engagement between its members so that each party makes a decision in respect of, and expresses its views about, each matter considered by the Locality Board. The decisions of the Locality Board will, therefore, be the decisions of the parties, the mechanism for which will be authority delegated by the parties to their representatives on the Locality Board.
- 2.4 Each party will delegate to its representative on the Locality Board such authority as is agreed to be necessary in order for the Locality Board to function effectively in discharging the duties within these terms of reference. The parties will ensure that each of their representatives has equivalent delegated authority. Authority delegated by the parties will be defined in writing and agreed by the parties and will be recognised to the extent necessary in the parties' own schemes of delegation (or similar).
- 2.5 The parties will ensure that the Locality Board members understand the status of the Locality Board and the limits of the authority delegated to them.

2.6 **Statutory framework**

- 2.7 In respect of the Integrated Health and Care Fund (S75, Pooled Budget), the Locality Board will sit as a joint committee (of the ICB and Local Authority), established under Regulation 10(2) of the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements Regulations 2000 ("the 2000 Regulations").
- 2.8 In respect of the NHS GM Aligned Budget (non-pooled) element of the Integrated Health and Care Fund (Aligned Budgets), the Locality Board will sit as a Committee of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) of NHS GM on which there is Council and wider partner representation. The Locality Board will fulfil the requirements as outlined in the NHS GM Scheme of Reservation and Delegation.
- 2.9 For the avoidance of doubt, insofar as the Locality Board sits as a joint committee under the 2000 Regulations, Bury Council and/or NHS GM are delegating the making of decisions to the Locality Board and not to their individual representatives on the Board. For the avoidance of doubt where the Locality Board sits as a Committee of the ICB, NHS GM is delegating the making of decisions to the Locality Board collectively and not to their individual representatives on the Board.



3 **Responsibilities**

3.1 The Locality Board will:

- 3.1.1 Ensure alignment of all organisations to the Bury Integrated Care Partnership's vision and objectives, as described in the Locality Plan for Health, Care and Well-being, ensuring the delivery of the triple aim of improved population health, improved experience, and financial sustainability.
- 3.1.2 Jointly manage the Bury Integrated Care Partnership Locality Integrated fund-established to reflect the scope of services agreed to be managed at a locality level between the Bury Council and NHS and in accordance with the NHS GM ~~accountability agreements~~ Scheme of Reservation and Delegation and doing so on the basis of 'formally pooled, aligned (non-pooled)'.
- 3.1.3 Be responsible for achieving the financial sustainability of health and care services within the borough along with contributing to financial sustainability for NHS GM. 4
- 3.1.4 Ensure the Bury Integrated Care Partnership delivers on the NHS obligations under the terms of the NHS GM ~~Accountability Agreement~~ Scheme of Reservation and Delegation with Bury.
- 3.1.5 Secure the delivery of the portfolio of transformation programmes reported through the Integrated Delivery Collaborative Board and as described in the Locality Plan.
- 3.1.6 Ensure the Bury Integrated Care Partnership works as part of the Wider Team Bury approach and in the context of the Let's Do It Strategy for the borough and secures support of all partners including other public services, the business community, and the voluntary sector in addressing health inequalities and population health.
- 3.1.7 Ensure that all partners are actively working to promote the capacity and capability of integrated neighbourhood team working in each of the 5 neighbourhoods teams in Bury and doing so in a way consistent with the principles and values of the Locality Plan - a personal and community asset based approach.
- 3.1.8 Promote and encourage commitment to the integration principles and integration objectives amongst all parties and in particular create the conditions for high quality integrated neighbourhood working.
- 3.1.9 Formulate, agree and ensure that implementation of strategies for achieving the integration objectives and the management of the Bury Integrated Care Partnership.
- 3.1.10 Discuss strategic issues and resolve challenges such that the integration objectives can be achieved.
- 3.1.11 Ensure the work of the health, care and well-being partnership in Bury has the voices of patients and residents, and the learning from lived experience, at the heart of the transformation programmes and service delivery.
- 3.1.12 Respond to changes in the operating environment, including in respect of national policy or regulatory requirements, which impact upon the Bury Integrated Care Partnership or any parties to the extent that they affect the parties' involvement in the Bury System Partnership.



- 3.1.13 Agree policy as required.
- 3.1.14 Agree performance outcomes/targets for the Bury Integrated Care Partnership such that it achieves the integration objectives.
- 3.1.15 Take collective responsibility for achievement of the objectives of the locality plan with regard to the performance/outcomes, financial position and contribution to population health gain. Working with the Integrated Delivery Collaborative to determine strategies to improve performance, recognise and address unwarranted variation, and work together as a system to address poor performance and outcomes.
- 3.1.16 [Have in place effective arrangements for the management and mitigation of risk in line with the requirements set out as part of the NHS GM Risk Management Framework. This will include developing and maintaining a Board Assurance Framework to identify, record, mitigate and manage all shared risks associated with the delivery of outcomes and statutory duties.](#)
- 3.1.17 Ensure that the Bury Integrated Delivery Collaborative identifies and manages the risks associated with the Bury System Partnership, integrating where necessary with the parties' own risk and governance management arrangements.
- 3.1.18 Ensure the continued effectiveness of the Bury System Partnership, including by creating a partnership of trust and common purpose between the parties and between the Bury Integrated Care Partnership and its stakeholders.
- 3.1.19 Ensure that the Bury Integrated Care Partnership support partners to deliver their regulatory requirements through whatever means are required by such regulators or are determined by the Locality Board, including, to the extent relevant, integration with communications and accountability arrangements in place within the parties.
- 3.1.20 Address any actual or potential conflicts of interests which arise for members of the Locality Board or within the Bury Integrated Care Partnership, in accordance with a protocol to be agreed between the parties (such protocol to be consistent with the parties' own arrangements in respect of declaration and conflicts of interests, and compliant with relevant statutory duties).
- 3.1.21 Oversee the implementation of, and ensure the parties' compliance with, this agreement and all other services contracts.
- 3.1.22 Review the governance arrangements for the Bury Integrated Care Partnership at least annually and ensuring compliance and alignment with the governance of legal entity partners.
- 3.1.23 Ensure consistent representation to the decision making arrangements of the ICS such that the ICS creates the conditions for rapid delivery of the system transformation described in the refreshed locality plan.

4 Accountability

- 4.1 The Locality Board is accountable to the each of the parties to the Locality Board. The Locality Board is also accountable to the NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care (NHS GM), through the NHS GM Scheme of Reservation and Delegation, for the delivery of NHS standards and for the NHS GM budget that is part of the Integrated



Fund, in which there will be Bury System representation on the GM ICB where appropriate.

- 4.2 The minutes of the Locality Board will be sent to the parties within 10 working days.
- 4.3 The minutes may be accompanied by a report on any matters which the chair considers to be material. It will also address any minimum content for such reports agreed by the parties.

5 **Membership and Quoracy**

- 5.1 The Locality Board will have a number of voting members and non-voting members along with officers and key representatives that will be required to attend the meetings as and when required. The voting members reflect senior clinical, political, managerial, and NHS non- executive and executive leadership from across the Bury Integrated Care Partnership. The voting rights for each decision will be dependent on the budget under discussion, as described in the table as below:

Role	Organisation	Voting member in relation to Pooled Budget (between Bury Council & NHS GM)	Voting member in relation to Aligned and non-pooled Budget
Leader of the Council	Bury Council	Yes	Yes
Executive Member of the Council for health and Wellbeing	Bury Council	Yes	Yes
Executive Member of the Council for Children and Young People	Bury Council	Yes	Yes
Executive Director	NHS GMIC	Yes	Yes
Senior Clinical Leader in the Borough (as determined by the Clinical Senate via an election process) *	Bury Locality	Yes	Yes
Senior Nurse Lead for the Borough (as determined by the Clinical Senate via an Election process)	Bury Locality	Yes	Yes
Chief Executive & Place Based Lead	Bury Council & Bury Locality	Yes	Yes
Strategic Finance Group Chair & Joint Executive Director of Finance (S151 Officer)	Bury Council & Bury Locality	Yes	Yes
Medical Director	NCA	No	Yes
Medical Director *	IDCB	No	Yes
Chief Officer or nominated Exec	NCA	No	Yes
Chief Office or nominated Exec	Pennine Care Foundation Trust	No	Yes
Chief Office or nominated Exec	Manchester Foundation Trust	No	Yes
Chief Officer	Bury VCFA (Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise).	No	Yes
Executive Director of Health	Bury Council &	No	Yes





and Care & Deputy Place Based Lead	Bury Locality		
Bury Care Organisation Chief Officer	NCA (Bury Care Org)	No	Yes
Director of Childrens Services	Bury Council	No	Yes
Director of Public Health	Bury Council	No	Yes
Director of Adult Social Services	Bury Council	No	Yes
Total number of voters	N/A	8	19

* each of the two roles with an Asterix as detailed above (Senior Clinical Leader in the Borough and Medical Director for the IDCB), are presumed to be GP s and the relevant representatives will represent the GP perspective as well as the constituency. In the event of either of these roles not being a GP, the Terms of Reference will be reviewed accordingly*.

The Locality Board will also comprise the following participants who attend the meeting on a regular basis as an attendee and a non-voting member:

Role	Organisation
Chief Operating Officer	IDCB
Chair	Bury Healthwatch
Director of Finance	NCA
Representative from the Primary Care Network (Lead)	PCN

Role	Organisation
Opposition Party **	Radcliffe First
Opposition Party **	Conservative

** Opposition Leaders (if the party holds 5 or more seats) **

- 5.2 The Locality Board will be quorate (for decisions made under the pooled budget) if two thirds of its voting members (6) are present. The Locality Board will be quorate (for decision made under the aligned/non-pooled budget), if two thirds of its voting members are present (12), subject to the members present being able to represent the views and decisions of the parties who are not present at any meeting. Where a member cannot attend a meeting, the member can nominate a named deputy to attend. Deputies must be able to contribute and make decisions on behalf of the party that they are representing. Deputising arrangements must be agreed with the Chair prior to the relevant meeting. Representatives / deputies will count towards quorum if the chair is notified at the start of the meeting and receives confirmation from the core member that the deputy has full authority to act as described above.

- 5.3 The Locality Board will be chaired by the Leader of the Council, the Senior Clinical Leader from the Clinical and professional Senate. Chairing of meetings will be on an alternate basis and/or in the absence of one of the named chairs. In the absence of both of the Chairs a replacement Chair will be elected for the duration of the meeting from the Core Noting Membership.

6 Conduct of business

- 6.1 Meetings will be held on a Monthly Basis. The date and timings of the meetings will be fixed in advance, as part of the agreed schedule of meetings.
- 6.2 The agenda will be developed in discussion with the Chair(s) and will be developed via



agenda setting meetings. The agenda and supporting papers shall be in a standard format and circulated at least five clear working days in advance of meetings. The minutes of decisions taken at the meeting will be kept and circulated to partner organisations within 10 working days. Papers and Minutes (subject to any applied exclusions) will be published on Bury Council's web site and on the NHS GM web site.

- 6.3 Agendas will be structured to clearly distinguish between decisions to be taken in respect of the Integrated Health and Care Fund (Pooled Budget) by the Locality Board.
- 6.4 In accordance with the Council's constitution, any Key Decision (defined at point 6.5) may not be taken unless Subject to point 7.4 (general exception) and point 7.6 (special urgency), a key decision may not be taken unless:
 - (a) a notice has been published in connection with the matter in question at least 28 days in advance of the decision being taken;
 - (b) notice of the meeting has been given five clear working days before the meeting.
- 6.5 A key decision is a decision taken at a Cabinet meeting, by an individual Cabinet Member, or a Joint Committee of the Cabinet and is:
 - Any decision in relation to an executive function which results in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A decision will be considered financially significant if it results in incurring expenditure or making savings of £500,000 or greater; unless the specific expenditure or savings have previously been agreed by full Council.
 - Any other executive decision which in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer is likely to be significant having regard to:
 - (a) the number of residents/service users that will be affected in the Wards concerned;
 - (b) whether the impact is short term, long term or permanent;
 - (c) the impact on the community in terms of the economic, social and environmental well-being.

Decisions subject to call in by scrutiny committees.

- 6.6 "Call in" is a statutory right for members of the Council to call in a key decision after it is made but before it is implemented. Other than decisions taken under the urgency provisions (7.4 and 7.6) Key decisions made but not implemented may be called-in in accordance with the scrutiny rules as set out in the Council's constitution.
- 6.7 The Locality Board meetings:
 - a) will be held in public, subject to any exemption provided by law with specific time allocated for public question time.
 - b) may resolve to exclude the public from a meeting that is open to the public (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial



to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings or for any other reason permitted by both the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended or succeeded from time to time) and the Local Government Act 1972.

7 Decision making and voting

- 7.1 The Locality Board will aim to achieve consensus for all decisions of the parties. It is not intended that the Locality Board will seek to 'outvote' one partner to the board. Any decision of the Locality board needs to be supported by the governance of each organisation. In the event of one or more partners disagreeing with a decision following consideration within the organisation, it is expected further dialogue and discussion will take place at the Locality Board. The Chair of the Locality Board will have a second and deciding vote, if necessary and required, however the aim of the Locality Board will be to achieve consensus decision-making wherever possible.
- 7.2 To promote efficient decision making at meetings of the Locality Board it will develop and approve detailed arrangements through which proposals on any matter will be developed and considered by the parties with the aim of reaching a consensus. These arrangements will address circumstances in which one or more parties decide not to adopt a decision reached by the other parties.

Urgent Decisions

- 7.3 General exception - in accordance with the Council's constitution, if a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included in the List of Key Decisions, then subject to the Special Urgency rule, the decision may still be taken if:
 - (a) the decision must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next List of Key Decisions;
 - (b) the Chief Executive has informed the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee, or if there is no such person, each Member of that Committee, and a nominated opposition or majority group member of the Committee as appropriate and the leader of the second largest opposition group in writing, by notice, of the matter to which the decision is to be made;
 - (c) the Chief Executive has made copies of that notice available to the public at the offices of the Council; and
 - (d) at least five days have elapsed since the Chief Executive complied with (b) and (c).
- 7.4 Where such a decision is taken collectively, it must be taken in public.
- 7.5 Special urgency - if by virtue of the date by which a decision must be taken (general exception) cannot be followed, then the decision can only be taken if the Chair of the Locality Board, has:
 - (a) obtained the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred;
 - (b) consulted a nominated opposition or majority group member of the Committee as appropriate and the leader of the second largest opposition group. If there is no



Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or if the Chair is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chair of the Council (Mayor), or in his/her absence the Vice Chair (Deputy Mayor) will suffice.

(c) Consulted every member, following circulation to every member of appropriate papers and a written resolution.

7.6 Such a decision will be as valid as any taken at a quorate meeting but will be reported for information to, and will be recorded in the minutes of, the next meeting.

8 **Conflicts of Interests**

8.1 The members of the Locality Board must refrain from actions that are likely to create any actual or perceived conflicts of interests. The Locality Board partnership has many benefits with one being that it should help to ensure that public money is spent efficiently and wisely, however in doing so there is a potential risk that conflicts of interest may arise.

8.2 As a Locality Board and as individuals, we have a duty to ensure that all our dealings are conducted to the highest standards of integrity and that monies are used wisely so that we are using our finite resources in the best interests of our population.

8.3 All members of the Locality Board must ensure that any such conflicts of interests are formally disclosed to the Locality Board so that they are subsequently managed in adherence with the NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Conflict of Interest Policy.

8.4 The Chair of the Locality Board shall manage all conflict of interest matters. The members of the Locality Board will be asked at each meeting to declare any new or existing actual or perceived conflicts for any items of business related to that meeting. The Chair will ensure that a Register of Interests for the members of the Locality Board is established and maintained.

8.5 The Locality Board members will at all times, observe accepted principles of good governance in the way it conducts its business, including the highest standards of propriety involving impartiality, integrity and objectivity in relation to the joint stewardship of public funds and the conduct of its business.

8.6 In addition, appropriate Codes of Conduct will be followed at all times also by members of the Locality Board alongside adherence to the seven Principles of Public Life (Nolan Principles) and compliance with any statutory bar on participation and/or voting in particular circumstances. The Locality Board members will also be aware of what may constitute a Conflict of Interest under their own organisation's Conflict of Interest Policies as well.

8.7 With regard to quoracy during meetings in respect of conflicts of interest, it can occur that the suspension of Locality Board members' voting rights on agenda items causes the Locality Board to lose quoracy. Where this occurs, it is the responsibility of the Chair of the Locality Board to determine where/when/how the agenda item should be resolved. This may require, for example, deferral of the agenda item to a future meeting when additional (or replacement) members are present. This decision should be taken during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.

8.83 The Locality Board will formally record its deliberations within relevant minutes. Such minuting will be undertaken by the designated officer support provided, alongside the management of paperwork and version control.

8.9Any interests declared at a meeting will be recorded in the minutes and will record:

- Who has the interest;
- The nature of the interest and why it gives rise to a conflict, including the magnitude of any interest;
- The items on the agenda to which the interest relates;
- How the conflict was agreed to be managed; and
- Evidence that the conflict was managed as intended (for example recording the points during the meeting when particular individuals left or returned to the meeting).

8.94 Depending upon the topic under discussion and the nature of a conflict of interest disclosed or identified, the member may be:

- Allowed to remain in the meeting and contribute to the discussion;
- Allowed to remain in the meeting and contribute to the discussion but leave the meeting at the point of decision; or
- Asked to leave the meeting for the duration of the item under consideration.

9 Confidentiality

9.1 Information obtained during the business of the Locality Board must only be used for the purpose it is intended. Particular sensitivity should be applied when considering financial, activity and performance data associated with individual services and institutions. The main purpose of sharing such information will be to inform new service models and such information should not be used for other purposes (e.g., Performance management, securing competitive advantage in procurement).

9.2 Members of the Locality Board are expected to protect and maintain as confidential any privileged or sensitive information divulged during the work of the Bury System Partnership. Where items are deemed to be privileged or particularly sensitive in nature, these should be identified and agreed by the chair. Such items should not be disclosed until such time as it has been agreed that this information can be released.



- 9.3 Given that some Local Authority decision making will go through the Locality Board the provisions of the Local Government Access to Information legislation will apply.

10 Support

- 10.1 Governance/administrative support to the Locality Board will be provided as agreed by the Partnership.
- 10.2 The Executive Director, Health and Adult Care - Bury Council and Deputy Place Based Lead for Health and Care - NHS GM (Bury) and Bury Council will act as the lead officer. Lead officer responsibilities will include ensuring that agendas are appropriate to the work of the Board.
- 10.3 The programme structure and supporting work groups will be developed and agreed as part of the Locality Board work plan and these Terms of Reference should be read in conjunction with the Partnership Agreement and S75 Agreement.

11 Review

- 11.1 These Locality Board terms of reference will be formally reviewed annually. ~~and in the first instance in September 2023.~~

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Report to:	Cabinet	Date: 10 January 2024
Subject:	Children and Young People's Directorate – Senior Management Structure	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report is to seek Cabinet approval to progress to formal consultation with affected staff on the restructure of the Children & Young People's Directorate Management structure.
- 1.2 This proposal builds on the significant restructuring and realignment work undertaken implemented in October 2022 and September 2023 in support of Early Help and Social Care service improvement and the delivery of our Local Area SEND transformation plan and Project Safety Valve.
- 1.3 This phase of the restructure seeks to review Directorate management structures, seeking improved alignment and integration of complementary portfolios, to strengthen the delivery of multi-agency support services delivered to children. It responds to the current substantive vacancies within the three senior leadership posts in the Department and seeks to take this opportunity to align leadership arrangements across two (as opposed to three) substantive divisions going forwards. The proposals are affordable within the current budget and generate a small saving of circa. £9,000.

2.0 Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Agree in principle the commencement of consultation with affected staff in January 2024 on the proposed structural changes to the Children & Young People's Directorate, as set out within the body of this report.
2. As part of these proposals, recommend to Council that the vacant post of Director of Social Care Practice (Chief Officer Band E, £93,102-£101,596) be redesignated as Director of Social Care & Early Help, evaluated as (Chief Officer Band F, £103,767-£112,636) to reflect the post's expanded portfolio.
3. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Children and Young People and the Cabinet Members for Children's Services and HR and Corporate Affairs, in consultation with the Director of People and Inclusion, Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer to consider responses

received from the consultation and produce a final version of the structure.

2.1 Reasons for recommendation(s)

The proposal sets out a plan to support the transformation of Children's Services, necessary to both integrate and align services and to ensure the structure of the Department is supportive of the next phase of our delivery of the OFSTED Improvement Plan, Local Area SEND Transformation and Project Safety Valve activity and readiness for revised statutory guidance.

This proposal is, in the view of the Executive Director (Children & Young People), necessary to improve outcomes for children and families in Bury and to meet the requirement to improve, imposed upon us by the DfE, and to deliver transformation across our services.

The proposal will support effective service delivery of Children's Services, via stronger integration of key services, bringing all early help and support services under the leadership of the proposed director of social work and early help, and aligning children vulnerable in education services under the responsibility of the virtual school,

The proposed planning reflects the requirements of recent statutory guidance, the Revised Working Together Guidance 2023, and the Children's Social Care National Framework 2023. The former is clear that within early help the role of education and childcare settings is strengthened and made explicit and within safeguarding it clarifies a broader range of practitioners who can be the lead practitioner for children receiving child in need support (s17 CA) such as early help practitioners.

Children's Social Care National framework is central to setting the direction for practice in children's social care as part of the reforms set out in Stable Homes, Built on Love.

The guidance recognises the importance of school attendance and attainment being necessary in securing successful outcomes for our children, the virtual head, and the importance of being aspirational for our children, who receive support from a social worker, stating that.

Virtual School Heads are empowered and supported in their leadership roles to work across children's social care, and with educational settings, to help improve the attendance and attainment of children and young people.

2.2 Alternative options considered and rejected.

The rationale for the proposal is driven by our aspiration that all children and young people in Bury reach their potential, are happy, healthy, and safe and are therefore able to make the best use of their skills to lead independent and successful lives.

The Department is committed to delivering service improvement across the whole gamut of its responsibilities encompassing, Education, SEND, Early Help and Social Care. Current departmental structures could be maintained, although a recent recruitment exercise for the post of Director of Social Care

Practice was unsuccessful, and market testing broadly supports the combined Social Care and Early Help role as being a better positioned proposition.

3 Background

- 3.1 The basic senior management structure of the Children & Young People's Directorate was established in 2019. Since that time, there have been a number of significant developments and changes that have impacted on the directorate, including:
- The "Inadequate" OFSTED judgment in December 2021
 - Ongoing work to improve and transform services for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) linked to the new national inspection framework here.
 - Entry into Project Safety Valve in partnership with Department of Education
 - A significant investment in and restructure of the Social Care and Safeguarding Division implemented in October 2022, increasing frontline capacity in services.
 - A significant restructure of the Education & Skills Division implemented in September 2023, realigning services to meet statutory duties and delivering of Send Transformation and Project Safety Valve commitments.
 - Transfer of Business Support functions out of and subsequently back into the Directorate
 - Transfer of Commissioning responsibilities out of the Directorate.
- 3.2 As the Directorate progresses with the improvement journey, there has been an opportunity to reflect on the operating model. Through this reflection it has become apparent that effectiveness could be improved through a further strategic realignment of management responsibilities.

4 Background

- 4.1 The Children & Young People Directorate currently is organised into three operational divisions of:
- Social Care & Safeguarding, with responsibility for statutory social care provision for children & young people.
 - Education & Skills, with responsibility for the local education system, including school assets, governance, admissions, and assurance, as well as education safeguarding and children & young people with SEND.
 - Early Help & School Readiness, with responsibility for non-statutory support to children and families, early intervention, and early years provision.
- 4.2 At the present time, all three Director / Assistant Director level posts are substantively vacant. Strong interim arrangements are now in place. However, these changes have provided a timely opportunity to consider roles and responsibilities and best align these to service requirements.

- 4.3 The government response to the Independent Review of Social Care, *Stable Homes Build on Love* (February 2023), has emphasised the need for Local Authorities to support families at the lowest level, referred to as 'Family Help'. As part of the government's Families First Pathfinder programme, some Local Authorities are testing out how Children's Services might support children in need (CIN) alongside families in need of Early Help, in the future. As the Pathfinders share their findings, it is likely that Children's Services, will move to working with families in a way that is more joined up between Children's Social Care and Early Help.
- 4.4 Taking the opportunity now to have both children's social care and early help sitting under the same Director would bring consistency and oversight around future developments and ensure whole system working. When Bury moves to respond to the government reforms, developing subsequent transformation activity, will be more efficient, if undertaken under the same Director.
- 4.5 It is also worth highlighting the role of the Virtual School in this context. The strategic leadership from the virtual school in Bury is delivering improved outcomes for our looked after children, both in terms of progress and attainment, this has been achieved via strengthened partnership arrangements underpinned by strong advocacy for our looked after children.
- 4.6 The Virtual School's role has expanded considerably in the last three years, with extended duties to oversee the education of children on Child in Need and Child Protection plans and a new duty to oversee children on kinship care, as well as the established duties to promote the education of looked-after children (statutory since 2014) and previously looked-after children (statutory since 2018). All these children have common educational vulnerabilities; children with a social worker are far more likely to be permanently excluded and/or suspended from school, to be persistently absent, on part-time timetables or even not in education at all. For this reason, Virtual School management of the Attendance, Children Missing in Education (CME) and Elective Home Education (EHE) teams will ensure robust leadership and oversight of these teams and enable effective multi-agency working across the LA and with schools and families. The proposal will harness the opportunity to bring together all LA services which support vulnerable children in education within one service, under the strategic leadership of the Virtual School.

5.0 Proposals

5.1 Directorate Structure

- 5.1.1 It is proposed that the Directorate is reorganised from three delivery divisions to two. This will require the disestablishment of the Early Help and School Readiness Division, and the transfer of the three core functions of the Division (Family Help, Family Resource and Early Years) to a reconfigured Social Care and Early Help Division.

- 5.1.2 The vacant post of Assistant Director (Early Help & School Readiness) will be disestablished, with all areas of work transferred under the strategic responsibility of the reconfigured post of Director of Social Care & Early Help. The work needed to fully integrate Early Help Services into the new operating model is complex, and further activity is planned during 2024 to seek to align service areas that provide Early Help Services.
- 5.1.3 To ensure stability of the Early Help services during this transitional period, it is proposed to establish a fixed term role of Head of Service (Early Help) for a period of no longer than 12 months. This post will report to the Director of Social Care & Early Help and will assume line management responsibility for the posts that previously reported to the Assistant Director (Early Help & School Readiness). The post will provide the necessary operational management capacity to ensure these key services remain robustly supported and supervised as the overall service structure is developed during 2024. This post is assessed as Chief Officer Band B (£68,714 - £74,619) It is proposed that this role is filled on an acting basis by the Head of Service (Family Help).
- 5.1.4 It is proposed that the Children's Commissioning function is transferred from the Health & Adult Care Department to the Children & Young People Department. This recognises the integral nature of effective commissioning in the delivery of high-quality services for children and young people, as well as the central role the function plays in ensuring the delivery of cost efficiencies for the council. A wider review of the operation of this function will be brought forward separately and the current proposals relate to a transfer of strategic leadership accountability only.
- 5.1.5 The proposal also recognises the transfer of Business Support functions into the Directorate from the Corporate Core in November 2023. The proposal seeks to build on this through the transfer of a number of specialist stand-alone posts and responsibilities from across the Directorate under the Strategy, Assurance & Reform service area, seeking to reduce the risk associated with single points of failure and providing more robust integrated management and support arrangements. Positioning these posts in the cross-cutting Strategy, Assurance & Reform service will support their operation across the entire Department more effectively than their current location within a specific division.
- 5.1.6 Further details of the services and posts proposed to be amended are set out below.

5.2 Social Care & Early Help Division

- 5.2.1 The existing post of Director of Social Care Practice (Chief Officer Band E, £93,102-£101,596) will be reviewed and redesignated as Director of Social Care and Early Help. The post will assume strategic responsibility for the services currently located within the Early Help & School Readiness Division. To recognise this, change the job description of the post has been reviewed and evaluated at (Chief Officer Band F, £103,767-£112,636). Because this change relates to a post with a remuneration package greater than £100k

approval for this is, ultimately, a matter for Council. At present the Director of Social Care Practice is filled on an interim basis and this individual has the skills and experience to continue to oversee the expanded portfolio pending substantive recruitment.

- 5.2.2 The post of Head of Service (Family Help) will transfer to the Social Care & Early Help Division, reporting to the interim Head of Service (Early Help). The post will continue to manage the Early Help Locality Teams. - Responsibility for management of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub will transfer from the Family Help service to the management of the Head of Service (Initial Response and Complex Safeguarding). This will locate all initial contacts / front door services in one structure, allowing improved oversight and management. The job description for this post has been reviewed and there is no proposed change to remuneration.
- 5.2.3 The post of Service Manager (Family Resource) will transfer to the Social Care & Early Help Division, reporting to the interim Head of Service (Early Help). The post will continue to manage the current area of work it is responsible for, plus responsibility for the management of the Children's Right's Service will transfer to it from Head of Service (CASS & Leaving Care). The job description for this post has been reviewed and there is no proposed change to remuneration.
- 5.2.4 The post of Service Manager (Early Years) will transfer to the Social Care & Early Help Division, reporting to the interim Head of Service (Early Help). The post will continue to manage the current area of work it is responsible for. There are no proposed changes to the duties, responsibilities, or grading of the role.
- 5.2.5 The posts of Principal Social Worker (Chief Officer Band A) and Service Manager (Quality & Assurance) (SM1 Grade) will be disestablished and replaced with a new Head of Service (Social Work Development & Quality Assurance). This post will assume the professional responsibilities of Principal Social Worker, and lead on workforce development and safeguarding, as well as management of the IRO/CP Service and LADO. It is proposed this role be graded as Chief Officer Band A.
- 5.2.6 The role of Principal Social Worker, fits well with both the practice and objective scrutiny resource of the Department. It is common for these roles to be joined together and to include the responsibilities and function as Head of Safeguarding. The creation of this new role will strengthen the oversight of quality of practice and assurance across the Directorate.
- 5.2.7 The post of Team Manager, Complex Safeguarding will transfer to the line management and responsibility of the Head of Service for CASS and Care Leavers.

5.3 Education & Skills Division

- 5.3.1 The existing post of Director of Education & Skills will remain unchanged.

- 5.3.2 It is proposed to amend the portfolio of the post of Strategic Lead (School System). It is recognised this is a key period of transformation in the Education sector, with an increasing pace of academisation, focus of pupil place planning and sufficiency, and a significant programme of capital investment. To ensure appropriate strategic capacity to support the school system, responsibility for oversight of safeguarding functions will be removed from this post. The job description for this position has been reviewed and there is no proposed change in grade. The post will be retitled Head of Service (School System) to ensure consistency of job titles across the Department.
- 5.3.3 Amendments will be made to the role of Senior School Assurance Officer. The post will retain responsibility for the management of School Assurance and Governor Support functions. However, current duties in relation to the management of Safeguarding in Education will transfer as detailed below. The job description for this position has been reviewed and it is proposed the post grading remains unchanged at Soulbury EIP 20-23 (£65,794 - £69,586)
- 5.3.4 The statutory duties of the post of Virtual Head Teacher will be enhanced and amalgamated with additional responsibilities in relation to safeguarding in education (as detailed above) to form a new post of Head of Service (Virtual School and Vulnerable Children & Young People in Education). This post will report to the Director of Education and Skills and take managerial responsibility for the Virtual School and the Attendance, Exclusions and Community Education Service. This post has been assessed at Soulbury EIP 23-26 (£69,586 – £73,173), an increase from the current Soulbury 17-20 (£62,440 - £65,794)
- 5.3.5 To ensure appropriate managerial capacity, a new post of Deputy Head of Virtual School will be established. This role will support the Head of Service (Virtual School and Vulnerable Children & Young People in Education) in the discharge of statutory responsibilities and will provide operational line management for employees in the Virtual School. This post has been assessed at Soulbury EIP 13-16 (£56,976 - £61,106)
- 5.3.6 The existing post of Strategic Lead (SEND & Inclusion) will be redesignated as Head of Service (SEND & Inclusion), to ensure consistency of job titles across the Department. The portfolio of services managed by this post will remain as established in the Education & Skills Restructure implemented in September 2023, with the exception of the Children with Disabilities team that will transfer to the Social Care & Early Help Division, under the Head of Service (Initial Response & Contextual Safeguarding).
- 5.3.7 The job description for this position has been reviewed to reflect the additional accountabilities linked to the post in the context of the Council's Project Safety Valve participation and strategic SEND improvement work. The post has been assessed as Chief Officer Band B (£68,714 - £74,619), an increase from the current Chief officer Band A designation.

5.4 Strategy, Assurance & Reform

- 5.4.1 The Strategy, Assurance and Reform Service has expanded significantly due to the transfer of 30 FTE Business Support Staff to the unit in November 2023. The posts of Head of Strategy, Assurance & Reform and Children's Improvement Manager have been reviewed to incorporate these additional responsibilities, with no change in grade.
- 5.4.2 To fully reflect the work of the service across the Department, it is proposed the service area will sit outside of the two main operational divisions, with the Head of Strategy, Assurance & Reform proposed to report directly to the Executive Director of Children & Young People.
- 5.4.3 In addition, several specialists "stand alone" posts have been identified from across the Department which would be better delivered from within this function with some associated amendments to support resilience and reduce duplication. It is considered that these posts currently work in isolation, and there is a risk of them becoming single points of failure for the Directorate.

5.5 Children's Commissioning

- 5.5.1 It is proposed that the Children's Commissioning Team are transferred from their current location in Health & Adult Care into the Children & Young People Directorate.
- 5.5.2 The operational structure of the service area is currently under formal review; however, it is apparent that operationally the oversight and management of the service will need to be integrated directly into the Children & Young people Management structure to deliver the necessary improvements. It is therefore proposed that the line management of the Head of Childrens Commissioning transfers to report to the Executive Director of Children & Young People, with further consultation to take place with the service on a future operating model once the full review has completed.

6.0 Consultation

- 6.1 Should approval to progress to consultation be given, agreement from the Trade Unions will be sought to undertake employee consultation.
- 6.2 The formal consultation is proposed to commence in January when full consultation documentation will be provided to employees and trade unions. Consultation would be for a period of 30 days. Consultation will include a series of open sessions, one to one meeting with all the affected staff. There will be open engagement meetings for the wider directorate.
- 6.3 The proposals will directly impact on 23 individuals in the structure who will form the core consultation group.
- 6.4 It is anticipated that implementation of any new structure would be in place prior to 1st April 2024.

- 6.5 The majority of changes proposed reflect primarily changes to reporting lines and management responsibilities and accountabilities. In the small number of incidences where there is the potential for employees to be displaced, suitable alternative roles are available across the Directorate structure and the details of this will be considered and confirmed as part of the formal consultation process.

7.0 Service Restructure Proposals

The appendices attached outline both the current structure and the details of the proposed restructure of the Children & Young People Department.

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9.0 Links with the Corporate Priorities:

- 9.1 Our vision for Children's Services links to the Let's Do It Strategy and our values and principals.
- 9.2 With the support of the wider council and its partners we have set out a plan of transformation which is ambitious and seeks to improve the lived experience of children and therefore their outcomes during childhood and beyond, to achieve this a focus upon an effective offer of help and support to those families who face complex issues is required.
- 9.3 A full departmental restructure is necessary to drive forward our transformation and improve the lived experience of children and young people.

10.0 Equality Impact and Considerations:

- 10.1 These changes are being delivered within the Councils approved policy framework that has been subject to full equality analysis. No adverse service changes are anticipated to result from the proposals.

11.0 Environmental Impact and Considerations:

N/A

12.0 Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Failure to recruit to posts within the new structure	Salaries are considered as competitive within the market, and management spans of control / portfolios reasonable and coherent.
Instability of management structure	Robust arrangements in place in respect of interim cover while the new structure is consulted upon and recruited to

13.0 Legal Implications:

There are no legal implications arising from the proposed consultation.

14.0 Financial Implications

The costs of this management structure form part of the budget proposals in the budget report being presented to Cabinet in February and were contained in the projected revenue budget for 2024/25 presented to Cabinet on 13/12/23.

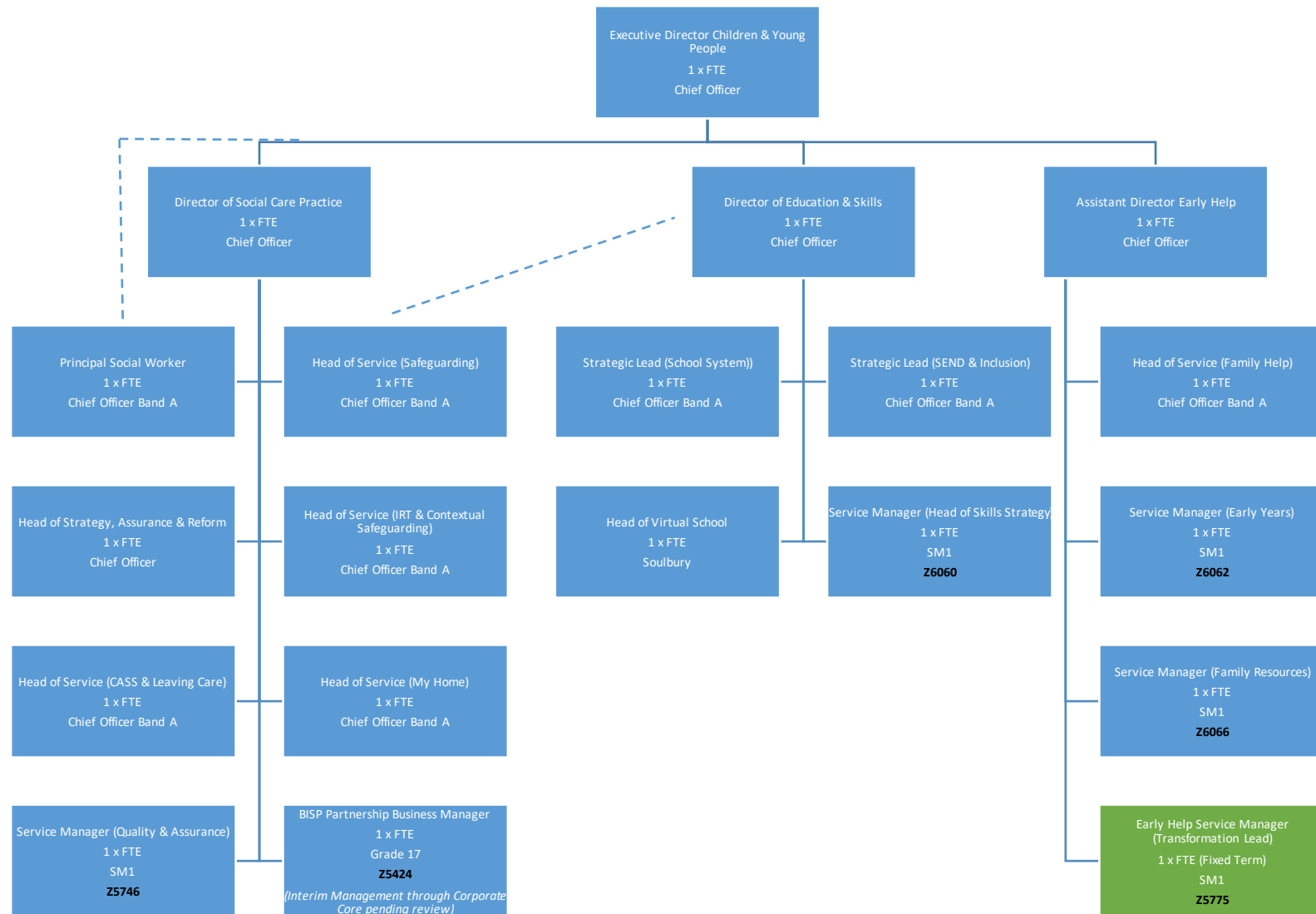
15.0 Background papers:

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- Appendix 2 – Proposed Structure

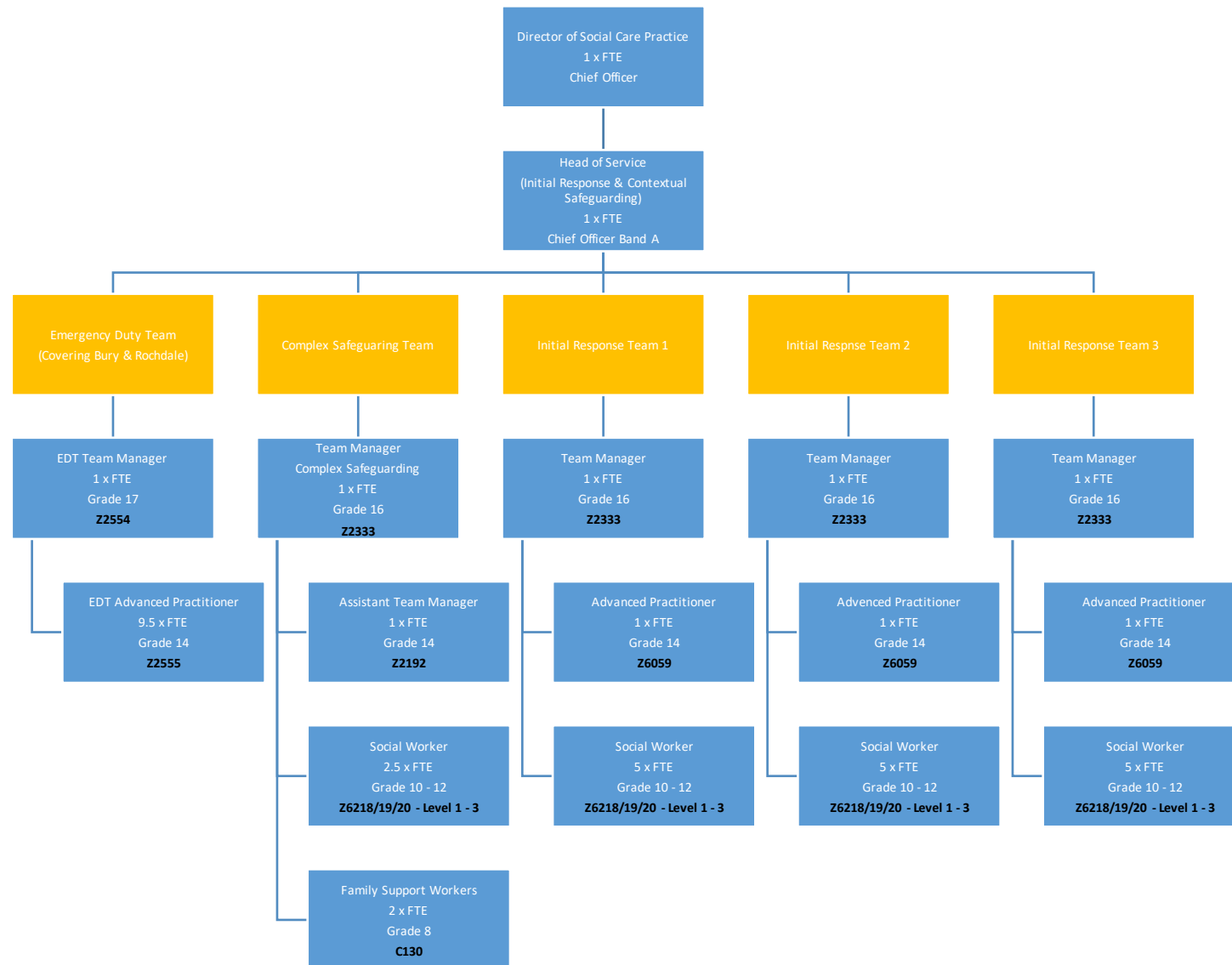
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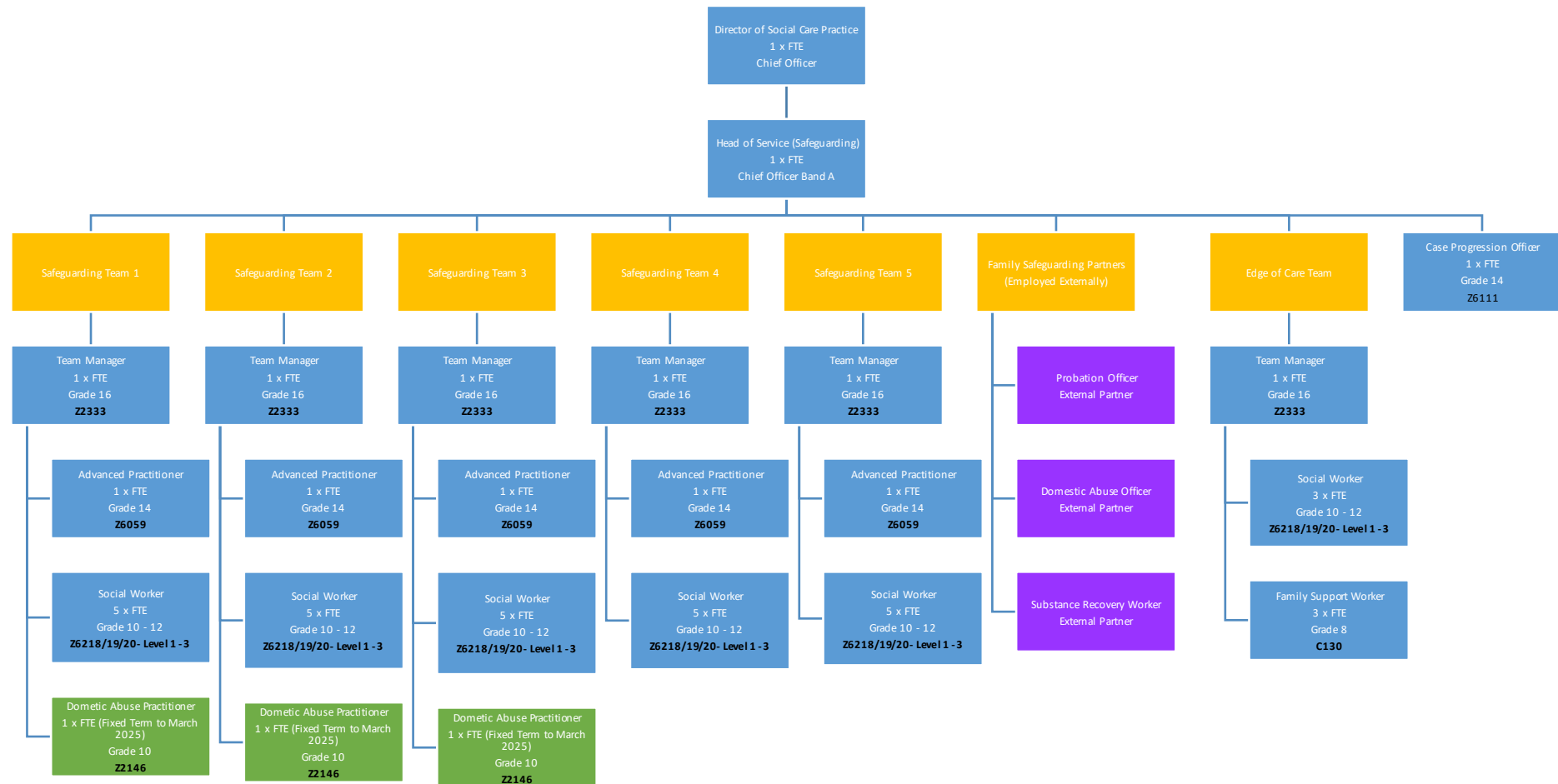
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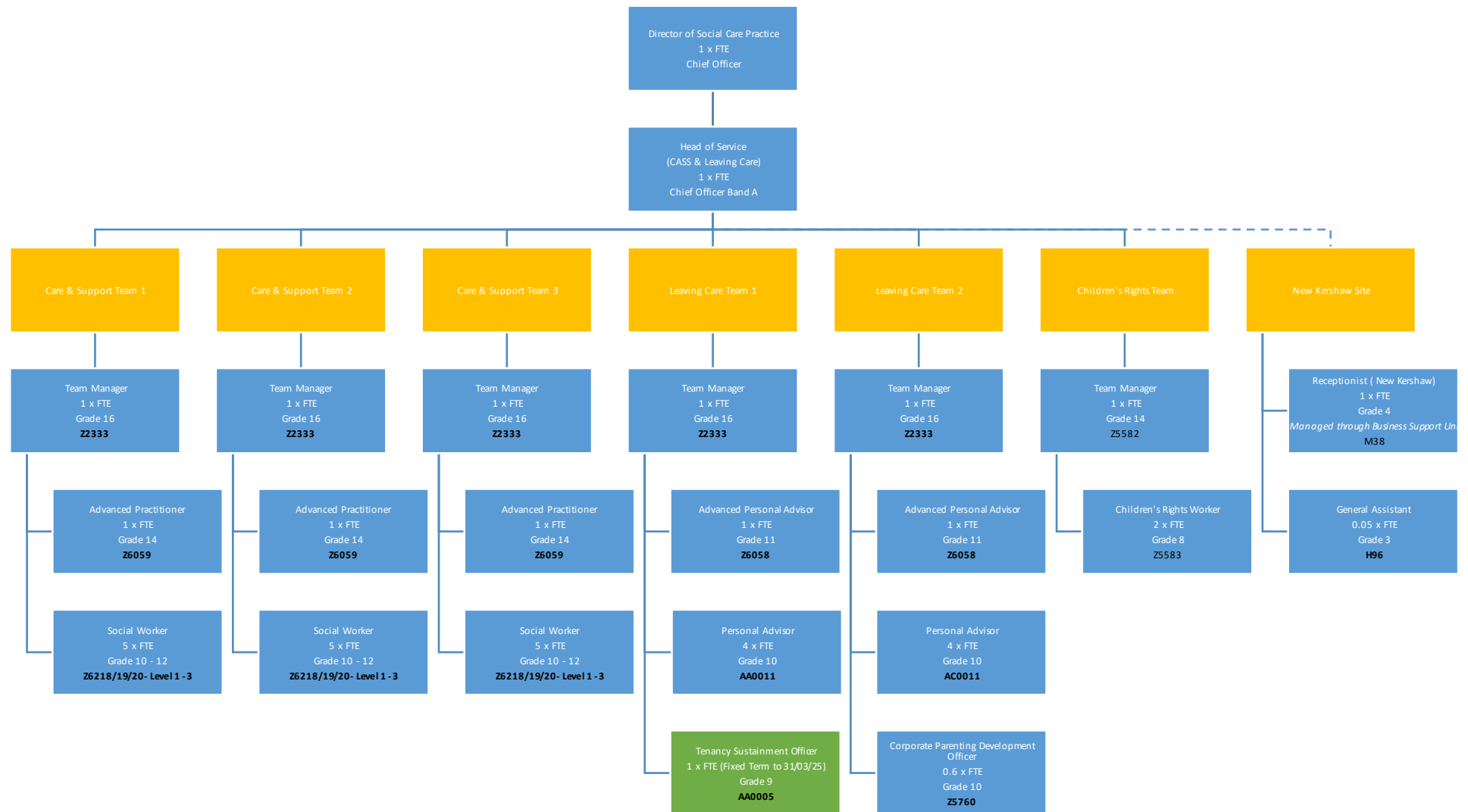
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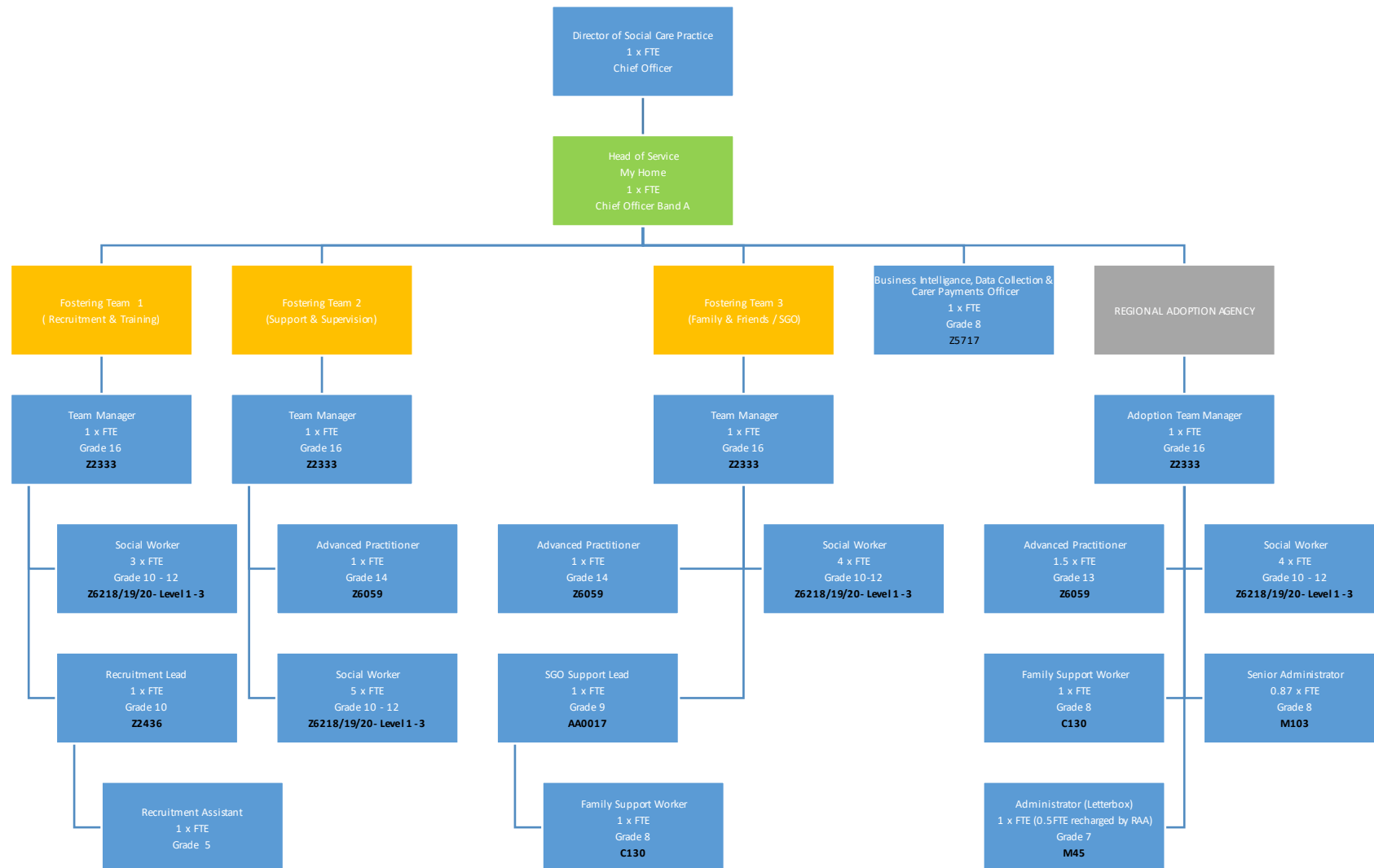
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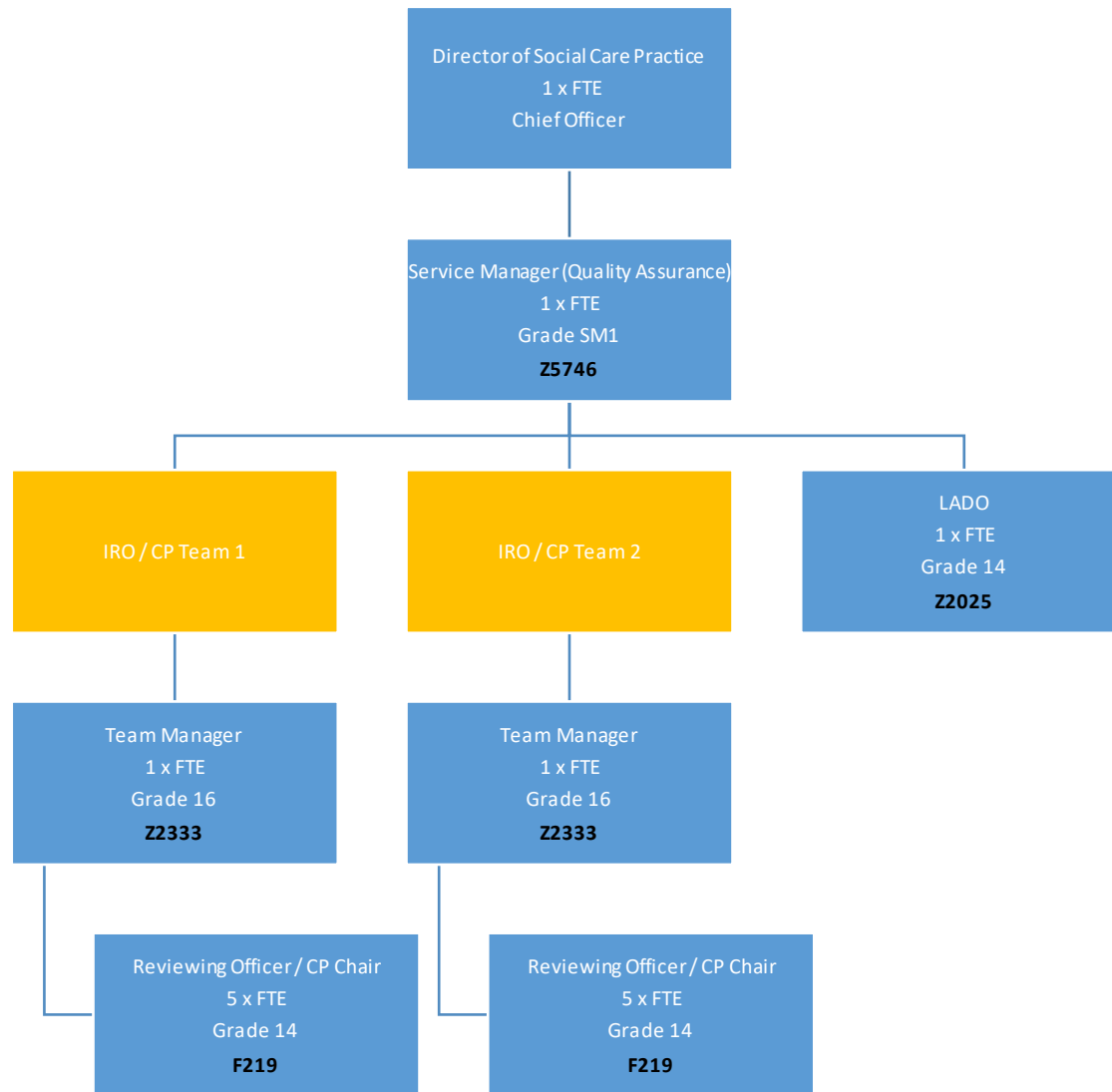
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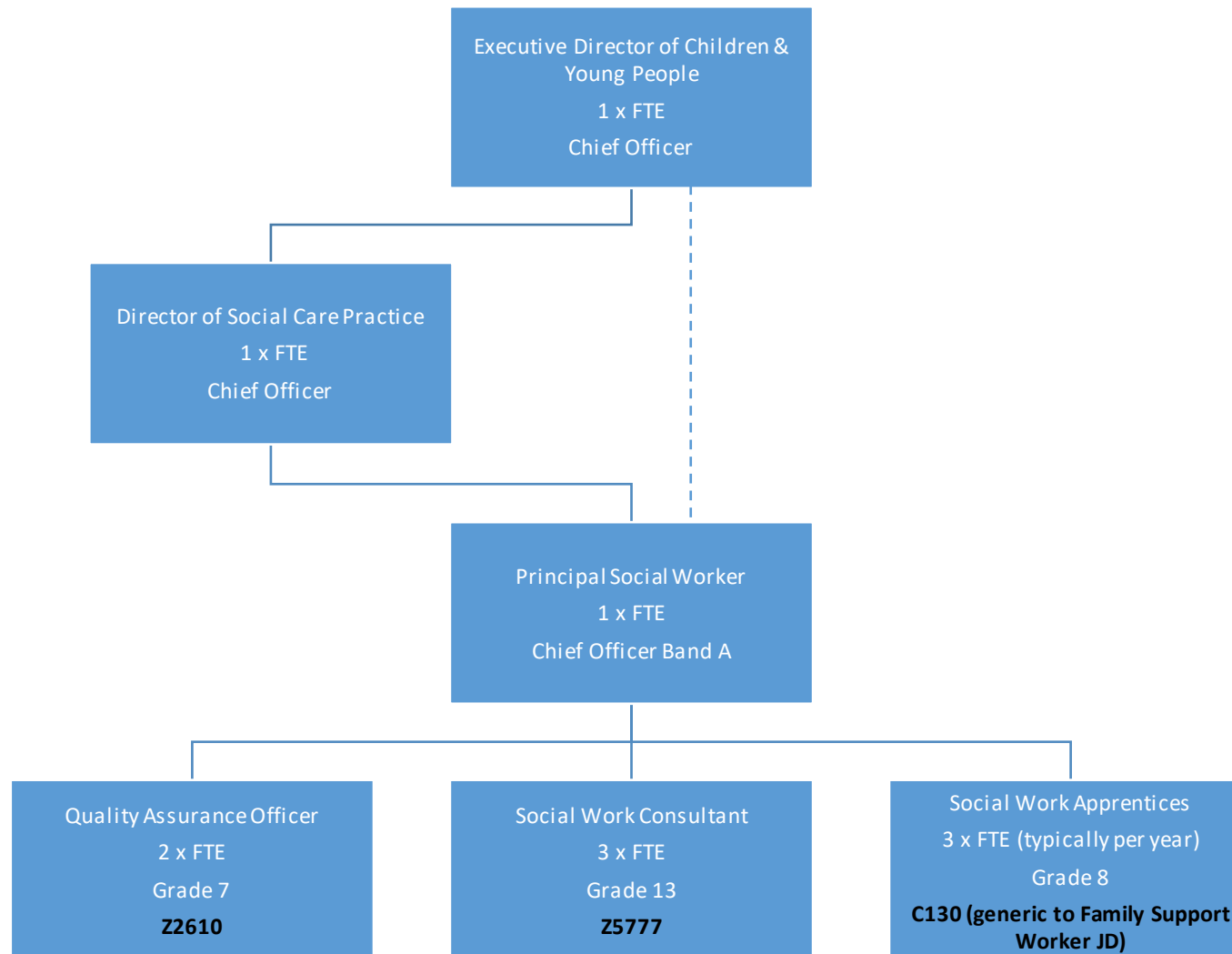
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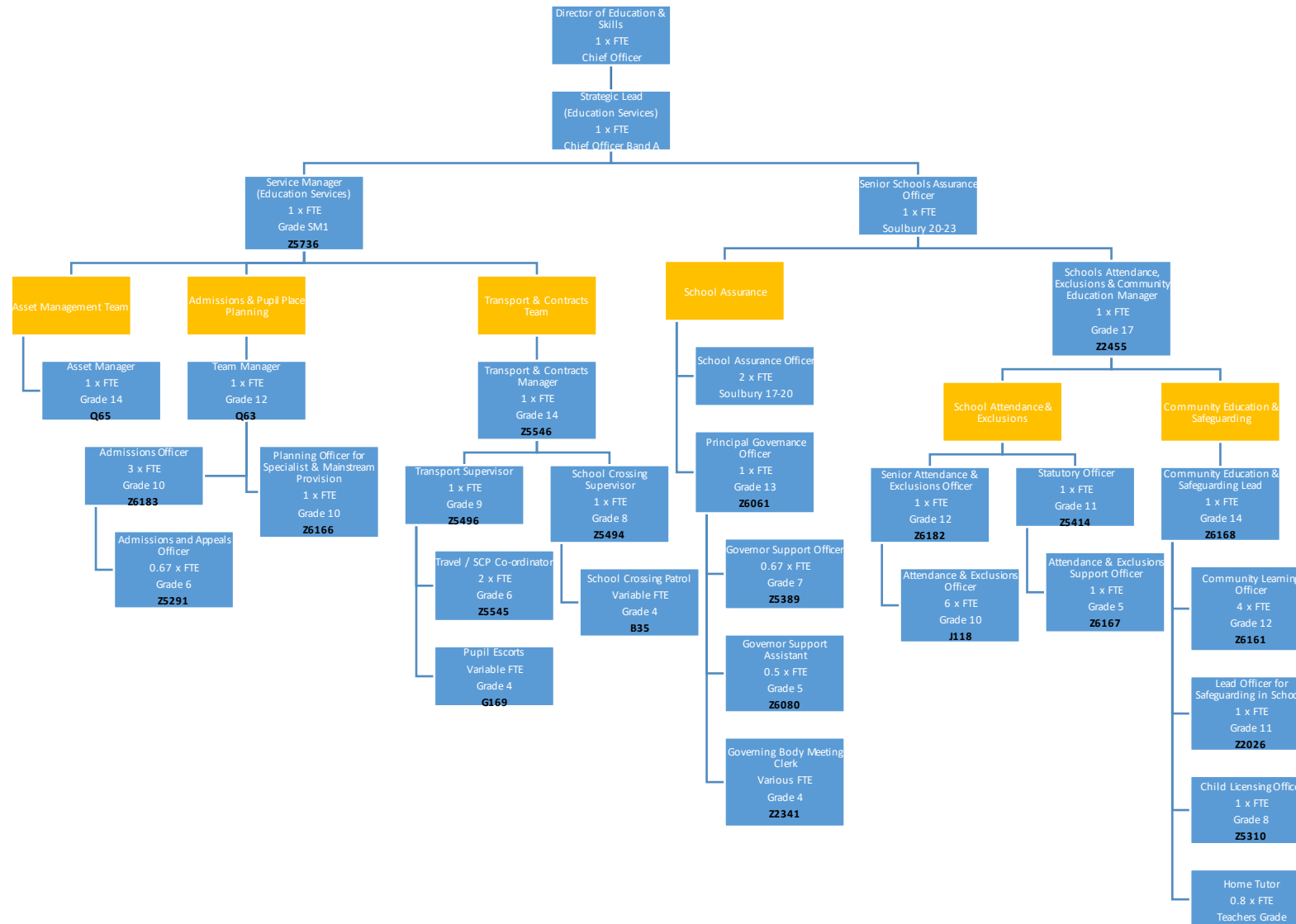
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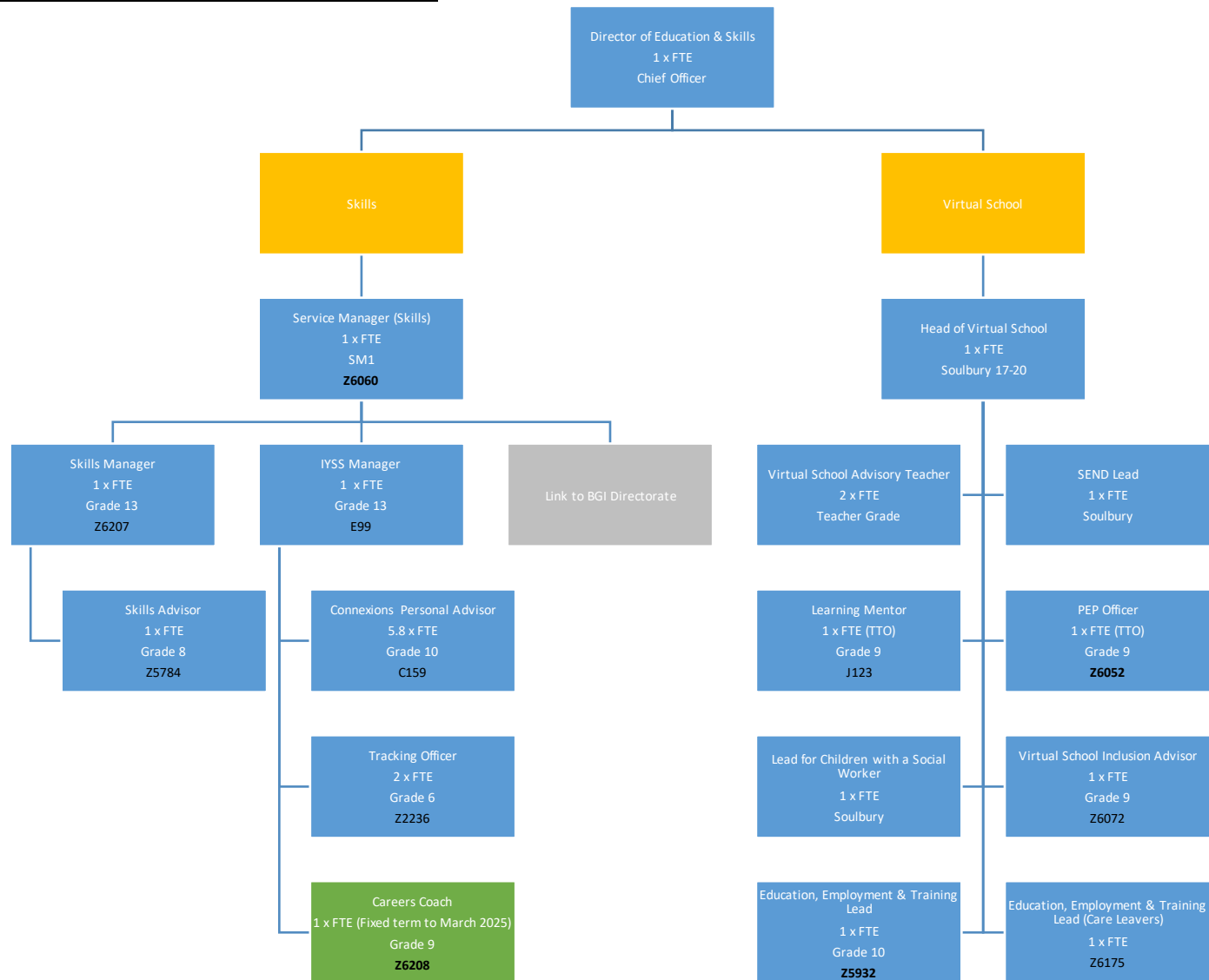
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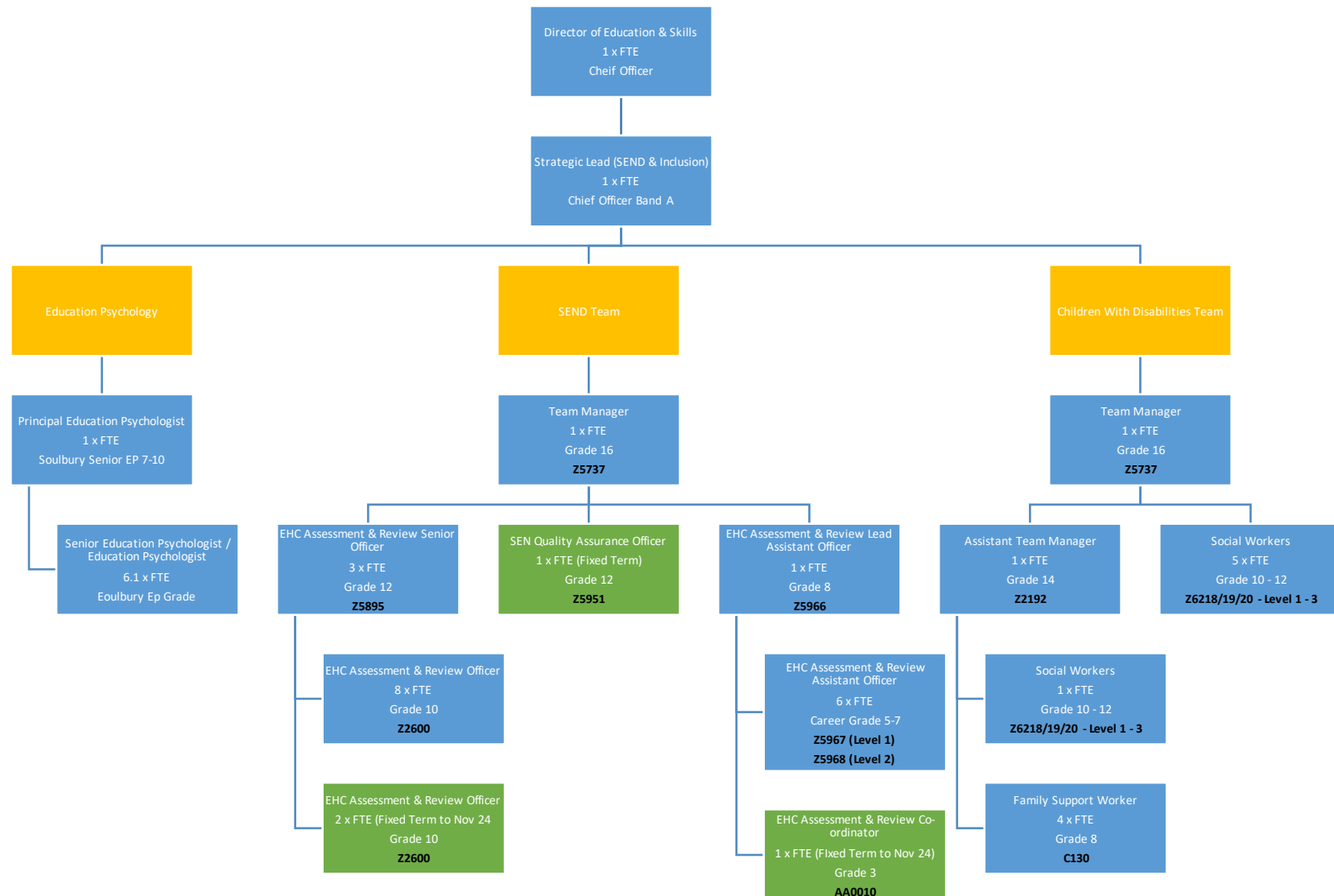
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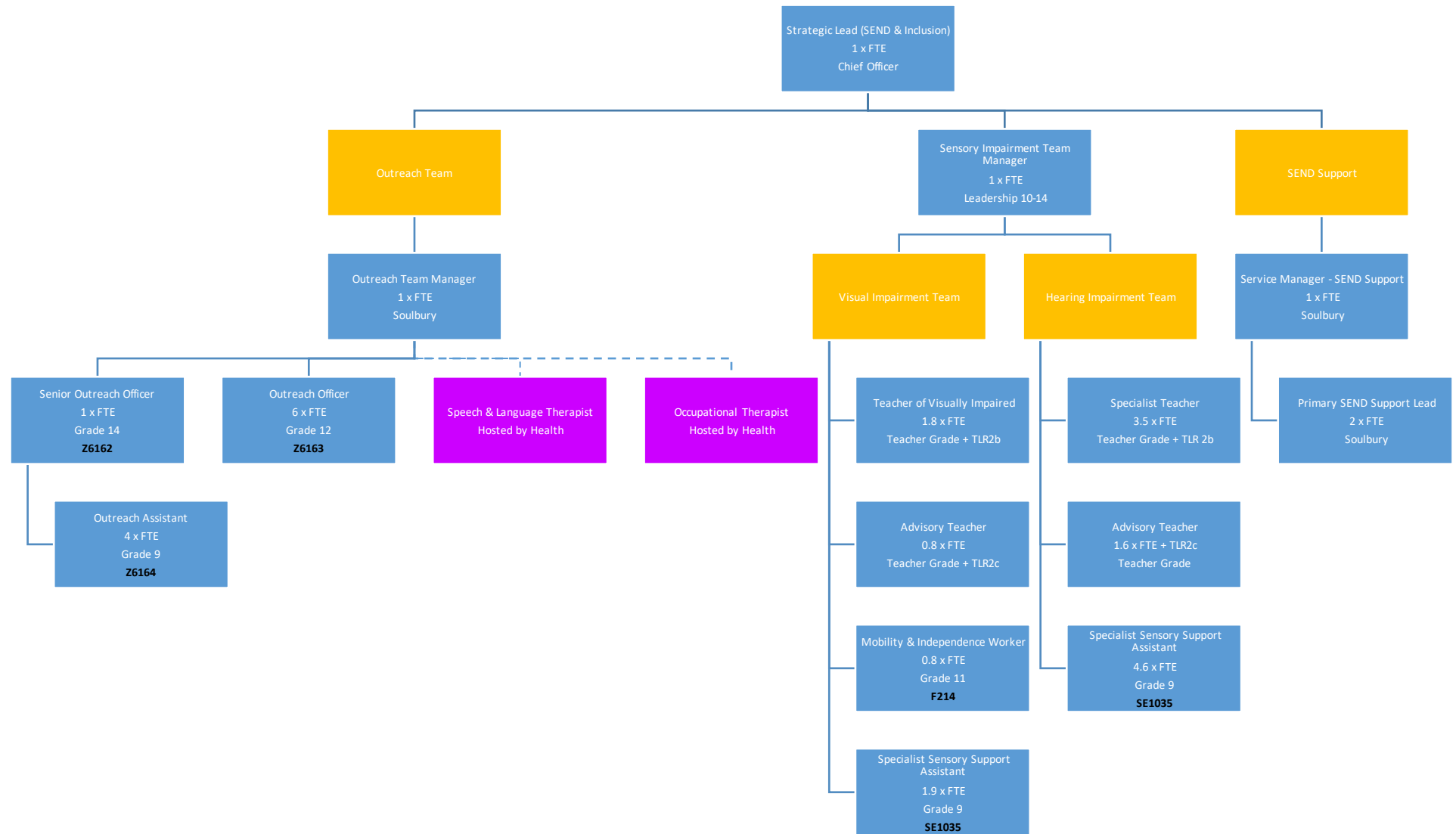
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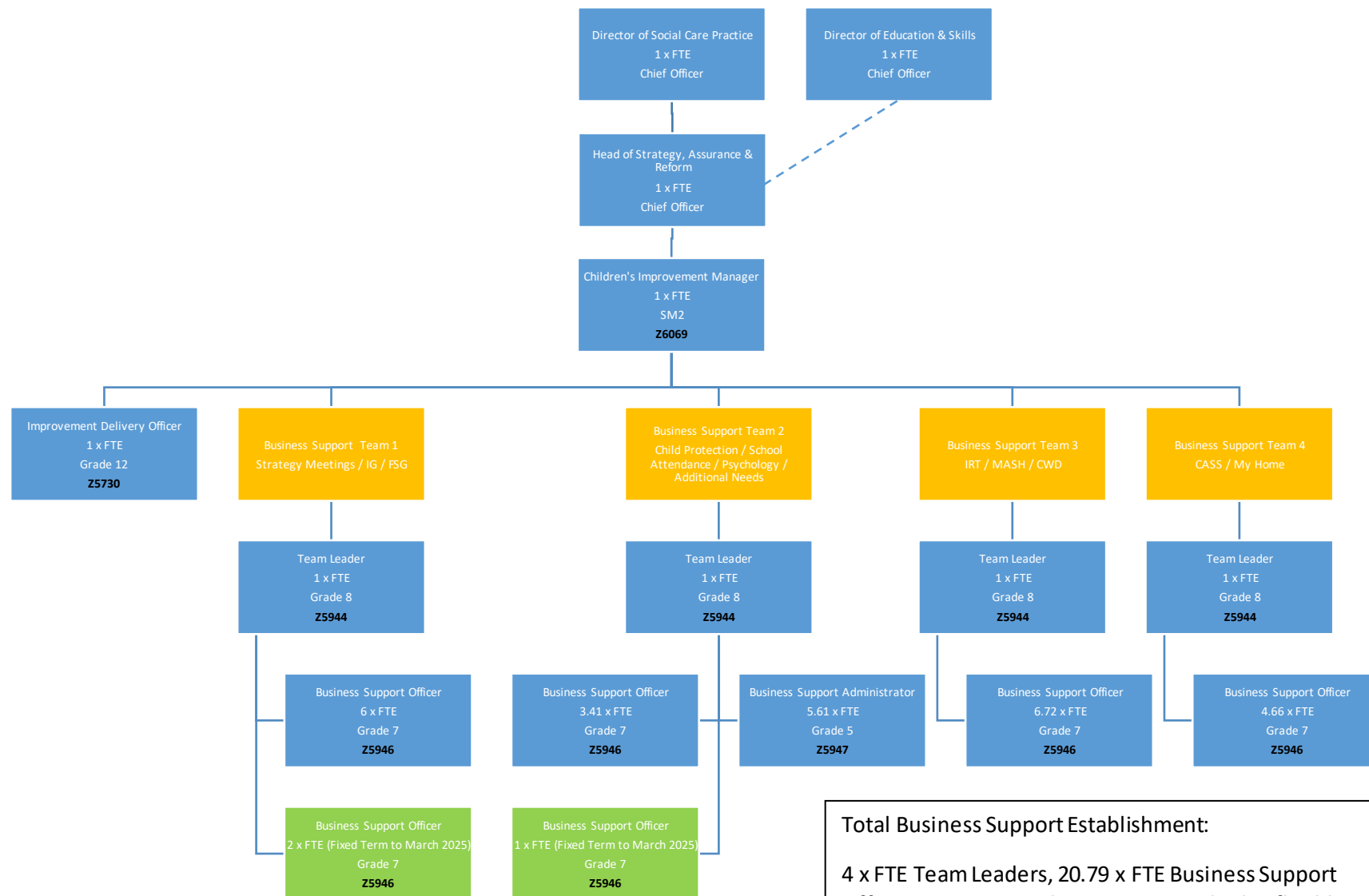
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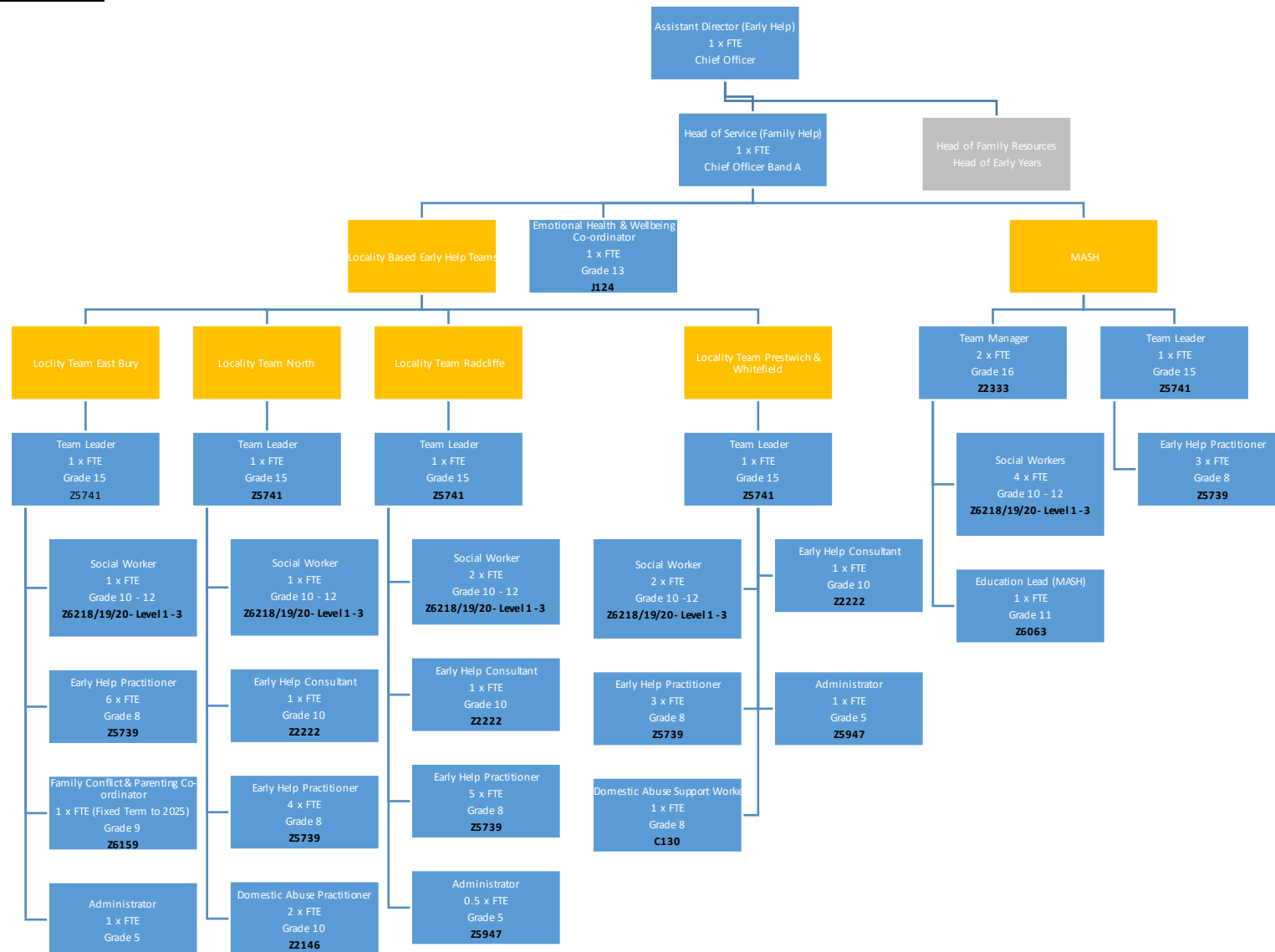


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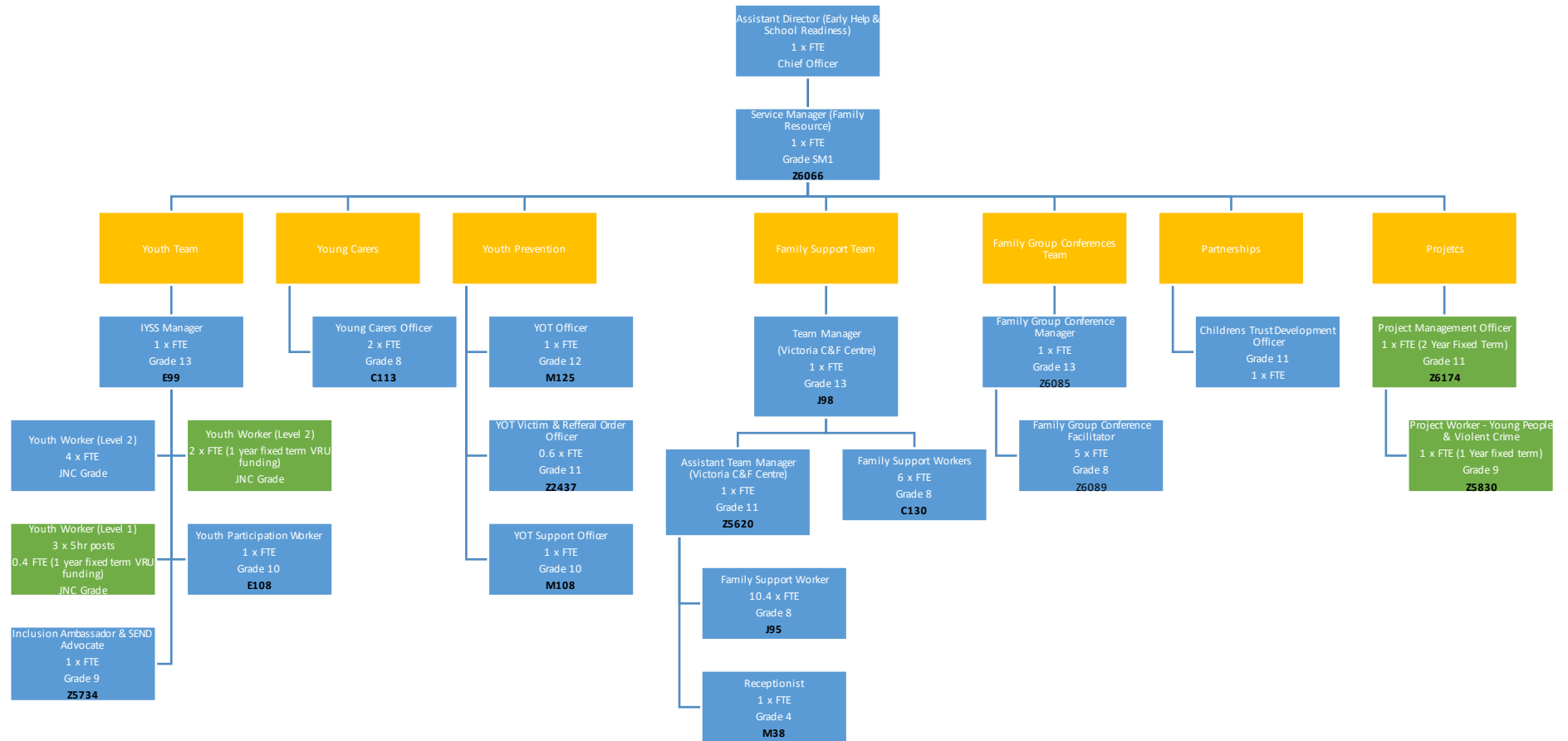
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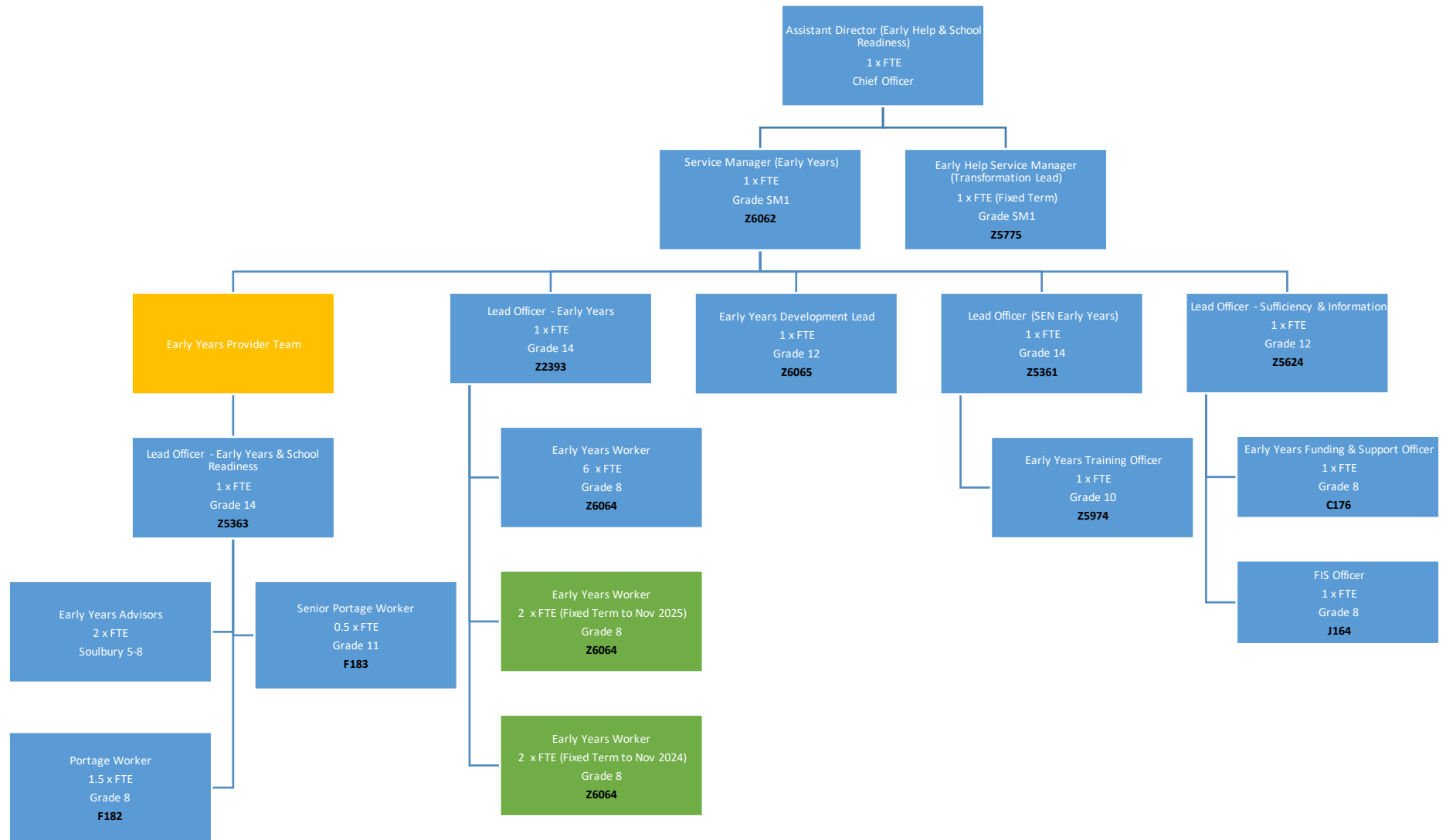


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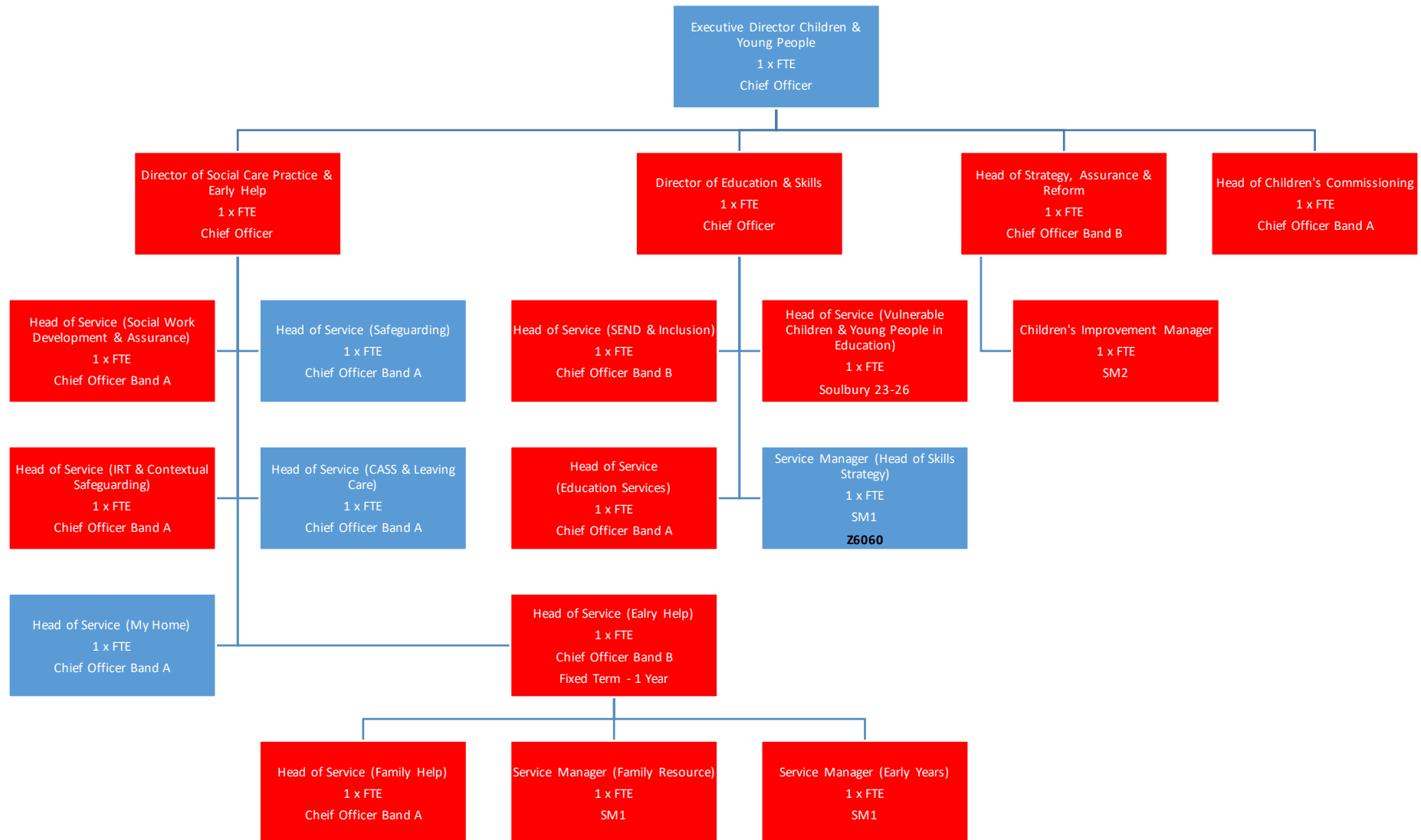
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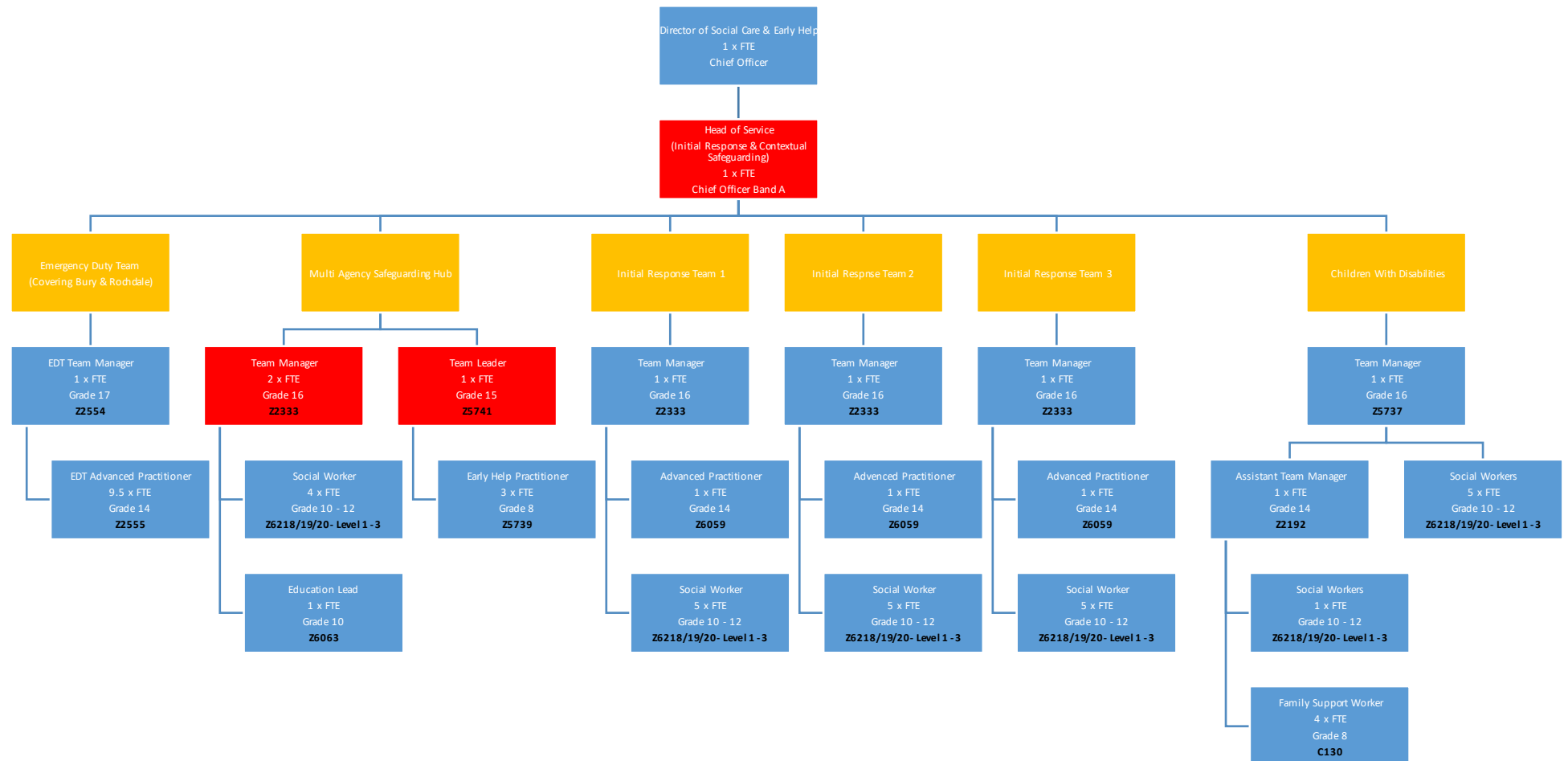
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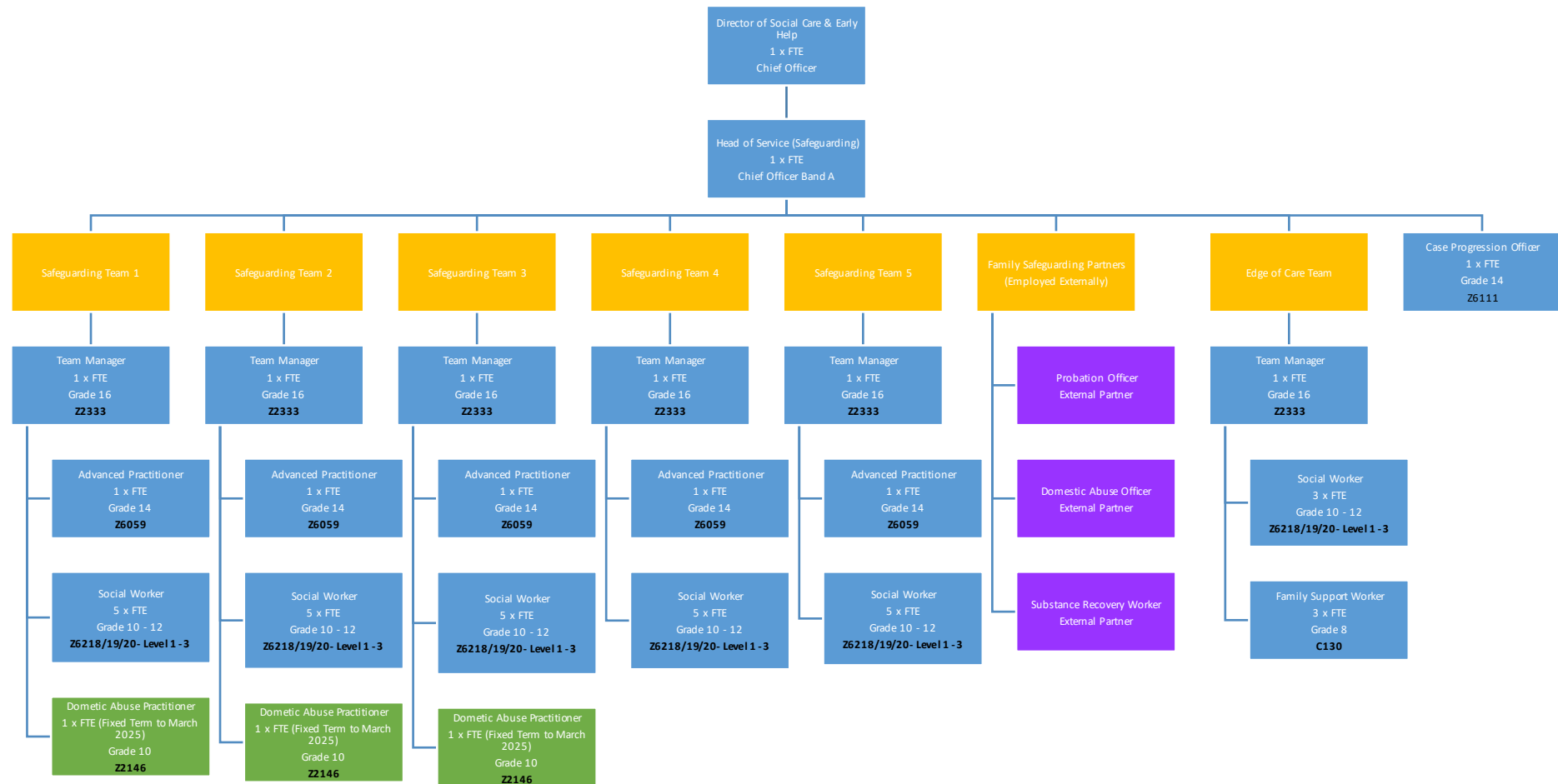
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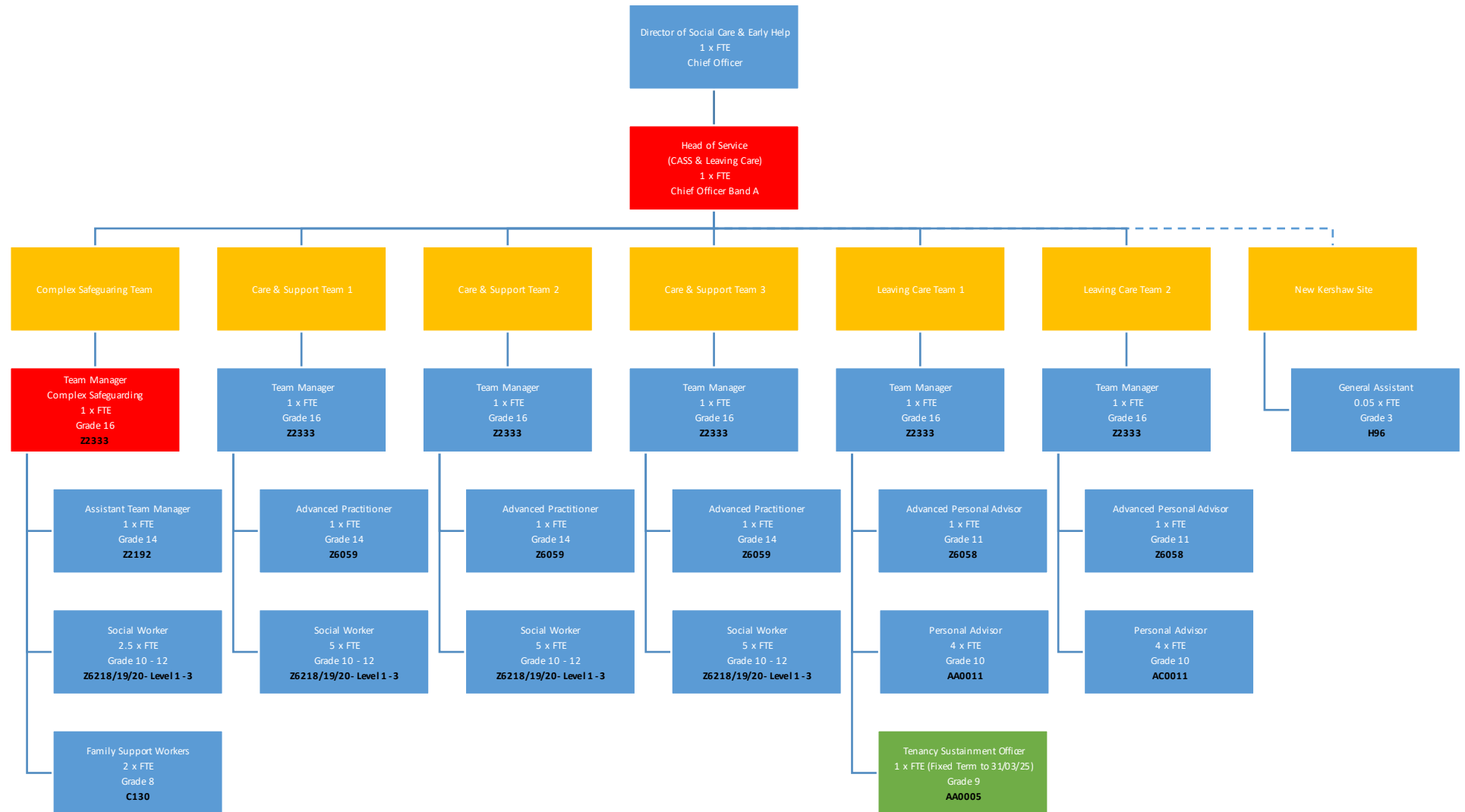
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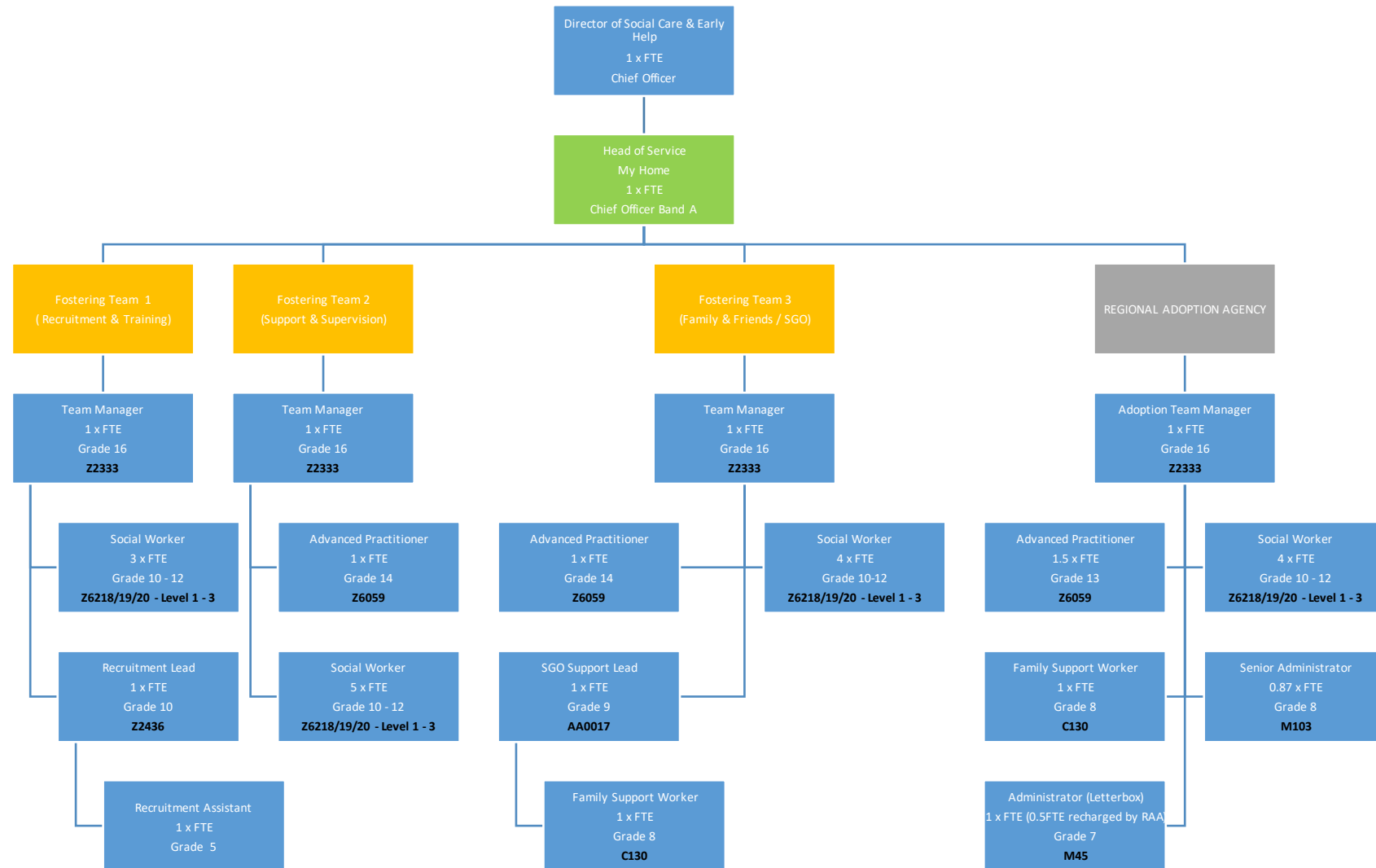
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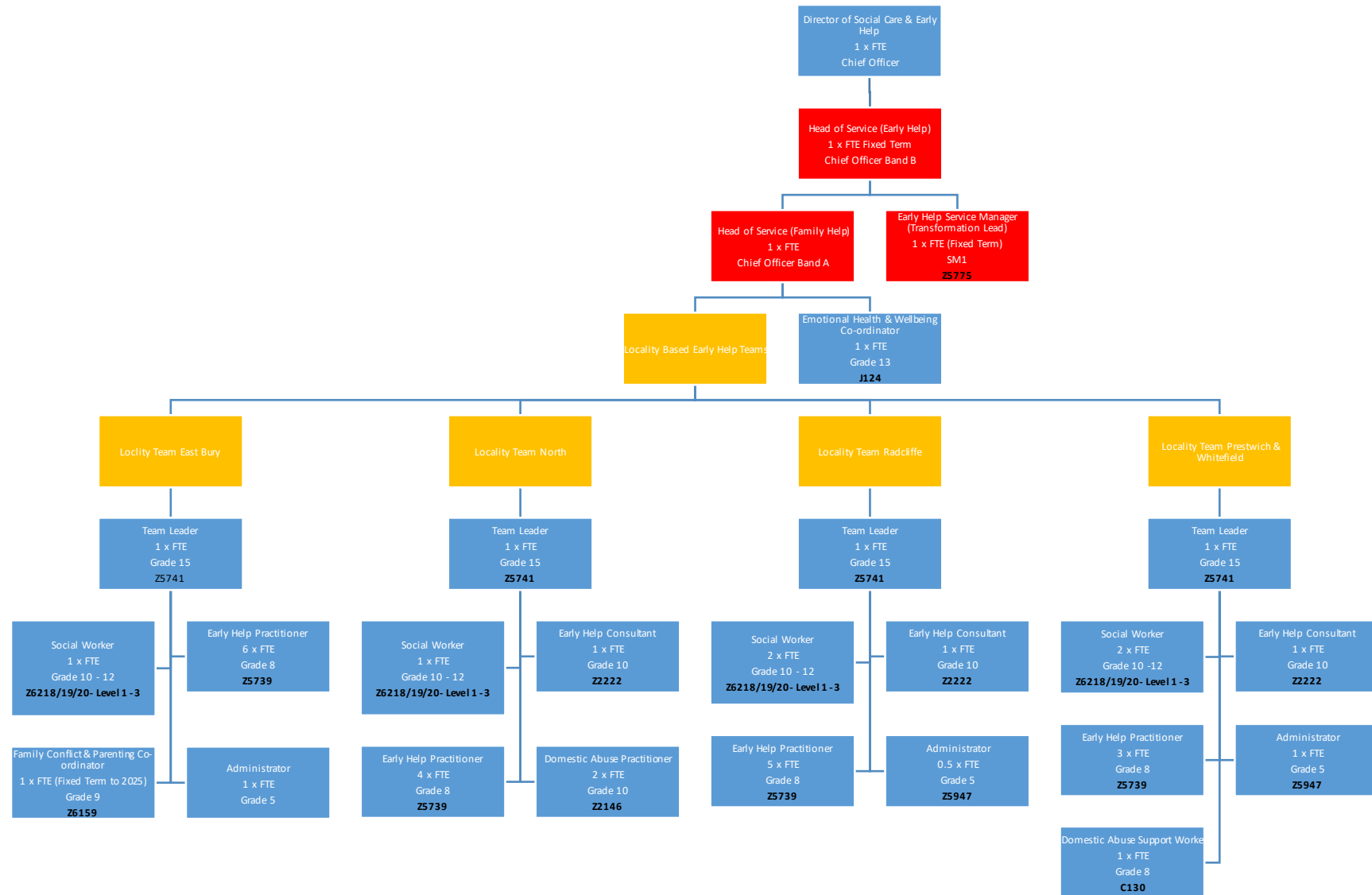
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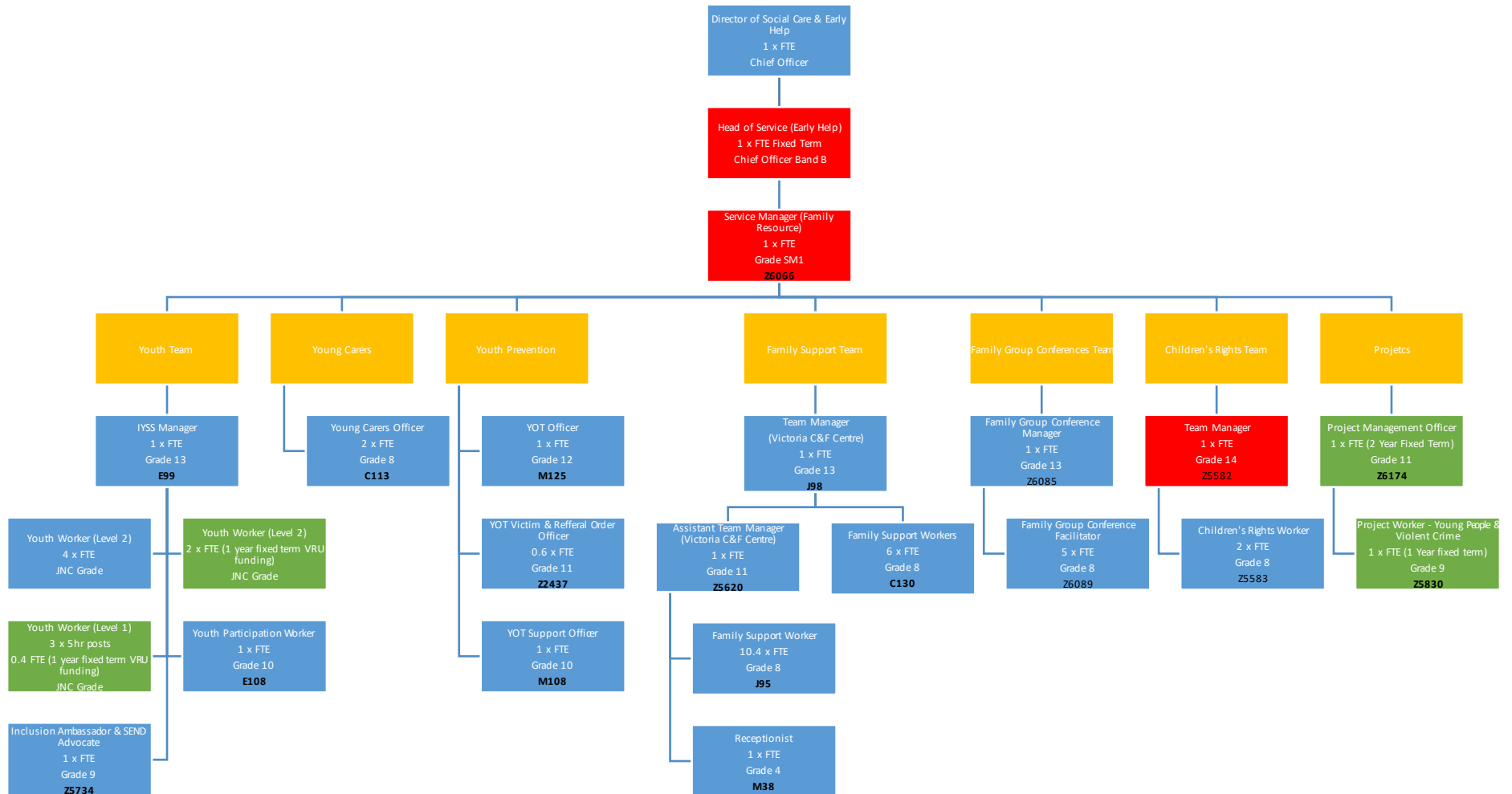
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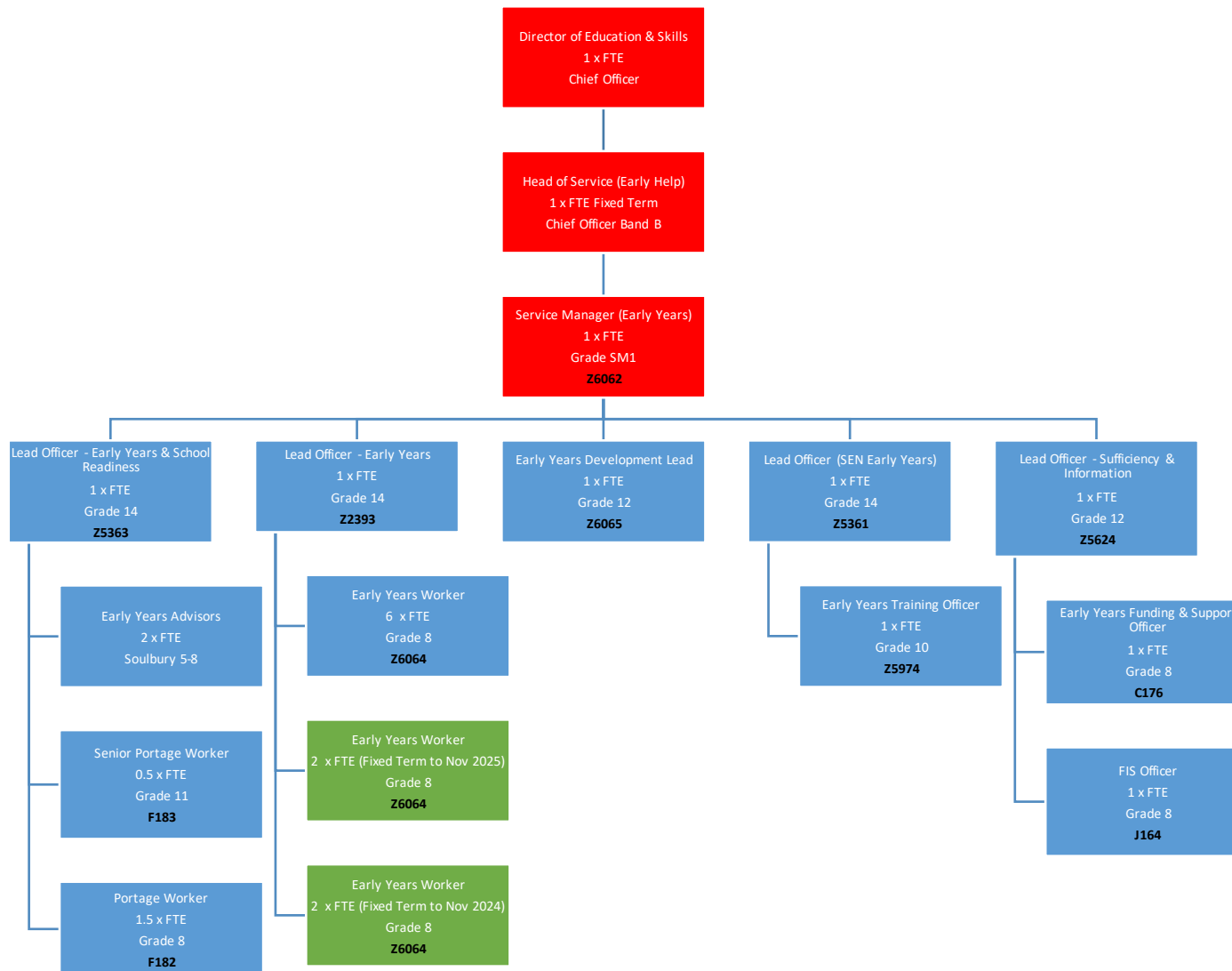
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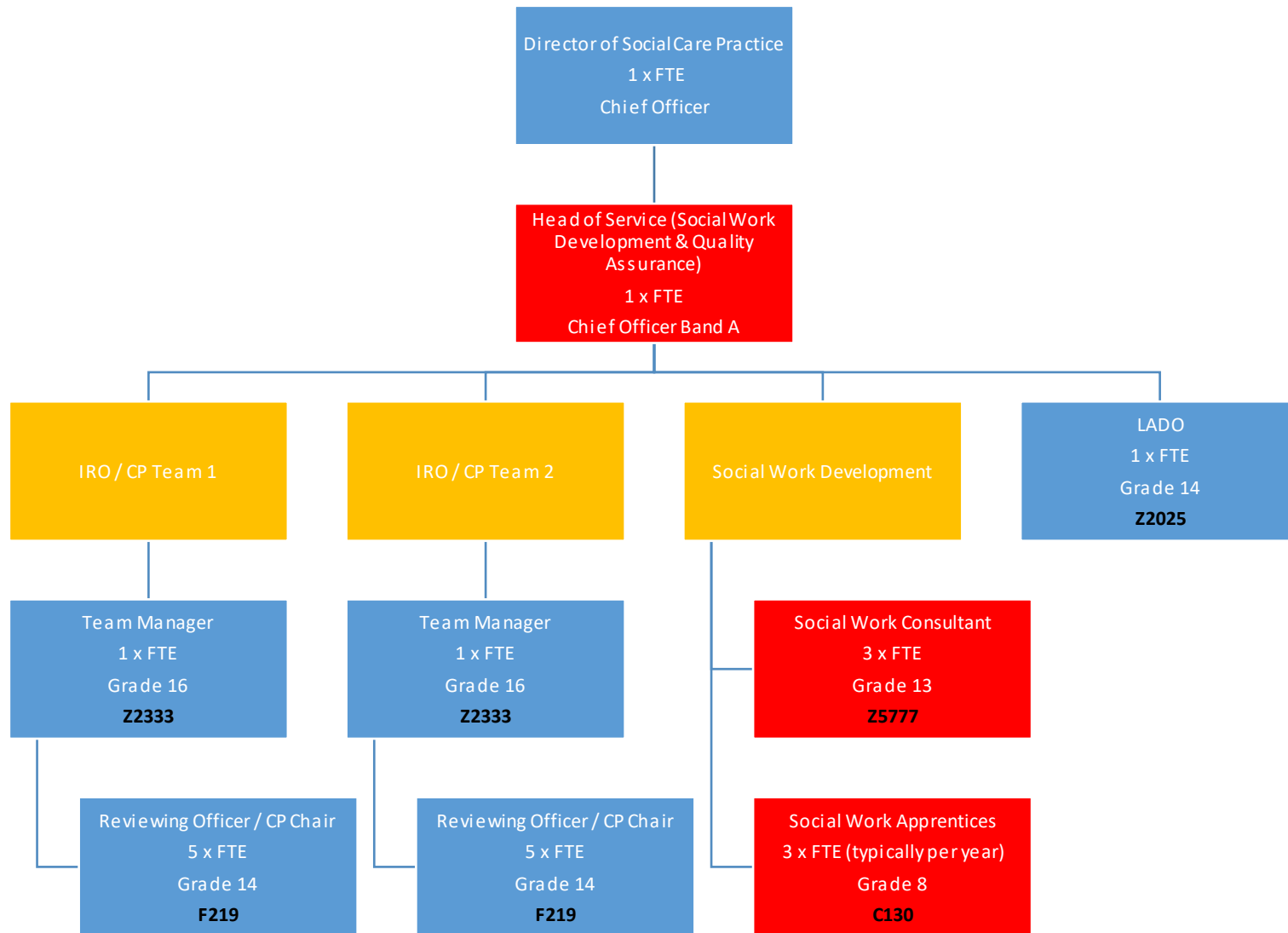
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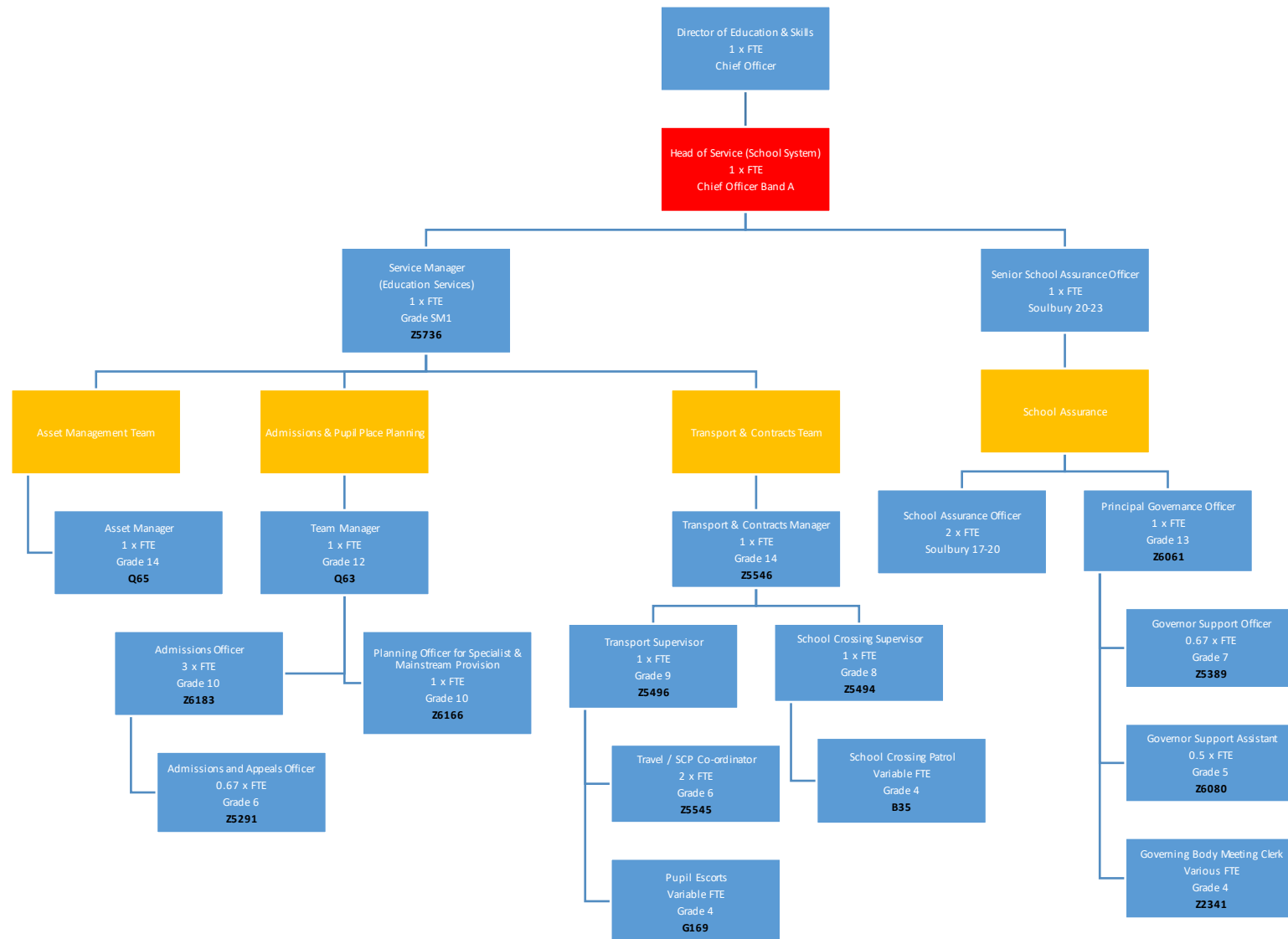
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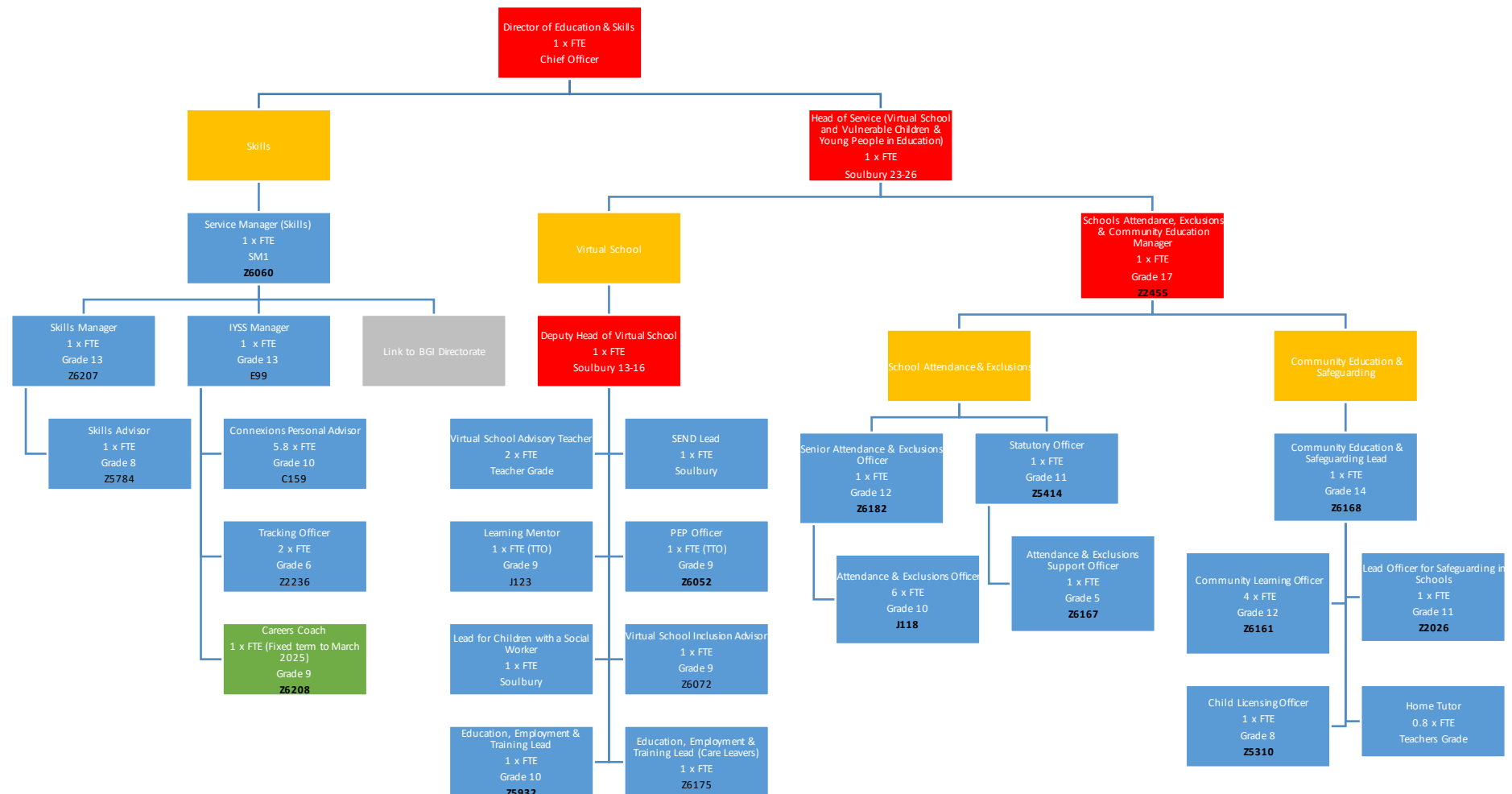
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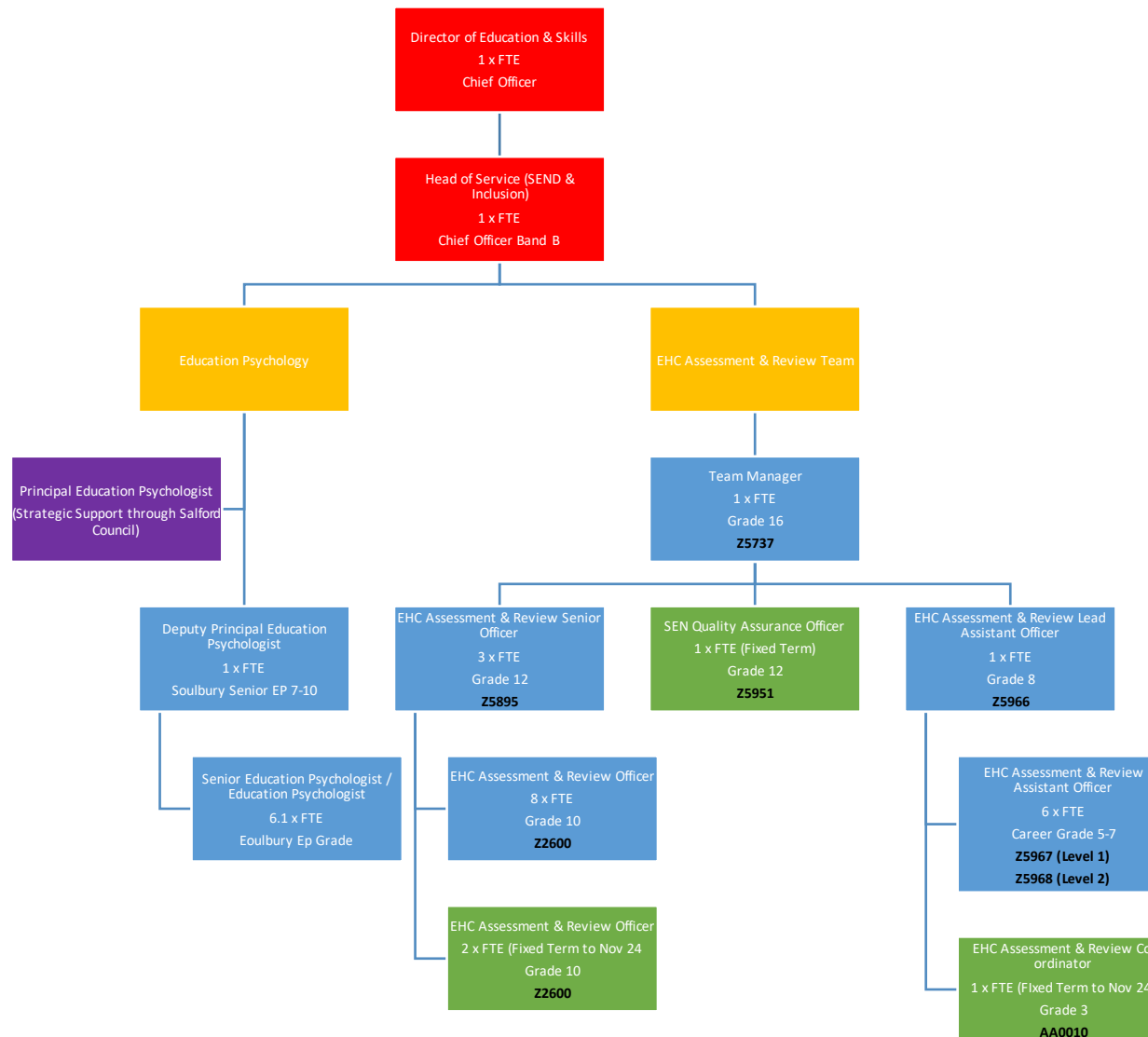
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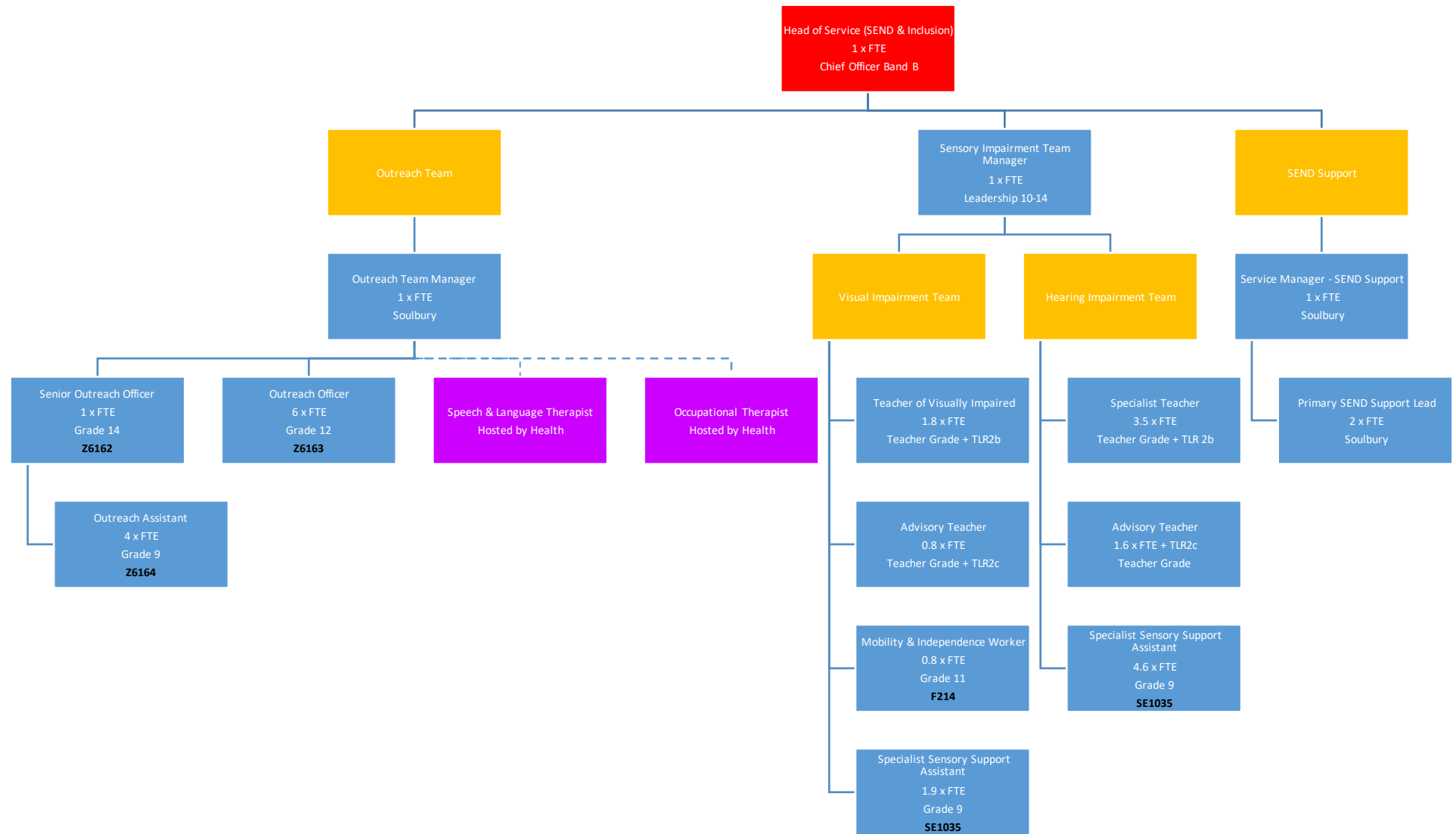
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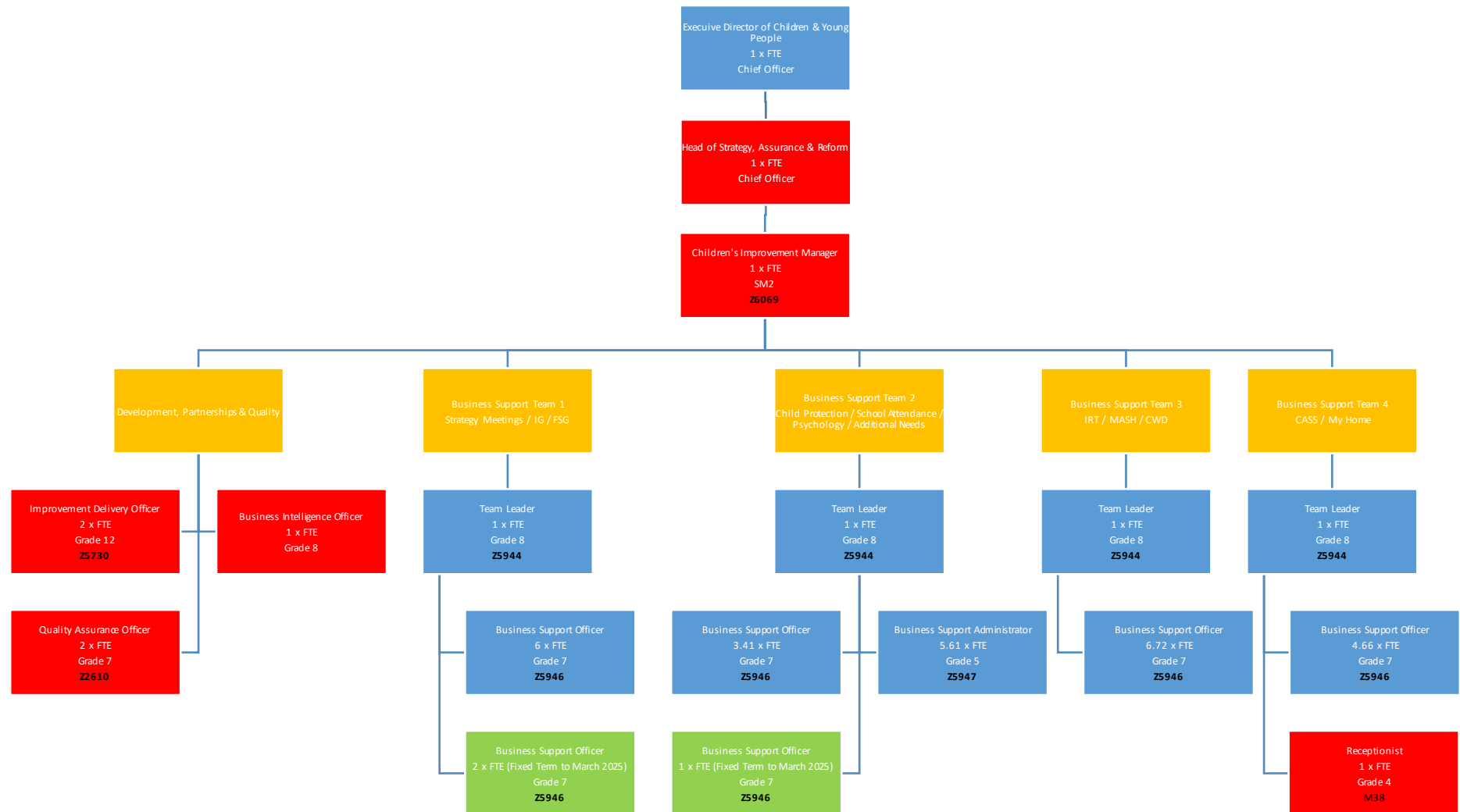
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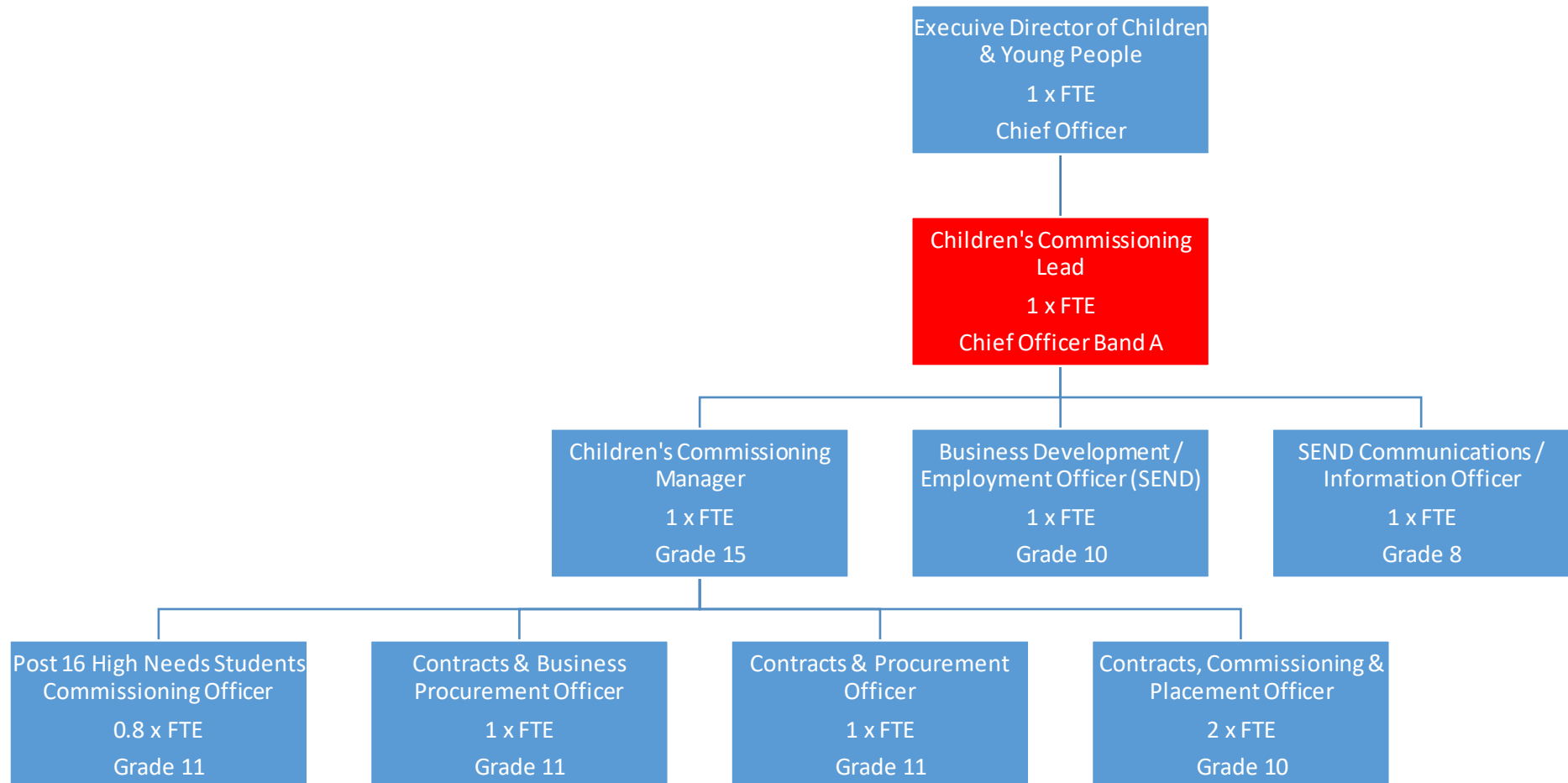
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Children's Commissioning





Classification: Open	Decision Type: Non-Key
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Report to:	Council	Date: 17 January 2024
Subject:	Polling District and Place Review	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR	

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to seek a recommendation from Council for approval of polling districts and places within the borough of Bury.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Council notes the comments received during the consultation period.
2. That the Council approves the Acting Returning Officers recommendations that:
 - The use of mobile cabins for polling stations continues but is reviewed regularly by the electoral services team
 - Polling districts 1GD and 1GDA are merged together and named 1GD
 - Polling district 1HD is renamed 1HC
 - Polling district IHE is renamed IHD
3. That the Council requests the Electoral Registration Officer makes the necessary amendments as outlined in Appendix A to polling districts for the publication of the revised Electoral Register.
4. That power to designate polling places in accordance with section 18 and 18B of the Representation of the People Act 1983 is delegated to the Chief Executive, in their role as Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer in consultation with ward councillors, group leaders.

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Background

- 1.1. The following definitions may be helpful when reading this report:

Polling District	Geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided.
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Polling Place Buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.

Polling Station The number of issuing desks in the building or area that is the designated polling place.

- 1.2. Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district.
- 1.3. The Electoral Administration Act 2006, as amended, introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places at least once every five years.
- 1.4. Full Council on 22 September 2023 approved the start of the consultation period for the polling district and places of Bury.

2. (A)RO proposals

- 2.1. In line with legislation, the (A)RO published recommendations on proposed changes to polling districts and polling places. There were no comments made during the consultation regarding the specific changes in the recommendations.

3. Public and Political Comments

- 3.1. Four comments were received throughout the consultation from members of the public and individual councillors. One was a compliment to the electoral services team and has not been included within this report. No comments were received on behalf of any of the political parties.
- 3.2. Comment 1: 1FF, Bury East: Mosses Centre
 - 3.2.1. Comment: I live near Castle Leisure Centre as do many elderly people. We used to go to Castle Leisure Centre to vote, changing it to the Mosses which is a long way on the other side of Bury was a stupid idea
 - 3.2.2. Response: The Council have reviewed the number of electors eligible to vote at this polling station. As of 1 December 2024, there are 140 electors. It is not financially viable to have a polling station and the associated staff at Castle Leisure Centre for this number of electors especially when turnout is around 40%. This situation will be reviewed on a regular basis and if the number of electors eligible to vote at this polling stations increases we will look to reinstall this polling station.
 - 3.2.3. Recommendation: No change
- 3.3. 2RC, Sedgley
 - 3.3.1. Comment: I live on Bury New Road in Sedgley Park and am just inside the RC boundary meaning I have to vote at Sedgley Park Primary along with over 2000 other voters. However, there is a polling station 30 yards from my house,

which serves just 550 voters. It seems ludicrous that I am unable to vote at this polling station. I think this boundary needs rethinking, the polling booths should be central to the areas they serve.

3.3.2. Response: The local boundaries were reviewed by the Local Boundary Commission in 2021. We understand it is frustrating for residents who live on the boundary lines, but we have to ensure the boundary is in a suitable place. The polling venue covering 2RC is a mobile cabin and would not be able to cope with an increase in electors due to the space available. In the event that we amended the boundaries, there is not an alternative venue that we could use as a polling place which would lead to delays in electors being able to cast their votes.

3.3.3. Recommendation: No change

3.4. Radcliffe North and Ainsworth

3.4.1. Comment: I believe there should be one extra polling station as we have always been one polling station short. We only have 4 polling stations in RN & A when it comes to the General election. We think a temporary polling station on the parking clog carpark would assist this.

3.4.2. Clarification was sought from the commenter to establish whether they thought a new polling district should be created or whether it only required an additional polling place. The commenter confirmed they thought a new polling place was required.

3.4.3. Response: To establish a new polling place, we would have to establish a new polling district to separate the residents who would be eligible to vote at that venue.

3.4.4. Radcliffe North and Ainsworth has 5 polling districts within the ward. These were agreed by the Local Boundary Review in 2021. The polling districts with more residents have double stations within them on polling day to allow quicker voting for residents. This is reviewed in advance of all elections to ensure it meets Electoral Commission guidance for the number of electors allocated to each polling station.

3.4.5. At this time, the number of electors allocated to each polling station is well under the recommended guidelines.

3.4.6. Recommendation: No change

4. Other actions

4.1. During the consultation we were also made aware that

4.2. New Kershaw Centre

4.2.1. The Pupil Referral Unit will be moving into this venue from February 2024. To minimise disruption to students the Council are proposing to use East Ward Primary School school instead.

4.3. Bury East Spoke

4.3.1. This venue has now been renamed to East Bury Family Hub. All electoral documentation including poll cards will be updated to reflect this.

4.4. St Georges Church, Simister

4.4.1. St Georges Church was used in May 2023 as the normal venue Lady Wilton Hall was unavailable. Lady Wilton Hall is now available and will revert to being the preferred polling place for this polling district.

Legal Implications:

The Polling District and Polling Place review is a statutory requirement as set out in the body of the report.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications.

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

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A(RO)	(Acting) Returning Officer
ERO	Electoral Registration Officer
Polling District	Geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided
Polling Place	Buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.
Polling Station	The number of issuing desks in the building or area that is the designated polling place.

Background papers:

13 September 2023 – Polling District and Polling Place Review,
<https://councildecisions.bury.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=148&MId=3444&Ver=4>

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Bury North	Bury North	Ramsbottom	1AA	Main Hall, Peel Brow School, Fir Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 0BJ	No comments Approx. 580 electors voting at Peel Brow School
Bury North	Bury North	Ramsbottom	1AB	Main Hall, Peel Brow School, Fir Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 0BJ	No comments Approx. 690 electors voting at Peel Brow School
Bury North	Bury North	Ramsbottom	1AC	Ramsbottom Civic Centre, Market Place, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 9AJ	Alternative venue of St Paul's Church, 2 Church Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 9BP to be used. Approx. 1500 electors voting at Ramsbottom Civic Centre
Bury North	Bury North	Ramsbottom	1AD	Hazlehurst County Primary School, Geoffrey Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 9PQ	No comments Approx. 1600 electors voting at Hazlehurst County Primary School
Bury North	Bury North	Ramsbottom	1AE	St Andrews Church, Bolton Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 9JD	No comments Approx 2000 electors voting at St Andrews Church
Bury North	Bury North	Ramsbottom	1AF	Mobile on Car Park at Lumb Carr Road, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL8 4NN	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 225 electors voting at Lumb Carr Road
Bury North	Bury North	North Manor	1BA	Christ Church Hall, School Lane, Walmersley, BL9 5JU	No comments Approx. 1400 electors voting at Christ Church Hall
Bury North	Bury North	North Manor	1BB	Rowlands Methodist Church Hall, Rowlands Road, Summerseat, BL9 5NS	No comments Approx. 630 electors voting at Rowlands Methodist Church Hall
Bury North	Bury North	North Manor	1BC	Holcombe Brook CP School, Longsight Road, Holcombe Brook, BL0 9SN	No comments Approx. 1150 electors voting at Holcombe Brook CP School
Bury North	Bury North	North Manor	1BD	Greenmount Old School, Brandlesholme Road, Greenmount, BL8 4DS	No comments Approx. 1100 electors voting at Greenmount Old School
Bury North	Bury North	North Manor	1BE	Greenmount Cricket Club, Brandlesholme Road, Bury, BL8 4DX	No comments Approx. 980 electors voting at Greenmount Cricket Club

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Bury North	Bury North	Tottington	1CA	Elton High School, Walshaw Road, Bury, BL8 1RN	No comments Approx. 730 electors voting at Elton High School
Bury North	Bury North	Tottington	1CB	Christ Church CEP School, Church Street, Bury BL8 3AX	No comments Approx. 1280 electors voting at Christ Church CEP School
Bury North	Bury North	Tottington	1CC	Tottington Library, Market Street, Tottington, BL8 4AA	No comments Approx. 1350 electors voting at Tottington Library
Bury North	Bury North	Tottington	1CD	Walshaw Sports Club, Sycamore Road, Tottington, BL8 3EG	No comments Approx. 2000 electors voting at Walshaw Sports Club
Bury North	Bury North	Tottington	1CE	St Hilda`s Parish Hall, Victoria Street, Tottington, BL8 4AG	No comments Approx. 780 electors voting at St Hilda`s Parish Hall
Bury North	Bury North	Tottington	1CF	Affetside Congregational Chapel, Watling Street, Affetside, BL8 3QW	No comments Approx. 140 electors voting at Affetside Congregational Chapel
Bury North	Bury North	Elton	1DA	Brandlesholme Community Centre, Brandlesholme Road, Bury, BL8 1HS	No comments Approx. 1630 electors voting at Brandlesholme Community Centre
Bury North	Bury North	Elton	1DB	St James Church Hall, St James Avenue, Off Walshaw Road, BL8 1TD	No comments Approx. 1100 electors voting at St James Church Hall
Bury North	Bury North	Elton	1DC	Elton Centre, David Street, Bury, BL8 1SA	No comments Approx. 1690 electors voting at Elton Centre
Bury North	Bury North	Elton	1DD	Woodbank CP School, Brandlesholme Road, Bury, BL8 1AX	No comments Approx. 2100 electors voting at Woodbank CP School

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Bury North	Bury North	Moorside	1EB	Salvation Army Citadel, Brookshaw Street, Bury, BL9 6EB	No comments Approx. 1450 electors voting at Salvation Army Citadel
Bury North	Bury North	Moorside	1EC	Seedfield Methodist Church, Linton Avenue, Bury, BL9 6PQ	No comments Approx. 1600 electors voting at Seedfield Methodist Church
Bury North	Bury North	Moorside	1ED	St John with St Mark Church Hall, Parkinson Street, Bury, BL9 6NY	No comments Approx. 1300 electors voting at St John with St Mark Church Hall
Bury North	Bury North	Moorside	1EE	St John with St Mark CE Primary School, Athlone Avenue, BL9 5EE	No comments Approx. 1400 electors voting at St John with St Mark CE Primary School
Bury North	Bury North	Bury East	1FA	Fairfield CP School, Rochdale Old Road, Bury, BL9 7SD	No comments Approx. 1800 electors voting at Fairfield CP School
Bury North	Bury North	Bury East	1FB	Topping Fold Community Centre & Library, Topping Fold Road, Bury, BL9 7NQ	No comments Approx. 600 electors voting at Topping Fold Community Centre & Library
Bury North	Bury North	Bury East	1FC	New Kershaw Centre, Deal Street, Bury, BL9 7PZ	No comments Approx. 1800 electors voting at New Kershaw Centre
Bury North	Bury North	Bury East	1FD	St Thomas Church, Rochdale Road, BL9 7BY	No comments Approx. 1650 electors voting at St Thomas Church
Bury North	Bury North	Bury East	1FE	Mosses Centre, Cecil Street entrance, Cecil Street, BL9 0SB	No comments Approx. 1200 electors voting at Mosses Centre
Bury North	Bury North	Bury East	1FF	Mosses Centre, Cecil Street entrance, Cecil Street, BL9 0SB	No comments Approx. 130 electors voting at Mosses Centre

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Bury North	Bury North	Bury West	1GB	St Stephens CEP School, Colville Drive, Bury, BL8 2DX	No comments Approx. 1450 electors voting at St Stephens CEP School
Bury North	Bury North	Bury West	1GC	Greenhill CP School, Mile Lane, Bury, BL9 2JR	No comments Approx. 950 electors voting at Greenhill CP School
Bury North	Bury South	Bury West	1GCA*	Greenhill CP School, Mile Lane, Bury, BL9 2JR	Electors to vote at Greenhill CP School for local elections. Approx. 300 electors voting at Greenhill CP School A mobile cabin will be used in the event of a combined local and parliamentary election.
Bury North	Bury South	Bury West	1GCB*	Greenhill CP School, Mile Lane, Bury, BL9 2JR	
Bury North	Bury North	Bury West	1GD	Lowercroft CP School, Ashington Drive, Bury, BL8 2TS	Polling District to be merged with 1GDA Approx. 1000 electors voting at Lowercroft CP School
Bury North	Bury North	Bury West	1GDA	Lowercroft CP School, Ashington Drive, Bury, BL8 2TS	Polling District to be merged with 1GD Approx. 80 electors voting at Lowercroft CP School
Bury North	Bury North	Bury West	1GE	Chantlers School, Foulds Avenue, Bury, BL8 2SF	No comments Approx. 890 electors voting at Chantlers School
Bury North	Bury North	Redvales	1HA	Bury East Spoke, 25 Dorset Drive, Bury, BL9 9DN	This building is now known as East Bury Family Hub. Approx. 2200 electors voting at Bury East Spoke
Bury North	Bury North	Redvales	1HB	Manchester Road Community Centre, Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 9XX	No comments Approx. 780 electors voting at Manchester Road Community Centre
Bury North	Bury North	Redvales	1HD	St Peters CEP School, Whitefield Road Entrance, Bury, BL9 9PW	Polling District to be renamed 1HC Approx. 1500 electors voting at St Peters CEP School
Bury North	Bury North	Redvales	1HE	Parkhills Community Centre, Home Street Entrance, off Parkhills Road, Bury, BL9 9BW	Polling District to be renamed 1HD Approx. 2100 electors voting at Parkhills Community Centre

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Bury South	Bury South	Unsworth	2JB	Unsworth Library, Sunny Bank, Bury, BL9 8HJ	No comments Approx. 1390 electors voting at Unsworth Library
Bury South	Bury South	Unsworth	2JC	St Bernadettes Social Club, Selby Avenue, Whitefield, M45 8UT	No comments Approx. 1270 electors voting at St Bernadettes Social Club
Bury South	Bury South	Unsworth	2JD	Sunnybank Community Centre, 248 Sunnybank Road, Unsworth, BL9 8EB	No comments Approx. 790 electors voting at Sunnybank Community Centre
Bury South	Bury North	Unsworth	2JE	Blackford Bridge United Reformed Church, 692 Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 9TQ	No comments Approx. 970 electors voting at Blackford Bridge United Reformed Church
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe East	2KA	Radcliffe Hall C of E Methodist Primary School, Bury Street, M26 2GB	No comments Approx. 2160 electors voting at Radcliffe Hall C of E Methodist Primary School
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe East	2KB	St Marys Catholic Social Club, Pine Street, Radcliffe, M26 2WQ	No comments Approx. 1180 electors voting at St Marys Catholic Social Club
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe East	2KC	Radcliffe Library, Stand Lane, M26 1WR	Radcliffe Library will be used for the May 2023 local and Greater Manchester Mayoral elections. Following its closure, the Council will use The Bridge Community Centre, Miltown Street, M26 4DG until the new Hub is available for use. Approx. 1040 electors voting at Radcliffe Library
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe East	2KD	St Mary's RC Infant School, Belgrave Street, Radcliffe, M26 4DG	No comments Approx. 1070 electors voting at St Mary's RC Infant School

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Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe East	2KE	Wesley Methodist Church, Alma Street Entrance, Radcliffe, M26 4FU	No comments Approx. 1060 electors voting at Wesley Methodist Church
Bury South	Bury North	Radcliffe North & Ainsworth	2LA	Ainsworth Parish Church Hall, Church Street, Ainsworth, BL2 5RD	No comments Approx. 1110 electors voting at Ainsworth Parish Church Hall
Bury South	Bury North	Radcliffe North & Ainsworth	2LB	Dobbies Sports and Social Club, Bradley Fold Road, Bradley Fold, BL2 6RL	No comments Approx. 1340 electors voting at Dobbies Sports and Social Club
Bury South	Bury North	Radcliffe North & Ainsworth	2LC	Wesley Methodist Primary School, Forth Road, Radcliffe, M26 4PX	No comments Approx. 1750 electors voting at Wesley Methodist Primary School
Bury South	Bury North	Radcliffe North & Ainsworth	2LD	Trinity Baptist Church, Westminster Avenue, Radcliffe, M26 3WD	No comments Approx. 2320 electors voting at Trinity Baptist Church
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe North & Ainsworth	2LE	Mobile on car park of Ainsworth Arms, 465 Bury and Bolton Road, Radcliffe, M26 4LJ	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 580 electors voting at Mobile on car park of Ainsworth Arms
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe West	2MA	Chapelfield CP School, Clough Street, Radcliffe, M26 1LH	No comments Approx. 1290 electors voting at Chapelfield CP School
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe West	2MB	St Johns CEP School, Johnson Street, Radcliffe, M26 1AW	No comments Approx. 1620 electors voting at St Johns CEP School
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe West	2MC	Mobile Van On Playing Field, Junction of Sycamore Avenue, And Chestnut Grove, Outwood, M26 1DG	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 650 electors voting at Mobile Van On Playing Field, Junction of Sycamore Avenue, And Chestnut Grove

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Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe West	2MD	Radcliffe United Reformed Church, Blackburn Street, Radcliffe, M26 3WQ	No comments Approx. 900 electors voting at Radcliffe United Reformed Church
Bury South	Bury South	Radcliffe West	2ME	St Philips Community Centre, Higher Dean Street, Radcliffe, M26 3TE	No comments Approx. 2290 electors voting at St Philips Community Centre
Bury South	Bury South	Pilkington Park	2NA	Mobile on Blue Bell Hotel, Blue Bell Hotel, 840 Manchester Road, BL9 9TP	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 330 electors voting at Mobile on Blue Bell Hotel
Bury South	Bury South	Pilkington Park	2NB	Mobile Van on car park at rear of Cross Keys Hotel, 24 Lilyhill Street, Whitefield, M45 7GZ	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 880 electors voting at Mobile Van on car park at rear of Cross Keys Hotel
Bury South	Bury South	Pilkington Park	2NC	Mobile on car park of Goats Gate Inn, 83 Radcliffe New Road, M45 7QZ	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 1200 electors voting at Mobile on car park of Goats Gate Inn
Bury South	Bury South	Pilkington Park	2ND	Higher Lane Primary School, Egerton Road, Whitefield, M45 7EX	No comments Approx. 1600 electors voting at Higher Lane Primary School
Bury South	Bury South	Pilkington Park	2NE	Mobile At Junction of Sergeants Ln/Ryecroft, Whitefield, M45 7TR	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 1660 electors voting at Mobile At Junction of Sergeants Ln/Ryecroft
Bury South	Bury South	Besses	2OA	Mersey Drive CP School, Mersey Drive, Whitefield, M45 8LN	No comments Approx. 680 electors voting at Mersey Drive CP School

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Bury South	Bury South	Besses	2OB	Mersey Drive CP School, Mersey Drive, M45 8LN	No comments Approx. 1050 electors voting at Mersey Drive CP School
Bury South	Bury South	Besses	2OC	St Michaels Hall, Ribble Drive, Whitefield, M45 8NJ	No comments Approx. 2720 electors voting at St Michaels Hall
Bury South	Bury South	Besses	2OD	Whitefield CP School, Victoria Avenue, Whitefield, M45 6DP	No comments Approx. 1330 electors voting at Whitefield CP School
Bury South	Bury South	Besses	2OE	Victoria Community Centre, Charles Street, Whitefield, M45 6AL	No comments Approx. 710 electors voting at Victoria Community Centre
Bury South	Bury South	Holyrood	2PA	Mobile Van on Corner Of, Heywood Old Road, And Baguley Crescent, M24 4QT	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 420 electors voting at Mobile Van on Corner Of, Heywood Old Road, And Baguley Crescent
Bury South	Bury South	Holyrood	2PB	St Georges Church, Nutt Lane, Simister, Prestwich, M25 2RS	The Council will return to using Lady Wilton Hall from May 2024. This venue has been used previously but was unavailable for the May 2023 local elections. Approx. 600 electors voting at Lady Wilton Hall
Bury South	Bury South	Holyrood	2PC	St Margaret`s Youth and Community Centre, St Margaret`s Road, Prestwich, M25 5QB	No comments Approx. 1950 electors voting at St Margaret`s Youth and Community Centre
Bury South	Bury South	Holyrood	2PD	The Carlton Club, 279 Bury Old Road, Prestwich, M25 1JA	Alternative venue of Heaton Park Methodist Church, 275 Bury Old Road, Prestwich, M25 2QB to be used. Approx. 1530 electors voting at The Carlton Club
Bury South	Bury South	Holyrood	2PE	The Heys School, Heys Road, Prestwich, M25 1JZ	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district. We will continue to work with the school to ensure the disruption to students is minimal. Approx. 1250 electors voting at The Heys School

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Bury South	Bury South	St Mary's	2QA	Rainsough Mission Comm Cntr, Rainsough Brow, Prestwich, M25 9XW	No comments Approx. 790 electors voting at Rainsough Mission Comm Cntr
Bury South	Bury South	St Mary's	2QB	Butterstile CP School, School Grove, Prestwich, M25 9RJ	No comments Approx. 1200 electors voting at Butterstile CP School
Bury South	Bury South	St Mary's	2QC	St Andrews Church, Woodward Road, Prestwich, M25 9TY	No comments Approx. 2130 electors voting at St Andrews Church
Bury South	Bury South	St Mary's	2QD	Our Lady of Grace Old School, Fairfax Road, Prestwich, M25 1AS	No comments Approx. 2680 electors voting at Our Lady of Grace Old School
Bury South	Bury South	Sedgley	2RA	Mobile Van on the Corner Of, Meade Hill Road, And Windsor Road, M25 0DJ	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 1390 electors voting at Mobile Van on the Corner Of, Meade Hill Road, And Windsor Road
Bury South	Bury South	Sedgley	2RB	Mobile on car park at Woodthorpe Hotel, Bury Old Road, M25 0EG	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 770 electors voting at Mobile on car park at Woodthorpe Hotel
Bury South	Bury South	Sedgley	2RC	Sedgley Community Hub, Bishops Road, Prestwich, M25 0HT	No comments Approx. 2280 electors voting at Sedgley Community Hub
Bury South	Bury South	Sedgley	2RD	Mobile Van At, Corner of Bury New Road, And Portugal Road, M25 9WP	There are no other suitable venues within this polling district so the Council will continue using mobile cabins. This will be kept under constant review. Approx. 550 electors voting at Mobile Van At, Corner of Bury New Road, And Portugal Road

Submission from the (Acting) Returning Officer for the Parliamentary Constituencies of Bury North and Bury South.

Whilst the (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) is responsible for Parliamentary Polling Stations (located within the designated Polling Places), in practice the same arrangements also operate for Local Elections. The ARO therefore has an interest in the review, which is needed to ensure future Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations work for Local Elections on new ward boundaries as well as future Parliamentary Elections.

Polling Districts marked with an asterisk * must exist in this manner in order to deliver Parliamentary Elections

Current Parliamentary Constituency	Future Parliamentary Constituency	Ward Name	Polling District	Current Polling Place	Final (A)RO recommendations
Bury South	Bury South	Sedgley	2RE	The Croft at St Hildas Church, Whittaker Lane, Prestwich, M25 1HA	No comments Approx. 1430 electors voting at The Croft at St Hildas Church
Bury South	Bury South	Sedgley	2RF	Park View CP School, Park View Road, Prestwich, M25 1FA	No comments Approx. 350 electors voting at Park View CP School



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Report to:	Council	Date: 17 January 2024
Subject:	Appointment of Deputy Local Returning Officers at the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR	

Summary

1. The Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 formally requires that each constituent Council shall appoint an Officer of the Council to be the Local Returning Officer for the election of a Combined Authority Mayor
2. A Deputy Local Returning Officer is also required to be appointed in the unlikely situation the appointed Local Returning Officer is unavailable to fulfil their duties.

Recommendation(s)

3. The Council is requested to appoint Jacqui Dennis, Director of Law and Democratic Services and Kate Waterhouse, Executive Director (Strategy & Transformation), as the Deputy Local Returning Officers for Bury Council at the Combined Authority Mayoral elections.

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Background

4. Under Section 35 (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, Councils are required to appoint an Officer to be the Returning Officer for local elections. The Chief Executive is appointed for these purposes.
5. The job descriptions for the Monitoring Officer and Executive Director (Strategy & Transformation) includes the role of Deputy Returning Officer.
6. In the version of the Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 circulated prior to the draft Order being formally laid before Parliament, the Returning Officer at local elections was automatically the Returning Officer at Combined Authority Mayoral elections.
7. In the final legislation which became law on 31 January 2017, Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 has been modified by paragraph 1 (5) of Schedule 2 of the 2017 Order, so as to provide that a separate

Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer appointment should be made for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

8. It is therefore requested that a specific appointment of two Deputy Returning Officers for the Council at Combined Authority Mayoral elections is made, in line with the recommendation at the beginning of this report.

Legal Implications:

9. This is a statutory requirement as set out in the body of the report.

Financial Implications:

10. There are no financial implications



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Report to:	Council	Date: 09 January 2024
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 2024

Recommendation(s)

3. To approve the ongoing 50% discount to Foster Carers' Council Tax liabilities for 2024/25. This will be in the form of a Discretionary Council Tax Support credit and replaces the manual payments made during 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 2024/25 now senior management within service has been established.

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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 2024/2025

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 2024/25
 - 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 2023/24. The cost of the scheme is similar to the previous year and the live caseload for both working age and Pensioners continues to reduce.
13. As in 2022/23 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 its residents who may be experiencing financial hardship through the introduction of a new and more holistic approach to Council Tax collection.

Government Funding for 2024/25

14. The Government has, as yet, not confirmed that existing support measures such as Household Support Fund or the additional Council Tax help for those in receipt of Council Tax Support will continue in 2024/25.

The Council's Overall Financial Position

15. The Council, continues to experience significant financial pressures due to funding reductions and the Cost of Living crisis impacting both costs and an ability to collect income from residents and businesses. 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

16. 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.
17. As no change to the scheme is being proposed, there is no requirement for formal consultation.

EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE SCHEME

18. 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.
19. 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 2024/25 scheme as this is now a requirement of the annual audit certification process.
20. In line with the agreement made at Cabinet in March 2023, and following consultation with the Foster Carers' Association, Council is asked to approve the ongoing 50% discount to Foster Carers' Council Tax liabilities for 2024/25. This will be in the form of a Discretionary Council Tax Support credit and replaces the manual payments made during 2023/24.

Discretionary Council Tax Fund

21. The Welfare Support Team currently administer applications for hardship relief in accordance with the Council Tax Reduction Policy under Section 13A (1) (C).

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 22/23 and continues to fall in 23/24.</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>Earlier identification of welfare need through changes to the Council Tax collection process, allowing a more pro-active approach to welfare.</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.

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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Leader's Report for 17th January 2024 Council Meeting**1. Leader's note**

- 1.1 I am pleased to provide Council with my report covering the period from Wednesday 15th November to 8th January 2024.
- 1.2 Whilst only a short amount of time has passed since the last Full Council meeting there has been considerable activity remembering and celebrating inclusion within our communities. On 20th November – Councillors and members of Bury's LGBTQI community attended a vigil and flag raising ceremony for Transgender Day of Remembrance, whilst December saw activity to mark World Aid's Day and International Days of persons with Disabilities.
- 1.3 Sikh residents celebrated the birth of their First Guru in November and during December our Jewish communities celebrated Chanukah and I was delighted to attend community celebrations and community menorah lighting through Chabad Whitefield & Prestwich. The Annual Christmas Service with Greater Manchester Police reminded us of the importance of being a good neighbour, which is something the Council has continued to promote as part of Bury's *LET'S Do It!* approach – we are a Borough that looks out for each other and we're encouraging everyone to build on this in the new year, including opportunities to get more involved in community activities and volunteering.
- 1.4 Celebrating the strengths pillar of LETS, in December we welcomed local recipients for the King's Award for Voluntary Services to the Town Hall to congratulate the four groups from the Borough for their accolade and thank them for their work supporting local communities [recipients – Bury LGBTQI+ Forum; Bury People First; Caritas Red Door; Supporting Sisters]. The congratulations extends to the local recipients of recognition announced through the King's New Year Honours with six individuals from or who have made a significant contribution to local life in Bury, including for charitable health provision to service to local communities across Radcliffe and Whitefield.
- 1.5 In December more than 300 people came together to celebrate the success of children in care and care leavers in Bury through the Believe and Achieve Awards. It was amazing to hear the exemplary work of young people who were nominated by their foster carers, teachers, social workers and other professionals to recognise their achievements in education, sport, creativity and the support they have given their community. Alongside this Bury Council supported the Opening Doors to Fostering campaign, promoting the extensive support on offer for people interested in becoming a foster carer in Bury to give young people the best possible start in life.
- 1.6 In December Council colleagues led a Team Bury partnership session on tackling health inequalities. Held at the Mosses Centre, the session brought together practitioners and community leads to take a Marmot

approach (as per the Motion at November 2023 Council) recognising that health inequalities are inextricably linked to broader inequalities, thus requiring a partnership approach to address, including reducing the social determinants of such inequalities.

- 1.7 Central to tackling the root causes of health inequalities is sustainable and inclusive economic growth, as set out in the *Let's Do It!* approach, which is becoming increasingly tangible across the Borough. In December I saw firsthand the demolition work in Radcliffe of the old southern block as part of the £40m investment into a new civic hub whilst at Cabinet in December an update was given on the relocation of Spring Lane School to enable the next stage of the development of the new secondary school for the town. That meeting also received an update on regeneration plans for Prestwich Village and engagement has continued in partnership with Bruntwood on the future of the Millgate Site. This is an exciting time for the Borough and on Thursday 1st February in conjunction with the Greater Manchester Growth Hub, the Council will be holding a Bury Regeneration Expo, to launch the Bury Economic Strategy and showcase the latest developments across our towns.
- 1.8 Last Monday (8th January) a further exciting development saw the opening of the Bury Works Hub in the Millgate. Located at Unit 29, this is a joint initiative hosted by Ingeus, Bury's Working Well Work and Health Programme Delivery Partner, and creates a hub for co-ordinated information and support on local and regional skills and employability provision, including the National Careers Service. This will build on already positive outcomes through the Work and Health Programme in Bury which is one of the best performing in the region and a key part of improving financial resilience within our communities. In particular the Council is working with Ingeus and partners to use our combined data and intelligence to target the support to those most in need.
- 1.9 Inclusive economic development as a driver of such resilience within our communities and has been the focus of the LET's Fix It Together campaign. During December there was a specific focus on anti-poverty measures, from hosting the latest cost of living showcase of support for residents in December, to the targeted delivery of winter warm packs, and a focus on community groups that were supporting local residents through tough times. Building on cost of living community grants earlier in the year, December saw 58 groups be allocated funding through the Council's LET'S Do It Community grants to deliver on local priorities to our communities.
- 1.10 The Council continues to work to keep local people safe. In December, new guidance was developed with Greater Manchester Police and representatives from the taxi trade, both Hackney carriage and private hire to encourage respect and promote safety. Meanwhile joint work between trading standards, licensing and the police uncovered and took of the streets of Bury thousands of illegal cigarettes and vapes, with such products likely to be the result of organised criminal activity.

- 1.11 During the winter months the Council continues to deliver both planned and responsive operational activity. Work has taken place to install new energy efficient street lighting columns along Bury and Bolton Road in Radcliffe taking place, part of the Borough wide £5.5m 5 year replacement programme. With spells of cold weather the gritting teams have been out, whilst during the stormier weather emergency response colleagues including the tree teams have worked to minimise any disruption the adverse weather has brought.
- 1.12 As we head into 2024, work continues at pace ahead on the implementation of the Strategic Housing Review and return of management of housing stock into the Council; a report is being considered by Cabinet on 10th January 2024 in which it recommends that in practical terms services will become integrated from 15th January as previously agreed, with the legal transfer of housing management functions and TUPE of Six Town Housing staff will take effect from 1st February 2024 following consultation feedback.
- 1.13 Finally, for those with a new year's resolution to move more and get active, the date for the Bury Running Festival has been confirmed as the 15th September 2024. The Borough has a wealth of local community running clubs who provide fun, friendly, supporting and inclusive running opportunities so get involved and I'll see you at the start line.

2. Reporting progress against stated commitments in Corporate Plan

- 2.1 The following table provides a brief summary of the core deliverables due to take place in Quarters 3 and 4 to demonstrate the Council's progress against the priorities set out in our Corporate Plan

Priority	Key Deliverables	Look forward to Q3 and Q4
1. Supporting Residents and business with the cost-of-living crisis	Deliver 2023/24 Action Plan within the Anti-Poverty Strategy Launch Social Value Policy / Community Wealth	Delivery of the Winter support programme. The final launch of the Social Value Policy and evaluation of impacts of both of these deliverables.
2. Improving Children's lives	Childrens Social Care Ensuring services for children and young people meet the required standards for good levels of safeguarding and support Educational Improvement Radcliffe School build commences	International social workers arrive and supplemented by student social worker intake. Training implemented for Early Help practitioners. Continued preparation for Ofsted re-inspection to ensure these key changes to delivery

	<p>Improve the proportion of schools good or better</p> <p>Academisation Strategy</p> <p>Improved attendance</p> <p>Special Education Needs</p> <p>Preparing for the new review of services by Ofsted through service transformation</p> <p>Project Safety Valve Plan</p> <p>Updated and Approved by Department for Education</p>	<p>improvement are acknowledged.</p> <p>Radcliffe School constructions commences and relocation of Pupil Referral Unit begins.</p> <p>Short breaks offer recommissioned. Additional Resource Provision spaces start to open alongside Unsworth Special School.</p>
3. Achieving Inclusive Economic Growth	<p>Levelling-Up Sites commence construction</p> <p>Township Plans for Whitefield, Prestwich and Ramsbottom</p> <p>Economic Development Strategy</p> <p>Updated Accelerated Growth Programme</p> <p>Skills Strategy</p>	<p>Radcliffe Hub and Bury flexi space construction begins.</p> <p>The launch of our inclusive growth strategy.</p>
4. Improving the Health and Care system	<p>Intermediate Care Transformation Plan</p> <p>Care Quality Commission Inspection Readiness</p>	<p>Assistive Technology delivery. Review of our Intermediate Tier whilst we await fully prepared for potential assessment from new CQC inspection.</p>
5. Reducing health inequalities	<p>Reducing the life expectancy gap by focusing on preventing and reducing the impact of the 3 key contributors CVD, Cancer and Liver Disease.</p> <p>Narrowing the school readiness gap.</p>	<p>Self care tools for residents reviewed and refined with supporting communications rolled out with our VCSE sector.</p> <p>Impact reviewed of additional investment into substance misuse service.</p>
6. Tackling climate change	<p>Deliver commitments to decarbonisation and household energy efficiency across the borough</p> <p>Launch internal climate change action plan</p>	<p>Further streetlight columns replaced and improved with LEDs. Further energy efficiency measures deployed to households in Bury alongside increase in public EV charging infrastructure.</p>
7. Public Sector Reform	<p>Embedding Public Sectors Leadership Teams in each neighbourhood</p> <p>Taking a Person and Community Centred Approach to Public Sector reform</p>	<p>Radcliffe Family Hub opens following the successful deployment of the Bury East Hub. A consistent place based strength based approach is piloted across neighbourhoods.</p>
8. Delivering sustainable	<p>STH Options Appraisal</p>	<p>Places for Everyone is adopted. A start is made on</p>

Housing Growth	Housing Development to deliver 700 new homes	key housing development sites including East Lance Papermill, Green St and Seedfield School.
9. Celebrating culture and supporting our creative sector	Launch and Implementation of new Cultural Strategy Delivery of savings in BAM Development of programme of events UKSPF monitoring	BAM options approved and funding secured. Events Programme in place.

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**(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – November 2023
Re. Simpler Recycling**

Decision taken:

To submit consultation responses to Defra. The responses have been developed in conjunction with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP), Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE), Chartered Institute of Waste management (CIWM) and The Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC).

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

Responses must be submitted to Defra by Monday 20th November, and this decision is therefore unable to wait for the next meeting on Cabinet (scheduled 13th December). Urgency is requested to progress this matter and secure a way forward.

**(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – December 2023
Re. East Lancashire Paper Mill**

Decision taken:

An urgent decision was required to pursue the immediate disposal of the ELPM site to Homes England. This will involve Homes England buying out the council earlier which will;

- enable the council to secure a capital receipt in this financial year;
- safeguard the capital receipt from any future financial liabilities connected to the land dowry, condition of the river wall and uncertainty on incoming future homes standard – all of which could result in a future price reduction.
- enable the council to exit from the tri-partite agreement for lease which is expected to be variated post the reserved matters planning application in November.
- release officer time and capacity to work on other brownfield projects on the Accelerated Land Disposal Programme and generate further income to the council.

This approval was to agree the need for an urgent decision to instruct the heads of terms, which will include a thorough assessment of the legal implications in advance.

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

- Avoid the council incurring expenditure on legal fees, time and resource associated with varying the Tri-partite Agreement for lease (via a deed of variation) with Homes England and Morris Homes; scheduled for December.
- Bring forward a capital receipt of £3.045m earlier and thus provide beneficial short-term financial impact within this financial year.

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GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2023

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN REFRESH

1. Councillor Richard Gold, Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities, presented the report which contained details of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP); the plan will run to 2026/27 and will be refreshed as part of the annual budget setting process in February 2024.
2. The Cabinet Member reported that a mid-year review of the MTFP has been undertaken as a matter of good practice and consideration given to the pressures Bury Council is experiencing in the current financial year.
3. The review has indicated a provisional budget deficit of £41.582m over the next three years to 2026/27 before proposed savings. This provision budget gap is broken down across the three years as £22.611m in 2024/25; £12.789m in 2025/26 and £6.182m in 2026/27.
4. This report provides the detail of the updated MTFP forecast and sets out options to address this deficit. Responding to a question from Councillor Bernstein, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities reported that the Financial Improvement Panel who have been providing assistance and support to the Council had recommended that Committee reports be presented in a more "user friendly" manner to enable Members to better scrutinise the financial information presented to them.
5. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

PRESTWICH VILLAGE REGENERATION: APPROPRIATION OF LAND AT FAIRFAX ROAD AND RECTORYLANE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

6. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented an update to Members on the Prestwich Village Regeneration, namely the appropriation of land at Fairfax Road and Rectory Lane for planning purposes.
7. The Leader reported that a large part of the Council's Land included in the Prestwich Village proposals is currently open to public access and may be impacted by to varying degrees adverse third party rights. Any person who holds the benefit of such a legal right or interest and who suffers a relevant loss when development takes place would be entitled to claim statutory compensation pursuant to section 204 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.
8. The Leader reported that the details of the statutory compensation are commercially sensitive and linked information which is likely to reveal the identity and financial position of individuals is personally sensitive and is therefore exempt from this Part A Cabinet report. Such details are set out in a Part B Cabinet report.
9. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the Part A and Part B reports.

RELOCATION OF SPRING LANE SCHOOL TO THE NEW KERSHAW CENTRE

10. Following consideration of previous Cabinet reports in relation to the development of the new Radcliffe Secondary School, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for

Children and Young People presented a further report to update Members on the relocation of the Spring Lane School.

11. The Cabinet Member reported that a number of options were considered to accommodate the needs of Spring Lane School and the focus more recently has been on the use of Council owned premises. This has resulted in the identification of the New Kershaw Centre (NKC) as a viable proposition. The NKC currently accommodates a number of Children's Services teams, including a number of social care services, a base for care leavers, and the youth service.
12. It is anticipated that existing services will be relocated on w/c 8th of January 2024, to other Council owned premises, with the majority of those services being accommodated in 6 Knowsley Place and the Town Hall.
13. The Leader detailed design work is on-going in respect of the necessary adaptations to the NKC and Park House to facilitate movement of the PRU early next year. This design activity is progressing alongside required planning/design of adaptations to 6 Knowsley Place and the Bury Town Hall to facilitate the move of staff from the Children and Young People's directorate currently operating from NKC.
14. A high-level cost plan has been developed for delivery of the NKC/Park House project and this also includes provisional (estimated) sums for associated construction and design activity for adaptations to 6KP and the Bury Town Hall. The cost plan will evolve as the design is developed. At present the total cost of project activity is estimated at £1,758,000 which covers the initial phase of works. Further phases of work will be subject to a separate report.
15. The project will be overseen by BGI officers and will report to the Council's Regeneration Board for project assurance/oversight.
16. Given the need to invest in this interim solution, and the inability to deliver the scheme at Spurr House on time, it is no longer proposed to proceed with the adaptations to Spurr House and this project is now closed. Instead, an options appraisal exercise will be commissioned through BGI, to consider the future accommodation needs of the Pupil Referral Unit, and how they might be met.
17. Before inviting questions from those present, the Leader apologised for the lateness of this report and also the home to school transport policy.
18. Councillors Smith and Bernstein, raised concerns in relation to; preparedness, procurement, ability to secure labour and finance comments contained within the first iteration of the report shared with Members of the Cabinet.
19. Responding firstly, the Chief Executive Officer reported that, she can provide full assurance that the financing of this project has been considered at the Regeneration Board and is provided for in the Capital Programme.
20. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People acknowledged concerns that the Members have raised but she has full confidence that the Council can deliver on the programme as outlined in the report.
21. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR CHILDRENS SAFEGUARDING EQUINOX PROJECT TEAM

22. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented a report seeking approval for an extension of the Equinox Project Team, currently commissioned to support core statutory safeguarding services, to enable Bury Council to protect vulnerable children and young people from harm, in accordance of the principles outlined within the CA 1989.
23. Responding to a question from Councillor Bernstein, the Cabinet Member reported that social work recruitment is a primary focus for herself and the department and is frequently discussed at the Children's Improvement Board. In addition to international recruitment, work has been undertaken to "grow your own" and a number of agency staff have been converted into permanent staff.
24. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

HOME TO SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TRANSPORT POLICY - PROPOSAL TO CONSULT ON CHANGES TO THE POLICY

25. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented a report to Cabinet which included a proposal to consult on changes to the home to school and college transport policy.
26. The policy was last subject to review in 2015, following the publication of the Children & Families Act 2014, which introduced significant reforms in respect of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The DfE has recently published updated guidance in respect of transport and the Bury policy needs to be reviewed and refreshed to reflect this guidance.
27. Following an investigation into current arrangements by the Council is amending its policy to make clear that, where the Council decides transport is necessary to enable young adults with an EHC Plan to maintain their placement, they will not be charged, in line with the Council's statutory duty.
28. A draft policy has been written that meets the Council's statutory obligations.
29. Responding to a question from Councillor Bernstein, the Leader reported that the investigation referred to above, details of which and the implications for the Council will be shared with Members of Cabinet.
30. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE QUARTER ONE AND QUARTER TWO REPORT 2023/24

31. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing presented the Adult Social Care Department Quarter 1 and 2 Report for 2023-24. The report outlines delivery of the Adult Social Care Strategic Plan, preparation for the new CQC Assessment regime for local authorities and provides an illustration and report on the department's performance framework.
32. Responding to a question from Councillor Bernstein, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing reported that he would be happy for further detail in relation to Adult Social Care to be included in future Cabinet quarterly monitoring reports.

33. The Leader asked that his thanks be placed on record to Adrian Crook, Director of Community Commissioning and his team for their excellent work which has been highlighted and commended in the recent Peer Review.
34. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

TRANSFER OF 11 - 13 STOCK STREET, BURRS COUNTRYPARK, BURY TO HOUSING SERVICES

35. The Cabinet Member for Housing Services presented a reported to Council to propose the transfer 11 – 13 Stock Street, Bury from the Land & Property Team to Housing Services, for the provision of temporary accommodation in accordance with the recommendations in section 2 of the accompanying report.
36. If this proposal is approved, the property will provide temporary accommodation for larger, low-income families who are statutory homeless and in priority need, until a more permanent solution can be found. The rent would be capped at the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate to ensure affordability. Rental income generated from the letting of this property would be paid into the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
37. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

PROCUREMENT OF WATER HYGIENE MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE PREVENTION OF LEGIONELLA

38. The Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR presented a report to Cabinet which provided details of the proposal to Procure a Water Hygiene Monitoring Services for the Prevention of Legionella.
39. The Cabinet Member reported that the contract is for the period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2027 with a possible extension option for a further 2 years.
40. This contract provides prevention of Legionella compliance to all council-controlled properties, schools that buy into the service and buildings occupied by Persona and Six Town Housing. There are 209 properties with the current contract, comprising of: 57 Schools, 11 Persona Buildings, 20 Six Town Housing managed properties and 121 council-controlled buildings.
41. This contract is managed through Architectural Services and is a traded service which is recharged out to individual client departments, schools that buy into the service and ALMO's such as Persona and Six Town Housing.
42. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the Part A and Part B reports.

CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS LIQUID FUELS

43. The Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations presented a report to seek formal approval to use the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) 1173 Liquid Fuels framework for the period 16 October 2023 to 15 October 2025 with two options to extend for an additional 12 months. The maximum Framework period will therefore be 4 years, from 16 October 2023 to 15 October 2027 (subject to annual review, incorporating price negotiations and KPI performance).
44. The various liquid fuels listed are available for use by all Council owned vehicles which equates to 22 separate service users including waste and recycling, highways, grounds maintenance, security and response services, adult and children's transport

and Six Town Housing. Bury Council is an associate member of YPO, a Public Buying Organisation established in 1974 to maximise the value from consolidating demand and procuring collaborative supply contracts on behalf of its members and associates.

45. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the Part A and Part B reports.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITY BIODIVERSITY DUTY: FIRST CONSIDERATIONS REQUIREMENT

46. The Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations presented a report which asking the Council to consider their Bio-diversity duty and what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

47. The Cabinet Member reported that the report sets out:

- The new legal and procedural requirements for the Council to meet our biodiversity duty;
- The requirement to complete our first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by the 1st January 2024;
- The scope and content of a draft Biodiversity Strategy which forms our first consideration of the current state of biodiversity in Bury and the potential actions that we could take to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the Borough;
- A proposal to consult residents and stakeholders on the draft Biodiversity Strategy;
- Work taking place to identify potential Council-owned receptor sites for off-site Biodiversity Net Gain; and
- The potential next steps.

48. The Leader responding to comments from Councillor M Smith reported that when undertaking any developments the Council would wish to avoid any environmental implications, in the first instance. This report acknowledges the Council's Biodiversity Duty and provides strong measures to mitigate impacts.

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

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	Dept	Party	Question	Questioner
1	BGI/Ops	Radcliffe First	<p>On Wednesday 13th December 2023 a motion entitled “Pilsworth South Landfill operators”, put forward by Labour councillors at Rochdale Council was unanimously supported by councillors from all parties.</p> <p>This motion resolved to:</p> <p><i>“To recognise that the foul odours associated with the landfill site impact the quality of life for residents within the borough.</i></p> <p><i>To support the residents of the borough calling for the landfill to be closed and capped off as soon as practicable and before the expiration of the current permit and the operator to have enforcement action taken against them to resolve the concerns of residents.”</i></p> <p>Will Bury Council support residents in Bury MBC who are reporting similar “foul odours” via comments on a recent planning application and take similar action to that proposed in the Rochdale Labour motion?</p>	Cllr Birchmore
		Cllr Quinn	<p>Madam Mayor, the question refers to Rochdale Labour’s NoM. I would have thought that if Radcliffe First were so concerned about the Pilsworth landfill site they would have tabled a NoM themselves on this subject. However, this question seems to be tabled to benefit the Independent candidate in Unsworth.</p> <p>Regarding the question.</p> <p>Legislation governs the regulatory control of Landfill sites and the Pilsworth Site is authorised and operates under a permit issued by the Environment Agency. The Environmental Permit, issued by the Environment Agency means that Bury Council do not have any powers to take enforcement action in relation to this site. The Council advise complainants and Councillors to raise any concerns of complaints directly to the Environment Agency who have a formal reporting mechanism which includes referring complaints to the specific officer(s)/team(s) dealing with their Environmental Permit. To be clear, the Environment Agency have their own legal powers and sanctions in relation to the Environmental Permit which is required for the site to operate, which is part of a legal statutory and regulatory function governed by the Environment Agency and not the Council.</p> <p>An Officer from Bury Councils Environmental Health team has contacted the Environment Agency about the recent odour problems, and the Environment Agency have given assurance that they are aware and currently carrying out an investigation on the management of the site.</p>	

2	Finance	Labour	<p>Can the Leader provide an update on the Council's "Let's Fix It Together" campaign?</p> <p><u>Supplementary:</u> With the lack of funding from the Autumn Statement, the proposal for deep spending cuts to continue in future and no commitment to fairer funding formulas, would the Leader agree with me that the last 14 years of the Conservatives has proven the only way to improve local services is a Labour Government?</p>	Cllr Moss
		Cllr O'Brien	<p>The campaign launched in November '23 calling for fairer funding for Bury but also setting out how we're managing budgets and stretching them as far as we can to support the most vulnerable. Alongside residents doing their bit by recycling more, spending money locally, fostering and adopting.</p> <p>Since the campaign was launched, over 810 people have signed up to the petition calling for fairer funding for Bury. This is growing every week as more and more residents read up about the massive disadvantage Bury is at when it comes to funding.</p> <p>As I mentioned earlier in my speech, our focus this month is about the delivery of our growth ambitions and how it can help contribute towards our financial stability. Those who seek to hold back new housing and regeneration sites will have to explain where they will find the vitally needed income that comes from these sites and what more they would cut as a result. Thankfully, we are taking the responsible and prudent approach for our borough's future.</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u> With the lack of funding from the Autumn Statement, the proposal for deep spending cuts to continue in future and no commitment to fairer funding formulas, would the Leader agree with me that the last 14 years of the Conservatives has proven the only way to improve local services is a Labour Government?</p> <p><u>Response</u> Cllr O'Brien to respond</p>	
3	Ops	Labour	<p>With serious flooding back in the national news, can the Cabinet Member for the Environment outline what steps are being taken to protect Bury's communities vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p><u>Supplementary:</u> Have the recommendations around extra funding from the Environment Select Committee's report been taken up by the Government, or is this yet another example</p>	Cllr Pilkington

			of the Conservative Government ignoring local communities?	
		Cllr A Quinn	<p>The cornerstone of our Council response to flood risk has been through our partnership with the Environment Agency on the £40 million+ scheme to provide flood defences in Radcliffe and Redvales. We are also in the preliminary stages of seeking further funding through EA Grant in Aid monies for a number of additional flood risk projects across the Borough.</p> <p>In addition, the Council are exploring partnerships with United Utilities on projects aimed at reducing flood risk and providing more sustainable drainage within the Borough and also working with Moors for the Future helping to facilitate natural flood management initiatives</p> <p>Supplementary:</p> <p>The report that you mention is the House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee report from February 2021.</p> <p>The government have announced some extra money for flood defences, however, most flood schemes are still not fully funded and rely on partnership funding. For example, the Radcliffe & Redvales scheme had Grant in Aid of around £27m. Bury Council agreed to contribute £2m from reserves. The NW RFCC which I sat on at the time, contributed £3m from the Local Levy, however, not until I led the Parliamentary lobby in February 2018 to meet the environment minister and came back with £7m did we have the full amount in place to give us the scheme we needed. Any additional funding provided for flood resilience such as the Frequently Funded Allowance, which is from the £5.2 billion, will hopefully be used to help to reduce the amount of external contribution required and make it easier for schemes with slightly lower benefit ratings to receive financial support.</p> <p>Recommendations in the 2021 report with regard to planning legislation to promote SuDS is due to be implemented in 2024, including application of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act which will require the set up of a separate SuDS approval body for all significant development. Although councils are aware of the imminent introduction, and are seeking advice from Welsh authorities who have already done this, there is currently no indication of a timeline, the finer details of what is required or whether additional funding will be provided for the additional resources required to implement.</p> <p>But, all of this needs extra resources at a LA level and the one main theme that came out of the report was that central government must fully fund the extra resource need by councils and indeed</p>	

			combined authorities. This has not happened yet.	
4	BGI/Ops	Conservative	In light of the recent motion passed by Rochdale Council in relation to the waste disposal site at Pilsworth South, in our Borough, what communication, if any, from Rochdale has been received and what is our response?	Cllr Vernon
		Cllr O'Brien/Cllr A Quinn	<p>The Council is aware of the Rochdale Council motion and officers have been in contact with Public Protection colleagues in Rochdale regarding the issues around odours from the regulated landfill site at Pilsworth operated by Valencia Waste Management.</p> <p>In light of my earlier answer, I would just encourage any residents who are experiencing problems from the site at Pilsworth to contact the EA's Incident Hotline directly on 0800 80 70 60 to report their concerns. They have advised that any reports received via their Incident Hotline are given a unique reference which is then passed to the relevant officers in a timely manner. It has been reported that this process helps them understand the severity, location and conditions at the time of the incident, and helps to facilitate their response.</p>	
5	CC	Radcliffe First	<p>Over the Christmas break, it became apparent that the level of cover offered by statutory agencies was insufficient.</p> <p>As such many cases were referred to the voluntary sector.</p> <p>Are we aware of the issues and is there a plan to improve this going forwards?</p>	Cllr M Smith
		Cllr Gold	<p>Firstly, I think it's important to highlight that a wide range of Council services worked across every day of the Christmas period. This included colleagues in Children's and Adults Social Care and many of our front-line service in Operations. Alongside this, 24 hour on-call arrangements were in place across a further range of areas, such as Housing Options.</p> <p>I'm sure I speak for all Members in thanking staff for their work over Christmas. The same, of course, will be true for our public service partners. I'd also want to recognise the tireless work of our voluntary sector in Bury who absolutely play a crucial role in supporting our residents all year round.</p> <p>I know that, in the current cost of living context, perhaps more of our residents than ever needed support this Christmas, and many of our services as well as those of our partners continued to experience significant demand throughout the festive period.</p>	

			<p>Over Christmas, we used our communication channels and networks to get messages out about the services available. The council's website was updated regularly to include details about service provision and signposting to other services, including those provided by our public service and voluntary sector partners. Our communications also included information about cost of living support specifically available during this period.</p> <p>Bury has an active Public Service Reform Steering Group which includes representation from the voluntary and community sector who works together to consider how best we deliver our services to support the lives of Bury people in the long term, but also how we address current operational challenges.</p>	
6	BGI	Labour	Can the Leader outline the latest progress on plans for Whitefield and the work around the High Streets Taskforce?	Cllr Fitzgerald
		Cllr O'Brien	<p>The High Street Taskforce (HST) led a Place Making Workshop that took place last week. There was good attendance and discussion from all those who attended, including local business owners, community leaders and elected members. It set out a variety of ways in which high streets can be given a much needed boost, rooted in a need for closer cooperation amongst local stakeholders and the community. In response to the many local, regional and international examples there were ideas shared from attendees and these will be compiled by the HST to contribute to their report.</p> <p>In addition to this, Councillors will be briefed on the latest work by Planit and the corresponding communication plan this Friday. With a public consultation to launch the following week for a 4 week period. Off the back of all this work, it is our intention to bring a report to Cabinet in March to pull all these threads together and set out what the next steps will be on this exciting project.</p>	
7	CC	Labour	Please could the Cabinet Member for Communities & Finance provide an update as the recent LET's Do It Community Fund and how this will benefit local neighbourhoods?	Cllr Staples-Jones
		Cllr Gold	58 local community groups in Bury have been awarded funding through the LET's Do It Community Fund. This equates to £100k of investment in community activity across all neighbourhoods in the Borough, funding activity for our local voluntary and community sector to target to support people in their communities. The fund allowed for groups to develop proposals specifically considering their local neighbourhood and how best this could help improve outcomes	

			<p>for local people. Successful applications include projects based around digital inclusion; sessions to increase confidence and ability in reading; upskilling isolated young people; a community café scheme; environmental improvements and civic pride initiatives.</p> <p>Over 80 applications were received in total and work is taking place with the Bury Voluntary & Community Faith Alliance to outline further opportunities for those who were unsuccessful.</p>	
8.	Ops/CC	Conservative	<p>Was the sickness levels which caused the “severe operational issues” within Waste Management consistent with sickness levels elsewhere in the organisation?</p>	Cllr LJ Dean
		Cllr Rafiq	<p>As I’m sure Members will recognise, sickness absence levels in the Council, like most other organisations, tend to increase over the winter months. – This year has been no different, with December and January in particular seeing many people, including our staff, affected by flu or indeed the latest strain of Covid.</p> <p>This winter peak in illness is absolutely felt most starkly in frontline services, including our Operations and Adult Social Care Departments where staff work in the most physically demanding roles. In comparison there tends to be more stability in other Departments. – December, for example, saw a small (7%) decrease in the number of days lost due to sickness across the Council overall in comparison to November, but increases of 5% and 3% respectively in our Health and Adult Social Care and Operations Departments. The level of absence in Services such as Waste and indeed areas like Choices for Living Well at Killalea are key drivers behind this trend.</p> <p>Specific communication was shared with Members in relation to the challenges faced within our Waste service in December and a particularly stark and unprecedented rise in incidents of short-term sickness within this service was absolutely a key factor here. – Officers in the Service, together with HR colleagues, are currently reviewing arrangements, including our overall workforce plans to strengthen the resilience of our operations in the future.</p>	
9	Finance	Labour	<p>There's national recognition that councils are severely underfunded. In the light of this are you surprised that the services grant has been cut in the annual settlement?</p>	Cllr Farooq
		Cllr Gold	<p>I should be surprised but seeing that the Government cares so little about the pressures that councils face with increased demand, inflationary pressures and a broken funding system, I am not surprised.</p>	

			<p>The Services grant has been cut from £1.5m to £0.2m</p> <p>Also Rolled up grants have been cut from £1.2m to £0</p> <p>What is disappointing is the distribution of the funding. This again doesn't take account of need. I can find no reason why Metropolitan Authorities, all labour controlled received a 6.5% increase compared to Counties which will receive a 7.8% increase. Any guesses as to which political party generally controls the Counties?</p> <p>The government are saying how they've increased funding to councils by an average of 6.5% but over half of this increase will be from Council Tax increases. The government say local councils must increase council tax as part of their allocation from government to get to the 6.5%.</p>	
10	CYP	Labour	<p>As Corporate Parents, we should all be engaged and involved in regular training around our duties. Can the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People outline what upcoming training there is on this important topic?</p> <p><u>Supplementary:</u> As well as training, is there anything more we can be doing as elected members to support our children and young people as their corporate parents?</p>	Cllr D Quinn
		Cllr L Smith		
11	BGI	Conservative	<p>Does the Council have any plans to invest and develop Tottington?</p>	Cllr L McBriar
		Cllr O'Brien	<p>It is worth highlighting a few aspects around our considerations on where we invest and develop when it comes to Tottington. As the smallest township in the Borough it has the lowest levels of deprivation in the Borough and well below the national average on this scale. In addition, the Council doesn't own much land or property to use as a starting point. All of this makes regeneration or development planning a challenge and as such, there are no current plans for anything of this nature.</p> <p>That said, the village has excellent community groups and spaces in operation and the Council was very pleased to work with the local community in the delivery of the Private Peachment VC Town Meadow which has undergone some significant investment in fitness equipment and tennis courts, along with the mural.</p> <p>We are also looking to improve transport routes and links to this part of the borough as part of our</p>	

			transport strategy.	
12	CC	Labour	<p>How is the Council supporting efforts to get residents back into work, in particular, those who have additional health needs?</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u> – Does Cllr Morris agree with the Conservative Government that cutting benefits and pushing people into even greater depths of poverty is the solution to long term unemployment, or is there a better way?</p>	Cllr Hayes
		Cllr Morris	<p>Bury Council recognises that supporting residents into employment is a wider determinant of good health.</p> <p>The wider Working Well offer extends to supporting residents with a physical or mental health disability, whereby referrals are made by health professionals within Primary Care.</p> <p>More recently through UKSPF the Support to Succeed programme we can support those residents who are economically inactive and not accessing support through the Jobcentre.</p> <p>At a local level our role is to actively promote and support the funded programmes to reach the right cohorts and make a difference to their lives and reduce demand on public services. Bury has recently launched the Bury Works Neighbour hub in the Millgate, an easy to access location where residents can access multiple wrap around support and guidance in one place.</p> <p>Working with our partners at Jobcentre Plus our teams are planning a large-scale Work and Skills Fair in May 24 at the Castle Leisure Centre.</p> <p>March 2024 will see the Meet the Providers Event bringing together all local work, health and skills offers to one place, allowing a diverse range of teams that interact with the public on a day-to-day basis to speak to the services that can help their customers.</p> <p>Our Live Well service is also part of the local offer, getting out there in communities, encouraging exercise and self-care and the benefits this can bring.</p> <p>Further to this, to enable the Council to help meet the challenges our residents face, a new Supportive Collection Pathway has been created for Council Tax – based on the tenets Let's Engage, Let's Enable, Let's Support.</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u></p>	

			<p>Does Cllr Morris agree with the Conservative Government that cutting benefits and pushing people into even greater depths of poverty is the solution to long term unemployment, or is there a better way?</p> <p><u>Response</u></p> <p>Long term unemployment is a growing issue locally and there can be multiple reasons for this. We recognise that long term unemployment is not healthy for individuals, their families and wider community. Our focus should be on supporting this cohort and encouraging them to see a better future through good work and the benefits it can bring to their overall health & wellbeing. Support a cohort with the confidence to approach returning to work with the wrap around support that is often needed would be a kinder option. In GM we have designed, tested, and led the way across the UK to deliver integrated support systems. We should build on the evidence of what works and deliver local solutions to improves lives.</p>	
13	H&ASC	Labour	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for Health provide an update on dentistry performance and access in the borough?</p>	Cllr Grimshaw
		Cllr Boroda	<p>Access to NHS dental services remains a key issue for us and we are working with local dentists to enable practices to take on an increased number of both urgent and routine NHS patients during 2023 / 2024. In June 2023 NHS Greater Manchester launched the Greater Manchester Patient Dental Access Scheme. 16 practices in the Bury locality have signed up to the scheme, committing to seeing new patients. This has already resulted in 6,458 new patients being seen by Bury dental practices) and 5,555 appointments in Bury for patients who needed urgent dental care. Unfortunately, the Bury practices involved in the scheme report that there have been 941 appointments where patients failed to attend, which has prevented other patients being able to access NHS dental care.</p>	
14	Ops	Conservative	<p>Could the Cabinet Member advise why so many drains remain blocked in the Borough. Many residents have advised when they have reported block drains on the Council website, their enquiries have been ignored and no action has been taken regarding the drains they have complained about?</p>	Cllr Lancaster
		Cllr A Quinn	<p>I can assure you that officers do not intentionally ignore reports of block highway gullies. However, it is important to note that in order to maximise efficiency our gully cleaning crews do not deviate from the cyclic regime to attend to blocked gullies unless there is a risk of flooding to adjacent properties or to the highway in a manner that endangers road users.</p> <p>Gullies are attended to annually, however park vehicles do sometimes prevent access.</p>	

15	Ops	Conservative	Is there any indication as to when the indoor market will reopen?	Cllr R Brown
		Cllr Morris	<p>At the present time we are unable to confirm when the indoor market will reopen. Following the identification of the RAACs issue, in the roof, the Council has commissioned a full building survey which will evaluate the condition of the whole building from a fabric, structural, mechanical and electrical perspective. The main survey has now been completed and is in draft and concrete testing and laboratory analysis is taking place over the next few weeks.</p> <p>Once the concrete testing and analysis is completed the council will receive a full building condition report (mid-February) that will highlight any defects and maintenance requirements within an itemised schedule of work. This will be accompanied by details of the approximate costs and timelines associated with a temporary option to make the roof safe, compared to the option of carrying out the long-term works required to the building. Once this level of detail is understood the Council will be in a position to make a decision on the best approach to support traders, whilst minimising further disruption. Timescales will then be understood.</p>	
16	CC	Conservative	What is the Cabinet Member for Housing's opinion on the overall performance of Six Town Housing?	Cllr Gartside
		Cllr O'Brien	<p>A Strategic Housing Review was undertaken in 2023 and the outcomes reported to Cabinet on 7th June 2023. A key recommendation from that review was to explore the option of returning Six Town Housing to direct Council Control which was approved by Cabinet in November 2023.</p> <p>Over the summer the Council was notified of some serious breaches of the Management Agreement by the interim Chief Executive of Six Town Housing, who commissioned a contracting and compliance review. Over 4,000 outstanding actions were highlighted against a number of tenancy management standards and fire risk assessments. The serious and sustained breaches of agreed Key Performance Indicators were not acceptable and therefore, in accordance with the Management Agreement, an urgent improvement plan was requested.</p> <p>The Improvement Plan submitted to the Council provided assurance that all severe actions were being responded to as soon as they were identified by the surveying team and that all outstanding serious actions, rated as Category 1 and Category 2 would be resolved by the end of this financial year. No tenants have sustained, or are at risk of sustaining, "serious harm".</p>	

			<p>Following receipt of the Improvement Plan, agreed weekly reporting in relation to compliance issues is now in place and a full stock condition survey will also be completed by March 2024.</p> <p>Whilst it is important to recognise the work that has been done by Six Town Housing staff to improve the condition of our social housing, we recognise there is more to do. Following the transfer of staff and housing stock on the 1st February 2024 a new Housing Advisory Board will be created to monitor the continued improvement of our housing function. This Board will include cross-party representation, tenants and independent experts to ensure we are ready for the new Social Housing Regulations which come in to force from the 1st April 2024.</p>	
17	Ops	Conservative	How many fly tipping prosecutions have taken place during the last calendar year?	Cllr S Arif
		Cllr A Quinn	<p>Bury Council are committed to tackling fly tipping and holding offenders to account. Complaints regarding fly tipping in Bury are reviewed and investigated which can lead to offenders being interviewed under caution and further action being taken including fixed penalty notices being issued, formal cautions and/or prosecutions. During the last calendar year there have been 3 prosecutions with a further 5 cases pending and awaiting hearing dates to be set by the Magistrates Court.</p> <p>The three cases have led to fines of £940, Victim Surcharges of £360 and awards of costs of £750. Once a prosecution file is completed and submitted to the Magistrates Court, the Council must await a Court issued date and time for cases to be heard. Cases often have preliminary hearings prior to the main hearings, the dates of which, are outside the Control of the Council.</p>	
18	CC	Conservative	Why does the Cabinet Member think the level of Ombudsman Complaints against the Council have begun to rise?	Cllr Hussain
		Cllr Rafiq	<p>The Local Government Ombudsman have advised when comparing statistics against previous data, in the last reporting year for 2022-23 that the LGO changed their investigation processes. This contributed towards an increase in the average uphold rate in complaints across all Councils. Members should consider comparing individual Council uphold rates against the national average rate rather than against data from previous years.</p> <p>In relation to Education and Childrens Services complaints, the LGO continue to find in local authorities the highest proportion of fault in complaints about Education and Children's Services, particularly with regards to complaints concerning children with special educational needs. SEND cases, alongside adult social care and homelessness cases, make up the majority of the Ombudsman casework nationally.</p>	

			<p>LGO complaints are monitored and administered by the Council's link Officer and a quarterly report is produced for the Executive Team with a full Annual Report containing a summary of statistics submitted and scrutinised at the Standards Committee. It is intended that the information provided by the Ombudsman, alongside the data the Council records about local complaints, will assist in assessing the Council's performance.</p> <p>It's worth noting that the LGO like many organisations have been focussed on doing the most they can with their resources, prioritising cases where it is in the public interest to investigate. As a result, they are less likely to carry out investigations into 'borderline' issues and are therefore finding a higher proportion of fault. While allowing a more sustainable way for the LGO to work, the change meant that their uphold rate increased by 8% to 74% in the past reporting year.</p>	
19	Ops	Independent	<p>TOTTINGTON Residents are aware of the pressures on the Council with 324 Grit Bins to fill but request their bins are replenished with grit in TOTTINGTON especially on the many incline locations on estate roads</p>	Cllr Y Wright
		Cllr A Quinn	<p>The grit bins on Wellbank Street, Moorside Road, Meadow Way, Brammay Drive, Tottington were replenished in December. Any remaining grit bins on the refill list will be completed when resource permits.</p> <p>For context, several Greater Manchester authorities do not provide any grit bins on their highway networks. However, Bury Council has in excess of 300 grit bins located throughout the borough at known trouble spots, such as where there are sharp bends or steep inclines and where historically snow and ice have caused serious problems. It is important to recognise that there is no statutory duty requiring councils to provide grit bins on the network, yet Bury still provide over 300.</p>	

Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	17 January 2024
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 September 2023.
- 1.2 Since the last update there has been four meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

2 Towards an Integrated Technical Education, Skills and Work City-Region

- 2.1 At the [29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA](#), members agreed:
- 2.2 That the update and proposed next steps be noted and endorsed.
- 2.3 That the proposals for new governance arrangements for GMCA's Education, Skills and Work portfolio, including the development of the Joint Oversight Board (JOB) with central government, in line with the Trailblazer Devolution Deal, and the proposed operation of a 'shadow' JOB ahead of full implementation in early 2024, be approved.
- 2.4 That the standing down of current Employment Skills and Work (ESW) governance be approved – primarily the Employment & Skills Advisory Panel (ESAP), with thanks for members' contributions to date.

- 2.5 That the establishment of a GMCA ESW Executive Member portfolio leads' forum, comprising the ten portfolio leads (e.g. Work & Skills or equivalent) be approved, with Leaders invited to nominate their relevant Executive Member portfolio lead.
- 2.6 That the progress of the Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF) application and delegate initial sign off for the submission to the Portfolio Leader for Technical Education, Skills & Work be noted.
- 2.7 That all individual districts be requested to engage with their local businesses to encourage involvement with the new ESW governance arrangements.

3 Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Switchover

- 3.1 At the 29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 3.2 That the report and progress towards supporting PSTN switchover in GM be noted.
- 3.3 That support be given to advocating that the Government should play a stronger and more active role in the PSTN switchover.
- 3.4 That the need to ensure that public sector organisations and their partners were undertaking appropriate steps to upgrade or mitigate be endorsed.
- 3.5 That the work between local authorities and industry to identify vulnerable households and the request that no-one is disconnected by industry until a suitable alternative connection is available be supported.
- 3.6 That the establishment of a GM PSTN Switchover working group to coordinate activity and communication, in partnership with ISPs and Local Authorities be endorsed.

4 Business Plan for the Integrated Water Management Plan to 31 March 2024

- 4.1 At the 29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 4.2 That the Business Plan for the Integrated Water Management Plan to 31 March 2024 (Annex A) be approved.
- 4.3 That the budget request this financial year (£207,758) to operationalize the plan (paragraph 3.5) be approved.
- 4.4 That the request to create new fixed terms posted funded through retained business rates (paragraph 3.2) be approved.

- 4.5 That the allocation of a minimum of £250k is allocated to the Integrated Water Management Plan from FY 24/25 retained business rates (Paragraph 3.6) be approved.
- 4.6 That the comments raised by the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
- 4.7 That it be noted that an Integrated Water Management session would be held during the GM Green Summit on Monday 2nd October.

5 Delivering the Bee Network: Acquisition of Bus Depots to Support Bus Franchising

- 5.1 At the 29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 5.2 That the procedural changes for depot acquisitions for Tranches 2 and 3, in order to streamline the acquisition and leasing of depots, be approved.
- 5.3 That the changes to the decisions and delegations from the September 2022 GMCA meeting, set out in the Appendix, be noted.
- 5.4 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, TfGM and GMCA, to agree the final terms of leases of bus depots both in respect of interim leaseback arrangements to existing operators and the franchise depot leases to be granted to the franchise bus operators for Tranches 2 and 3.
- 5.5 That authority be delegated to TfGM to manage, maintain and insure all of the bus depots on behalf of GMCA in accordance with the terms of an agreed Protocol between GMCA and TfGM referred to in earlier reports to the GMCA.
- 5.6 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer to agree the terms of any agreement between the GMCA and TfGM to bring Tranche 1 leases in line with Tranches 2 and 3.

6 Annual Treasury Outturn Report

- 6.1 At the 29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed that the report be approved.

7 Greater Manchester Brownfield Programme

- 7.1 At the 29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:

- 7.2 That the allocation of up to £14.9m of the Brownfield Housing Fund programme funding devolved to GMCA to the 7 projects identified at Appendix 1, be noted.
- 7.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, acting in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing and the Lead Member of the relevant district to approve increases of up to 10% on brownfield funding allocations previously approved by the Combined Authority and other variations to funding conditions in the period up to 31 March 2024.

8 Greater Manchester City Deal Receipts – Investment Approval Recommendation

- 8.1 At the 29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 8.2 That the following investments of City Deal Receipts in two Social Impact Funds, be approved as follows:

FUND	DISTRICT	CDR INVESTMENT
National Homelessness Property Fund 2	GM Wide	£6.5m
Resonance Supported Homes Fund	GM Wide	£2.5m

- 8.3 That the City Deal Receipts, which form part of the £119.8m GMCA was lending to Renaker's Bankside and Trinity D2 developments being increased from £20m to £21m, with the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund ("GMHILF") element of the loan reduced accordingly, be approved.
- 8.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above loan, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the loan, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan noted above.

9 Greater Manchester Investment Framework, Conditional Project Approval

- 9.1 At the 29th September 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 9.2 That the loan facility of up to £950,000 to ClearCycle be approved.

- 9.3 That the investment into LoveRaw Limited ("LoveRaw") of £500,000, approved under delegated authority be noted.
- 9.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information in respect of the above loan, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the loan, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loan noted above.

10 Greater Manchester Equality Strategy

- 10.1 At the [27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA](#), members agreed:
- 10.2 That the contents of the report be noted.
- 10.3 That it be noted that the GMCA would consider its role in supporting delivery of the themes and actions within the proposed framework and development of a Race Equality Strategy
- 10.4 That the key themes and actions, as set out in the report, including the appointment of a political and organisational lead from each local authority to drive forward individual action and collective development of a Greater Manchester Race Equality Strategy be endorsed.
- 10.5 That the points raised through the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
- 10.6 That the comments made by The Chair of the GM Race Equality Panel be received and noted.
- 10.7 That the GMCA record it thanks to Elizabeth Cameron for chairing the first year of the GM Race Equality Panel.

11 Implementation of Greater Manchester Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Accord and a Fair Funding Protocol

- 11.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 11.2 That the progress update be noted.
- 11.3 That the Fair Funding Protocol for activities and services that the VCFSE sector carries out across Greater Manchester, which were funded directly from the GMCA's budget, be approved.

12 Homelessness Update 2023

- 12.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 12.2 That the current and forthcoming pressures on Rough Sleeping and Statutory homelessness services, and the activity undertaken to mitigate these, be noted.
- 12.3 That the funding risk and uncertainty for all homelessness programmes beyond 31 March 2025 be noted.
- 12.4 That the ongoing work to define a vision for homelessness beyond 2025 be noted.
- 12.5 That a request be made to the Home Office for further support to be made available and that a stable alternative to the temporary Home Office Refugee Transitions Outcome Fund (RTOF), which was due to end in March 2024, be developed.

13 Greater Manchester Strategy Progress Report – Autumn 2023

- 13.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 13.2 That the draft progress report, noting the development in the approach to progress reporting, with a greater emphasis on whole system metrics and actions, be approved.
- 13.3 That the whole system actions included in the report and the next steps from progressing these actions through a round of thematic, sectoral and place-based engagement on the findings be approved.
- 13.4 That the impact assessment summary noted, and that it also be noted that the process adopted for the development of this progress report, has not gathered sufficient detail to assess specific impacts arising from delivery of programmes and policies supporting the GMS ambitions.
- 13.5 That it be noted that the assessment completed takes an overview approach, considering the strategic intent of the GMS and collective ability to, over time, achieve that strategic intent.
- 13.6 That the comments raised through the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to the five key areas within the GMS be received and noted.

14 GMCA Revenue Update Quarter 2 2023/24

- 14.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:

- 14.2 That the forecast position at 30th September 2023 be noted.
- 14.3 That the proposed areas for the enhanced Business Rates sites in Greater Manchester be noted. Also noted that confirmation and approval of final sites will be reported to a later meeting of the GMCA, following formal feedback from government and that the final details for the operation of enhanced Business Rates sites will be included in the Investment Plan.
- 14.4 That the updates to the GMCA general budget, as set out in section 3 of the report, be approved.
- 14.5 That the intention, subject to formal approval by the Department for Transport (DfT), to re-allocate £15m of Bus Service Improvement Programme (BSIP) grant funding, previously awarded by DfT to support bus services, be noted, and that it also be noted that £7.5m of this re-allocation was to be utilised in 2023/24 and £7.5m in 2024/25.
- 14.6 That the Mayor's first monthly progress update following the commencement of the Bee Network franchise be received.

15 GMCA Capital Update Quarter 2 2023/24

- 15.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 15.2 That the current 2023/24 forecast of £623.6m, compared to the previous forecast of £681.3m, be noted, and changes to the capital programme, as set out in the report, be approved.
- 15.3 That other increases in capital budget over £0.5m be approved as follows:
- Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund capital funding of £0.7m, as outlined in section 3.4.3. of the report.
 - Transport Local Growth Deal 1 Major Schemes of £1.7m, as outlined in as outlined at section 3.11 of the report.
 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund of £7.7m, as outlined in section 4.10, of the report.

16 UKSPF – E22 SME Workspace – Project Change

- 16.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 16.2 That the UKSPF E22 investment in SME workspace in Oldham town centre, to support the creation of SME workspace in the Flexible Workspace project in the Spindles Centre and not the Prudential Building, be approved.

- 16.3 That the proposition for any UKSPF E22 underspend, under the £15m total allocated be reassigned to E22 projects that had to reduce grant ask in 2023, up to the maximum E22 total of £15m agreed by GMCA in January 2023, be approved.
- 16.4 That it be noted that the overall UKSPF investment to the end of March 2025 remains the same overall at £1.462m but is to be split into £1m capital investment and £0.462m revenue investment.
- 16.5 That the revised outputs and outcomes proposed and the positive contribution they will make to achieving those set out in the GM UKSPF Investment Plan be noted.

17 Ashton Growth Corridor: Proposed Mayoral Development Zone

- 17.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 17.2 That the designation of a Mayoral Development Zone known as Ashton Mayoral Development Zone (AMDZ) be approved.
- 17.3 That the proposed area of the AMDZ, as indicated in the appendix to the report, be approved.
- 17.4 That the establishment of the AMDZ Board be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer GMCA & TfGM to agree appropriate representation on the Board, in consultation with Tameside Council.
- 17.5 That it be noted that the projects within the proposed AMDZ will aim to deliver sustainable forms of development that reflect and deliver the GM Strategy.
- 17.6 That the principles of the business case and development strategy for the MDZ, as set out in the report, be approved, noting that the AMDZ Board will refine these into the development of a business case, for the AMDZ in overseeing the delivery of the growth sites, for submission to a future meeting of the GMCA for approval.
- 17.7 That it be noted that the current funding resource will be from Tameside Council's unallocated Levelling Up Capacity Grant with GMCA providing support with officer time.
- 17.8 That that future updates on delivery progress at AMDZ be submitted to the GMCA.

18 Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff

Andy Burnham declared an interest in the report and vacated the Chair and left the room for the discussion. Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, GMCA Deputy Mayor, took the Chair for this item of business.

- 18.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 18.2 That the establishment of a floor and a ceiling price cap of 30% above the below the current EV tariff, as, set out in the report, be approved.
- 18.3 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM to approve tariff charges within those limits.

19 Tranche 3 Bus Procurement

- 19.1 At the 27th October 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed that the recommendations within the report be approved.

20 Greater Manchester Response to 2022 Big Disability Survey

- 20.1 At the [24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA](#), members agreed:
- 20.2 That the progress made with the response to the 2022 Big Disability Survey and the issues which have been identified relating to its delivery be noted.
- 20.3 That the importance of its constituent organisations achieving a co-ordinated, multi-stakeholder, and effectively resourced Greater Manchester wide response, aimed at improving the lives of disabled people be actively endorsed.
- 20.4 That the comments contributed by Melvin Bradley, Co-Chair of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel, be received.
- 20.5 That the ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities be requested to ensure that there were clear consistent arrangements in place to respond to the recommendations of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel.

21 Greater Manchester Children & Young People Programme Update

- 21.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 21.2 That the commitment of all Greater Manchester Local Authorities to tackle the high costs and reliance on agency social workers, by signing up to the 'Greater Manchester Pledge', be noted.

- 21.3 That the progress to date on 'Project Skyline' and the intention to launch the procurement exercise for the proposed children's homes in the final quarter of 2023/24 be noted.
- 21.4 That the Greater Manchester level response to the challenge of how to increase the number of foster carers across the city-region be noted.
- 21.5 That the lobbying of Government for fair and sustainable funding for children's services continues, including an acceleration of the regulation and statutory guidance required to tackle the rising costs of placements for Looked After Children and the high cost associated with agency social workers, be supported.
- 21.6 That Greater Manchester Local Authorities be encouraged to identify areas of particular interest, within the Greater Manchester Children's programme, for the next thematic update from the Greater Manchester Children's Board to GMCA.

22 Greater Than Violence: A Ten-Year Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Strategy (key decision)

- 22.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 22.2 That the contents of the report and the accompanying Violence Reduction Strategy be noted.
- 22.3 That approval and commitment be given to a ten-year strategic plan to reduce violence across Greater Manchester.
- 22.4 That a commitment be given to work with the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and its partners to implement the commitments set out in the strategy.
- 22.5 That the update from the Mayor of Greater Manchester, on plans to work to work with the Royal Foundation on pathways for vulnerable young people be received.
- 22.6 That the comments made by Councillor Nadim Muslim, on behalf of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, be received.
- 22.7 That it be noted that the Deputy Mayor will lead on the development of a detailed action plan over the coming months.

23 Innovation Greater Manchester

- 23.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:

- 23.2 That the update on the work of Innovation Greater Manchester Partnership be noted.
- 23.3 That it be noted that the Innovation Greater Manchester Board approved a series of recommendations at its Board meeting of 12 October 2023, approving the creation of a triple helix Partnership arrangement, as set out in the report submitted.
- 23.4 That approval be given to the GMCA entering into such a Partnership Agreement and move to appoint a new Chair for Innovation Greater Manchester Partnership, and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, in consultation with the Economic Portfolio Lead and the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to agree the terms of the Partnership Agreement, in accordance with the terms set out in the report submitted.
- 23.5 That approval be given to the use of already committed resources to support the development of Innovation Greater Manchester in its new form in 2023/24 and to consider 2024/25 resources as part of the Retained Business Rates process.

24 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 3C Opportunity (key decision)

- 24.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 24.2 That it be noted that the GMCA has proceeded with a consortium bid for circ. £9m from Salix (NPBD) under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 3c.
- 24.3 That that the receipt and defrayment of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Phase 3c funding be advocated, with authority delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to sign all necessary legal agreements (subject to successful award).
- 24.4 That it be noted that the impact assessment revealed a positive impact for both environment and economy outcomes.
- 24.5 That a top slice from any capital grant awarded, to underpin the GMCA's cost of coordinating and project managing the scheme, be approved.
- 24.6 That the scale of the top slice will be confirmed on receipt of the grant.

25 Greater Manchester Brownfield Programme (key decision)

- 25.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 25.2 That approval be given to the allocation of up to £11.905m from the GM Brownfield programme funding devolved to GMCA, in line with the details contained at Appendix 1.
- 25.3 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, acting in consultation with the GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to effect the necessary legal agreements for the individual grants between the GMCA and grant recipients.

26 Greater Manchester Housing Delivery Plan

- 26.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 26.2 That the contents of the paper be noted.
- 26.3 That intention to progress with development of the Housing Delivery Plan, in line with the timeframe, be approved.

27 Mid-Year Treasury Review

- 27.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 27.2 That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review Report 2023/24 be approved.

28 Greater Manchester Investment Recommendations (key decision)

- 28.1 At the 24th November 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 28.2 That an equity investment of up to £350k to Wi-Q Limited be approved.
- 28.3 That an equity investment of up to £1m to SMIDSY Ltd (trading as "Beryl") be approved.
- 28.4 That a loan novation of up to £12.95m to Chancerygate (Erdington) Ltd be approved.
- 28.5 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to review the due diligence information in respect of the above investments, and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the investments, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the investments noted above.

29 Cost of Living & Economic Resilience

- 29.1 At the [15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA](#), members agreed:
- 29.2 That the renewal of the latest assessment and emerging response and views given on the next steps in that response be noted.
- 29.3 That the signing of a letter drafted on behalf of all ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities to Government to extend the existing Household Support Fund offer for those most in need be agreed.

30 Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan Renewing Our Vision

- 30.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 30.2 That the development of a Greater Manchester's transport vision as part of a refreshed Local Transport Plan be noted.
- 30.3 That the 'Renewing Our Vision' stakeholder engagement document be approved.
- 30.4 That the comments raised by Councillor Nadim Muslim on behalf of the Greater Manchester Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
- 30.5 That Greater Manchester reaffirms its commitment to lobbying Government for devolved funding to allow the region to implement schemes improving disability access at rail stations.
- 30.6 That it be advised that the Rapid Transport Strategy due for publication in the new year would set out plans around potential Metrolink extensions, and that comments raised through the forthcoming round table with Stockport business leaders would aid in informing the approach.

31 GMCA Statement of Intent for Delivery of GMCA Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) and Great British Insulation Schemes

- 31.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 31.2 That the progress made to date in delivering ECO4, the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, and the Local Energy Advice Demonstrator Project in Greater Manchester be noted.
- 31.3 That the centralised management of ECO4 and GBIS Flex by the GMCA for the whole of Greater Manchester be approved.

- 31.4 That the GMCA ECO4 and GBIS Flex Statement of Intent V5 (Annex 1) be approved.
- 31.5 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM, to sign the Statement of Intent on behalf of the GMCA.
- 31.6 That the numerous long term significant positive impacts on health and wellbeing, jobs and skills, and carbon reduction, through an increase in home energy efficiency and a reduction in fuel poverty, identified in the Sustainability Assessment, be noted.

32 UKSPF Proposal for Local Business Intervention E23 – Key Decision

- 32.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 32.2 That the proposal for the £0.5m experimental programme of business support to directly tackle inequalities be noted.
- 32.3 That it be agreed that the proposal was a strategic fit with the GM UKSPF Investment Plan and was deliverable, as set out in this report.
- 32.4 That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Economy and Inclusive Growth and Portfolio Lead for Resources and Investment, to agree the procurement method and subsequent award of contract(s) worth up to £0.5m.

33 Greater Manchester Investment Framework Request for Delegation

- 33.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 33.2 That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM and the GMCA Treasurer, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Investment and Resources, to approve projects for funding and agree urgent variations to the terms of funding in the period 16th December 2023 to 25th January 2024.
- 33.3 That it be noted that any recommendations approved under the delegation will be reported to the next available meeting of the GMCA.

34 Investment in New Mechanical Sorting Infrastructure – Key Decision

- 34.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:

- 34.2 That the options appraisal be noted and the recommended approach for the future investment in recycle sorting infrastructure be approved.

35 Provision of Future Waste Disposal Services

- 35.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed:
- 35.2 That the contents of the report be noted.
- 35.3 That approval be given for the initiation of discussions with the current contractor to extend the WRMS and HWRCMS contracts in accordance with contract clauses.
- 35.4 That the comments raised by Councillor Nadim Muslim on behalf of the Greater Manchester Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

36 Provision of Future Waste Disposal Services

- 36.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed that the contents of the report be noted.

37 Land Acquisition – Manchester – Exempt from Call-In

- 37.1 At the 15th December 2023 meeting of GMCA, members agreed that the recommendations in the report be approved.

38 Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) Update

38.1 Mayor's New Year Message

- 38.2 The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham issued a new year message on 2 January which discussed plans for transport in 2024, as well as housing and education. The message referenced the public consultation on the Golborne railway station proposals and the approach of the second tranche of bus franchising in Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, and North Manchester on 24 March 2024.

- 38.3 This will mean by the spring, 50% of bus services in Greater Manchester will be under public control, with the remaining bus services in the south of the city-region set to come under franchising from 5 January 2025. The Mayor's new year message emphasised his commitment to keeping the £2 cap on single bus fares for at least the whole of 2024, and how any proceeds from increased passenger numbers can be used to keep fares low under a franchised system.

38.4 Extended Metrolink services

38.5 More frequent and extended tram services are being introduced from this week, in addition to the continued running of late-night trams, as part of a revamped Metrolink timetable to meet demand in the new year. A new six-minute service between Etihad Campus and Manchester city centre will run from 7am until the end of service, which has been made possible by extending the Altrincham – Piccadilly services to the Etihad Campus at the following times:

- After the termination of MediaCityUK-Etihad Campus peak service (After 8pm, Monday to Friday and after 6.30pm on Saturdays) until the end of service
- All-day on Sundays

38.6 There will also be an uplift in the number of trams operating on the Altrincham and Bury lines.

38.7 Double trams will operate between the newly extended Altrincham – Etihad Campus service as well as Bury – Piccadilly services. Between Monday and Saturday double trams will operate from the start of service on the Bury – Piccadilly and Altrincham – Piccadilly lines, with doubles introduced on Altrincham – Etihad Campus services after 6:30pm.

38.8 On Sundays there will be a mixture of single and double trams, with the majority being doubles, between Altrincham-Etihad Campus and Bury-Piccadilly. Late-night tram services, which have proven popular since their reintroduction in September, will continue to run until 1am on Fridays and Saturdays. This will include several doubles operating between Altrincham-Etihad Campus, Bury-Piccadilly and to East Didsbury.

38.9 **Reminder: Metrolink improvement works**

38.10 Until summer 2024: Construction work at the Heaton Park traction substation, opposite the junction of Russell Street and Earl Street, is taking place and is currently scheduled to continue until summer 2024. The new substation will help to provide the additional power required to enable operation of additional trams on Metrolink's Bury line. Most general site works are currently planned to take place within the hours of 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, during this period and any out of hours works will be notified in advance once confirmed.

39 **Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM)**

39.1 **Festive Campaign**

39.2 The festive period is a really busy time for the waste sector, with recycling centres and kerbside collections busier than at any other time of the year.

It's a useful opportunity to encourage residents to reduce their waste and maximise recycling.

- 39.3 This year we ran a bigger festive campaign than ever before. We created a microsite of Christmas recycling information on the Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) website, tying together all of our key content and messages. We also produced lots of social media content, including videos for our TikTok and Instagram channels. We advertised our key messages widely across Bury, including on Hits Radio, through targeted digital advertising, throughout the tram network, and in The Bury Times newspaper.
- 39.4 Some of our key messages included:
- Recycling your paper and card including delivery boxes and wrapping paper
 - Reminding residents about the festive opening hours of their local recycling centre
 - Not disposing of batteries or hidden batteries in any of their bins at home
 - Shopping sustainably through the R4GM Renew shops and online store
 - Recycle your Christmas tree: we've worked closely with JustHelping, a charitable organisation who collect Christmas trees throughout Bury
- 39.5 As well as Christmas messages, we also shared lots of Hanukkah content including a guide on how to ensure you don't waste food over Hanukkah, recipes from leftovers as well as sustainable Hanukkah gifts.
- 39.6 **#BeBatteryAware**
- 39.7 In October, the BBC filmed at Cemetery Road Recycling Centre and at the Fire Service Training Centre in Bury for a film to raise awareness about the growing issue of battery fires in bins and at Household Waste Recycling Centres. The BBC approached us after seeing the Be Battery Aware campaign which was created with our colleagues at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS). The completed film was shown as part of the BBC's Morning Live programme on BBC1 on November 14th. Since the film was shown, we've been able to incorporate into our campaign, sharing widely on our social media channels. The film can be viewed on the R4GM YouTube platform.
- 39.8 In November, colleagues from GMCA and district partners, including Bury, visited the SAICA paper mill, where paper and card from all across the city-region is collected, sorted and recycled into paper and cardboard. As part of the visit, we saw the volume of vapes that are being incorrectly binned in the paper and card recycling bin. These are particularly hazardous in the paper and card waste stream as the materials are so flammable. In order to understand resident behaviours around vapes, we've been running an internal survey to establish how people are disposing of them. This finishes in January with a view to then sharing the survey externally and subsequently creating a communications campaign targeting adults who vape.

39.9 Million Pound Milestone

39.10 In December, it was announced that Recycle for Greater Manchester's Renew scheme has raised more than £1million for local good causes since launching in 2021. Renew is made up of three shops across Greater Manchester, an eBay store and a newly launched online shop, so residents can purchase affordable items from home. Bury residents have been central to Renew's success, having donated many tonnes of items that would otherwise have gone to waste at Cemetery Road and Every Street recycling centres.

39.11 As well as selling affordable items like furniture, bikes and white goods, Renew also raises money for sustainable projects across Greater Manchester. The R4GM Community Fund has funded many projects in Bury since its inception three years ago. Projects working in Bury are currently being funded at Bury College, Fair Futures CIC, Sow the City and Humans MCR. This year's Community Fund will open in Spring 2024.

39.12 Recycling Centre Rates - October 2023

Site	Month (%)	Year to date
Cemetery Rd, Radcliffe	57	57
Every St, Fernhill	59	57

40 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:-

Minutes of GMCA meetings linked throughout.

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Agenda item 11

Appendix 1

GM Trailblazer project – Update

1. The government and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) are seeking to agree a trailblazer deeper devolution deal, which marks a step change in GMCA's devolution settlement and the governance of England. The original agreement to create a directly elected metro-mayor in 2014 with a range of powers around key policy areas such as transport, skills and economic development.
2. There have been a series of further devolution deals between GMCA and the government, with the most recent deal agreed in November 2017. The deals have led to number of functions being devolved to GMCA via secondary legislation, including transport, housing, and adult education budget functions. These previous devolution deals mean GMCA already has a wide - ranging functionality so is able to take on many of the new areas contained within the trailblazer agreement without the additional conferral of functions.
3. The most significant change contained within the new 'Trailblazer' proposal is the creation of a single settlement designed in the mould of government departments budgets. This will be a multi-year settlement and will be set at the time of the spending review and will be based on thematic functions. This will be delivered alongside a fiscal devolution package which will extend GMCA's 100% business rate retention pilot for a further 10-years.
4. Some of the key thematic areas for the trailblazer include:
 - A new rail partnership with GB rail to support ticket integration with other modes of public transport.
 - Local leadership of the affordable homes programme with greater powers and flexibilities
 - Devolution of non-apprenticeship adult skills funding and grant in the next spending review period
5. There are a range of commitments to work in a deeper partnership with central Government around business productivity, inward investment and business competitiveness, digital infrastructure, culture and public services reform.
6. Another key feature of the trailblazer deal is the establishment of a single accountability framework, which will be co-ordinated through the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. This would replace a system that would see each Government department have its own separate agreement with the GMCA.
7. Given that the single settlement period is multi-year, if a Government Department introduces new funding initiatives, the additional funding would be ported into GMCA on a formula basis. This approach should help build the number of programmes and initiatives covered by the single settlement.

8. The GMCA agreement will also enable a degree of flexibility in relation to how the programme is delivered, with an ability to vire some funds between the different devolved pots, and some limited powers around more flexible use of capital and revenue funding.
9. The changes laid out in the Trailblazer agreement will require several amendments to the GMCA governance frameworks to ensure they are fit for purpose to oversee the extended spending powers which are being proposed. These will be published as a part of the final agreement and will include improved scrutiny powers and commitments around transparency and the functioning of committees.

GM Questions

1	Can TfGM outline the next steps towards Tranche 2 of bus franchising and how it will impact on Bury?	Cllr Moss	Cllr Bayley
	<p>The second tranche of bus franchising – covering Oldham and Rochdale as well as parts of Bury, Salford and north Manchester, goes live on March 24, 2024. In advance of this date, TfGM are working with the successful operators – Stagecoach, Diamond and First – to help them prepare for implementation, including requirements around the transfer of vehicles, depots and staff. Key learnings from the first tranche are being applied to this process and we endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible for customers.</p> <p>For Bury, which had a number of services included in tranche 1 of franchising, the 24th March will see more services brought under local control - with the majority operated by Stagecoach from the Queens Road Depot.</p> <p>In addition to the continued roll out of franchising, further improvements are also planned. This includes the delivery of a further 50 zero-emission buses and enhancements to the Bee Network app. Taken together, this will mark another key milestone for the Bee Network and Greater Manchester's ambitions for integrated and inclusive transport.</p> <p>TfGM continue to offer opportunities for elected members to learn more about this process and ask questions of the programme team, this includes a monthly drop-in session hosted on Teams. Please email Public.Affairs@tfgm.com if you require more information on these sessions.</p>		
2	In December 2023 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority launched their Greater than Violence strategy under the Serious Violence Duty. How will this impact on Bury?	Cllr D Quinn	Cllr Gold
	<p>The Greater Manchester <i>Greater Than Violence Strategy</i> is a 10-year commitment from the Greater Manchester Mayor and Deputy Mayor to prevent violence from happening and respond swiftly and appropriately when it occurs. This strategy aims to ensure all regional approaches to violence reduction incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-led approaches 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early and timely interventions • Partnerships for change • Equality, equity, and justice • Trauma-responsive workforce <p>The Strategy involved consultation with strategic partners from each locality and also community representatives including across Bury. To ensure local context and priorities were addressed for Bury and other local authority areas in terms of the Serious Violence Duty, the Deputy Mayor (in consultation with local strategic partners), agreed that each locality would produce their own delivery plan against Serious Violence. This has been a 12-month process, assisted by the Violence Reduction Unit. Bury's delivery plan will follow the five principles of the regional strategy and the delivery of this is being overseen by Bury's Community Safety Partnership, including an update at the next CSP meeting on 26th January 2024</p>		
3	How many GMP officers based in Bury and Greater Manchester as a whole have been sent to deal with any suspected violent incidents on their own during 2023?	Councillor Jack Rydeheard	Cllr Gold
	<p>Greater Manchester Police has a crewing policy and procedure, adopting the default position of risk-assessed crewing, which is the normal policing style for uniform patrol officers either on foot or in vehicles.</p> <p>Each district, including Bury, has, as a minimum, one double crewed vehicle per radio channel.</p>		
4	Can TfGM outline what efforts it is taking to lobby Government around changes to the speed camera criteria?	Cllr Rizvi	Cllr Bayley
	<p>The criteria for the siting of speed cameras is defined within the Department for Transport's Circular 1/2007. Greater Manchester Police and, by extension, the 10 GM Local Highway Authorities comply with this. The 2020 Roads Policing inspection report by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) recommended that by 1 August 2021, the Department for Transport, in consultation with the Home Office and the Welsh Government should review and refresh Department for Transport Circular 1/2007.</p> <p>To date this reviewed and refreshed Circular has not been published. Whilst DfT officials have confirmed that there is a positive commitment to producing a</p>		

	<p>revised draft of the Circular, we have no clear date to when that will be.</p> <p>Given the delays to the publication of the refreshed Department for Transport Circular 1/2007, the Vice Chair of the Greater Manchester Bee Network Committee (BNC), is writing to the Secretary of State for Transport, Mark Harper MP, to request an update on progress and when the revised draft is likely to be published (the draft of this letter is currently being circulated to BNC Members).</p> <p>Once we have revised criteria it is the intention to develop a GM guide to the deployment and use of safety cameras following the spirit of new guidance within an updated Circular. This work will be a necessary action as part of the emerging GM Vision Zero strategy.</p>		
5	How many drink driving offences took place in Bury during Operation Limit?	Councillor Jackie Harris	Cllr Gold
	<p>During the month of December, Greater Manchester Police participated in Operation Limit, the national drink and drug driving campaign which targets high-risk drivers who ignore the rules and put lives unnecessarily at risk. The data available as of 16th January 2024 is available at Force level only, a district breakdown will be sought and shared once available.</p> <p>From the start of December to New Year's Day officers from Greater Manchester Police's Specialist Operations, specifically from the Safer Transport Team arrested 507 motorists for drink or drug driving offences. In addition to arrests, traffic offence reports were also handed out to drivers for offences ranging from using mobile devices behind the wheel, not wearing a seatbelt and speeding, all of which, alongside drink and drug driving, make up the 'Fatal Four'. On Christmas Eve, 19 motorists were arrested, with 13 on Christmas Day and 43 on New Year's Eve.</p>		
6	What action is being taken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing to ensure the huge backlog of Freedom of Information requests received by Greater Manchester Police are cleared?	Councillor Liam Dean	Cllr Gold
	<p>The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and wider Combined Authority are aware that GMP were served with an FOI Enforcement Notice by the Information Commissioners Officer on 14th December 2023, which to summarise, was due to the number of outstanding requests that hadn't been responded to within the statutory time period. The GMP SIRO released a</p>		

	statement stating that GMP planned to publish their Action Plan in January 2024 which would set out how they intend to address their backlog and improve compliance. More details are to be released in the public domain shortly to this effect. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will liaise closely with GMP as the Action Plan is delivered.		
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CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT TO LABOUR MOTION

In 2010 60,000 people were using food banks in the UK, in 2023 2.9 million people had to use foodbanks. Over 13500 children qualify for free school meals in the Bury borough alone. Many residents are struggling with recent high inflation, high mortgage interest rates and a doubling of fuel bills in the last 2 years. The government's household support fund went part of the way to enable councils to support the worst hit residents when it was introduced in 2021. Now, the Government's Household support fund is set to end on 31st March, 2024.

This council believes that everyone is entitled to the basic physical needs, to be warm, dry, clean and fed.

This council recognises that in the last ~~12 months~~ 3 years the Household support fund, (HSF) provided by the conservative government to local authorities generally including administered by Labour ran Bury council;

Provided free school meals in the holidays for those who need it

Payments to those in food and fuel poverty

Grants to our Bury food support network

Community grants to organisations tackle the cost of living crisis

Discretionary housing payments for those at risk of homelessness

funded the Citizens advice bureau

and many more projects supporting those who most needed it.

~~Withdrawal of this grant, at a time when council's face such financial hardship, will only leave 1000s of bury residents to struggle even more.~~

None continuation of this grant will require councils such as this to deliver much improved financial management if it chooses to continue to support the activities listed above

This council resolves to

~~Continue to execute our Cost of living and Anti-poverty strategy.~~

Review our cost of living and anti-poverty strategy in light of the encouraging economic improvements

Work with communities and partners to make sure we help those most vulnerable in the borough

~~Call for a reinstatement of the HSF in our boroughwide Let's fix it campaign~~


~~write to our two local MPs asking them to support our calls to keep the HSF~~

~~Write to the Prime Minister and the chancellor of Exchequer asking them to keep the fund in their budget in March.~~

Write to the chancellor of the exchequer and seek his view as to whether due to the improving economic situation and local financial settlement the household support fund needs to be continued.

COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER – NOVEMBER COUNCIL

<p>Radcliffe First Agreed Notice of Motion:</p> <div data-bbox="275 327 331 387" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>RF School uniform motion.docx</p>	<p>Ask the relevant Cabinet Portfolio holder to write to all Bury schools requesting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They review their uniform policy in line with the DfE November 2021 guidance to ensure that they are fully complying with the required guidelines when developing their uniform policy. • They reconsider the use of mandatory branded school uniform items where unbranded items can be bought at more affordable prices. <p>Also, we ask the council to write to secondary schools within Bury MBC to request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools look at ways to ensure effective communication with parents and pupils when designing their uniform policy or when making any significant changes. They should consider these views when determining uniform policy. • Schools undertake an audit of uniform policy and report back on identified means of reducing/minimising the cost of the school uniforms to make them affordable to all parents. • Schools commit to choosing a PE kit which is practical, comfortable and affordable, minimising the use of branded items e.g. choosing non branded socks and shorts/skorts and games socks. 	<p>A letter has been sent from Children's services to all Schools in the Borough and Bury College too.</p>
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<p>Labour Agreed Notice of Motion</p> <p> Health inequalities motion vv (4).docx</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Bury aligns its approach with a ‘Marmot Town’ and joins a growing number of ‘Marmot Places’, which include cities, towns and regions (including Greater Manchester), that are working with UCL Institute of Health Equity to reduce health inequalities. • together with its partner organisations, be required to establish innovative ways of tackling inequalities within existing resources, working in partnership with communities using a coproduction approach. • through the Health Scrutiny Committee, and the Health and Wellbeing Board, hold the leaders across the health and care system to account for looking beyond the interests of their own organisations and driving forward improvement in health and wellbeing outcomes for the residents of Bury, leading a cultural change to a health and care system in which different organisations work together to narrow the gap in inequalities across the town. • set itself an ambition to integrate preventive action into all decision making to tackle inequalities utilising a “Health in all Policies” approach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Team Bury event took place on 5th December which focused on health inequalities. A formal write up has been completed outlining the key issues raised which is being presented back to the Health and Wellbeing Board in February.</i> • <i>The health inequalities outcome framework is being updated to integrate the Marmot town indicators, and an implementation plan is under development with partners which will contain innovative ways of tackling inequalities.</i> • <i>The Health and Wellbeing Board will continue to advocate for health in all policies through scrutiny of strategy, plans and proposed policies in all areas linked to wider determinants of health.</i>
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