

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 11 September 2024

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor , in the Chair)
Councillors A Arif, S Arif, N Bayley, R Bernstein, D Berry,
C Birchmore, C Boles, A Booth, R Brown, C Cummins, D Duncalfe,
U Farooq, E FitzGerald, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold, D Green,
J Grimshaw, J Harris, M Hayes, J Hook, K Hussain, B Ibrahim,
J Lancaster, G Marsden, L McBriar, G McGill, C Morris, E Moss,
E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, M Rahimov,
I Rizvi, M Rubinstein, J Rydeheard, L Ryder, K Simpson, L Smith,
M Smith, J Southworth, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe,
D Vernon and S Walmsley

**Apologies for
Absence** S Haroon and M Walsh

Public Attendance: No members of the public were in attendance.

C. 12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Duncalfe and Birchmore declared personal interests in the items Notice of Motions as volunteers and members of the Committee at Phillips Community Centre.

Councillor Rubinstein declared a personal interest in the Council item Notice of Motions as an "older resident".

C. 13 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

C. 14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.

C. 15 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

C. 16 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A) TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

It was moved by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and it was unanimously agreed that the:

- o 2023/24 Prudential and Treasury Indicators.
- o Treasury Management 2023/24 Outturn Report.

B) REVIEW OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXISTING HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN RESPECT OF EMISSIONS STANDARDS

Council approves, following discussion at the Licensing and Safety Committee the adoption of the following amendment (1, 2 and 3) to the existing emission.

For existing vehicle licence proprietors with a non-complaint vehicle:

1. A vehicle proprietor of a hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licence that is due for renewal after the 1 January 2025 which is non-compliant with emission standards (EURO 4 Petrol vehicles and EURO 6 diesel vehicles) is permitted to make an application to renew the vehicle licence and provided the vehicle passes its compliance test it will be issued with a 12-month vehicle licence. The vehicle licence would be granted subject to a condition that the non-compliant vehicle is removed from the fleet and replaced with a Euro 4 or 6 compliant vehicle by the 31 December 2025.
2. To delegate powers to the Head of Public Protection/Licensing Unit Manager and/or the Deputy Licensing Officer to suspend any vehicle licence that has been issued after the 1 January 2025 where the vehicle proprietor(s) have not complied with the condition to replace the non-compliant vehicle with a compliant vehicle by the 31 December 2025.
3. In the event that a scheduled committee meeting of the Licensing & Safety Committee & Full Council would not permit a change. Delegation to the Assistant Director of Operations, Head of Public Protection/Licensing Unit Manager in written agreement with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee to make amendments to Council Policy that relates to the transitional arrangements for existing vehicle proprietors who own non-compliant (emission standard) vehicles to enable expedient access to the clean taxi fund if it becomes available. Any decisions made would be reported in the Operational Report at the next meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

NOTE: Councillor S Arif left the Council Chamber for consideration of the item.

C. 17 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 McBriar	Cllr L Smith	GCSE Results
2	Cllr A Arif	Cllr L Smith	Summer Exams
3	Cllr Rahimov	Cllr L Smith	School attendance
4	Cllr Vernon	Cllr A Quinn	Fly tipping
5	Cllr M Smith	Cllr Morris	Radcliffe market
6	Cllr Walmsley	Cllr Moss	Oasis Concert
7	Cllr Walmsley	Cllr Ryder	Household Support Fund
8	Cllr Lancaster	Cllr A Quinn	Grit Bins
9	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr A Quinn	Water Street Radcliffe
10	Cllr Ibrahim	Cllr O'Brien	Housebuilding
11	Cllr Green	Cllr A Quinn	Non household bins

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 11 to 18 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	4 day week
Cllr M Smith	Cllr O'Brien	Targets assistance funding
Cllr Ryder	Cllr A Quinn	Bagley Crescent
Cllr Hayes	Cllr A Quinn	Burrs Country Park
Cllr S Arif	Cllr A Quinn	Cost of Burials
Cllr D Quinn	Cllr O'Brien	Reform of the funding formula
Cllr Lancaster	Cllr Tariq	Suicide prevention
Cllr Fitzgerald	Cllr O'Brien	Bury Food partnership

C. 18 COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Council received a report on the work of the Combined Authorities and a verbal update from Cabinet Member, Councillor Bernstein on the work of the GM Scrutiny Committee. The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

Questioner	Combined Authority Member	Topic
Cllr Roger Brown	Cllr Walmsley	GMP suspensions
Cllr Gartside	Cllr O'Brien	Manchester Airport Passenger numbers

C. 19 NOTICES OF MOTION

i) Community Safety, Cohesion and Resilience

Council considered a notice of motion 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, Quinn Alan, Quinn Deborah, Rafiq, Rizvi, Rubinstein, Ryder, Smith Lucy Staples-Jones Gareth, Tariq, Thorpe, Walmsley, Whitby.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Bernstein and on being put with all Members present including the Mayor voting in favour, Council agreed to:

- Build on our response work by collaborating with our faith and community leaders to build greater resilience and strength

- Participate fully in the Greater Manchester recovery coordination activity, recognising the fluidity of communities across administrative borders, whilst reflecting specifics of Bury's neighbourhoods
- Collaborate with faith and community leaders and MPs to support future applications to the Home Office security protection fund
- Revisit our LET'S Do It! strategy, alongside the Community Safety Partnership Plan, to refresh our priorities by co-developing with our communities and build a 'Stronger Together' community strategy for Bury
- Foster and facilitate opportunities for social interactions that allow the development of tolerance and trust to develop a shared sense of pride and place in Bury
- Ensure Council communication and engagement is reflective and responsive to the needs of all our communities, and work with partners to do ensure their approach is the same
- Link our community strategy work into that of Health Inequalities to deliver an equitable and inclusive approach
- Identify projects that encourage communities to work together for mutual benefit
- Progress the 'Different Cultures, Same Horizons' element as part of our Culture Strategy, with intergenerational work based on heritage
- Facilitate Team Bury work to gain insight of new and emerging communities (and leaders within these) that don't currently show in census data
- Encouragement of 'upstanding' – calling out and reporting behaviour – rather than bystanding and promote our Hate Crime reporting centres.

ii) Government Funding Streams

Council considered a motion received in the names of Councillors S. Arif, Bernstein, Brown, Gartside, Harris, Hussain, Lancaster, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Bernstein and seconded by Councillor Vernon and on being put with all Members present including the Mayor voting in favour, Council agreed to:

1. Write to the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government imploring that the CSP for Bury is again higher than the national average.
2. In the same letter to the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government asking when will a Fair Funding Review take place.
3. Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking what level of HSF this Council can expect for the remainder of this financial year and for the 2025/26 financial year bearing in mind the impact of scrapping winter fuel payments other than for those on pension credit or other means-tested benefits.

iii) Funding for drop in centres for Older residents

Council considered a motion in the names of Councillors Birchmore, Berry, Booth, Duncalfe, Marsden, M Smith, K Simpson and Cllr Mary Walsh. The motion was moved by Councillor Birchmore and seconded by Councillor Duncalfe to;

- Work with community organisations and churches throughout Bury MBC to provide funding to cover the costs of hosting warming hub drop-ins for residents seeking either a warm space or advice on available help

- Invite organisations such as Age UK and CAB (or an alternative Council employee) to attend these drop-ins to provide help and advice regarding eligibility and completion of forms for pension credit, attendance allowance, council tax relief, carers allowance etc
- Work to engage the PCN that does not currently fund the staying well service with a view to bringing the 8 GP Practices in Bury not currently eligible into the scheme.
- Arrange for the Older People's Staying Well Team to attend these drop-in sessions on a rotational basis to give advice on healthy living and available groups and classes for physical exercise and social activities
- Fund Calico to attend the sessions to provide help to residents in the private rental sector seeking advice
- Council to provide, as part of the Government sanctioned Pension Credit Awareness scheme, for a dedicated employee to send a letter to all residents over the age of 66 years to inform them of the deadline of 21st December 2024, for submitting a claim for Pension Credit in order that they may receive the full three months of backdated benefits.

Members considered an amendment moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Walmsley that:

This Council resolves to:

- Hold a further Anti-Poverty Summit to draw together our borough's anti-poverty partnership and co-produce an action plan for how to utilise the extended Household Support Fund – including a specific focus on how we support our older residents during the winter months.
- Continue our work, as the Council and with our partners, to encourage and support foodbanks, community groups and other drop-ins with wrap around support for those who need additional help.
- Work with our PCNs and wider public service partnership to find a sustainable funding model for the Live Well and Staying Well provision.

On being put with the 40 members voting in favour, 8 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining the amendment was carried.

The amendment then became the substantive motion, on being put with 40 members voting in favour, 8 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining the amendment was carried.

The Council Motion Tracker is circulated for information.

C. 21 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no scrutiny reports and items called in by scrutiny.

C. 22 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no work on the outside bodies or partnerships.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(Notes: The meeting started at 7pm and finished at 10.05pm)