

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 17 September 2025

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, D Duncalfe,
U Farooq, E FitzGerald, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold, D Green,
J Grimshaw, S Haroon, 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,
M Rahimov, I Rizvi, M Rubinstein, J Rydeheard, L Ryder,
L Smith, J Southworth, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe,
D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh and Y Wright

Apologies for Absence C Cummins, T Rafiq, K Simpson and M Smith

Public Attendance: 8 members of the public attended the meeting.

C. 14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
C. 15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

C. 16 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor as Bury's first citizen updated Members of the Council on work undertaken since the last meeting.

C. 17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2025 were approved as correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C. 18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of the following questions:

Questioner	Topic	Responding
Alex Abbey	Houses in Multiple Occupation	Councillor O'Brien
Carol Bernstein	Ainsworth Road	Councillor Quinn

Questions without notice:

Questioner	Topic	Responding
Reg Dixon	Blocked gutters	Councillor Quinn
Andrew Luxton	Blocked grids in Walshaw and Tottington	Councillor Quinn

C. 19 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

a **APPOINTMENTS UPDATE**

It was moved by Councillor Gold and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and on being put, with 41 Members voting for and 6 members abstaining; that, Council, approves:

- Council notes the appointments and amendments to appointments made since the Annual Meeting of Council as set out in the Appendices.

b **2024/25 TREASURY OUTTURN REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and on being put, with all Members voting for, that, Council, approves:

- Note the:
 - Treasury Management 2024/25 Outturn Report.
 - 2024/25 Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

C. 20 **LEADER'S 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 A Arif	Cllr Walmsley	Armed forces covenant
2	Cllr Ryder	Cllr L Smith	Ofsted inspection
3	Cllr Harris	Cllr A Quinn	Ainsworth Road
4	Cllr Lancaster	Cllr Gold	IT outages
5	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr Tariq	Ageism
6	Cllr Farooq	Cllr Morris	MET's 50 th anniversary
7	Cllr Haroon	Cllr Fitzgerald	Bringing the housing stock in house
8	Cllr Rydeheard	Cllr Quinn	Fly tipping
9	Cllr McBriar	Cllr Tariq	Recent doctors strike
10	Cllr Berry	Cllr Thorpe	Debt situation
11	Cllr Hook	Cllr Walmsley	ASB
12	Cllr D Quinn	Cllr A Quinn	135 bus service

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 13 to 26 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

The Leader received verbal questions from the following Councillors present:

Cllr Birchmore, Cllr Rydeheard, Cllr Bernstein, Cllr Wright

	Questioner	Cabinet Member	Topic
1	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr O'Brien	Data reporting and data used
2	Cllr Rydeheard	Cllr O'Brien	Responses to petitions
3	Cllr Bernstein	Cllr O'Brien	Building on the signing of the statement by the Muslim and Jewish community
4	Cllr Wright	Cllr A Quinn	Voluntary groups
5	Cllr Ibrahim	Cllr Walmsley	Knife crime and education institutions
6	Cllr S Arif	Cllr O'Brien	Parking permits
7	Cllr Hayes	Cllr A Quinn	Green flag parks
8	Cllr Lancaster	Cllr A Quinn	Westminster Avenue
9	Cllr Hussain	Cllr Walmsley	Gangs from outside Bury
10	Cllr A Arif	Cllr O'Brien	United Utilities
11	Cllr McBriar	Cllr O'Brien	Visits to twinning town
12	Cllr Gartside	Cllr Walmsley	Car theft in Tottington
13	Cllr Green	Cllr Tariq	Adult social care inspection

C. 21 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 Moss	Cllr Walmsley	Tacking shops who are breaking the law
Cllr Boles	Cllr A Quinn	Extension of Our Pass
Cllr Rydeheard	Cllr A Quinn	Clean air zone
Cllr Vernon	Cllr Walmsley	GMP officers
Cllr Hayes	Cllr A Quinn	Older persons pass
Cllr Lancaster	Cllr A Quinn	Speed cameras
Cllr McBriar	Cllr A Quinn	135 bus service
Cllr Gartside	Cllr Walmsley	Police officers
Cllr Hussain	Cllr A Quinn	Bee network

C. 22 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Houses of Multiple Occupancy

Council considered a motion in the names of A Arif, Bayley, Boles, Cummins, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Frith, Gold, Green, Grimshaw, Haroon, Hayes, Hook, Ibrahim, McGill, Morris, Moss, O'Brien, Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, Rafiq, Rahimov, Rizvi, Rubinstein, Ryder, L Smith, Southworth, Staples-Jones, Tariq, Thorpe and Walmsley, S Arif, Brown, Gartside, Harris, Hussain and Rydeheard

The motion was moved by Councillor Rydeheard and seconded by Councillor Tariq and on being put; with 45 members voting for; 1 member voting against and the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(ii) The Casey review and Taxi Licensing

Council considered a motion in the names of Bernstein, Lancaster, McBriar and Vernon.

Cllr S Arif left the meeting during this discussion

The motion was moved by Councillor McBriar and seconded by Councillor Bernstein and on being put; with 46 members voting for; 0 members voting against and no abstentions, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(iii) Electric bikes

Council considered a motion in the names Carol Birchmore, Cllr Donald Berry, Cllr Andrea Booth, Cllr Des Duncalfe, Cllr Glyn Marsden, Cllr Ken Simpson, Cllr Mike Smith and Cllr Mary Walsh

The motion was moved by Councillor Duncalfe and seconded by Councillor Berry and on being put; with 46 members voting for; 0 members voting against and no abstentions, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. 23 FOR INFORMATION ONLY - COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER

Attached for information only.

C. 24 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. 25 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 10.05 pm)