

**Minutes of:** COUNCIL

**Date of Meeting:** 13 November 2024

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Hussain, 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, R Gold, D Green, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, J Hook, 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, K Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, J Southworth, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe, D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh and Y Wright

**Apologies for Absence** I Gartside and L Ryder

**Public Attendance:** 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

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## **C. 23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lancaster declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item Notices of Motion (i) due to her owning a restaurant in the Borough and left the meeting for the consideration of the item.

Councillor Walmsley declared a personal in interest in Notices of Motion (ii) in view of her partner being a Trustee at the Fusilier's Museum.

Councillor Vernon declared a personal in interest in Notices of Motion (ii) as a former Veteran and Policy Officer.

Councillor Staples Jones declared a personal in interest in Notices of Motion (ii) as an Army Reservist.

Councillor Simpson declared a personal in interest in Notices of Motion (ii) as an Chair of the Royal British Legion.

Councillor Grimshaw declared a personal in interest in Combined Authority and Questions to the Combined Authority representatives as an her daughter works for GMCA.

## **C. 24 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor updated the Full Council meeting on duties undertaken as Bury's first citizen, since the last Council meeting.

## **C. 25 MINUTES**

The Minutes be approved subject to a minor amendment to include Councillors Hook, Southworth and Rahimov as movers of the Labour Motion. Updated version to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **C. 26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions submitted in advance of the Meeting. Mr John Porter attended the meeting and submitted a question regarding restrictions on standing for election in the Borough.

## **C. 27 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **(i) Employment Panel – UPDATED EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT / TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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

Council approves and authorise the Council's Monitoring Officer to make subsequent changes to the Council Constitution in relation to the Code of Conduct outlined below. (Appendix 1) Approve the terms of reference of the Employment Panel and authorise the Council's Monitoring Officer to make subsequent changes to the Council Constitution (Appendix 2).

### **(ii) Audit committee – CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

It was moved by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor Moss and it was agreed that

Council, approves the revised Contract Procedure Rules 2024.

### **(iii) Licensing and Safety Committee - GAMBLING POLICY - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

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

- 1) that the proposed Statement of Principles, attached to the report at Appendix 1, be accepted without amendment. The statement had been widely consulted and any necessary amendments, as detailed in section 4 of the report, had been made.
- 2) To comply with the statute, a revised Statement of Principles must be agreed by Council on the 13th November 2024, for the proposed statement to be in place by the 31st January 2025.

### **(iv) Cabinet - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DELIVERY MODEL AND VOLUNTARY EXITS APPROVALS**

It was moved by Councillor Rafiq and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and it was agree

- 1) that the Voluntary Early Retirement of the Group Engineer (Street Lighting & Operations) is approved.
- 2) that the Voluntary Early Retirement of the Head of Homelessness & Housing Options is approved.

- 3) Council thanks the Assistant Director (Operations), Joint Head of Communications, Engagement & Marketing, Group Engineer (Street Lighting & Operations) and Head of Homelessness & Housing respectively for their contribution to the Council and people of Bury over their time with the Authority.

## C. 28 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 Hayes	Cllr Walmsley	Household Support Fund
2	Cllr E Moss	Cllr Thorpe	Fairer funding for Local Government
3	Cllr Lancaster	Leader	Nolan Principles
4	Cllr M Smith	Cllr L Smith	Star Academy
5	Cllr Farooq	Cllr Cummins	Housing Inspections
6	Cllr Staples Jones	Cllr Cummins	Rough Sleeping
7	Cllr Vernon	Cllr A Quinn	Green Waste
8	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr A Quinn	NO2 measurements
9	Cllr D Quinn	Cllr L Smith	Care Leavers
10	Cllr A Arif	Cllr A Quinn	Potholes
11	Cllr McBriar	Cllr L Smith	Private Schools
12	Cllr Grimshaw	Cllr Morris	Radcliffe Library
13	Cllr Ibrahim	Cllr Walmsley	Purple Flag

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 14 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	Places for Everyone
Cllr M Smith	Cllr L Smith	Re-opening of the

		Drill Hall
Cllr Farooq	Cllr Walmsley	Domestic Violence
Cllr Rahimov	Leader	M60 underpass
Cllr Staples Jones	Leader	Restrictions on use on fireworks
Cllr Lancaster	Leader	Number of places available at Star Academy
Cllr Rydeheard	Leader	Help for Pensioners
Cllr Birchmore	Leader	National insurance payment

**C. 29 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 E FitzGerald on the work of the GM Health Scrutiny.

The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Combined Authority Member</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Cllr E Moss	Cllr A Quinn	Second City Crossing
Cllr McBriar	Cllr A Quinn	Active Travel Scheme
Cllr S Arif	Cllr Walmsley	GMFRS response to bonfire night
Cllr Lancaster	Cllr Walmsley	Radcliffe Neighbourhood Police Team

**C. 30 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(i)Economic Growth and Excessive Interventions**

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 Rydeheard and on being put with the majority of members voting against the Motion, the Mayor declared the motion lost.**

**(ii)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 Simpson and seconded by Councillor Marsden **and on being put with all Members present including the Mayor voting in favour Council agreed to:**

- Direct Armed forces lead in healthcare, education, and housing services to promote better connectivity by working with veterans' groups to better serve their unique needs. To find how we can best use our existing Council estate or find community venues with space to serve our veterans groups to enable development of support and access to space for their activities
- Support veterans and support groups by providing mental health first aid and wellbeing training. Work with local agencies including adult education to promote these courses that benefit the mental wellbeing and care of veterans of the armed forces. This training could also benefit former police, fire, ambulance and members of the NHS as well as the wider community who have experienced traumatic events in the course of their former roles.
- Hold an annual veterans conference at the town hall attended by representatives from this council, council depts, NHS, Police, Fire & Ambulance services, veteran's groups, charities & support groups and potential employers.
- Hold an Annual Festival of Remembrance at the town hall bringing together for the first time all veterans groups, family and supporters from around the borough.
- Address the lack of communication from the Drill Hall Trust as to when Bury's historic Castle Armoury will be put back into use for the borough's armed forces community. Direct the Drill Hall Trust and RFCA to provide a roadmap of when and how it will be brought back into a usable state. To commit to writing to the Secretary of State for Defence to seek his support in securing the future of this historic building. We would also seek an assurance from the Commanding Officer, Fifth Fusiliers, as to when the building is fit for their use and their return to their former home.
- Name a part of the Radcliffe Hub after the town's only VC recipient Pte James Hutchinson and other local heros. To explore options with the local community as to the best way of celebrating local heros within the current regeneration programme
- Distribute promotional materials celebrating the borough's two VC recipients in local schools

### **(iii) Exploration of Health Impact Assessments in Council Policy Development**

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

**The Motion was moved by Councillor FitzGerald and seconded by Councillor Rahimov and on being put with the majority of Members voting in favour, Council agreed to:**

1. Explore the Inclusion of Health Impact Assessments (HIA)

Consider the integration of an HIA in future council reports, papers, and policy proposals to assess potential impacts on the health and wellbeing of Bury's population. If adopted, after the review, the HIA would serve as an advisory component in decision-making, aiming for increased transparency and encouraging Councillors to reflect on health implications in their decisions.

2. Develop a Preliminary Framework for HIA Implementation

Explore and work towards a feasible and cost-effective framework for assessing health impacts that takes into account the wider determinants of health across all council activities. The aim is to create a practical, scalable framework that could eventually become an integral part of council policy and decision-making processes.

3. Look to engage Local Health Partners in Framework Design

Collaborate with key health partners—including NHS bodies, public health teams, and the voluntary sector—to design an adaptable framework that aligns with Bury's health goals. By involving health sector stakeholders, the Council seeks to develop a comprehensive and collaborative framework

4. If a framework is implemented, then work to monitor and Evaluate the Framework's Effectiveness. Commit to periodically reviewing the framework's effectiveness and its implementation, with updates reported to the Health Scrutiny Committee. This review process will ensure that the framework remains responsive and relevant to health priorities, with attention given to any instances where Council decisions diverge from the HIA's recommendations.

5. To request the Director of Public Health, and or the Monitoring Officer report back within a 6 month timeframe to the Health and Wellbeing Board with their recommendations following an exploration exercise

**C. 31 FOR INFORMATION COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER**  
**C. 32 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

There were no scrutiny review or specific items called in by scrutiny committees.

**C. 33 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

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

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