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TO: All Members of Council

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, 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, 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, S Walmsley, M Walsh and Y Wright

Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 17 September 2025
Place:	Council Chamber - 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Widdale', is written on a light blue rectangular background.

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 5 - 12)

Minutes attached.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pages 13 - 16)

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

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Cabinet 10/09/25	Annual Appointments Report	That: Council notes the appointments and amendme appointments made since the Annual Meeting of Cou as set out in the Appendices.
Cabinet	Treasury Outturn Report 2024/25	1.1 Council is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Treasury Management 2024/25 Outturn Repc○ 2024/25 Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

a Appointments Update (Pages 17 - 50)

Report of the Cabinet Member, Customer Service, Communications and Corporate Affairs is attached.

b 2024/25 Treasury Outturn Report (Pages 51 - 68)

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Finance and Transformation is attached.

7 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME (Pages 69 - 102)

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. (15 minutes)

**8 COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S
COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 103 - 114)**

(A) A combined authority update report is attached, for information

(B) 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.

9 NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 115 - 120)

10 FOR INFORMATION ONLY - COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER (Pages 121 - 122)

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

**11 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

12 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).

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 16 July 2025

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor N Bayley, in the Chair)
Councillors A Arif, S Arif, R Bernstein, D Berry, C Birchmore,
C Boles, A Booth, C Cummins, D Duncalfe, U Farooq,
E FitzGerald, 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, 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, S Walmsley, M Walsh and Y Wright

Lynne Ridsdale, Chief Executive Bury Council, Jacqui Dennis,
Monitoring Officer, Neil Kissock, Section 151 Officer, Kate
Waterhouse, Executive Director of Strategy and Transformation,
Jeanette Richards, Executive Director of Children and Young
People, Rachel Everitt, Elections and Land Charges Manager,
Chloe Ashworth, Democratic Services.

**Apologies for
Absence** R Brown and N Frith

Public Attendance: 27 members of the public attended the meeting.

C. 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

C. 2 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

C. 3 MINUTES

The minutes of the two meetings held on 21st May 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C. 4 YOUTH CABINET NOTICE OF MOTION

Council considered a notice of motion received from Youth Cabinet.

The Motion was moved by Youth Cabinet Mayor, Violet Eadington and seconded by Laraib Malik, Deputy Youth Mayor and on being put to a vote all Members voted in favour, Council agreed to:

- (a) Encourage schools to participate in the provided training and forums.
- (b) Promote the benefits of School Councils to encourage widespread adoption.

- (c) Support full Youth Cabinet meetings and student representation initiatives.

C. 5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of the following questions:

Questioner	Topic	Responding
Michaela Altman	Primate trade through Manchester Airport	Councillor O'Brien
Andrew Luxton	Road Safety of Chapel Street in Tottington	Councillor A Quinn
Andy Hay	Prestwich	Councillor O'Brien
Ian Strachan	COVID Bounce Back Loans	Councillor O'Brien
Carol Bernstein	Roads in Bury West	Councillor A Quinn

In relation to Question 2 submitted by Andrew Luxton, the Mayor permitted Councillor McBriar to ask his supplementary question at that time, as it aligned with a pre-submitted Member question.

Questions without notice:

Questioner	Topic	Responding
Judith Sheppard	Roads in Radcliffe	Councillor A Quinn

C. 6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

(I) Housing Advisory Board Updated Terms of Reference

It was moved by Councillor Cummins and seconded by Councillor FitzGerald and on being put, with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

Council to approve updated Terms of Reference

(II) Amendment of transitional arrangements for existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles in respect of emissions standards and a review of Council Age Policy.

It was moved by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Rafiq and on being put, with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

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 2026 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 2026.
2. Allow existing vehicle licence holders to continue to renew their vehicle licence with the same non-emissions compliant vehicle until the age limit of that vehicle in accordance with the vehicle age policy.

3. Extend the upper age limit for purpose-built Hackneys and wheelchair accessible Private Hire vehicles from 15 years to 17 years.
4. Extend the upper age limit for non-wheelchair accessible Private Hire vehicles to 12 years.
5. 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 4 January 2027 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 2026

(III) Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Decision Making Process

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Alan Quinn and on being put, with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

1. Agree to the principle of the making of a joint development plan document with the other 9 Greater Manchester councils (Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan), to cover planning for minerals and waste across Greater Manchester.
2. Note that Cabinet agreed, subject to the above recommendation, to delegate the formulating and preparing of the draft joint development plan document to AGMA Executive Board.
3. Note that there will be further reports to the Council in respect of, matters, which are within the remit of the Council including adoption of the joint development plan document.

(IV) Review of Corporate Core Senior Structure

It was moved by Councillor Gold and seconded by Councillor Rizvi and on being put, with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

1. Approve the Voluntary Early Retirement of the Head of HR, support payment of the Voluntary Early Retirement and capital costs associated.

(V) Bury Local Bee Network Forum Terms of Reference

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Staples-Jones and on being put, with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

1. Council to approve updated Terms of Reference for the Bury Local Bee Network.

C. 7 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Bernstein; on being put with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

1. That Council notes the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel dated May 2025 (Appendix 1)
2. Following consultation with the Group Leaders, the Mayor and the Standards Committee Council consider the recommendations 1 – 27.

1. The IRP recommends that the Basic Allowance remains at £11,954, subject to indexation going forward.
2. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Leader remains at £35,862 for 2025/26.
3. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the two Deputy Leaders is reset at £19,724, which is 55 per cent of the Leader's recommended SRA (£35,862).
4. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the six other Members of the Cabinet is maintained at £16,138, which has been set at 45% of the Leader's recommended SRA.
5. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the nine Deputy Cabinet Members is maintained at £2,421, which is 15 per of the recommended SRA (£16,138) for the other Cabinet Members.
6. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Chairs of the six main Committees is maintained at £8,965, which is 25 per cent of the recommended SRA (£35,862) for the Leader.
7. The IRP recommends that the SRA for Members who sit on Licensing Hearings Sub Committees is maintained as follows:
 - Meetings over 4 hours: £106
 - Meetings up to 4 hours: £53
8. Furthermore, it recommends that the threshold for this SRA to be payable should be reset at over four Hearings attended in a year.
9. Also, as per current practice this SRA should only be paid to Members who are not otherwise in receipt of an SRA.
10. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Leader of the Main Opposition Group is maintained at £11,834, which is 33% of the Leader's recommended SRA of (£35,862).
11. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Deputy Leader of the Main Opposition Group is maintained at £4,734, which is 40 per cent of the recommended SRA for the Leader of the Main Opposition Group (£11,834). Furthermore the IRP recommends that the threshold for this SRA to be payable is reset at five Main Opposition Group Members.
12. The IRP recommends that the SRA for Leader(s) of Other Opposition Groups is maintained at £5,917, which has been set at 16.5 per cent of the recommended SRA for the Leader.
13. The IRP recommends that where there are two Main Opposition Groups of equal size their respective Leaders and Deputy Leaders are paid an SRA as follows:
 - i. Main Opposition Group Leaders £8,876
 - ii. Main Opposition Group Deputy Leaders £3,255

14. The IRP further recommends that the SRA for the Deputy Leaders of two Main Opposition Groups of equal size is only payable if each Main Opposition Group reaches the qualifying threshold of five Group Members.
15. The IRP recommends that the SRA paid to the Leader as a Member/Portfolio Holder on the GMCA under the 2011 Order is reset at £9,000.
16. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Bury Member appointed to the GM Bee Network Committee is maintained at £3,000, which is one third of the recommended SRA (£9,000) for Leader appointed to the GMCA.
17. The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Bury Council Members appointed to the GM Waste and Recycling Committee is maintained at £1,500, which is 16.5 per cent of the recommended SRA (£9,000) for the Leader appointed to the GMCA.
18. The IRP is not making a recommendation for an SRA regarding the Council's appointment to the GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.
19. The IRP recommends that the 1-SRA only rule is maintained with the exception of the additional SRAs paid under the 2011 GMCA Order.
20. The IRP recommends that the two Audit Committee Co-optees be paid a Co-optees' Allowance that has two elements maintained as follows:
 - i. Standard element £500 per year
 - ii. Meetings element
 - iii. Meetings over four hours £106 per meeting
 - iv. Meetings up to four hours £53 per meeting
21. The IRP is not recommending any change to the Mayoral Civic Allowance (£18,567) and Deputy Mayor Civic Allowance (£4,642).
22. The IRP recommends that the remuneration of the Independent Persons is reset as follows:
 - i. Standard element £1,000 per year
23. The IRP recommends that the rates at which the DCA can be claimed are maintained as follows:
 - i. Child care: maximum hourly rate paid at real living wage (Currently £12.60)
 - ii. Elderly/disabled care: maximum rate paid at the hourly rate charged By Bury Council Social Services (Persona) for a Home Help
24. The IRP further recommends that the DCA is amended as follows:
 - i. That the DCA may be claimed an hour before an approved duty starts and an hour after an approved duty ends
 - ii. That the annual cap on the total amount that can be claimed under each category is increased as follows:
 - o Child care: £4,000 per year
 - o Elderly/disabled care: £8,000 per year

25. The IRP recommends that the current terms and conditions and rates at which Members can claim travel and subsistence outwith the Council are maintained.
26. The IRP recommends that the following indices are applied to the allowances paid to Members and appointees of Bury Council:
 - i. Basic Allowance, SRAs (including those paid in accordance with the GMCA 2011 Order), Co-optees' Allowance, within Council Travel Allowance, Civic (Mayoral) Allowances and the remuneration for the Independent Persons:
 - ii. Indexed to the annual percentage salary increase for local government staff (at spinal column 43) as agreed each year by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services and applicable to the same year it applies to Officers but with an implementation date from the start of the municipal rather than financial year.
 - iii. Mileage Allowance (Outwith only):
 - iv. Members' mileage allowances rates indexed to HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment rates.
 - v. Subsistence Allowances (Outwith only):
 - vi. Subsistence allowances should continue to be indexed to the same rates that are applicable to Officers.
 - vii. The Dependants' Carers' Allowance:
 - viii. Child care: maximum rate indexed to the real living wage
 - ix. Elderly/disabled care: maximum rate indexed to the hourly rate charged by Bury Council Social Services (Persona) for a Home Help
27. The IRP also recommends that indexation should run for four years (2025/26 – 2028/29), which is the maximum length of time permitted by the 2003 Regulations. For authority for indexation to be extended beyond the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the new scheme of allowances the Council is required to first seek advice from the IRP.

Instructs the Monitoring Officer to amend the Councils Members Allowance scheme in accordance with the decision of the Full Council meeting held on 25th May 2022

C. 8 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 Moss	Leader	Prestwich Community Fund
2	Cllr Arif	Cllr Walmsley	Supporting Veterans and their families

3	Cllr Berry	Cllr A Quinn	Road works in Radcliffe
4	Cllr Harris	Cllr A Quinn	Harrogate Square
5	Cllr McBriar	Cllr A Quinn	Turton Road – Question withdrawn
6	Cllr Rizvi	Leader	Heaton Park Metrolink Station
7	Cllr Ryder	Cllr Morris	Private Hire Taxi's
8	Cllr Duncalfe	Leader	S106 Monies

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 9 to 20 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: M Smith, J Rydeheard, Cllr Bernstein, K Simpson, S Arif and J Lancaster

Questioner	Cabinet Member	Topic
Cllr M Smith	Cllr E O'Brien	Northern Gateway
J Rydeheard	Cllr E O'Brien	Bury Interchange development
R Bernstein	Cllr E O'Brien	Pinfold Library
Cllr K Simpson	Cllr E O'Brien	Adult Service Finances
Cllr S Arif	Cllr E O'Brien	Community Events
Cllr Lancaster	Cllr E O'Brien	Whistleblowing Complaints

C. 9 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 Ryder	Cllr Walmsley	Heaton Park
Cllr Haroon	Cllr A Quinn	Network Review of Bus Services
Cllr Rydeheard	Cllr O'Brien	Taxpayer backed loans
Cllr Brown	Cllr A Quinn	Bee Network
Cllr Harris	Cllr Walmsley	Investigations into child sexual and criminal exploitation
Cllr Vernon	Cllr O'Brien	Transport Interchange

Cllr Lancaster	Cllr Walmsley	Neighbourhood policing
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C. 10 NOTICES OF MOTION**(i) The Design of Future Active Travel Schemes**

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 Birchmore and seconded by Councillor Berry and on being put; with 18 members voting for and 30 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion lost

(ii) Take Back Control of Our Highways

Council considered a motion in the names 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.

The motion was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor FitzGerald and on being put; with 43 members voting for and 5 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(iii) The Nolan Principles

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

The motion was moved by Councillor Bernstein and seconded by Councillor McBriar and on being put; with 46 members voting for and 1 member voting against and the Mayor and one other abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. 11 FOR INFORMATION ONLY - COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER

Attached for information only.

C. 12 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. 13 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

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(Notes: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 11.00 pm

Public Questions

	Questioner/ Respondent	Question
1	Alex Abbey	<p>I am watching my local area near this town hall rapidly turn towards a slum with more HMOs decreasing the standard of living, increase noise disturbances, litter and straining council services while an inadequate local plan that doesn't include small HMOs progresses ever slowly. Does anyone in the council actually have any idea how many HMOs are in the borough?</p> <p>Supplementary</p> <p>How much damage to local communities has to be done before the council will take action such as bringing in article 4 restrictions?</p>
	Councillor O'Brien	<p>The council maintains a register of mandatory licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) which is a statutory requirement.</p> <p>However there is currently no legal requirement for HMOs to be licensed where they house less than 5 occupants, and therefore currently the Council only becomes aware of smaller HMOs through intelligence, local knowledge and/or complaints made to the department from the public which are triaged and investigated on their own merit. We recognise the need for additional staff to proactively search the borough for smaller HMO's.</p> <p>However, later on in this council sitting, my party will be introducing a motion to commit this council to creating a borough wide HMO policy, including an article 4 direction on the conversion of homes, new planning rules surrounding the expected standards and facilities in HMO's, tightening HMO densities and bringing in clear roles for local residents and councillors to shape local HMO plans.</p> <p>There are also new burdens being discussed by the Labour Government which may include a requirement for all private landlords to be registered on a specific national database, however the details of how and when this may be applied, or how it will be resourced by regulators, have not yet been confirmed. However, we are taking action on this issue today.</p>

		<p>The Council is committed to investigating any concerns relating to noise and litter and the public can be directly referred to the relevant council team to investigate at via the council's website (A direct link will be shared with the response to your question Report - Bury Council)</p> <p>The Public Protections Private Rented Sector Housing Enforcement team has been liaising with several partners to establish the locations of any HMOs attracting complaints which the service may be unaware of.</p> <p>In addition, the council is currently undertaking a 'pathfinder project', funded by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, which is proactively identifying, inspecting and regulating (where appropriate) smaller, non-licensable HMOs within the Borough.</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u></p> <p>Across the country, HMOs have become a significant part of the rental sector in recent years, and play an important role in the housing market, particularly for younger people, those on low incomes or people looking for short-term housing. Many HMOs are well managed and maintained and operate without issue. Licensing has largely been successful in helping to drive up standards in order that HMO's are safer places to live. Small HMOs housing 3 or 4 people do not require a license or planning permission, however the landlords of these properties are legally required to ensure certain standards are met.</p> <p>However, we are aware that poorly managed HMOs and over concentrations of such properties have the potential to lead to issues for both occupants and neighbours.</p> <p>That is why we have a Council motion on the agenda to bring forward an HMO policy, including consideration of bringing small HMOs into planning and licensing control, as well as updating planning policies for HMOs.</p> <p>The Council has the power in exceptional circumstances to propose an Article 4 Direction to require developers of smaller HMOs housing 3-6 people to apply for planning</p>
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		<p>permission, where there is evidence to justify such a restriction. An Article 4 Direction would not amount to a ban on the creation of new HMOs, but it would bring them into Local Planning Authority control. Applications for HMOs could only be refused where they are contrary to planning policy or other material planning considerations that would justify their refusal</p>
2	<p>Carol Bernstein</p> <p>(not in attendance)</p>	<p>In light of the recent Road Traffic collision involving a young person could consideration be given for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Watling Street and Ainsworth Road?</p>
	<p>Councillor Quinn</p>	<p>Funding for all new road safety schemes in the borough is currently provided by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) via the Integrated Transport Block (ITB) funding pot.</p> <p>This money comes with the proviso that it is spent at existing injury collision hotspot locations in the borough, where there is evidence of a number of injury collisions taking place.</p> <p>ITB funding provided to Bury Council is around £500k per annum, which limits the number of schemes we can deliver. For context a new signal crossing costs in the region of £150k.</p> <p>Our 25/26 ITB programme has been approved by Cabinet and officers are in the process of delivering the schemes.</p> <p>Officers have carried out provisional investigations and found that Ainsworth Road meets the criteria for a crossing.</p> <p>So I am very pleased to announce that subject to approval a crossing will be installed on Ainsworth Road as part of our 26/27 ITB programme.</p>
3	<p>Andrew Luxton</p> <p>(submitted after the deadline)</p>	<p>Many of the grids around my area in Tottington and Walshaw are completely blocked, and a good number have plants growing out of them.</p> <p>I've reported a number of these drains, but the problem will become worse in the winter, with more rain washing more silt and dirt down them, causing more blockages.</p>

		<p>Will the council commit to a preventative clearing of the grids in Walshaw and Tottington which are currently visibly blocked and those which are the most at risk to prevent local flooding of houses and the hazard to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians?</p>
	<p>Councillor Quinn</p>	<p>The Council is committed to improving gully cleansing and has recently invested an extra £100k on-going revenue funding to help keep on top of this vital work. This extra funding is allowing us to operate 2 gully wagons all year round.</p> <p>With over 42,000 gullies on our network, keeping them clear is a mammoth task. Because of this we must work as efficiently as possible, so we try to stick to our cyclic gully cleansing regime and do not attend to reports of individual blocked gullies unless there is a risk of flooding nearby properties or flooding the road in a way that creates a significant safety hazard.</p> <p>Our cyclic regime ensures that we endeavour to check and clear where necessary each of our 42,000 gullies annually.</p>



Classification: Open	Decision Type: Non-Key
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Report to:	Cabinet	Date: 10 September 2025
Subject:	Appointments Update	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Communications and Corporate Affairs.	

Summary

This report sets out amendments to the appointments made at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 21st May 2025.

Recommendation(s)

That: Cabinet note the amendments to the Annual Appointment Report appointments made since the Annual Meeting of Council as set out in the Appendices.

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

Reasons for recommendation(s)

N/A

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

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1. Background

- 1.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 21st May 2025 the Council resolved, in respect of the various appointments made at that meeting, that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2025/2026 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Cabinet for information.

1.2 Since that meeting and following political changes to elected members of Bury Council the Appointments report has been amended in line with proportionality principles calculation of Political Balance, as set out below.

1.3 All amendments are contained within appendix A.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ALLOCATION PROCESS

2.1 Previous Composition of the Council (51 Seats)

Labour: 32

Conservative: 10

Radcliffe First: 8

Independent: 1

2.2 New Composition of the Council (51 Seats)

Labour: 32

Radcliffe First: 8

Conservative: 6

Independent Group: 4

Independent: 1

2.3 Proportionality principles Calculation of Political Balance (Proportionality)

The Council must allocate seats on Committees and other prescribed bodies to give effect to the political balance rules. The rules for the allocation of seats are set out in Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government Regulations 1990. Section 15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 sets out the principles as follows:

- a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
- b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
- c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and

- d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.

2.4 For political balance, a group is required to have at least two members in order to be formally constituted as a political group.

2.5 The Council can only depart from these rules by passing a resolution with no member voting against the resolution.

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2.7 This proportionality report is based on the principles described above. This report has been agreed by Council to ensure the seats are allocated using the appropriate principles as based in law.

2.8 The new political composition of the Council is as follows:

	Labour	Radcliffe First	Conservative	Independent Group	Others
Members	32	8	6	4	1
Percentage	62.7%	15.6%	11.8	7.8%	1.9

An allocation of seats is set out in the table below:

Committee Size	Labour	Radcliffe First	Conservative	Independent Group	Others
5 Members	3	1	1	0	0
9 Members	6	1	1	1	0
11 Members	7	2	1	1	0

Links with the Corporate Priorities: N/A

Equality Impact and Considerations: N/A

Environmental Impact and Considerations: N/A

Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
N/A	

Legal Implications:

In accordance with the constitution, any changes to appointments following the Annual Council meeting are authorised by the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders. Any changes are reported to the Cabinet for noting.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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APPENDIX A

**APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS/DEPUTY LEADERS FOR
2025/2026**

Group/Position	Appointments
Labour Group	
Leader	Cllr E O'Brien
Deputy Leader and Statutory Deputy	Cllr L Smith
Deputy Leader	Cllr S Thorpe
Radcliffe First Group	
Leader	Cllr M Smith
Deputy Leader	Cllr C Birchmore
Conservative Group	
Leader	Cllr J Rydeheard
Deputy Leader	Cllr S Arif
Independent Group	
Leader	Cllr R Bernstein
Deputy Leader	Cllr J Lancaster

APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET FOR 2025/2026

<i>Position</i>	Appointees
Leader, Strategic Growth	Cllr Eamonn O'Brien
Deputy Leader, Finance and Transformation	Cllr Sean Thorpe
Deputy Leader, Children and Young People	Cllr Lucy Smith
Adult Care, Health and Public Service Reform	Cllr Tamoor Tariq
Communities and Inclusion	Cllr Sandra Walmsley
Environment, Climate Change and Operations	Cllr Alan Quinn
Customer Service, Communications and Corporate Affairs	Cllr Richard Gold
Culture, Economy and Skills	Cllr Charlotte Morris
Housing Services	Cllr Clare Cummins

*Note- Opposition Group Leaders are invited to all Cabinet meetings in a non-voting Capacity

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS FOR 2025/2026

Position	Appointees
Children and Young People	Cllr Nikki Frith Cllr John Southworth
Health & Wellbeing	Cllr Ayesha Arif Cllr Tom Pilkington
Environment, Climate Change and Operations	Cllr Gareth Staples Jones
Customer Service, Communications and Corporate Affairs	Cllr Imran Rizvi
Communities and Inclusion	Cllr Ummrana Farooq
Culture, Economy and Skills	Cllr Michael Rubinstein
Housing Services	Cllr Liz Fitzgerald

APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW CABINET FOR 2025/2026

Position	Appointees
Leader, Strategic Growth	Cllr Mike Smith
Deputy Leader, Communities, Inclusion, Culture, The Economy and Skills	Cllr Carol Birchmore
Adult Care, Health and Public Reform	Cllr Ken Simpson
Children & Young People	Cllr Mary Walsh
Environment, Climate Change & Operations	Cllr Des Duncalfe
Finance and Transformation	Cllr Berry
Customer Service, Communications and Corporate Affairs	Cllr Glyn Marsden
Housing Services	Cllr Andrea Booth

APPENDIX C

APPOINTMENT OF POLITICALLY BALANCED COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2025/2026

Committees	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2025/2026
	Cllr	Co-Opted	
1. Planning Control Committee	11	0	<p>Lab (7) Rad First (2) Con (1) Ind Grp (1)</p> <p><u>Cllr Gavin McGill (Chair) (Lab)</u> Cllr Martin Hayes (Lab) Cllr Ciaron Boles (Lab) Cllr Debbie Quinn (Lab) Cllr Gareth Staples-Jones (Lab) Cllr Ummrana Farooq (Lab) Cllr Babar Ibrahim (Lab) Cllr D Duncalfe (RF) Cllr M Walsh (RF)* Cllr Harris (Con) Cllr Vernon (Ind Grp)</p>
1a. Joint Planning Control Committee	5	0	<p>Lab(3) Con(1) Rad First (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members would also be from Rochdale Council • Membership can only include existing Members of the PCC • 3 substitute representatives per Member authority • Chair to be the PCC Chair from each authority <p><u>Cllr McGill (Chair) (Lab)</u> Cllr Babar Ibrahim (Lab) Cllr Debbie Quinn (Lab) Sub – Cllr Gareth Staples-Jones (Lab) Cllr S Arif (Con Sub) Cllr J Harris (Con) Cllr Des Duncalfe (Rad First) Cllr Mary Walsh (Sub)*</p>

2. Licensing and Safety Committee	11	0	<p>Lab(7) Rad First (2) Con(1) Ind Grp (1)</p> <p><u>Cllr Tahir Rafiq (Chair) (Lab)</u> Cllr Imran Rizvi (Lab) Cllr Joan Grimshaw (Lab) Cllr Babar Ibrahim (Lab) Cllr Debbie Quinn (Lab) Cllr Debra Green (Lab) Cllr Jodie Hook (Lab) Cllr Mary Walsh (RF) Cllr Andrea Booth (RF) Cllr Rydeheard (Con) Cllr McBriar (Ind Grp)</p> <p>*Corporate Parenting Champion</p> <p>(Full Panel to deal with all policy and monitoring matters) (3 members of the Panel to form individual politically balanced (where possible) Licensing Hearing Sub Committees for individual license applications.)</p>
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Committees	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2025/2026
	Cllr	Co-Opted	
3. Employment Panel	9	0	Lab(6) Rad First (1) Con(1) Ind Grp (1) <u>Cllr Richard Gold (Chair) (Lab)</u> Cllr Joan Grimshaw (Lab) Cllr Imran Rizvi (Lab) Cllr Tamoor Tariq (Lab) Cllr Clare Cummins (Lab) Cllr Lucy Smith (Lab) Cllr R Bernstein (Ind Grp)* Cllr R Brown (Con) Cllr Mary Walsh (RF)
3a. Individual Panels/ Boards	(3) or (5)	(0)	3 or 5 Members of the Panel selected to form Employment Panel dealing with:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortlisting and Appointment of Staff Membership to comprise the Cabinet Member for Human Resources or nominated representative (who will act as Chair)
4. Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11		Lab(7) Rad First (2) Con(1) Ind Grp (1) Cllr John Southworth (Lab) Cllr Miriam Rahimov (Lab) Cllr Ayesha Arif (Lab) Cllr Tom Pilkington (Lab) Cllr Debra Green (Lab) Cllr Tahir Rafiq (Lab) Cllr Elliot Moss (Lab) Cllr Glyn Marsden (RF) Cllr Carol Birchmore (RF) Cllr Rydeheard (Con) Cllr Vernon (Ind Grp) Chair – Councillor D Vernon (Ind Group)

			<p>*Corporate Parenting Champion</p> <p>(Cabinet Members not to be members of the Committee.)</p> <p>(Deputy Cabinet Members not to be a Member of a Committee dealing with an area in which they have an involvement or an interest).</p> <p>Overview Project Groups</p> <p>Set up as required with membership drawn from all non-Cabinet Members. Overview and Project Groups will appoint Co-opted Members as required.</p>				
<p>4a. Overview & Scrutiny Sub – Committee</p> <p>Alternate between Housing & Performance for 2025-26</p>	<p>5</p>		<p>Cllr Ayesha Arif Cllr Elliot Moss Cllr Glynn Marsden Cllr J Rydeheard 1 VACANCY</p>				
<p>5. Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>11</p>		<p>Lab(7) Rad First (2) Con(1) Ind Grp(1)</p> <p><u>Cllr Ciaron Boles (Chair) (Lab)</u> Cllr Ummrana Farooq (Lab) Cllr Shaheena Haroon (Lab) Cllr Elizabeth FitzGerald (Lab) Cllr Ayesha Arif (Lab) Cllr Lynn Ryder (Lab) Cllr Joan Grimshaw (Lab) Cllr S Arif (Con) Cllr J Lancaster (Ind Grp) Cllr D Berry (RF) Cllr G Marsden (RF)</p> <p>*Corporate Parenting Champion</p> <p>(Cabinet Members not to be members of the Committee.) (Deputy Cabinet Members not to be a Member of a Committee dealing with an area in which they have an involvement or an interest).</p> <p>Education Representatives – (Voting)*</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Name</th><th>Representing</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1. Vacancy</td><td>Church of England</td></tr></tbody></table>	Name	Representing	1. Vacancy	Church of England
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			<p>2. Vacancy Roman Catholic</p> <p>3. Vacancy Jewish Faith</p> <p>4. Vacancy Parent Gov (Secondary)</p> <p>5. Vacancy Parent Gov (Primary)</p> <p>* Invited to Committee meetings where education matters are being considered</p> <p>Co-opted - Independent Member</p> <p>Name Representing</p> <p>1. Helen Chadwick Union Representative</p> <p>2. Violet Eadington Youth Representative</p>
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Committees	No of Seats		Seat Allocations and Appointments 2025/2026
	Cllr	Co-Opted	
6. Health Scrutiny Committee	11		<p>Lab(7) Rad First (2) Con(1) Ind Grp(1)</p> <p><u>Cllr Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Chair) (Lab)</u> Cllr Shaheena Haroon (Lab) Cllr Nikki Frith (Lab) Cllr Ciaran Boles (Lab) Cllr Lynn Ryder (Lab) Cllr Michael Rubinstein (Lab) Cllr Imran Rizvi (Lab) Cllr L McBriar (Ind Grp) Cllr K Hussain (Con) Cllr D Duncalfe (RF) Cllr K Simpson (RF)</p> <p>* Corporate Parenting Champion</p> <p>(Cabinet Members not to be members of the Committee.)</p> <p>(Lead Members not to be a Member of a Committee dealing with an area in which they have an involvement or an influence).</p>

7. Audit Committee	9	2	<p>Guidance from the external auditor is that Cabinet Members should not be members of Audit Committee</p> <p>Lab(6) Rad First (1) Con(1) Ind Grp(1)</p> <p><u>Cllr Elliot Moss (Chair) (Lab)</u> Cllr Martin Hayes (Lab) Cllr Michael Rubinstein (Lab) Cllr Jodie Hook (Lab) Cllr Miriam Rahimov (Lab) Cllr Gavin McGill (Lab) Cllr Donald Berry (RF) Cllr Bernstein (Ind Grp) Cllr Gartside (Con)</p> <p>*Corporate Parenting Champion</p>
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			<p>Co-opted - Independent Member</p> <p>David Webster Benjamin Thomas</p>
8. Standards Committee	9		<p><u>The Mayor (Councillor Noel Bayley) will chair the Committee</u></p> <p><u>Lab(6) Rad First (1) Con(1) Ind Grp(1)</u></p> <p>Cllr Martin Hayes (Lab) Cllr Tahir Rafiq (Lab) Cllr Miriam Rahimov (Lab) Cllr Debbie Quinn (Lab) Cllr Jodie Hook (Lab) Cllr Richard Gold (Lab) Cllr S Arif (Con) Cllr D Vernon (Ind Grp) Cllr Andrea Booth (RF)</p> <p>The Leader of the Council cannot be a Member of the Standards Committee)</p> <p>(One Member may be appointed from the Cabinet but they cannot Chair the Committee.)</p> <p>Independent Person(s): Craig Ainsworth Stuart Birtwell 1 Vacancy</p>

APPOINTMENT OF NON-POLITICALLY BALANCED COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2025/26

*Indicative Balance calculations are provided

1. Health & Wellbeing Board			<p>Councillors:</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (Chair) Cabinet Member Children and Young People Additional Labour Cabinet member – Cllr Sandra Walmsley Deputy Cabinet for Health and Wellbeing Cllr Tom Pilkington and Cllr Ayesha Arif Independent Group Leader – Cllr Bernstein</p> <p>An additional 2 deputy Cabinet Members will be invited to attend; for this municipal year, this will be Cllrs J Southworth and E FitzGerald.</p> <p>Core Voting Members:</p> <p>A nominated representative from the Voluntary Sector – Helen Tomlinson Executive Director of Children Young People and Culture – Jeanette Richards Executive Director (Health and Adult Care) – Will Blandamer Director of Community Commissioning across the Council and CCG and Director of Adult Social Services – Adrian Crook Director of Public Health – Jon Hobday Two nominated representatives from the GP Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr Fines and Lynne Ridsdale A nominated representative from the Local Healthwatch – Ruth Passman A nominated representative from Greater Manchester Police – Kirsty Oliver A nominated representative of Greater Manchester Fire Service A nominated representative from Northern Care Alliance A representative of the LCO – Kath Wynne Jones A nominated representative from Pennine Acute NHS Trust A nominated representative from Pennine Care Foundation Trust A nominated representative from Housing – Sian Grant</p>
2. Locality Board	3		<p>The voting members reflect senior clinical, political, managerial, and NHS non- executive and executive leadership from across the Bury Integrated Care</p>

			<p>Partnership. The voting rights for each decision will be dependent on the budget under discussion.</p> <p>Voting Members</p> <p><u>Leader of the Council</u></p> <p><u>Executive Member of the Council for Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p><u>Executive Member of the Council for Children and Young People</u></p> <p>Executive Director NHS GMIC</p> <p>Senior Clinical Leader in the Borough, Bury Locality</p> <p>Senior Nurse Lead for the Borough, Bury Locality</p> <p>Chief Executive & Place Based Lead, Bury Council & Bury Locality</p> <p>Associate Director of Finance – Bury, Bury Locality</p> <p>S151 Officer</p> <p>Medical Director, NCA</p> <p>Medical Director , IDCB</p> <p>Chief Officer or nominated Exec, NCA</p> <p>Chief Office or nominated Exec, Pennine Care Foundation Trust</p> <p>Chief Office or nominated Exec, Manchester Foundation Trust</p> <p>Chief Officer, Bury VCFA</p> <p>Executive Director of Health and Care & Deputy Place Based Lead, Bury Council & Bury Locality</p> <p>Bury Care Organisation Chief Officer, NCA</p> <p>Director of Childrens Services, Bury Council</p> <p>Director of Public Health, Bury Council</p> <p>Director of Adult Social Services, Bury Council</p> <p>Non-Voting Members</p> <p>Chief Operating Officer, IDCB</p> <p>Representative from Bury Hospice</p> <p>Chair, Bury Healthwatch</p> <p>Director of Finance, NCA</p> <p>Representative from the Primary Care Network (Lead)</p> <p>Opposition Leader, Conservatives*</p> <p>Opposition Leader, Radcliffe First*</p> <p>*if the party holds 5 or more seats</p>
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GMCA & AGMA Nominations and Appointments - Local Authority 2025/26

Body	Committee size	Appointments/Nominations - <u>Ask of each Local Authority</u>	Length of Term	Meeting requirements	Name, Email Address and Political Party of Nomination/Appointment
GM Combined Authority Appointed by each Local Authority	10 members & Mayor of GM	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute from each Local Authority Substitute to ideally be the opposite gender from the member to assist with gender balance	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	E O'Brien L Smith
GM Waste & Recycling Committee Appointed by GMCA	15 members	Nomination of 2 members and 2 substitutes from each Local Authority with the exception of Wigan Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for environment / waste	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	A Quinn G Staples-Jones Sub –
GMCA Audit Committee Appointed by GMCA	6 members and 4 Independent members	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority, if they wish to do so Cannot be the GMCA Member or Substitute GMCA Member	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	E Moss

Bee Network Cttee Appointed by each Local Authority	14 members plus GM Mayor and GMCA representative	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority Cannot be members or substitute members appointed to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee Ideally those with portfolio responsibilities for transport	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	A Quinn G Staples-Jones (sub)
GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Cttee Appointed by GMCA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 per year	C Morris M Rubinstein (sub)
GM Work & Skills Forum Appointed by GMCA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for work and skills	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	C Morris
Integrated Care Partnership Appointed by each Local Authority	10 members	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	T Tariq E O'Brien (sub)

		Ideally GMCA Member and GMCA Substitute Member			
Transport for the North & Rail North Cttee – Substitute member for the GM Mayor Appointed by the GMCA	1 member invited from across GM to act a substitute member for GM Mayor	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting		
Transport for the North Audit & Governance Cttee Appointed by the GMCA	1 member & 1 substitute member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting		
Transport for the North – Scrutiny Committee Appointed by the GMCA	1 member & 1 substitute member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting		
Transport for the North General Purposes Cttee	1 member & 1 substitute member invited from across GM,	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting		

Appointed by the GMCA					
<p>GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Appointed by GMCA</p>	20 members	<p>Nomination of 6 members – 4 from ruling group (2 members and 2 substitutes) and 2 from opposition group (1 member and 1 substitute)</p> <p>Cannot be member of the Bee Network Committee or the GMCA</p> <p>Ideally those with previous GMCA scrutiny experience</p>	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	<p>4 from ruling group (2 members and 2 substitutes) and 2 from opposition group (1 member and 1 substitute)</p> <p>I Rizvi M Hayes G McGill (sub) Vacancy (sub) Cllr G Marsden</p>
<p>Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee</p> <p>Appointed by Local Authority</p>	10 members	<p>Appointment of 1 member & 1 substitute from each Local Authority</p> <p>Cannot be members of the Clean Air Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Ideally those with portfolio responsibilities for Clean Air</p> <p>Ideally the same appointments as Air Quality Administration Committee (as below)</p>	Up to June Annual Meeting	As and when required	<p>A Quinn G Staples-Jones (sub)</p>

<p>Air Quality Administration Committee</p> <p>Appointed by Local Authority</p>	10 members	<p>Appointment of 1 member plus 1 substitute member from each Local Authority</p> <p>Cannot be a member of the Clean Air Scrutiny Cttee</p> <p>Ideally those with portfolio responsibilities for Clean Air</p> <p>Ideally the same appointments as Clean Air Charging Committee (as above)</p>	Up to June Annual Meeting		<p>A Quinn G Staples-Jones (sub)</p>
<p>Clean Air Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Appointed by Local Authority</p>	10 members	<p>Appointment of 1 member plus 1 substitute member from each Local Authority</p> <p>Cannot be a member of the Clean Air Administration or Clean Air Charging Cttees</p>	Up to June Annual Meeting		E Moss
<p>GM Homelessness Programme Board</p> <p>Appointed by the GMCA</p>	10 members	<p>Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority</p> <p>Ideal those with portfolio responsibility for homelessness</p>	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	<p>C Cummins E Fitzgerald (sub)</p>

GM Childrens' Board Appointed by the GMCA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for Children	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	L Smith
Green City Region Board Appointed by the GMCA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for Low Carbon	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	Gareth Staples Jones

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2025/26						
Body	Committee size	Appointments/Nominations - Ask of each Local Authority	Length of Term	Meeting requirements		July 2025 Appointment
AGMA Executive Board Appointed by Local Authority	11 members - 9 Leaders, 1 City Mayor of Salford,	Appointment of 1 member and 1 substitute from each Local Authority Substitute to ideally be the opposite gender from the member to assist with gender balance. Ideally the same appointments as the GMCA member and substitute	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 a year		E O'Brien L Smith (sub)
Statutory Functions Committee Appointed by AGMA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member & 1 substitute member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	X2 per year		C Morris Vacancy (sub)
Police, Crime & Fire Panel Appointed by Local Authority	10 members	Appointment of 1 member & 1 substitute member from each Local Authority	Up to June Annual Meeting	At least 6 times per year		S Walmsley U Farooq (sub)

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2025/26					
		Cannot be GMCA Member or Substitute GMCA Member			
Police & Crime Steering Group Appointed by Local Authority	10 members	Appointment of 1 member from each Local Authority Cannot be GMCA Member	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	S Walmsley
GM Health Scrutiny Committee Appointed by Local Authorities	10 members	Appointment of 1 member & 1 substitute member to from each Local Authority Ideally those who are Chair or Vice Chair of local Health Scrutiny Cannot be Executive / Cabinet Members	Up to June Annual Meeting	Monthly	E FitzGerald J Grimshaw (sub)
Planning and Housing Commission Appointed by AGMA	10 members	Nomination of 1 member from each Local Authority Ideally those with portfolio responsibility for Planning & Housing	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	C Cummins G McGill (sub)

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2025/26					
GM Pensions Fund Management Panel Appointed by Local Authorities	9 members Lead Authority - (Tameside) appoints its member	Appointment of 1 member Required to be Executive Members (or Portfolios holders) with responsibility for Finance to meet revised governance requirements of trustees	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly Sub-groups may also require attendance	S Thorpe
Halle Appointed by AGMA	1 member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting		C Morris
Peoples History Museum Appointed by AGMA	1 member invited from across GM Charity Trustee role	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	Up to June Annual Meeting	Quarterly	C Morris
Christie Hospital NHS foundation Trust Appointed by AGMA	1 member invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member from Local Authorities, if they wish to do so	3 years		N/A
Regional Flood &	3 members invited from across GM	Nomination of 1 member and 1 substitute from each	Up to June		A Quinn G Staples Jones (sub)

AGMA Nominations and Appointments 2025/26					
Coastal Committee		Local Authority, if they wish to do so	Annual Meeting		
Appointed by AGMA		Ideally members with responsibility for flooding			

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER INTERNAL BODIES 2025/2026

APPENDIX F

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	July 2025 Appointment
Fostering Panels	3 Members 2 Lab 1 Con	C Cummins D Quinn R Brown
Community Safety Partnership	Cabinet or deputy cabinet member	S Walmsley
Corporate Parenting Board	<p>11 Members: Chair - Cabinet Member for Children and Families 10 members based on political balance: Lab (7) Con (2) Rad First (2)</p> <p>NEW 11 Members: Chair - Cabinet Member for Children and Families 10 members based on political balance: Lab (7) Rad First (2) Con (1) Ind Grp(1)</p> <p><u>Corporate Parenting Champions 25-26</u> Those Members appointed last year to continue as the committee representative. Any committee without a representative will need to appoint a new person at the first meeting of the municipal year.</p>	<p>L Smith (Co-Chair) D Quinn S Thorpe E O'Brien C Cummins L Ryder LABOUR VACANCY K Simpson D Berry J Lancaster J Harris</p>
Corporate JCC	10 Members: 6 Lab 2 Rad First 1 Con 1 Ind Grp	<p>R Gold T Rafiq A Quinn E O'Brien M Hayes B Ibrahim R Bernstein* S Arif C Birchmore K Simpson</p>

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	July 2025 Appointment
		* Corporate Parenting Champion
Democratic Arrangements Forum	4 Members: Leader or Dep Leader Chair of Standards 1 RF 1 Con 1 Ind Grp	E O'Brien/L Smith (sub) N Bayley R Bernstein M Smith J Rydeheard
Housing Advisory Board	6 Members including the Cabinet Member for Housing 3 tenant representatives 2 Independent members	Cllr Cummins Cllr Fitzgerald Cllr Green Cllr Ibrahim Cllr I Gartside Cllr Booth Jacqueline Jourdan-Stoles Julie Momen Stephen Walker
Joint Consultative Committee Health and Safety	4 Members	T Rafiq M Hayes R Bernstein* M Smith *Corporate Parenting Champion
JCC with Teachers and JCC with Lifelong Learning Staff	8 Members	L Smith G McGill J Southworth T Tariq R Bernstein J Rydeheard Cllr Duncalfe Cllr Berry *

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	July 2025 Appointment
		*Corporate Parenting Champion
Local Access Forum	2 Members Cabinet Members for Environment/Leisure/ Tourism/Culture - Deputy Cabinet Members as substitutes	A Quinn C Morris J Southworth (sub)
Member Development Group	Group Leaders where possible and Lead Member for Human Resources/member development (Invite party Group whips)	R Gold L Smith R Bernstein M Smith J Rydeheard
Older People/Ageing Well Partnership Board	1 Labour	C Cummins
Persona (Shareholder panel)	2 Cabinet Members	E O'Brien T Tariq
Persona Board	1 Member	J Grimshaw
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	LAB VACANCY M Hayes K Hussain

Internal Body	Composition and Allocation	July 2025 Appointment
Youth Cabinet	7 Members: 4 Lab 1 Con 1 Ind Group 1 RF	L Smith S Haroon D Green L Ryder S Arif J Lancaster D Duncalfe *Corporate Parenting Champion
Adult Learning Advisory Group	One Member from each township, and one other with an expertise in this subject area	J Grimshaw (Chair) G McGill S Thorpe C Morris VACANCY C Birchmore J Harris
Bury Local Bee Network Forum	5 Members: 3 Lab 1 Con 1 RF	U Farooq J Southworth G Staples-Jones (Chair) G Marsden J Rydeheard

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2025/2026

APPENDIX G

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Nomination (Councillor) 2025/2026
Citizens Advice Bury and Bolton	1 member	J Hook
Team Bury Partnership	1 Member: 1 Lab (Other Group Leaders invited)	E O'Brien
Bury Metro Arts Association (Executive)	3 Members: 2 Lab 1 Con	I Gartside C Morris C Cummins
Bury Music Service Ltd	3 Members: 2 Lab 1 Con	I Gartside D Quinn G McGill
Bury Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	L McBriar J Grimshaw D Quinn
East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management	3 Members: 1 Ind Grp 2 Lab	R Bernstein C Morris N Bayley
Hollins Institute Educational Fund	3 Members from Unsworth Ward	T Rafiq J Grimshaw J Hook

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Nomination (Councillor) 2025/2026
Local Government Association – General Assembly	Leader, Deputy Leader Opposition Group Leaders	M Smith E O'Brien R Bernstein
LGA - Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (SIGOMA)	Portfolio holder for finance or Leader of the Council	E O'Brien
Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal Restoration Partnership	2 Members	J Hook Lab Vacancy
Manchester Mesivta Grammar School Governing Body	1 Member: 1 Lab	A Quinn
North West Local Authorities' Employers Organisation	1 Member plus substitute 1 Lab	T Tariq
Parking And Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL) Adjudication Joint Committee	1 Member	
Pennine Care NHS Trust Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	3 Members: 1 Con 2 Lab	R Brown J Grimshaw Lab Vacancy
Northern Care Alliance Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	3 Members 1 Con 2 Lab	J Harris L Fitzgerald
Pennine Care Foundation Trust – Council of Governors <i>Not a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Member</i>	1 Member 1 Lab	Lab Vacancy

Outside Body	Entitlement and Allocation	Nomination (Councillor) 2025/2026
Pension Fund Advisory Committee	1 Member: 1 Lab	S Thorpe
Greater Manchester Forests Partnership	2 Members plus reserve: 2 Lab Con reserve	S Arif A Quinn G Staples-Jones
Ring and Ride Forum (must be a non GMPTA Rep)	1 Labour	Lab Vacancy
University of Manchester – General Assembly	1 Member: 1 Lab plus Deputy	Lab Vacancy
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation Management Committee	1 Member plus Deputy 1 Lab	E O'Brien
Northern Care Alliance <i>A Governor must not be a member of a local authority scrutiny committee covering health matters or hold a formal role with a clinical commissioning group.</i> Su Statom, Head of Corporate Governance	1 member	Vacant



Classification: Open	Decision Type: Non-Key
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Report to:	Cabinet	Date: 10 September 2025
Subject:	2024-25 Treasury Management Outturn	
Report of	Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation	

1 Summary

- 1.1 The report outlines the financial position and provides an update on the following aspects of the Treasury Management function throughout 2024/25.

The report covers:

- An economic update for 2024/25.
- An update of the Council's current treasury management position.
- Council Borrowing.
- Treasury Investment Activity.
- Non-Treasury Investments.
- Treasury Performance for 2024/25.
- Treasury Management Prudential Indicators.

- 1.2 The Council is required by legislation to produce an annual Treasury Management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for the year. This report meets both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

Recommendation(s)

- 1.3 Cabinet is recommended to:

- Note and approve for onward submission to Council on 17 September 2025, the:
 - Treasury Management 2024/25 Outturn Report.
 - 2024/25 Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

- 1.4 Council is asked to:

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

Reasons for recommendation(s)

- 1.5 It is a requirement of the CIPFA Code that the Council receives an annual Treasury Management Outturn Report. It should be noted that the Council met all its Prudential Indicators relating to Treasury Management in financial year 2024/25.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- 1.6 Regular reporting to members on the Council's Treasury Management arrangements, controls and performance forms a key element of its overall governance and financial administration. Given this, no alternative options were considered when preparing this report.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 The Council has adopted the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice (the CIPFA Code) which requires the Council to approve, as a minimum, treasury management semi-annual and annual outturn reports.
- 2.2 This report includes the requirement in the 2021 Code, mandatory from 1 April 2023, of reporting of the treasury management prudential indicators.
- 2.3 The Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2024/25 was approved by Council at the Budget Council meeting on 21 February 2024, a further update to the Treasury Management Strategy was approved by Council on 19 February 2025.
- 2.4 The Council has borrowed and invested substantial sums of money and is therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates. The successful identification, monitoring and control of risk remains central to the Council's treasury management strategy.

3 Economic update for 2024/25

- 3.1 UK inflation proved stubborn throughout 2024/25. Having started the fiscal year at 2.3% in April 2024 increasing to 2.6% by the end of March 2025 with an increase to 3.2% predicted for 2025. By the last quarter of the financial year headline consumer price inflation (CPI) had fallen to 2.8% in February but was still above the Bank of England's 2% target at the end of the period with a strong likelihood that this may increase to at least 3.5% by the Autumn of 2025.
- 3.2 The core measure of CPI, i.e. excluding food and energy, also remained elevated, falling slightly in February to 3.5% from 3.7% in January, just below expectations of 3.6% but higher than the last three months of the calendar year.
- 3.3 The UK economy remained subdued in quarter four showing a growth of 0.1% between October and December 2024, this was an improvement on Zero growth

in the previous quarter, down from the 0.4% growth between April and June 2024. The Growth was driven by a modest increase in private consumption and government spending but offset by a 0.6% decline in business investment and a worsening trade position.

- 3.4 During financial year 2024/25 employment and vacancies and unemployment rose marginally to 4.4% (3mth/year) to January 2025. The same month saw the highest annual growth rate of 5.8% for total pay (i.e. including bonuses) and 5.9% for regular pay growth (i.e. excluding bonuses). Employment continued to increase, and economic inactivity fell, pointing to improved labour supply. Nonetheless, regular pay remains elevated at 5.9% year-on-year, with private sector wage growth at 6.1%, a pace still inconsistent with the inflation target over the medium term. While recruitment appetite has moderated, vacancy levels remain relatively firm. In combination, these factors support the Bank's current pause.
- 3.5 Having begun the financial year at 5.25%, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) reduced the Bank Rate to 4.5% in February 2025 following earlier 0.25% cuts in November and August 2024. At the March MPC meeting, members voted 8-1 to maintain Bank Rate at 4.5%. The MPC's decision to hold the rates reflect the balance of risks facing the economy. While inflation remains above target, domestic prices and wage pressures have shown signs of easing. However, the uncertainty around global trade and the potential for more persistent inflationary pressures mean that a cautious approach is needed. The Committee stressed that the monetary policy would remain restrictive for as long as necessary to bring inflation back to the 2% target sustainability.
- 3.6 The February Monetary Policy Report (MPR) showed the BoE expected GDP growth in 2025 to be significantly weaker compared to the November MPR. GDP is forecast to rise by 0.1% in Q1 2025, less than the previous estimate of 0.4%. Four-quarter GDP growth is expected to pick up from the middle of 2025, to over 1.5% by the end of the forecast period. The outlook for CPI inflation showed it remaining above the MPC's 2% target throughout 2025. It is expected to hit around 3.5% by June before peaking at 3.7% in Q3 and then easing towards the end of the year but staying above the 2% target. The unemployment rate was expected to rise steadily to around 4.75% by the end of the forecast horizon, above the assumed medium-term equilibrium unemployment rate of 4.5%.
- 3.7 Following this MPC meeting, Arlingclose, the Council's treasury adviser, maintained its central view that Bank Rate would continue to fall throughout 2025. From the cuts in August and November 2024 and February 2025, which took Bank Rate to 4.50%, May was considered the likely month for the next reduction, with other cuts anticipated to follow in line with MPR months to take Bank Rate down to around 3.75% by the end of 2025.
- 3.8 The US Federal Reserve paused its cutting cycle in the first three months of 2025, having reduced the Fed Fund Rate by 0.25% to a range of 4.25%-4.5% in December, the third cut in succession. FED policymakers noted uncertainty around the economic outlook but were anticipating around 0.50% of further cuts

in the policy rate in 2025. Economic growth continued to rise at a reasonable pace, expanding at an annualised rate of 2.4% in Q4 2024 while inflation remained elevated over the period. However, growth is now expected to weaken by more than previously expected in 2025, to 1.7% from 2.1%. The uncertainty that President Trump has brought both before and since his inauguration in January is expected to continue.

- 3.9 Following a similarly downward trajectory, the European Central Bank (ECB) continued its rate cutting cycle over the period, reducing its three key policy rates by another 0.25% in March, acknowledging that monetary policy is becoming meaningfully less restrictive. Euro zone inflation has decreased steadily in 2025, falling to 2.2% in March, the lowest level since November 2024. Over the current calendar year, inflation is expected to average 2.3%. GDP growth stagnated in the last quarter of the 2024 calendar year, after expanding by 0.4% in the previous quarter. For 2025, economic growth forecasts were revised downwards to 0.9%.

Financial markets

- 3.10 Financial market sentiment was reasonably positive over most of the period, but economic, financial and geopolitical issues meant the trend of market volatility remained. In the latter part of the period, volatility increased, and bond yields started to fall following a January peak, as the economic uncertainty around likely US trade policy impacted financial markets. Yields in the UK and US started to diverge in the last month of the period, with the former rising around concerns over the fiscal implications on the UK government from weaker growth, business sentiment and higher rates, while the latter started falling on potential recession fears due to the unpredictable nature of policy announcements by the US President and their potential impact.
- 3.11 Over the financial year, the 10-year UK benchmark gilt yield started the period at 3.94% and ended at 4.69%, having reached a low of 3.76% in September and a high of 4.90% in January in between. While the 20-year gilt started at 4.40% and ended at 5.22%, hitting a low of 4.27% in September and a high of 5.40% in January. The Sterling Overnight Rate (SONIA) averaged 4.90% over the period.

Credit review

- 3.12 In response to an improving outlook for credit markets, in October 2024 Arlingclose revised its advised recommended maximum unsecured duration limit on most banks on its counterparty list to six months moved away from its previous temporary stance of a 35-day maximum duration and increased its advised recommended maximum unsecured duration limit on all banks on its counterparty list to 100 days.
- 3.13 Earlier in the period, S&P revised the UK sovereign outlook to stable and upgraded Barclays Bank to A+. Moody's also revised the UK outlook to stable, Handelsbanken's outlook to negative, downgraded five local authorities, and affirmed HSBC's outlook at stable while upgrading its Baseline Credit Assessment. Fitch revised UOB's and BMO's outlooks to stable.

- 3.14 In the final quarter of the financial year, Fitch revised the outlook on the UK sovereign rating to stable from negative based on their assessment that the risks to the UK's public finances had decreased since its previous review in October 2022, the time of the mini budget.
- 3.15 Fitch, meanwhile, revised the outlook on Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) to positive from stable while affirming its long-term rating at AA-, citing its consistent strong earnings and profitability. Other than CBA, the last three months of the period were relatively quiet on the bank credit rating front, with a small number of updates issued for a number of lenders not on the Arlingclose recommended counterparty list.
- 3.16 Credit default swap prices generally trended lower over the period but did start to rise modestly in March, but not to any levels considered concerning. Once again, price volatility over the period remained generally more muted compared to previous periods.
- 3.17 Financial market volatility is expected to remain a feature, at least in the near term and, credit default swap levels will be monitored for signs of ongoing credit stress. As ever, the institutions and durations on the Authority's counterparty list recommended by Arlingclose remain under constant review.

4 Capital Expenditure and Financing

- 4.1 The Council undertakes capital expenditure on long-term assets. These activities may either be:
- Financed immediately through the application of capital or revenue resources (capital receipts, capital grants, revenue contributions etc.), which has no resultant impact on the Council's borrowing need; or
 - If insufficient financing is available, or a decision is taken not to apply resources, the capital expenditure will give rise to a borrowing need.
- 4.2 The actual capital expenditure in each financial year forms one of the required prudential indicators. The table below shows the actual expenditure and how this was financed.

Capital Expenditure & Financing	2023/24 Actual £m	2024/25 Budget (Feb 24) £m	2024/25 Revised Budget (Feb 25) £m	2024/25 Actual £m
Capital Expenditure:				
Non-HRA	£35.928	£123.846	£61.517	£43.511
HRA	£16.572	£23.082	£17.657	£15.825
Non-Financial Investments	£0.628	£0.000	£0.000	£0.498
Total Capital Expenditure	£53.128	£146.928	£79.174	£59.834
Resourced by:				
Capital Receipts	£2.649	£4.973	£5.429	£7.740
Capital Grants	£22.479	£77.001	£37.197	£33.240
HRA (DRF/MRR)	£12.600	£19.961	£7.330	£7.401
GF (RCCO)	£0.488	£0.783	£0.558	£0.330
Total Resourced by:	£38.216	£102.718	£50.514	£48.711
Financing Requirement	£14.912	£44.210	£28.660	£11.123

- 4.3 The Council's underlying need to borrow to finance capital expenditure is termed the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). This figure is a gauge of the Council's indebtedness. The CFR results from the capital activity of the Council and resources used to pay for the capital spend. It represents the 2024/25 unfinanced capital expenditure (see above table), and prior years' net or unfinanced capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for by revenue or other resources.
- 4.4 Part of the Council's treasury activities is to address the funding requirements for this borrowing need. Depending on the capital expenditure programme, the treasury service organises the Council's cash position to ensure that sufficient cash is available to meet the capital plans and cash flow requirements. This may be sourced through borrowing from external bodies, (such as the Government, through the Public Works Loan Board [PWLB], or the money markets), or utilising temporary cash resources within the Council.
- 4.5 The Council's (non HRA) underlying borrowing need (CFR) is not allowed to rise indefinitely. Statutory controls are in place to ensure that capital assets are broadly charged to revenue over the life of the asset. The Council is required to make an annual revenue charge, called the Minimum Revenue Provision – MRP, to reduce the CFR. This is effectively a repayment of the non-Housing Revenue Account (HRA) borrowing need, (there is no statutory requirement to reduce the HRA CFR). This differs from the treasury management arrangements which ensure that cash is available to meet capital commitments. External debt can also be borrowed or repaid at any time, but this does not change the CFR.

4.6 The total CFR can also be reduced by:

- The application of additional capital financing resources, (such as unapplied capital receipts); or
- Charging more than the statutory revenue charge (MRP) each year through a Voluntary Revenue Provision (VRP).

The Council's 2024/25 MRP Policy, (as required by MHCLG Guidance), was approved as part of the Treasury Management Strategy Report for 2024/25 on 21 February 2024.

The Council's CFR for financial year 2024/25 is shown below and represents a key prudential indicator. It includes PFI and leasing schemes on the balance sheet, which increase the Council's borrowing need. No borrowing is actually required against these schemes as a borrowing facility is included in the contract (if applicable).

4.7 Borrowing activity is constrained by prudential indicators for gross borrowing and the CFR, and by the authorised limit.

Capital Financing Requirement	2023/24 Actual £m	2024/25 Budget (Feb 24) £m	2024/25 Revised Budget (Feb 25) £m	2024/25 Actual £m
CFR – Non HRA	£198.502	£243.807	£220.459	£204.439
CFR – HRA	£119.216	£119.216	£122.931	£121.414
CFR – Non-Financial Investments	£65.793	£63.299	£63.932	£65.501
TOTAL CFR	£383.511	£426.322	£407.322	£391.354
Financing Requirement	£14.912	£44.210	£28.660	£11.123
MRP	(£2.531)	(£4.633)	(£4.850)	(£3.281)
Movement in CFR	£12.381	£39.577	£23.810	£7.842

4.8 Gross borrowing and the CFR - in order to ensure that borrowing levels are prudent over the medium term and only for a capital purpose, the Council should ensure that its gross external borrowing does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the capital financing requirement in the current financial year 2024/25 and next two financial years. This essentially means that the Council is not borrowing to support revenue expenditure.

4.9 This indicator allowed the Council some flexibility to borrow in advance of its immediate capital needs in 2024/25. The table below highlights the Council's gross borrowing position against the CFR. The Council has complied with this prudential indicator. The table below highlights the Council's gross borrowing position against the CFR. The Council has complied with this prudential indicator.

Actual Borrowing Compared to the CFR	2023/24 Actual £m	2024/25 Budget (Feb 24) £m	2024/25 Revised Budget (Feb 25) £m	2024/25 Actual £m
Gross Borrowing Position	£262.429	£327.064	£322.268	£295.266
CFR	£383.511	£426.322	£407.322	£391.354
(Under) / Over Funding of CFR	(£121.082)	(£99.258)	(£85.054)	(£96.088)

5 Treasury Position as at 31 March 2025

5.1 The treasury management position as at 31 March 2025 and the change during the year is shown in the table below:

	31-Mar-2024 Balance £m	Raised / Invested £m	Repaid / Realised £m	31-Mar-2025 Balance £m	Average Rate %
Borrowing					
PWLB	£227.129	£25.000	(£4.863)	£247.266	3.89%
LOBOs	£13.000	£0.000	£0.000	£13.000	4.18%
Banks-Fixed	£5.000	£0.000	£0.000	£5.000	3.30%
Local Authorities	£17.300	£17.300	(£4.600)	£30.000	4.61%
Total Borrowing	£262.429	£42.300	(£9.463)	£295.266	
Investments					
Short-term Investments	£8.000	£487.490	(£474.790)	£20.700	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000	
Total Investments	£8.000	£487.490	(£474.790)	£20.700	
Net Borrowing	£254.429	(£445.190)	£465.327	£274.566	

5.2 The maturity structure of the debt portfolio was as follows:

Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing	2023/24 Actual £m	2023/24 Actual %	2024/25 Actual £m	2024/25 Actual %
Under 12 months	£22.163	8.45%	£24.868	8.42%
12 months and within 24 months	£4.868	1.85%	£30.423	10.30%
24 months and within 5 years	£15.184	5.79%	£29.650	10.04%
5 years and within 10 years	£85.498	32.58%	£80.526	27.27%
10 years and within 15 years	£35.760	13.63%	£31.133	10.54%
15 years and over	£98.956	37.71%	£98.666	33.42%
Total Debt	£262.429	100.00%	£295.266	100.00%

5.3 The Council's investment portfolio was as shown below:

	31-Mar-2024 Investment Balance £m	Amount Invested In-year £m	Investments Realised In-year £m	31-Mar-2025 Investment Balance £m
Notice Accounts				
Barclays Bank - 32-day Notice account	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000
Barclays Bank - 95-day Notice account	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000
Total Notice Accounts	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000	£0.000
Call Accounts				
Barclays Bank - Flexible Interest-Bearing Current Account	£3.500	£254.140	(£257.310)	£0.330
Bank of Scotland - Call Account	£4.500	£198.350	(£192.480)	£10.370
Total Call Accounts	£8.000	£452.490	(£449.790)	£10.700
Short Term Investments				
Local Authorities	£0.000	£35.000	(£25.000)	£10.000
Total Short-Term Investments	£0.000	£35.000	(£25.000)	£10.000
Total Investments	£8.000	£487.490	(£474.790)	£20.700

5.4 All of the Council's investments are held for a period of up to 1 year.

6 Investment and Borrowing Strategy

- 6.1 CIPFA's 2021 Prudential Code is clear that local authorities must not borrow to invest primarily for financial return and that it is not prudent for local authorities to make any investment or spending decision that will increase the capital financing requirement and so may lead to new borrowing, unless directly and primarily related to the functions of the Council. PWLB loans are no longer available to local authorities planning to buy investment assets primarily for yield unless these loans are for refinancing purposes.
- 6.2 Bury MBC has not invested in assets primarily for financial return or that are not primarily related to the functions of the Council. It has no plans to do so in future.
- 6.3 The main objective when borrowing has been to strike an appropriately low risk balance between securing lower interest costs and achieving cost certainty over the period for which funds are required, with flexibility to renegotiate loans should the Council's long-term plans change being a secondary objective. The Council's borrowing strategy continues to address the key issue of affordability without compromising the longer-term stability of the debt portfolio.
- 6.4 Interest rates have seen substantial rises since 2021, many central banks have now begun to reduce their policy rates slowly. The Gilt yields fell in late 2023, starting the period at 3.94% and ending at 4.69%, reaching a low of 3.76% in September 2024 and a high of 4.9% in January 2025. Gilt yields have remained volatile due to the economic uncertainty around US trade policy impacting the financial markets.
- 6.5 The PWLB certainty rates for maturity loans were:

Loan Term	31 March 2024	31 March 2025
10-Year Rate	4.98%	5.66%
20-Year Rate	5.39%	6.12%
50-Year Rate	5.21%	5.87%

- 6.6 The cost of short-term borrowing from other local authorities has generally decreased with Base Rate over the year. Interest rates peaked at around 6% in February and towards the end of March 2025, as many authorities required cash at the same time. These rates have fallen back to more normal market levels since April 2025.
- 6.7 A new PWLB HRA rate which is 0.4% below the certainty rate was made available from 15th June 2023. This rate will now be available to March 2026. The discounted rate is to support local authorities borrowing for the Housing Revenue Account and for refinancing existing HRA loans.
- 6.8 As of 31st March 2025, the Council held £295.266m of loans, an increase of £32.837m on the previous year as part of its strategy for funding previous and current years' capital programmes. Outstanding loans on 31 March are summarised in 5.1 and 5.2 above.

7 Borrowing and Investment Outturn

Borrowing movement in-year

- 7.1 On 1 April 2024 the Council held £13m of LOBO (Lender's Option Borrower's Option) loans where the lender has the option to propose an increase in the interest rate at set dates, following which the Council has the option to either accept the new rate and terms or to repay the loan at no additional cost.
- 7.2 As market interest rates rose, LOBOs call option on Council's loans were exercised during 2023/24 and the Council repaid two loans totalling £20m replaced by PWLB loan, no LOBOs loans were exercised in 2024/25.

Treasury Investment Activity

- 7.3 The CIPFA Treasury Management Code defines treasury management investments as those investments which arise from the Council's cash flows or treasury risk management activity that ultimately represents balances that need to be invested until the cash is required for use during business.
- 7.4 As of 31 March 2025, the council held £20.7m of invested funds, representing income received in advance of expenditure plus balances and reserves held.
- 7.5 Both the CIPFA Code and government guidance require the Council to invest its funds prudently, and to have regard to the security and liquidity of its treasury investments before seeking the optimum rate of return, or yield. The Council's objective when investing money is to strike an appropriate balance between risk and return, minimising the risk of incurring losses from defaults and the risk of receiving unsuitably low investment income.
- 7.6 As demonstrated by the liability benchmark in this report, the Council expects to be a long-term borrower and new treasury investments are therefore primarily made to manage day-to-day cash flows using short-term low risk instruments.
- 7.7 Bank Rate decreased by 0.75% over the period, from 5.25% at the beginning of April 2024 to 4.50% by the end March 2025.
- 7.8 Financial market sentiment was reasonably positive over most of the 2024/25, but economic, financial and geopolitical issues meant the trend of market volatility remained. In the latter part of the period, volatility increased, and bond yields started to fall following a January peak, as the economic uncertainty around likely US trade policy impacted financial markets. Yields in the UK and US started to diverge in the last month of the period, with the former rising around concerns over the fiscal implications on the UK government from weaker growth, business sentiment and higher rates, while the latter started falling on potential

recession fears due to the unpredictable nature of policy announcements by the US President and their potential impact.

- 7.9 The 10-year UK benchmark gilt yield started the period at 3.94% and ended at 4.69%, having reached a low of 3.76% in September and a high of 4.90% in January in between. While the 20-year gilt started at 4.40% and ended at 5.22%, hitting a low of 4.27% in September and a high of 5.40% in January. The Sterling Overnight Rate (SONIA) averaged 4.90% over the period.
- 7.10 In financial markets the 2024/25 year was characterised by overall positive equity market performance, market volatility, elevated global yields, central bank interest rate cuts and uncertainties surrounding the impact of UK and European fiscal policy and particularly US President Donald Trump's tariff plans. For UK and US government bonds, yields declined (and therefore prices rose) until September but then moved higher following the UK budget and strong US economic data. Government bond yields were then generally dragged upwards (prices down) globally by US market movements, given the uncertain trade policy outlook of Donald Trump's administration. Announcements of increased defence spending by governments in Europe and fiscal concerns in the UK saw yields spiking in January before easing somewhat, despite some divergence.
- 7.11 Having had a challenging time since 2022, UK commercial property generally experienced a recovery during the period, with improved investment activity, capital values stabilising or improving, particularly towards the end of the period, and income remaining relatively robust.

8 Non-Treasury Investments

- 8.1 The definition of investments in the Treasury Management Code covers all the financial assets of the Council as well as other non-financial assets which the Council holds primarily for financial return. Investments that do not meet the definition of treasury management investments (i.e. management of surplus cash) are categorised as either for service purposes (made explicitly to further service objectives) and or for commercial purposes (made primarily for financial return).
- 8.2 Investment Guidance issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) also includes within the definition of investments all such assets held partially or wholly for financial return.)

- 8.3 The Council holds the following non-treasury investments as at the 31 March 2025:

Non-Financial Investments	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Manchester Airport Equity	£5.610	£5.610
Manchester Airport Loan	£29.366	£29.366
Bury MBC Townside Fields Loan	£7.257	£7.257
Six Town Housing Loan	£2.822	£2.752
Bury Bruntwood (Millgate) LLP Loan	£20.099	£20.099
The Prestwich Regeneration (LLP) Loan	£0.628	£1.127
Debt Managed for Probation Services	£0.011	£0.011
Total	£65.793	£66.222

9 Treasury Performance for 2024/25

- 9.1 The Council measures the financial performance of its treasury management activities both in terms of its impact on the revenue budget and its relationship to benchmark interest rates.

MRP Regulations

- 9.2 On 10 April 2024 amended legislation and revised statutory guidance were published on Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP). The majority of the changes take effect from the 2025/26 financial year, although there is a requirement that for capital loans given on or after 7th May 2024 sufficient MRP must be charged so that the outstanding CFR in respect of the loan is no higher than the principal outstanding less the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) charge for that loan.
- 9.3 The regulations also require that local authorities cannot exclude any amount of their CFR from their MRP calculation unless by an exception set out in law. Capital receipts cannot be used to directly replace, in whole or part, the prudent charge to revenue for MRP (there are specific exceptions for capital loans and leased assets).

Compliance

- 9.4 All treasury management activities undertaken during the year complied fully with the principles in the Treasury Management Code and the Council's approved Treasury Management Strategy Compliance with specific investment limits is demonstrated in table 9A below.

Table 9A: Investment Limits

	2024/25 Max Per Institution £m	31-Mar-2025 Actual Balance £m	2024/25 Limit per Institution	Complied? Yes/No
UK Government	£0.000	£0.000	Unlimited	Yes
UK Local Authorities & Other Government Entities – except Local Authorities subject to a Section 114 notice	£5.000	£10,000	£20 million	Yes
UK Banks (Unsecured)	£22.000	£10.700	£25 million	Yes
UK Building Societies (Unsecured)	£0.000	£0.000	£20 million	Yes
Registered Providers (Unsecured)	£0.000	£0.000	£20 million	Yes

- 9.5 Compliance with the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt is demonstrated in table 9B below.

Table 9B: Debt and the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary

	2024/25 Maximum £m	31-Mar- 2025 Actual £m	2024/25 Operational Boundary £m	2024/25 Authorised Limit £m	Complied? Yes/No
Borrowing	£295.266	£295.266	£426.322	£436.322	Yes

- 9.6 The operational boundary is the expected borrowing position of the Council during the year. Periods where the actual position is either below or over the boundary are acceptable subject to the authorised limit not being breached. Since the operational boundary is a management tool for in-year monitoring it is not significant if the operational boundary is breached on occasions due to variations in cash flow, and this is not counted as a compliance failure. The authorised limit is the “affordable borrowing limit” required by s3 of the Local Government Act 2003. Once this has been set, the Council does not have the power to borrow above this level. Table 9B above demonstrates that during 2024/25 the Council has maintained gross borrowing within its authorised limit.

Table 9C: Actual financing costs as a proportion of net revenue stream

Financing costs as a proportion of net revenue stream	2024/25 %
Non - HRA	1.69%
HRA	11.22%

- 9.7 This indicator identifies the trend in the cost of capital, (borrowing and other long term obligation costs net of investment income), against the net revenue stream.

10 Treasury Management Prudential Indicators

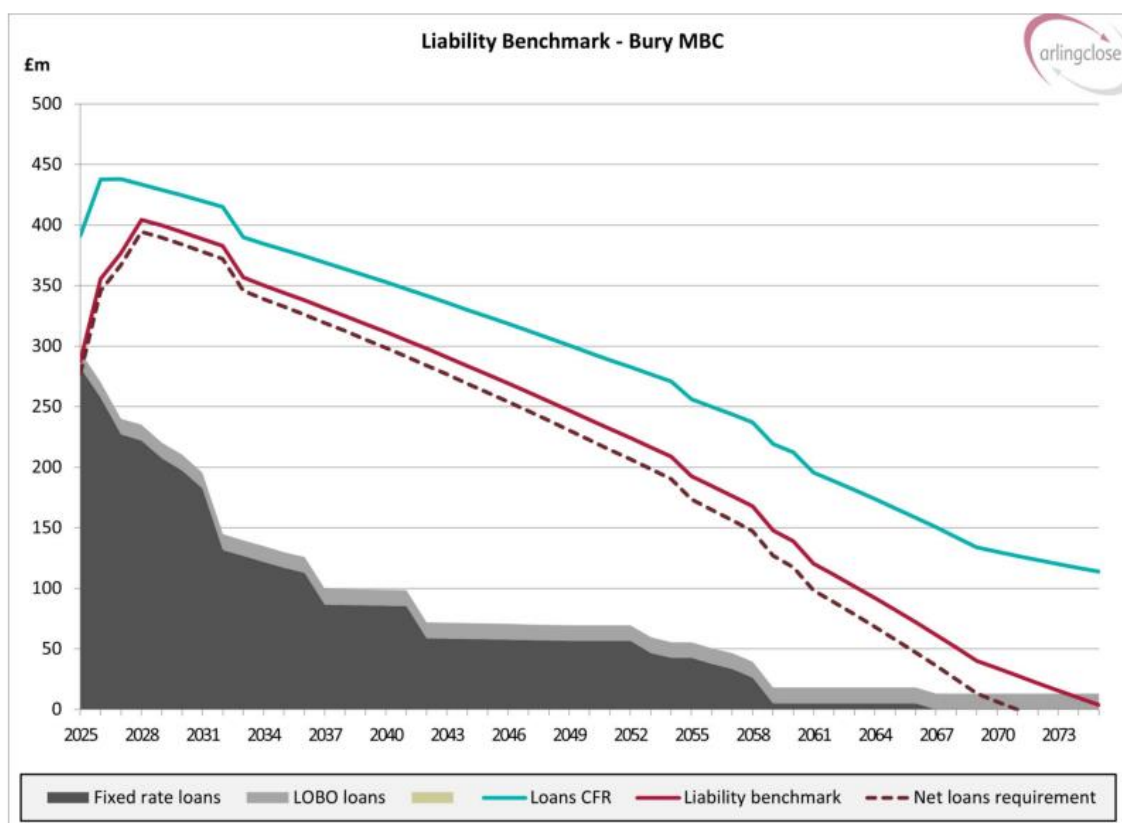
- 10.1 As required by the 2021 CIPFA Treasury Management Code, the Council monitors and measures the following treasury management prudential indicators.

Liability Benchmark

- 10.2 This new indicator compares the Council's actual existing borrowing against a liability benchmark that has been calculated to show the lowest risk level of borrowing. The liability benchmark is an important tool to help establish whether the Council is likely to be a long-term borrower or long-term investor in the future and so shape its strategic focus and decision making. It represents an estimate of the cumulative amount of external borrowing the Council must hold to fund its current capital and revenue plans while keeping treasury investments at the minimum level required to manage day-to-day cash flow.

	31-Mar-2024 Actual £m	31-Mar-2025 Actual £m	31-Mar-2026 Forecast £m	31-Mar-2027 Forecast £m
Loans CFR	£383.511	£391.354	£437.600	£437.900
Less: Balance sheet resources	(£129.332)	(£113.600)	(£92.000)	(£71.100)
Net loans requirement	£254.179	£277.754	£345.600	£366.800
Plus: Liquidity allowance	£10.000	£10.000	£10.000	£10.000
Liability benchmark	£264.179	£287.754	£355.600	£376.800
Existing borrowing	£262.429	£295.266	£355.600	£376.800

- 10.3 The Liability benchmark as at 31 March 2025 is £21.7m lower than predicted in Treasury Strategy report in February 2025. This is due to lower capital financing requirement, reduced capital expenditure financing from Loans and higher reserves/working capital and expenditure rephasing.



10.4 Interest Rate Exposures: This indicator is set to control the Council's exposure to interest rate risk. Bank Rate decreased by 0.75% from 5.25% on 1 April 2024 to 4.50% by 31 March 2025.

Interest rate risk indicator	2024/25 Target £m	31-Mar-2025 Actual £m	Complied?
Upper limit on one-year revenue impact of a 1% <u>rise</u> in interest rates	£0.205	£0.205	Yes
Upper limit on one-year revenue impact of a 1% <u>fall</u> in interest rates	(£0.205)	(£0.205)	Yes

10.5 For context, the changes in interest rates during the year were:

	31-Mar-2024	31-Mar-25
Bank Rate	5.25%	4.50%
1-year PWLB certainty rate, maturity loans	5.36%	4.82%
5-year PWLB certainty rate, maturity loans	4.68%	4.97%
10-year PWLB certainty rate, maturity loans	4.74%	5.42%
20-year PWLB certainty rate, maturity loans	5.18%	5.91%
50-year PWLB certainty rate, maturity loans	5.01%	5.67%

10.6 The impact of a change in interest rates is calculated on the assumption that maturing loans and investment will be replaced at new market rates.

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Links with the Corporate Priorities:

Treasury Management forms a key part of the council's overall governance and financial administration and control framework, which underpin the council's three clear corporate priorities as set out in the Let's Do It Strategy that will deliver financial sustainability for the Council.

Equality Impact and Considerations:

n/a

Environmental Impact and Considerations:

n/a

Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
There are considerable risks to the security of the Council's resources if appropriate treasury management strategies and policies are not adopted and followed.	Regular monitoring and reporting ensure that any changes in the financial position are quickly identified and action can be taken to manage the overall position.

Legal Implications:

Treasury management is a matter reserved for Council. This report updates Cabinet in line with the Council's financial regulations and constitution.

Financial Implications:

The financial implications are set out in the report and confirm the treasury management activities have been carried out in accordance with approved limits.

Appendices:


None

Background papers:

- Capital Strategy and Capital Programme 2024/25 – 2026/27
- Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2024/25
- Treasury Management Outturn Report 2023/24
- Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2025/26

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

Term	Meaning

Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	17th September 2025
Title of report:	Leader's Report 
Report by:	Leader of the Council
Decision type:	Non key decision
Ward(s) to which the report relates:	All
Summary:	To provide a summary of the work of the Cabinet and update on progress against the corporate plan.

Executive Summary

To provide a summary of the work of the Cabinet and update on progress against the corporate plan.

Recommendations:

Members of Council are asked to note the content of the report.



Welcome back to council, I hope you all have had a fantastic break and have made the most of our recess time, and the good weather.

Since we last met in July, we have had the fantastic news of a positive inspection in Children's services, which thanks to the hard work of hundreds of staff members and partners, has delivered us from 'Inadequate' to 'Requires improvement'. This is a massive achievement, and my thanks go to everyone who has been involved, and to our lead member for Children's Services, who has advocated for her service tirelessly across her time in post. While this progress is encouraging, we recognise that there is still work to be done to maintain our momentum and continue improving outcomes for children and families.

We've made positive strides in delivering many of our regeneration projects around the borough, including the sale of land in Whitefield to the NHS, delivering a new health centre for the community, replacing the aging Uplands medical centre. Our market regeneration is also well underway, with the canopies ahead of schedule, and the structure of the Flexi Hall quickly rising above Angouleme way.

This report highlights our achievements, the progress made against our strategic priorities, and the areas where we must continue to improve. From regenerating town centres to enhancing social care, tackling inequalities, and driving economic growth, our commitment to the "LET'S Do It!" strategy remains at the heart of everything we do.

As we progress through this year, we remain ambitious, determined, and focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for the people of Bury. Thank you to all our residents, businesses, partners, and staff who continue to support and contribute to our shared vision for the Borough.

News:

Before updating Members on the work undertaken since the May Council meeting on the three Council priority areas, I wanted to update Members on some of our key successes and good news stories: including:

Children services show significant Improvement

I was delighted to see that we have achieved an uplift in our Ofsted ranking, from Inadequate to Requires improvement, with Ofsted inspectors noting the remarkable progress made by the leadership team, with a comprehensive plan for change, supported across the council, partner agencies and backed by a significant investment – all to ensure that our most vulnerable children receive the care and support they need.

Since coming into my post as leader, Children's services has been a key area of focus, and that of my lead Cabinet Member, Lucy Smith, who has worked week in, week out to ensure children's services gets the tools, finance and support they need to deliver for our most vulnerable.

The Ofsted report is a long, but positive read for all members, and evidence that what we are doing here is having real world impacts for the people of Bury.

To give you the highlights:

- Leadership was rated as good, with a respected, effective and highly visible senior leadership team.
- Scrutiny and accountability have been strengthened at every level
- Financial investment has strengthened our workforce and expanded services
- Caseloads are down, workforce stability is up, and there is positive change in culture
- There are strong early help and safeguarding responses
- More support for carers and foster carers, as well as high quality foster placements
- Children only come into care only when absolutely necessary, and children's voices are heard and acted on.

My personal thanks go to everyone across the organisation and our external partners for delivering this well earned improvement, I know how much hard work has gone into this achievement.

However, this is not the finish line, and shows that there is still more to be done to achieve the best outcomes for children across Bury, a challenge I know our leadership, staff and partners will relish as we move forward.

15 Green Flag Parks for Bury

I'm very happy to say that all 13 of our borough parks, as well as 2 of our cemeteries have been awarded Green Flag status for 2025, a national symbol of high-quality greenspace across the borough.



Bury now holds the highest number of Green Flag sites of any local authority in Greater Manchester. Eight of these sites have held the award since 2004, reflecting a two-decade commitment to maintaining accessible, well-managed, and welcoming green spaces.

Well done to our staff members, over 1,300 community volunteers, our sports clubs and groups, who have provided our residents with safe, clean and attractive places to relax, exercise and connect with nature.

A special thanks to Cabinet Member for the Environment, Alan Quinn, who has championed our parks and greenspaces endlessly in his role.

£37,500 of illicit goods seized from Bury shops

The council joined with Greater Manchester Police, and officers from the immigration service in carrying out coordinated enforcement operations on premises across Prestwich and Bury. Finding 447 illegal vapes, 168 packs of tobacco and 1,713 packs of cigarettes – as well as numerous counterfeit goods.

This enforcement activity formed part of the broader Community Safety work to Keep Our Town Centres Safe This Summer, aligning with the national Home Office campaign. In early August, Dame Angela Eagle MP visited the Borough to see first-hand the partnership working in action, including Trading Standards, anti-social behaviour teams, the Business Improvement District, and efforts to tackle retail crime. This builds on the success of Bury's Safer Streets project last year.

Our communities should feel safe where they live and work, free from the harm and criminal activity associated with the distribution of illicit substances. These actions are a vital part of our commitment to protecting residents and maintaining the integrity of our local economy.

Well done to all involved, and to our lead member for Culture and the Economy – ,



Charlotte Morris, for her continued support of these important actions in tackling crime across our borough.

Over the summer, Bury has proudly celebrated and commemorated the diversity of its communities. Events such as Collabor8 at Derby High School and the return of the Bury Mela at Burrs Country Park showcased the richness of our Borough's cultural life. Flag-raising ceremonies and Mayoral receptions marked Pakistan and Ukraine Independence Days, while the Bury Islamic Centre hosted its annual multifaith procession for the Prophet Muhammad's birthday. As we look ahead to the High Holy Days, we extend our warmest wishes — Chag Sameach — to our Jewish

communities. These events reflect the strength we draw from our diversity. Across Bury and Greater Manchester, we remain committed to being a place that is Too Great for Hate, where we stand up to prejudice and live with mutual respect and understanding.

VJ Day Anniversary Celebrations



On the 15th of August commemorations were held to mark the anniversary of the end of the Second World War in the Japanese theatre

The Lancashire Fusiliers had an important role during the war and combat in Europe and the Far East.

On the outbreak of the war, the 1st Battalion was based in India. It subsequently fought with various formations in Burma until 1943 when it became a Chindits formation with 77th Indian Infantry Brigade. It served with the latter until the end of the campaign.

A commemorative service was held at the Second World War memorial within the grounds of Bury Parish Church, featuring multi-faith prayers, wreath laying, and the reading of specially curated poems to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. This

followed earlier commemorations by the Fusiliers Association to mark Minden Day at the start of August, further highlighting Bury's proud military heritage.

As part of the celebrations, Bury Town Hall and the Art Museum were illuminated in remembrance colours.



Our thoughts and thanks are with all that have served to protect us and our allies, their memory and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Works in the council

I'm pleased to recognise a number of ongoing internal works across the council that continue to strengthen our organisation, place and our networks with our partner Greater Manchester Combined Authorities.

We've continued to deliver our community cleanups which have now cleared 286



bags of rubbish and 6 tonnes of fly tipping.

Work of the Council's Cabinet in addressing the three key Priority areas for the Council:

The Council's Corporate Plan for 2024/25 set out nine priorities, with three key objectives to reflect the ambition of the organisation and acknowledgement of the targeted work required to continue to deliver the Council's contribution to the LET's vision. The three key priorities are:

- Sustainable Inclusive Growth
- Improving Children's Lives
- Tackling Inequalities

Progress against the Top Three Priorities:

1. TACKLING INEQUALITIES:

SEND health visiting team shortlisted for the 2025 Health Service Journal Awards

Bury's SEND Health Visiting Team has been shortlisted in the Reducing Inequalities and Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People category of the 2025 Health Service Journal Awards.

The service was designed and developed in partnership between the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust and Bury Council Public Health Team. It provides early, targeted support for children aged 0–5 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

The specialist SEND Health Visitors offer an intensive, personalised service from pregnancy through to a child's fifth birthday. They are trained in neurodevelopmental conditions, communication needs, and family centred care, carrying out enhanced developmental reviews using targeted screening tools.

Congratulations to all of the team for this achievement, and for our cabinet members, Tamoor Tariq and Lucy Smith for their steadfast support for services such as this one.

Bury Ageing Well



Partners from a wide range of services came together once again to deliver a vibrant and engaging week of wellness activities, supporting older adults in our communities to age well. The programme offered a rich mix of social, cognitive, and physical wellbeing events designed to inspire connection, movement, and joy.

The week consisted of a variety of events including a community health walk, a Pilates class and the 'Sporting Memories' session, allowing for reminiscence and social interaction.

The event culminated with a walking football Tournament at Bury FC, also a thank you to PERSONA, who came along to cheer along teams and engage with local services.

Thank you to our Adults teams and to our lead member for Adult Social Care, Councillor Tamoor Tariq.

a. IMPROVING CHILDREN'S LIVES

OFSTED inspection

Perhaps the biggest piece of news is the aforementioned OFSTED inspection, which saw us move from inadequate to requires improvement, a massive step and a confirmation that the journey we have been on with children's services is now bearing fruit, and producing real impacts for our most vulnerable children across the borough.

The report confirms that most children and families are now receiving the right help at just the right time, and children are telling us they truly feel heard. This is a huge testament to the dedication, skill, and passion of all our staff members.

Ofsted also noted how children in Bury are now better able to rely on a trusted worker, and how our focus on listening to their voices is shaping the future of services. We are moving forward at pace — creating better, safer, and happier experiences for young people.

Of course, there is still more to do. Making sure every child has a clear and effective plan, ensuring consistency, and continuing to strengthen our workforce are challenges that will drive us to improve even further. As always, we will approach these challenges together as a united council to achieve the best outcomes.

Over the three weeks of the inspection, we met all the requirements, and all of our practitioners presented themselves well and professionally. Feedback from young people, professionals, and staff about working in Bury was positive and uplifting.

I know that all our staff, our partners, senior leaders and members will continue to work hard to keep up this improvement journey, building stronger relationships, delivering care of the highest quality and making a real, tangible difference to the lives of hundreds of children and families across Bury.

This kind of passion and professionalism has to be present at every level of our council, and I would like to thank each and every person involved in Children's services for their work, from the political oversight provided by our lead member, Councillor Lucy Smith, to the strategic leadership given by our chief executive and senior leaders, and to our Director of Children's services, Jeanette Richards.

Without this team, and all our incredible staff and partners, we would not have been able to achieve this, so a huge well done and congratulations.

Changemakers celebrate a successful year with reception in Mayor's Parlour

Young people from the Changemakers group were celebrated on Tuesday 22 July with a special presentation lunch in the Mayor's Parlour to say thank you for their work over the year, making sure that the voices of young people with additional needs and disabilities are heard and that their views are taken into account.



The Changemakers is a youth voice group for young people aged 11-25 and was created as a working group to feed into Bury's SEND Improvement and Assurance Board. The Changemakers meet fortnightly during term time and have reward trips during the school holidays. Their primary role is to assist in Bury's improvement journey, and they do so by reading monthly reports, attending board meetings, and providing regular feedback. Members of the board are also invited to attend Changemakers meetings.

This year the group has worked on a number of projects, including one on community safety, where they discussed their concerns with the police and advised them on how best to engage with young people, and a consultation on the Local Offer.

They have also been working with the board to deliver training to staff across the partnership to ensure that the views and wishes of young people with SEND are respected and acted upon and that they are treated as equal partners in the development of services that affect them.

SEND Services are improving across Bury

Advisors from the DFE and NHSE recently performed a stocktake of Bury's SEND provision and found a shared commitment to lasting improvements to the SEND services and the wellbeing of children with SEND.

The stocktake visit demonstrated we've established strong partnerships – and we are proud to be able to show that, because we can only best serve our communities by working beyond council and NHS boundaries, together with our partners.

We are strengthening our workforce through our Workforce Strategy, as well as

training new staff to be able to bolster our workforce. As well as improving communication with partners and clients.

My congratulations to the staff on this continued improvement journey, as well as to the lead members for Children's and Adult's social care, Lucy Smith and Tamoor Tariq for their oversight and guidance.

b. ACHIEVING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Whitefield to get a new health centre

The former Whitefield library is to be transformed into health centre for the residents of Whitefield, replacing the aging Uplands Site, which is in poor condition, and will enable the library site to reopen, as it has been closed since 2017.



This is a win-win situation for the people of Whitefield, with delapidated and empty buildings being brought back into use, and with medical services placed closer to the heart of the community.

The new health centre will form a key part of our Whitefield Town Centre Plan, which like our ongoing regenerations in Prestwich and Radcliffe, will deliver a better town centre for all, creating new homes, jobs and opportunities across the borough.

Prestwich Update



Works continues ahead of schedule on the construction of the travel hub with the groundworks complete and the main structural steel frame construction now started. This first phase will benefit from a successful bid to the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Round 1 underspend pot where officers are busy constructing a Financial Business Case to fully secure the funding. There has also been lots of Social Value activity happening via Vinci including so far judging an electrical competition at Bury College, two local primary schools designing the site hoardings with a celebration on site for the pupils involved, employment of three Bury residents (one from Prestwich) with two through Bury EST, various work placements, a contribution of building materials to a local business moving premises and supporting local events such as the Prestwich Carnival. The Joint Venture continues its efforts to positively progress the next phase of the regeneration scheme which will complement the completion of the travel hub with a new multifunctional village centre as reported last time.

Housing update around the borough:

I am delighted that three more affordable housing sites will be coming forwards in due course as a result of some successful brownfield housing bids. These include; Station works in Radcliffe c. 30 units, Spurr House, Unsworth c. 60 units and Durers Lane in Radcliffe totalling £3m in investment to unlock more brownfield sites in the borough, generate council tax revenue and improve footfall in our town centres.

The Council is also working on a new pipeline of sites which will all come forward in 2026. We are currently working on a bid to Homes England to accelerate affordable and social house building working with smaller locally based SME developers, which I hope to update you on next time.

In terms of current housing delivery, we are working on a small residential scheme at The Elms in Whitefield (c.24 units), which will be a residential scheme for over 55's

and bring more disused brownfield site in to use. Master planning has concluded at the Former Fire Station site in Bury and delivery options are currently being considered to improve the north of The Rock area.

The contractor has also started on site at the former William Kemp Heaton site and Fletcher Fold sites in Bury, both of which will reduce dependency on out of borough placements and allow Bury residents to be homed in our borough, close to their family and friends.

In other news, a supported housing scheme on Willow Street, Bury is progressing well and on track to complete and ready to occupy later this year. The scheme will be for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.

Later in September, I am looking forward to attending a spade in the ground event at Pyramid Park which will be an exciting sustainable residential development with built in connections to Bury Interchange, providing quick access to the town centre and trams to the city centre.

Bury Interchange Redevelopment

Plans to redevelop Bury Interchange continue to move forward. The Council has approved the planning application submitted by TfGM for a new permanent southern access and a bridge, which will connect Union Square and Pyramid Park with an upgraded platform. We continue to work with TfGM and other stakeholders to develop the design for the main interchange, including associated public realm works.

Highway and Sustainable Travel Infrastructure:

Work is ongoing to deliver a programme of road safety schemes that will make Bury's roads safer and reduce road danger for all road users:

- New School Crossing Patrol Lights have been introduced on Radcliffe Road outside Derby High School:
- New replacement interactive safety signs are now up and running at Radcliffe Road in Bury and Brandlesholme Road in Holcombe.

More schemes are being planned and will be rolled out over the coming months, including:

- Installing pedestrian crossing facilities at the Higher Lane/Park Lane/Pinfold and Bury New Road/Pinfold Lane/Moss Lane junctions in Whitefield, with work on the first of these to take place over the summer.

- Two new Puffin crossings on Sheepfoot Lane, one near Eastleigh Road and one near Meade Hill Road, which are due to start in August/September this year.
- School 20mph speed limits at Charlton Avenue in Prestwich and in the Clough Street area of Radcliffe planned for October.
- New and upgraded crossings, one on the A56 Bury New Road in Prestwich and two on the A56 Walmersley Road, one near Chesham Road and another near Lime Street, planned for January 2026.

These schemes are funded by government's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and Active Travel England.

Elsewhere, work continues to reinstate the Milltown Street Bridge in Radcliffe and to construct the new access to the Star Academy on Spring Lane.

In Conclusion, Members of Council, Bury Council has achieved several notable milestones since the last Council meeting, these achievements reflect Bury Council's dedication to supporting its community through economic, social and infrastructure initiatives.

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	Party	Question	Questioner
1	Labour	Following the success of the borough's first Armed Forces Covenant Conference, can the Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion provide an update on the actions following on from it?	Councillor Arif
	Councillor Walmsley	<p>Please can I take the opportunity to thank those across the community, public sector and social enterprise who joined us at the Fusilier Museum yesterday for the inaugural Armed Forces Conference, with it inspiring to hear how collectively we can continue to support to Bury's Armed Forces and Veterans communities.</p> <p>Through our work with the Bury Armed Forces Covenant Steering Group, the Council will continue to work alongside local groups to increase the awareness and connectivity between support groups and networks; seeking to maximise funding opportunities through the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund; to hardwire lived experience into the local development of Live Well spaces and offers; to further embed awareness raising across housing and front line services around Veteran support offers and amplify Veteran voice through the deepening of the Covenant across all aspects of public life.</p>	
2	Labour	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People update the Council on the recent OFSTED Inspection outcome for Bury Children's Services?</p> <p><u>Supplementary:</u> What plans have we to thank our hard working staff and partners for this positive outcome of improvement?</p>	Councillor Ryder
	Councillor L Smith	<p>I am pleased to update Council that Ofsted recognised the significant improvement in the delivery of services to children, since the previous inspection of 2021.</p> <p>I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the staff members whom have worked tirelessly to deliver this improvement, their efforts cannot be understated, and am incredibly thankful to our staff, partners and leadership team for this achievement.</p> <p>We believe that the report reflects a very strong Requires Improvement, with many elements of strong practice within Childrens services, and evidence of collaborative partnerships supporting stronger outcomes for children.</p> <p>Inspectors found that "Services for children in Bury have improved since the last inspection, far more children are receiving services that are making a positive difference to their lives and helping to ensure that they are safe and well cared for".</p>	

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		<p>The Council has worked closely alongside partners from Team Bury as part of its improvement journey with Ofsted identifying Strategic Partnerships as a strength, and a whole council vision resulting in strong service delivery, there were a number of examples of strong partnership working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong multi agency safeguarding hub, • our response to child exploitation via the complex safeguarding team. • Practitioners in the Family Safeguarding Service noted as providing effective support, utilising the support of other professionals • An improved multi agency offer to our care leavers, increased access to employment opportunities and housing • Joint housing policy for 16- and 17-year-olds • Stronger Transition work as a result of the establishment of a transitions team within Adult services <p>Our ambition for children was commended in the report with inspectors acknowledging that effective Leadership have taken an incremental and persistent approach to improvement, embracing external support, and sector led improvement.</p> <p>Children have been placed at the centre of planning, using their voice and lived experience to shape and develop our services.</p> <p>Supplementary:</p> <p>The leadership team within Childrens services have run 2 briefing sessions to share inspection findings and to thank them.</p> <p>On the 9th of September myself and the CEO hosted a thank you breakfast for our staff in Childrens, and on the same day there was an evening red carpet reception for our partners, council staff and elected members, hosted by the Leader, CEO, and myself, both were well attended.</p>	
3	Conservative	<p>Ainsworth Road in Bury West is a busy thoroughfare. With the exception of one school crossing, there are no pedestrian crossings. There has recently been an accident on Ainsworth Road which required an air ambulance and hospitalisation. With that in mind please would the Cabinet Member put in a request for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on Ainsworth Road as a matter of safety, and work with me as to determine an appropriate location for it?</p>	Councillor Harris
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>Funding for all new road safety schemes in the borough is currently provided by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) via the Integrated Transport Block (ITB) funding pot.</p>	

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		<p>This money comes with the proviso that it is spent at existing injury collision hotspot locations in the borough, where there is evidence of a number of injury collisions taking place.</p> <p>ITB funding provided to Bury Council is around £500k per annum, which limits the number of schemes we can deliver. For context a new signal crossing costs in the region of £150k.</p> <p>Our 25/26 ITB programme has been approved by Cabinet and officers are in the process of delivering the schemes.</p> <p>Officers have carried out provisional investigations and found that Ainsworth Road meets the criteria for a crossing.</p> <p>So I am pleased to announce that, subject to approval, a crossing will be installed on Ainsworth Road as part of our 26/27 ITB programme, helping to better protect the residents of Bury West</p>	
4	Independent	There have been 2 significant IT outages in recent months, what assurances if any, can be provided there won't be a third soon?	Councillor Lancaster
	Councillor Gold	<p>The 2 outages that the council have experienced were both linked to the same piece of equipment. After the first outage new equipment to fix this issue was ordered, however the equipment could not be replaced immediately.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the piece of equipment failed before its replacement could be delivered, and it was necessary to restore the system to the disaster recovery site.</p> <p>The new equipment was due to be delivered on the 29th of September at the earliest, but it has now actually been delivered, and we have expedited plans to migrate from the disaster recovery solution currently in use. Once this has been completed it will provide a permanent fix to the issue.</p> <p>While some systems were unavailable there was a large amount of work that could carry on due to the council's investment into cloud systems, also the data was completely safe despite the outage. We are continuing to review systems and where appropriate to move them into the cloud or provide resilient alternatives.</p>	
5	Radcliffe First	In February this year a cross-party parliamentary committee found that a new strategy and legal protections were required to tackle a 'pervasively ageist culture' in England. MPs found clear evidence that ageist stereotyping, including portrayals of older people as frail, helpless or incompetent, or conversely	Councillor Birchmore

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		<p>as wealth-hoarding "boomers", is highly prevalent across the UK media and is a significant contributory factor to the normalisation of ageist attitudes.</p> <p>Please can you tell me if the Council shares these concerns and if so what is the Council doing to help address ageism against older people?</p>	
	Councillor Tariq	<p>There's a common stereotype that ageing means becoming frail, helpless, or somehow less capable. But in Bury, we reject that narrative. We believe that ageing is not a decline but a continuation of life, rich with experience, wisdom, and contribution.</p> <p>Bury is proud to be part of the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities, a global movement led by the World Health Organization.</p> <p>We've taken real steps to ensure the elderly are protected and heard in Bury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "Take a Seat" initiative is a simple but powerful example. Across our borough, local businesses are offering seating for older people who may need to rest while out and about. • The Bury Older People's Network gives older residents a voice in shaping services and policies. • Our Staying Well Team supports residents aged 50 and over to remain healthy, independent, and connected. • We're also part of the Greater Manchester Ageing in Place Pathfinder, which puts older people's voices at the heart of neighbourhood planning. <p>Here in Bury we reject the assertion that the elderly are anything less than valuable contributive members of our lives, families and communities. We wholeheartedly reject ageism in all forms, and we're ensuring that the elderly are not just cared for, but feel they have an active voice in their borough.</p>	
6	Labour	Would the Cabinet Member for Culture join me in congratulating The Met on their 50 th anniversary and thank them for all they do for our borough?	Councillor Farooq
	Councillor Morris	<p>My congratulations to the MET on their 50th anniversary, as the cabinet member for Culture I see firsthand the fantastic space the MET has created for culture in the heart of our Borough.</p> <p>This milestone reflects their unwavering dedication to enriching Bury's cultural landscape. Over five decades, they have provided a platform for local artists and performers, fostering a sense of community and pride among residents.</p>	

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		Their commitment to promoting the arts and culture has significantly impacted many lives, as the MET celebrates this remarkable achievement, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable contributions and look forward to many more years of success and cultural enrichment.	
7	Labour	With the recent Cabinet decision to invest additional money into our social housing stock, can the Cabinet Member for Housing outline the improvements we have seen since bringing our stock back in house?	Councillor Haroon
	Councillor Fitzgerald	<p>Since the decision to bring our housing stock back in house, there have been significant safety improvements have been carried out, there has been investment into the homes, and the Housing Services team are now integrated into the wider council services.</p> <p>There is improved resident involvement through the Tenant's Voice and the Housing Advisory Board giving tenants more say in the management of their homes.</p> <p>We have recently been commended for our energy schemes at the North West Energy Awards event. We have provided safer, healthier, warmer homes, as well as a more responsive customer focused service.</p> <p>Considerable improvements have been made regarding compliance issues and Housing Services are in the upper quartile measured against our peers which is a significant improvement since the transfer of the housing stock into the Council.</p> <p>This year we have an ambitious capital programme of £26 million consisting of new kitchens and bathrooms, new windows and doors, roofing schemes, and improvements to communal areas in blocks of flats, to name a few.</p> <p>In addition, we have an extensive energy improvement programme to bring all our homes up to EPC level C by 2030 which will make our homes warmer and reduce fuel poverty, as well as producing valued savings for the council.</p>	
8	Conservative	My ward, particularly on certain back streets in the Elton area, has long endured issues with fly tipping. These are specific parts of streets within my ward which fly tippers use, which residents know about and about which I have frequently been in contact with officers. I recently encountered more fly tipping on a litter pick which I joined with council staff and other volunteers. Will the relevant Cabinet Member work with me to employ the powers recently announced by the Government including the use of drones and installation of CCTV cameras to stop this happening once and for all?	Councillor Rydeheard

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	Councillor A Quinn	<p>The Council takes the issue of fly tipping seriously and has dedicated staffing resources to investigate reports and instances of fly tipping throughout the borough, including Elton.</p> <p>Where residents are aware of fly tipping incidents, the public is asked to assist the Councils enforcement team and to report incidents. Providing as much detail as possible such as times and dates, registration plates of any vehicles used, make, model and colour of vehicle, and details of people seen fly tipping.</p> <p>Without sufficient evidence, which may also include witness statements of any residents that have witnessed a fly tip, the enforcement team are unable to take any effective lawful action.</p> <p>Whilst Bury has not received any specific funding to the use of Drones or CCTV cameras, the council remains dedicated to investigating fly-tipping and holding perpetrators to account for the disruption and damage they cause to our communities.</p> <p>We will continue to utilise our extensive CCTV network, as well as investigating the feasibility of mobile CCTV and Drones, within legal and financial considerations.</p> <p><u>Supplementary:</u></p> <p>Bury has not received specific government funding towards the use of drones and CCTV cameras. Such equipment requires detailed assessments for the legal considerations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of procuring, installing and maintaining drones/mobile CCTV equipment • Data Protection and Privacy issues along with site-specific approval for use in urban settings • Logistics and practicalities of installation and ongoing maintenance • Training costs and requirements for the commercial use of drone equipment. 	
9	Independent	What impact did the recent Doctors strike have for patient care at Fairfield Hospital?	Councillor McBriar
	Councillor Tariq	<p>Northern Care Alliance Colleagues have advised that a comprehensive risk assessment and planning was undertaken for Fairfield General, along with the whole of the Northern Care Alliance, with actions to mitigate any risk.</p> <p>Some of these actions included enhancing nursing and consultant rotas to cover gaps because of the Resident Doctors' Industrial action.</p>	

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		<p>This actually resulted in a short-term enhanced performance in our urgent care pathways due to the presence of more senior decision makers, although this is not a sustainable model in the long-term.</p> <p>There were a small number of out-patient clinic and theatre cancellations, however these were minimal and patients with the highest need were prioritised in line with the risk assessment, and impact on patient care was mitigated as much as possible.</p> <p>This Labour government has made improving the NHS one of its top priorities, and over 5.2 million additional appointments have been delivered this year, waiting lists continue to fall, response times are falling, and more people are receiving a life-saving cancer diagnosis.</p> <p>The Industrial action had no impact on the provision of Adult care services in the council.</p>	
10	Radcliffe First	Given a recent article on Bury councils debt situation can we please have a breakdown on monies borrowed to finance capital projects and monies borrowed for non capital projects.	Councillor Berry
	Councillor Thorpe	<p>Local authorities cannot ordinarily borrow for revenue costs and are discouraged from borrowing to invest primarily for financial return.</p> <p>Through the Local Government Act 2003 and Capital Finance and Accounting Regulations 2003 (as amended), local authorities are required to have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIPFA Codes of Practice: The Prudential Code for Capital Finance and the Treasury Management Code which form two parts of what is known as the Prudential Framework. • MHCLG Statutory Guidance: Guidance on Local Authority Investment (“Investments Guidance”) and Guidance on Minimum Revenue Provision (“the MRP Guidance”). <p>Since April 2004, local authorities have been able to borrow and invest for capital projects without prior government approval, under the “Prudential Framework for capital finance”, provided their plans are affordable, prudent, and sustainable.</p> <p>The Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) is the amount of capital spending that has not yet been financed by capital receipts, capital grants or contributions and contributions from revenue income, it measures the underlying need to borrow for a capital purposes.</p>	

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		<p>At 31-March-2025 Bury Loan CFR was £391.354m and Borrowing was £295.266m, an under borrowed position of £96.088m. This is a positive position for the council, leaving ample headroom.</p> <p>I have here a breakdown of all borrowing which will be supplied to members following this meeting, but to outline the main areas of investment, we have invested £29m into regeneration, £21m into our roads, £17m into our schools and £10m into ICT across our resident facing sites, and leisure centres across the borough.</p> <table><tr><th>CAPITAL FINANCING REQUIREMENT</th><th>31-Mar-2025 £m</th></tr><tr><td colspan="2">GENERAL FUND</td></tr><tr><td>Supported Borrowing Balance</td><td>£89.723</td></tr><tr><td>Prudential Borrowing Balance:</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Adults Care Home</td><td>£0.134</td></tr><tr><td>Car Parking</td><td>£0.275</td></tr><tr><td>Cemeteries</td><td>£0.308</td></tr><tr><td>Children's Centres</td><td>£1.316</td></tr><tr><td>Climate Change</td><td>£0.211</td></tr><tr><td>Corporate Property</td><td>£5.076</td></tr><tr><td>Fleet - Plant, Machinery & Equipment</td><td>£0.400</td></tr><tr><td>Fleet - Vehicles</td><td>£7.682</td></tr><tr><td>Highways - Bridges</td><td>£0.119</td></tr><tr><td>Highways - Footways</td><td>£1.238</td></tr><tr><td>Highways - Roads</td><td>£21.952</td></tr><tr><td>Highways - Street Lighting</td><td>£5.857</td></tr><tr><td>Highways - Traffic Management & Road Safety</td><td>£0.270</td></tr><tr><td>ICT</td><td>£10.263</td></tr><tr><td>Leisure Centres</td><td>£1.483</td></tr><tr><td>Libraries</td><td>£0.453</td></tr><tr><td>Markets</td><td>£1.201</td></tr><tr><td>Museums</td><td>£0.910</td></tr><tr><td>Parks, Sports & Open Spaces</td><td>£5.944</td></tr><tr><td>Regeneration</td><td>£29.572</td></tr><tr><td>Schools</td><td>£17.312</td></tr><tr><td>Traveller Sites</td><td>£2.196</td></tr><tr><td>Waste</td><td>£0.047</td></tr><tr><td>Prudential Borrowing Balance</td><td>£114.218</td></tr><tr><td>GF BALANCE</td><td>£203.941</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td colspan="2">HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT</td></tr><tr><td>Pre Self-Financing Balance</td><td>£40.887</td></tr><tr><td>2011-12 Self-Financing Settlement Payment</td><td>£78.253</td></tr><tr><td>HRA Stock Major Works</td><td>£2.273</td></tr><tr><td>HRA BALANCE</td><td>£121.414</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td colspan="2">NON-FINANCIAL (POLICY) INVESTMENTS</td></tr><tr><td>Manchester Airport Equity</td><td>£5.388</td></tr><tr><td>Manchester Airport Loan</td><td>£29.366</td></tr><tr><td>Bury MBC Townside Fields Loan</td><td>£7.257</td></tr><tr><td>Six Town Housing Loan</td><td>£2.752</td></tr><tr><td>Bury Bruntwood (Millgate) LLP Loan</td><td>£20.099</td></tr><tr><td>The Prestwich Regeneration (LLP) Loan</td><td>£1.126</td></tr><tr><td>Debt Managed for Probation Services</td><td>£0.011</td></tr><tr><td>NON-FINANCIAL (POLICY) INVESTMENTS BALANCE</td><td>£65.999</td></tr></table>	CAPITAL FINANCING REQUIREMENT	31-Mar-2025 £m	GENERAL FUND		Supported Borrowing Balance	£89.723	Prudential Borrowing Balance:		Adults Care Home	£0.134	Car Parking	£0.275	Cemeteries	£0.308	Children's Centres	£1.316	Climate Change	£0.211	Corporate Property	£5.076	Fleet - Plant, Machinery & Equipment	£0.400	Fleet - Vehicles	£7.682	Highways - Bridges	£0.119	Highways - Footways	£1.238	Highways - Roads	£21.952	Highways - Street Lighting	£5.857	Highways - Traffic Management & Road Safety	£0.270	ICT	£10.263	Leisure Centres	£1.483	Libraries	£0.453	Markets	£1.201	Museums	£0.910	Parks, Sports & Open Spaces	£5.944	Regeneration	£29.572	Schools	£17.312	Traveller Sites	£2.196	Waste	£0.047	Prudential Borrowing Balance	£114.218	GF BALANCE	£203.941	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT		Pre Self-Financing Balance	£40.887	2011-12 Self-Financing Settlement Payment	£78.253	HRA Stock Major Works	£2.273	HRA BALANCE	£121.414	NON-FINANCIAL (POLICY) INVESTMENTS		Manchester Airport Equity	£5.388	Manchester Airport Loan	£29.366	Bury MBC Townside Fields Loan	£7.257	Six Town Housing Loan	£2.752	Bury Bruntwood (Millgate) LLP Loan	£20.099	The Prestwich Regeneration (LLP) Loan	£1.126	Debt Managed for Probation Services	£0.011	NON-FINANCIAL (POLICY) INVESTMENTS BALANCE	£65.999	
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11	Labour	<p>Following significant reports of serious ASB and wider criminal behaviour in parts of Unsworth, it was very welcome to see action being taken at the recent Cabinet meeting to help tackle this. But what wider efforts have and are being made from the community safety partnership to tackle the scourge of ASB and crime in the area?</p>	Councillor Hook																																																																																						

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	Councillor Walmsley	<p>Bury Council's ASB Team continues to take a proactive, partnership approach to tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB), including in areas such as Unsworth and Prestwich Town Centre, where recent concerns have been raised.</p> <p>During recent months community safety partners including Council colleagues ,housing services and youth services in addition to the ASB team have been working with GMP, GM Fire & Rescue Service and TravelSafe colleagues – through a combination of hot spot patrolling; detached outreach; awareness raising activity; and community engagement. This has been under the auspices of Safe4Summer and including a focus on Keeping Town Centres Safe but also our green spaces across the Borough.</p> <p>Such partnership activity includes targeted youth engagement, working directly with young people identified as being at risk of involvement in ASB. This includes offering activities such as sports, community projects, and mentoring schemes to help build positive relationships and reduce offending.</p> <p>Schools and colleges are being supported with resources and workshops to educate young people about the consequences of ASB and criminal behaviour. The BSAFE programme is set to launch in October 2025, and town centre patrols with Bury College staff are already taking place every Friday afternoon.</p> <p>We have recently upgraded our public area CCTV network and linked it directly to Bury Police Station. This now enables officers to access live footage of incidents, helping to identify offenders quickly and leading to faster arrests, which supports community intelligence reporting and joint operations utilising enforcement tools such as Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), Community Protection Notices and Warnings, and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts are being actively used.</p>	
12	Labour	Does the Cabinet Member for Operations welcome the return of the 135 night bus?	Councillor D Quinn
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>I am very happy to welcome the return of the 135-night bus to Bury, a service I know that residents have long championed for.</p> <p>The night bus not only provides a safe and cheap route for those visiting Manchester's vibrant pubs or clubs, but also provides affordable, frequent travel for many of our workers across the borough, removing barriers to work and lowering the cost of getting to and from Manchester at unsociable hours.</p> <p>Let me remind Members opposite: these improvements are only possible thanks to the Labour Mayor, backed by the Labour Government, bringing our buses back into public ownership — a move the Conservative group opposed at the time.</p>	

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13	Conservative	In response to Operation Raise the Colours, the Council has recently confirmed to the press that it “ <i>will not be removing flags on Council property...except in cases where they present a safety risk or constitute an offence such as criminal damage,</i> ” however in an update to Members a Council Director confirmed that “ <i>where the additional items do not pose an immediate safety risk they will be removed as part of our routine maintenance of street infrastructure.</i> ” This is contradictory. Please may the relevant Cabinet Member confirm the Council’s position in full, and how many flags the Council has removed?	Councillor Hussain
	Councillor Walmsley	Any flags (or related items) which pose an imminent safety risk, or include explicitly offensive messages, will be removed as a priority. Where there is not an urgent health & safety concern, but an item is at risk of becoming a hazard, for example if the fitting becomes loose or becomes more likely to be an obstruction, this will be addressed within routine operational activity. No flags have to date been removed in the Borough, but this is kept under review.	
14	Independent	Springwater Park has been subjected to regular fly tipping in recent months. Could the Cabinet member please consider what resources can be provided at the park to minimise such criminal behaviour?	Councillor Bernstein
	Councillor A Quinn	The Councils dedicated Fly Tipping Enforcement Officers will correspond with the Parks team to understand any incidents and to establish any information they have on perpetrators. They will also examine what proactive measures could be put in place., including whether any existing CCTV cameras exist, whether there are any witnesses willing to provide statements to support legal enforcement action and whether any practical implementations such as patrols may be utilised. The Public Protection Service work closely with the Councils Communication Team to highlight incident reporting to provide advice for members of the public which to report and assist which is critical for effective investigation and securing of evidence following fly tipping incidents.	
15	Radcliffe First	Can the council confirm that all HMO’s over 5 are registered with the council and that the council will not accept 6 as not being required to register	Councillor Walsh

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	Councillor Fitzgerald	<p>Under the provisions of the Housing Act 2004, Bury Council has a statutory duty to implement the mandatory licensing scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). This applies to properties occupied by five or more individuals forming two or more households, where occupants share facilities such as kitchens or bathrooms.</p> <p>All HMOs meeting this definition are required to be licensed with the Council. So, I can confirm, because 6 is bigger than 5, that these properties fall within the scope of mandatory licensing.</p> <p>The Council does not accept any interpretation that would exempt such properties from registration.</p> <p>Failure to obtain a licence for a qualifying HMO is a criminal offence, and enforcement action will be taken, including the imposition of financial penalties.</p> <p>Bury Council remains committed to ensuring that all licensable HMOs are properly registered, managed, and maintained in accordance with legal standards, and will continue to take appropriate action where non-compliance is identified.</p>	
16	Labour	Can the Cabinet Member for Finance provide an update on the potential impact from the Government's review into Council funding?	Councillor Staples-Jones
	Councillor Thorpe	<p>The updated Fairer Funding Review (FFR 2.0) approach aims to use the best available evidence to take account of the different needs and costs faced by local authorities in urban and rural areas, and the ability of individual local authorities to raise Council Tax.</p> <p>The overarching aim is for a new, transparent methodology in which funding is fairer and better aligned with relative need, cost and resources. With the culmination of the proposed changes leading to the first multi-year Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026-27 in a decade, that will be more streamlined and simpler than the system in place today, with fewer separate grants compared to 2025-26.</p> <p>We have responded to the consultation following financial modelling having been undertaken by our professional partners (pixel and LGFutures) who have been working with MHCLG and, we are cautiously optimistic that we will see an increase in our funding share based on the proposed formula changes but not to a level that will fully address our forecast funding deficit. The proposed formula may also change post consultation, and the impact will not be known until we receive the provisional local government finance settlement, which is likely to be received in December.</p>	

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		It is also important to note that FFR will affect council's share of national funding available to local government, but it is not yet clear what the size of the national funding pot will be and we await a steer on that front as part of the Chancellor's budget announcement on the 26th November.	
17	Labour	How many trading days have been lost on Bury Market as a result of the improvement works?	Councillor Ibrahim
	Councillor Morris	<p>I'm delighted to report There has not been a single trading day lost during the transformative regeneration works to Bury Market.</p> <p>All major works have been carried out on non-market days to avoid disruption. Those traders who open on non-market days within the Fish and Meat Hall and Market Hall perimeter have been able to do so throughout.</p> <p>We're investing over £33m into Bury Market, creating a new flexi-hall space, improving the cover and look of the market, as well as adding additional public spaces across the market area. Ensuring that our world-famous market can continue to thrive as it approaches its 600th birthday.</p>	
18	Conservative	Bury Council is now in debt to the tune of £300 million, which is up around £32.8 million from 2024 and represents an increase of 13.4%. Please may the relevant Cabinet Member confirm how they plan to tackle this debt?	Councillor Gartside
	Councillor Thorpe	<p>Our borrowing and debt primarily relates to planned and approved capital programme financing (otherwise known as prudential borrowing) which is usually undertaken through the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) as the cheapest form of borrowing available to most councils.</p> <p>Capital Programme borrowing effectively means using borrowed money to fund planned and approved capital projects such as new buildings, regeneration schemes or improving existing council infrastructure to extend the life of our assets.</p> <p>The capital programme can be funded via capital grants, capital receipts, revenue contributions or borrowing. In reality, available grant funding and capital receipts are insufficient to meet most Council's capital investment needs and financing through prudential borrowing has the lowest impact on our revenue budget as repayment of the principal sum borrowed can be spread over the life of the asset which can be as long as 40 to 50 years and are fully factored into our medium term financial strategy.</p> <p>The decisions with regard to borrowing are subject to affordability and a business case required to demonstrate that the cost of borrowing can be met by the council's revenue budget over the lifespan of the asset. The management of our borrowing and investments and cashflow requirements are central to our Treasury Management arrangements with the Treasury</p>	

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		<p>Management Strategy agreed annually by Council and Treasury management Performance being reported to both Cabinet and Council.</p> <p>Bury's Borrowing Strategy is clear in that we do not borrow and invest in assets primarily for financial return or that are not primarily related to functions of the council and has no plans to do so in future.</p> <p>The main objective when borrowing is to strike an appropriate balance of risk between securing low interest rates and cost certainty over the period for which the borrowing is required with flexibility to renegotiate loans should plans or interest rates change as a secondary objective.</p> <p>Our loans increased by £32m over the course of the 2024/25 financial year primarily through additional prudential borrowing and some short-term cash flow financing. This additional borrowing reflects the timing of capital expenditure and supports the delivery of our capital programme which includes a number of significant and transformational regeneration schemes (Bury, Radcliffe and Prestwich) which will also help in the long-term to increase our taxbase and levels of future funding available to the council.</p> <p>Despite the increase in our borrowing we remain in an under-borrowed position relative to our overall capital financing requirement, meaning that the increase in our borrowing remains prudent and in line with our needs. The borrowing remains fully compliant with the limits and prudential indicators set out and approved within our Treasury Management Strategy.</p> <p>For additional context to show our position relative to other Councils, the recent BBC article produced information regard to the cost of capital per head of population for each council with the highest relating to Woking at £20,601 per head of population, Spelthorne £10,252 and Warrington £7,419. The England council average is £1,688 per head of population and Bury is comfortably below that at £1,510 per head of population.</p>	
19	Independent	Is any consideration being given to piloting a "pay as you throw" scheme as utilised in the Netherlands to improve recycling?	Councillor Vernon
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>I can confirm that there are currently no plans to introduce a "pay as you throw" scheme locally.</p> <p>This approach is not part of the Government's Simpler Recycling Strategy, which sets out the national direction for waste and recycling services across England. The focus remains on improving consistency in collections and making recycling easier for residents.</p> <p>However, I am pleased to say that this Labour government is introducing a</p>	


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		<p>bottle return scheme, modelled on those used in many European countries, which allows customers to receive a refund when returning used bottles to collection points. This scheme is expected to come into practice in late 2027.</p> <p>In the meantime, our Recycling and Enforcement Officers continue to work in areas where recycling participation is low, providing targeted support and advice.</p> <p>As part of our ongoing community clean-up events, we have also been actively engaging with residents to raise awareness and understanding of how to recycle correctly, helping to improve local recycling rates through education and support.</p>	
20	Radcliffe First	Conscious that the council have limited resources for cutting hedges that border footpaths, what are the council doing to ensure that land owners are proactive in keeping greenery cut back and of reasonable height so as not to obstruct pavements, and street furniture.	Councillor Booth
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>Our team of Area Highway Inspectors routinely works with private property owners to ensure that roadside vegetation, such as hedges, to ensure they do not obstruct the highway. In most cases, owners respond positively to requests to cut back overgrown hedges.</p> <p>However, on the rare occasions where cooperation isn't forthcoming, we use our enforcement powers under the Highways Act to take appropriate action, which would entail the council cutting the offending vegetation, and subsequently recovering any costs from the private landowner</p>	
21	Conservative	Shoplifting across Greater Manchester has risen by 20% in the past year, outpacing the overall rise in the North West by 11%. Please may the Cabinet Member confirm the situation across Bury, Ramsbottom, Tottington, Radcliffe, Whitefield and Prestwich and clarify what we are doing to help the Borough's businesses in this regard?	Councillor Brown
	Councillor Walmsley	<p>Council colleagues have worked with Community Safety partners this summer to tackle shoplifting as part of the wider Town Centre safety initiative.</p> <p>Shoplifting offences in Bury were slightly lower in August 2025 compared to August 2024, but higher than the April–July period. GMP is analysing the breakdown by town, and a written update will be shared with Members if not available at the meeting.</p>	

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		<p>A joint session with GMP and Bury BID was held earlier this summer to raise awareness and encourage reporting, which helps target resources and identify prolific offenders or hotspots. Increased patrols have been deployed in key areas, involving neighbourhood policing teams, ASB officers, youth services, and BID Street Patrols. These benefit from enhanced CCTV via Safer Streets funding.</p> <p>Repeat locations are reviewed by neighbourhood officers, who may open problem-solving records and offer crime prevention advice.</p> <p>Notably, Prestwich neighbourhood policing team secured multiple charges against a prolific offender, resulting in a 50-week custodial sentence. Charges or resolutions have also been secured for three other repeat offenders in the past month.</p> <p>May I however remind Councillor Brown that it was his party that, when in government, cut police staff to the bone, and slashed budgets, leaving this Labour government to once again pick up the tab of rebuilding the nations police forces.</p>	
22	Independent	Tottington Ward needs more allotments, with only 8 listed and long waiting lists. All other townships have good provision, for example Ramsbottom has 78 and Prestwich 238. Council owned Station Yard in Tottington is now vacant, can this land now be made available for more allotments?	Councillor Wright
	Councillor A Quinn	Officers are actively working to find a solution / additional suitable space in the area and will contact ward councillors if a solution can be found.	
23	Radcliffe First	We have had significant periods of high temperatures this year. Will the council consider writing to Suez, asking them to build sunshades at their recycling centres to protect staff from direct sun, while they support residents using the facility?	Councillor Duncalfe
	Councillor Quinn	I would be happy to write to Suez via greater Manchester waste to enquire what measures could be put in place to look after staff in extreme weather conditions.	
24	Conservative	Please can an update be provided as to the upcoming arrangements for Remembrance?	Councillor S Arif
	Councillor Walmsley	<p>Remembrance activities are an important part of Bury's civic calendar.</p> <p>Arrangements for the Civic Remembrance Sunday Procession and Service of Remembrance which takes place in Bury are well under way with initial planning meetings taking place in July with the council officers, the British Legion co-ordinator, Lancashire Fusilier representative and the Dean of Bury.</p>	

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		<p>All the relevant armed forces contributors, marching bands and other attendees have been invited and confirmed attendance at the event.</p> <p>Invitations to local dignitaries, faith groups, councillors and officers of the Council, MPs, voluntary groups, marching organisations, schools, colleges and other representatives will be sent in the next few days.</p> <p>The road closures, parking bay suspensions, first aid, security and other required arrangements have been confirmed. The wreaths have been delivered and are currently in storage.</p> <p>The finer details of the day will be confirmed in the lead up to it.</p> <p>With regards to Remembrance services in the other towns of the borough, arrangements are being made with local organisers, including traffic management arrangements through the Event Safety Advisory Group and respective plans to be shared at an upcoming Armed Forces Covenant Steering Group meeting</p>	
25	Conservative	<p>With regard to the Council's Ramsbottom Streets for All plan, the website currently states that "<i>We are now reviewing the feedback and will produce a consultation report. We will use this report to determine whether the scheme should proceed and, if it should, whether there are elements that should be changed in response to the feedback we have received. It will then go through the council approval process.</i>" Please can the relevant Cabinet Member confirm the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the consultation responses will be released to Councillors and to the public and when? • What is meant by the phrase "council approval process" and what does this entail for the Ramsbottom Streets for All plan? • Whether any amendments to the original Ramsbottom Streets for All plan are being considered as a result of feedback and what these are? • When the report is likely to be finalised and brought before Council? 	Councillor S Arif
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>We have listened to the engagement feedback on our proposals for Ramsbottom and formal responses will be released to members and to the public within the next month or so.</p> <p>We are in the process of amending our highway plans for the town and will look to deliver the interventions that were broadly supported by the public, such as</p>	

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		<p>providing new pedestrian crossings and cycle improvements within Nuttall Park.</p> <p>However, we will not be progressing with the one-way traffic proposals following resident feedback.</p> <p>The package of interventions for the town will be approved by our Strategic Transport Group with contract awards likely to be presented to Cabinet in the new year.</p>	
26	Conservative	Please may the Council confirm its intended action towards Grain, after its shoddy workmanship in repairing the pavements all across Elton ward?	Councillor Rydeheard
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>All work carried out by a statutory undertaker (SU) is guaranteed, this period begins on completion of the permanent reinstatement and runs for two years in general, or three years in the case of deep openings.</p> <p>Following the completion of the works a “B” inspection is undertaken within the six months following interim or permanent reinstatement date. The second is a “C” inspection undertaken within the three months preceding the end of the guarantee period.</p> <p>Any reinstatements that do not comply with the Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highway (SROH) are failed and must be remediated by the statutory undertaker that carried out the work. This must be done within 21 days of the non-compliant reinstatement being identified. If the SU cannot complete the remedial works within the said timescale, we may agree a longer period to complete the remedial works.</p> <p>The “B” inspections are due on the said works.</p>	

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Meeting:	The Council
Meeting date:	17 th September 2025
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

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 July 2025.

The council has agreed a specific area of focus for each update, This update will cover the work of the ICP (Integrated Care Partnership)

2. GMCA ICP

Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership (Greater Manchester ICP) brings together all health and social care partners across Greater Manchester and wider public sector and community organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of the 2.8 million people who live in Greater Manchester.

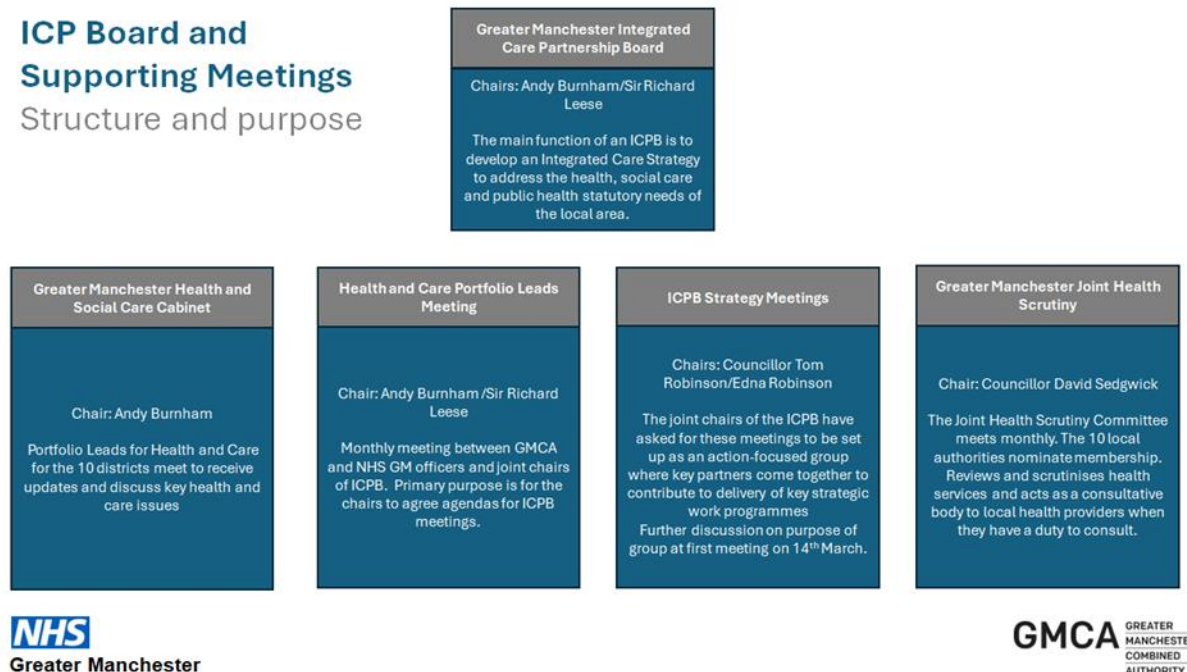
Greater Manchester ICP connects NHS Greater Manchester, the Greater Manchester NHS Trusts and NHS providers across the whole of primary care with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, 10 local councils and partners across the Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise (VSCFE) sector, the 10 local Healthwatch and the Trades Unions.

The Work of the Integrated Care Partnership Board

The primary role of the ICP Board is to develop an integrated care strategy for Greater Manchester. The ICP Strategy was launched in March 2023. Since then, the Board has focused on convening the GM system to deliver the ICP Strategy in the context of the overarching Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS). Principally, the Board has done this through the lens of the six missions agreed in the ICP Strategy:

- Strengthen our communities
- Help people get into – and stay in – good work
- Recover core NHS and care services
- Help people stay well and detect illness earlier
- Support our workforce and our carers
- Achieve financial sustainability

In September 2024, the ICP Board agreed new joint chairs: Andy Burnham (Mayor of Greater Manchester) and Sir Richard Leese (Chair of NHS Greater Manchester). During this year, the Board has agreed a new structure of supporting meetings recognising the importance of continued engagement with partners – in particular, political leadership. This structure is shown below:



The newly established ICPB Strategy meetings provide an opportunity for ICPB members to carry out deeper dives into specific topics of interest to support the fulfilment of the ICPB purpose and function. Similarly, a Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Cabinet has been set up this year for health and care portfolio leads from the 10 districts, and the Mayor, to discuss key issues.

Over the last year, the ICPB and its supporting meetings have brought together partners on major strategic priorities, including:

- The new Greater Manchester Strategy
- The new 10-year Health Plan
- GM Live Well
- The Prevention Demonstrator
- Neighbourhood working
- Urgent and Emergency Care
- Primary Care
- The role of the VCFSE

Transport for Greater Manchester Update

Improving the Bee Network

- The latest allocation of £20.7 million of funding to support walking, wheeling and cycling [was approved](#) by members of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in August. This comes after Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham committed to giving more healthy and green travel options to millions of residents across the city-region. The latest round of funding will support a range of interventions, including:
 - Active travel infrastructure - £8.6m for improved or replaced surfacing for walking, wheeling and cycling, new crossings and upgraded junctions, bus stops and traffic management.
 - School Streets - £2m towards maintenance on highways near to schools such as dropped kerbs, improvement of pavements and footpaths and traffic management.
 - Bee Network crossings- £2m for new or upgraded traffic signal junctions near schools.
 - Cycle hire - £1.5m towards new e-bikes and the extension of the existing Starling Bank Bike hire contract to 2028, to continue enhancing the fleet and with the potential to expand the footprint of the existing scheme.
 - Community-led schemes – £1.7m for schemes that help people make the switch to active travel, including bike libraries, walk to school and learn to ride schemes.
 - Bee Network scheme development – £2.2m for new Local Authority-led active travel schemes.
 - Remedial works – £1.1m for the maintenance and renewal of existing active travel schemes, including changes to existing paths and routes and addressing access issues that prevent those with mobility needs from using certain routes.
 - A further £500,000 was approved for both secure cycle parking and new route signage.
- Two new hourly night buses services are [proposed](#) on the 135 (Manchester – Prestwich – Bury) and the 17/17a (Manchester – Middleton – Rochdale) which would connect Bury and Rochdale town centres with Manchester city centre. The new routes will initially run

on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. This reflects patronage trends which show that demand is expected to be initially lower at the start and middle of the week.

- Around 150,000 18–21-year-olds in Greater Manchester will benefit from half price Bee Network bus travel, better connecting them to work, training or education opportunities. [Set to launch](#) on 1 September 2025, young people will be able to buy a 28-day bus travelcard for £40 - half the adult fare price they would normally pay.
- Speeding drivers in Greater Manchester are now more likely to be caught as part of [new investment](#) in the region's safety camera network to improve road safety and support Vision Zero, the ambition to end all road fatalities and life-changing injuries by 2040. The upgraded cameras can capture two-way traffic and use low-light infra-red, meaning they will no longer flash at speeding drivers. There are now 88 upgraded spot speed and currently installing 25 average speed routes across Greater Manchester.
- Air quality across Greater Manchester is getting better thanks to investments in cleaner public transport. Newly-released figures show that air pollution dropped again in 2024 in the city region. [The latest report](#) shows that 38 places had illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide, down from 64 in 2023 and 129 in 2019. As part of Greater Manchester's accelerated investment in public transport, the Bee Network is helping reduce air pollution by introducing more low and zero-emission buses.
- At its meeting in July, the Bee Network Committee [approved](#) a series of funding allocations from Greater Manchester's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement. This is set to support a wide range of interventions to improve how people move around the city region - whether by bus, bike, tram, or on foot. This includes GM wide improvements relating to:
 - Bus stop upgrades – £4.5m. More than 220 bus stops will be enhanced with new shelters, raised kerbs, better road markings, and improved walking routes - making bus travel more comfortable and accessible for everyone.
 - Passenger Information Displays – £2.7m. Real-time travel information is coming to 319 bus stops locations and five transport interchanges, helping passengers plan their journeys with confidence.
- Transport for Greater Manchester has [started](#) a procurement process to deliver up to £1.6bn of infrastructure that will help to maintain and grow Metrolink and improve rail accessibility within Greater Manchester. The contract covers Metrolink's asset renewals programme, which includes replacing key infrastructure – such as track, overhead lines and the distribution system that provides power to trams.
- Around 400,000 older and disabled people in Greater Manchester have been able to benefit from round-the-clock concessionary bus travel as part of a [new pilot](#) in August. The pre-9.30am travel restriction has been lifted on a trial basis for a month on all buses for those with a TfGM-issued concessionary travel pass. The trial is being held to look at the impact of lifting the 9.30am restriction on peak bus services and those shortly after 9.30am. At the conclusion of the trial, the evidence gathered during it, including analysing passenger feedback, patronage and pass usage, will be assessed before a decision is made on whether the move can be made permanent.

Network Updates

- Punctuality of the first buses to come under local control (tranche 1, which includes some Bury services) is now consistently above 80%, with recent data from tranches 2 (including the remainder of Bury services) and 3 also showing this target being met on a regular basis. This is up from an average of c69% pre-franchising. The latest punctuality report (published weekly [here](#)) during the period 17-23 August shows the following:
 - Tranche 1 punctuality: 88.2%
 - Tranche 2 punctuality: 83.0%
- As part of the ongoing programme of maintenance and renewal works across the Metrolink network there has been work on the Bury line to replace beams in the Whitefield Tunnel. This work has been delayed due to the discovery of bats in the tunnel but is now scheduled to take place in late October.
- Aimed at delivering joined-up, reliable services, a programme of local bus network reviews continues. Network Reviews will explore how buses can better serve communities, making improvements that would not have been possible before franchising. Work on the Bury network progressed through initial engagement in late 2024, and we have now undertaken a detailed GM-wide connectivity assessment, identifying gaps and opportunities in the current provision. An overview of the assessment as well as a revised process for taking forward changes was considered by the Bee Network Committee in June. Subject to approval, further engagement will follow later in 2025.

Wider local updates

- Bury Interchange – The planning application to create a new southern access to Metrolink (including a footbridge, lift and stairs) was approved by Bury Council on 22 July. TfGM are continuing to develop the design for the main interchange in partnership with Bury Council and other stakeholders. The opportunity to include a residential development alongside the interchange continues to be developed, with initial design work progressing.
- Elton Reservoir New Stop – TfGM are continuing development work on proposals for a new Metrolink stop, Travel Hub and Park & Ride, to be delivered as part of the strategic allocation for circa 3500 homes and supporting infrastructure, identified in Places for Everyone. Updated designs for the stop and Travel Hub/Park & Ride area have been developed and will be shared with the master planning consultant and other stakeholders for review shortly. The designs support and maximise benefits associated with the wider scheme (for instance by supporting increased housing density around the Metrolink stop area).
- Metrolink Stop Improvements Programme – Heaton Park Phase 1 (shelter improvements) has received “Programme Entry”. Approval secured to submit an Invitation to Tender for a contractor to construct Phase 1. Parallel combined outline/final business case work to be progressed.

Recycle for Greater Manchester Update

Food Waste Insight

We've recently conducted a poll to provide insight into resident attitudes and behaviours around food waste. We polled a demographically representative sample of 1,516 residents of Greater Manchester, including 122 Bury residents. The poll included eight questions across a range of food waste topics, including participation, collections, caddy liners, barriers and motivations to recycling food waste.

Some of the key insights were that older residents and families with children are more likely to recycle food waste, whereas residents in flats and from Asian communities are less likely to do so. Additionally, Bury residents were more likely to not recycle food waste due to lack of space.

We also measured food waste recycling against other common household items including cardboard, glass and plastics. Results suggest that around 76% of Bury residents are currently recycling food waste, compared to 95% who recycle paper and cardboard.

Insights gathered will help inform a new food waste campaign aimed at encouraging food waste recycling participation amongst residents who already recycle at home. An infographic featuring specific data on Bury residents is currently being prepared to be shared with colleagues at Bury Council.

Library Sessions

As mentioned in our June report, visits to our Education Centre at Longley Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre from Bury residents have been lower than in other areas of Greater Manchester. To help boost numbers, our Education team have put on a number of bespoke sessions in Bury libraries to coincide with the summer holidays.

We've ran two library sessions in Bury over the summer – in Prestwich and Ramsbottom. We took recycling games and colouring sheets for younger children whilst older children and adults played our 'Right Stuff Right Bin' sorting game. This game prompts lots of discussion about the right way to dispose of everyday items.

At our sessions across Bury, residents were really eager to know what happens to their waste. We spoke to a number of residents about Greater Manchester having such a

high recycling rate for an urban area, which most residents seemed very motivated by. These sessions worked well and we're aiming to do more throughout the year. If you would like to visit our Education Centre or know of a group we could visit in Bury, please contact

education@recycleforgreatermanchester.com

Bury Hospice

[Social value is an important part of GMCA's contract with SUEZ](#). As part of their social value commitments, SUEZ work with a local charity each quarter, providing support and encouraging their team to volunteer. One of this year's charities is Bury Hospice.

In June, SUEZ visited the Hospice and met with the Fundraising Director. From there, a plan of activity was created. This included 12 SUEZ staff volunteering at the Hospice Warehouse - supporting retail operations and assembling flat-pack furniture. Nine SUEZ staff volunteered at Bury Hospice Gardens in May; weeding and planting. This was supported by the donation of one tonne of compost to assist with further garden activity. Another volunteering day is scheduled for October.

There are also plans for some of the team from Bury Hospice to visit the Renew Hub in the Autumn to collect some furniture donated by residents of Greater Manchester at our 20 household waste recycling centres. This will either be used directly in the Hospice or sold in Hospice shops to raise vital funds for the ongoing work.

Recycling Centre Rates

Site	Jun 25	Year to date
Cemetery Rd, Radcliffe	63%	64%
Every St, Fernhill	64%	64%

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GMCA meetings:

Greater Manchester Combined Authority Meeting (August)

A link to the papers are available here:

[Greater Manchester Combined Authority - Friday, 22nd August 2025](#)

Items considered and decisions included:

GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee - 2 July 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee held on 2 July 2025 be noted. 2. That the appointment of Councillor Alan Quinn as the Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee for 2025/2026 be approved. 3. That the appointment of Councillor Lee-Ann Igbon as Vice Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee for 2025/2026 be approved.
GMCA Audit Committee - 23 July 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the meeting of the GMCA Audit Committee held on 23 July 2025 be noted.
GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 25 June & 23 July 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 25 June and 23 July 2025 be noted.
Bee Network Committee - 24 July 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the proceedings of the Bee Network Committee held on 24 July 2025.
Greater Manchester Appointments Update 2025/26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proceedings of the Bee Network Committee meeting held on 24 July 2025 be noted.
Greater Manchester Appointments Update 2025/26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the appointment of 15 substitute members to the GMCA Waste and Re-cycling

	<p>Committee be deferred until the September meeting of the GMCA.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That Cllr Les Webb (Bolton) be appointed as a substitute member of the Bee Network Committee. 3. That it be noted that the GM Mayor has appointed the following members to the Bee Network Committee – Cllr Peter Crossen (Stockport, Conservative), Cllr Max Woodvine (Oldham, Conservative), Cllr Howard Sykes (Oldham, Lib Dem) and Cllr Jon Byrne (Stockport, Labour). 4. That a Cllr Ian Hunter (Stockport, Lib Dem) be appointed as a member of the GMCA Audit Committee. 5. That Cllr Nathan Evans (Trafford) and Cllr Joanne Marshall (Wigan) be appointed as members of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee. 6. That Cllr Ashley Dearnley (Rochdale) be appointed as a substitute member of the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee. 7. That the appointment of Cllr John Vickers (Wigan) as a substitute member to the GM Joint Clean Air Scrutiny Committee be noted. 8. That the appointment of Cllr Hamid Khurram (Bolton) as substitute member of the Air Quality Administration Committee be noted.
GM Housing and Planning Commission: Terms of reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the change of name from the GM Planning & Housing Commission to the Housing First, Planning and Infrastructure Commission be approved. 2. That the Terms of Reference be approved.
Faith, Belief and Interfaith Covenant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the progress of the Faith, Belief and Interfaith Covenant be noted. 2. That opportunities be championed for implementation of the Covenant in portfolios and localities, including the role of local Interfaith Networks. 3. That the comments received from Rev. Ian Rutherford and Councillor Eve Parker be welcomed. 4. That the Trafford Faith Action Network be highlighted as a strong template which other GM localities were encouraged to use as an exemplar model.
Equalities Panel Annual Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the activity and impact of the Equality Panels be noted. 2. That endorsement be given by all portfolios to proactively engage with Equality Panels on issues that impact communities-of-identity. 3. That the comments received from Co-Chair of the Race Equality Panel Paula Watt be welcomed.
Greater Manchester's Remediation Acceleration Plan: Ensuring Fire Safety in Flats as part of the Response to Grenfell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contents of the Greater Manchester Remediation Acceleration Plan and delivery arrangements be noted and that the Plan be endorsed.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That members be asked to take part in lobbying the insurance industry on the urgent need to train more class 3 building inspectors.
Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy be endorsed. 2. That it be recommended that the Mayor approves the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy for publication, in his capacity as Responsible Authority for Greater Manchester. 3. That the comments highlighted by Natural England representatives be noted. 4. That members emphasised the importance of green spaces within all the region's communities, particularly those areas most at risk of becoming 'urban heat islands'.
Our Pass Digitalisation: Introduction of a New Product for 18-21 year olds to Increase Access to Public Transport through Affordable and Simpler Fares and Ticketing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the introduction of a half price 28-day Bee Bus ticket for 18–21-year-olds living in Greater Manchester be approved. 2. That the delivery of Digital Our Pass be noted.
Active Travel Funding for Schemes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the allocation of £5.2m revenue funding, consisting of Active Travel Fund 4, Active Travel Fund 5 and the Consolidated Active Travel Fund be approved as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bee Network scheme Development (Local Authority led): £2.22m; - Behaviour Change: £1.74m; - Cycle Hire: £1m; and - Programme Management and Network Monitoring: £0.201m 2. That the allocation of £15.2m capital funding, consisting of Active Travel Fund 5 and the Consolidated Active Travel Fund be approved as follows, noting there is a further £1.5m capital funding to be allocated by GMCA at a later date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active Travel Infrastructure Pipeline Delivery: £8.6m; - School Streets: £2m; - Bee Network Crossings: £2m; - Remedial Works: £1.1m; - Cycle Hire: £0.5m; - Secure Cycle Parking: £0.5m; - and Wayfinding: £0.5m 3. That the associated drawdown requests in relation to the capital allocations will be considered by the Bee Network Committee at the meeting held on Tuesday 19th August 2025, subject to GMCA approval of the overall allocations be noted.
Business Case Development for Rapid Transit Lines in Greater Manchester	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contents of the report be noted. 2. That the next steps be endorsed. 3. That the Group Chief Executive be requested to look at the possibility of using 'right to request' to acquire further funding to support Access for All.

<p>GM Local Investment Framework - Approval Recommendations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a loan of up to £600,000 to Social AdVentures Limited be approved. 2. That a loan of up to £150,000 to Insightful Brands Ltd be approved. 3. That an investment of up to £150,000 to Gennate Limited be approved. 4. That an amendment to Evergreen House Limited loan be approved. 5. That the delegated approval of a loan of up to £450,000 to Ecobelt Limited, a loan of up to £370,000 to United Canning Limited and an investment of £50,000 to 9N Limited be noted. 6. That authority be delegated to the Combined Authority Treasurer in consultation with the Combined Authority 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. 7. That it be noted that going forward an annual impact report will be prepared for the GMCA which will highlight examples of job creation made possible through the GM Local Investment Framework.
<p>Northern Gateway Mayoral Development Corporation - Consultation Outcomes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the results of the consultation exercise in respect of the designation of a Mayoral Development Corporation for Northern Gateway be noted. 2. That the Mayor's response to the consultation be noted. 3. That it be noted that recommendations to support the designation of the 'Atom Valley Northern Gateway' MDC were approved by Bury and Rochdale Councils at their meetings on 9 July 2025 and 29 July 2025, respectively 4. That due consideration be given to the proposal by the Mayor to designate an area, identified on the plan at Appendix 3, as a Mayoral Development Area and notify the Mayor within the consideration period if it proposes to reject the proposal. 5. That it be noted that subject the GMCA not rejecting the proposal as set out at recommendation 4 above, the Mayor shall publicise the designation, notify the Secretary of State of the designation and the name to be given to the Mayoral Development Corporation, as follows: "Atom Valley Northern Gateway Mayoral Development Corporation."

3. Recommendation(s)

- 3.1. 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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NOTICE OF MOTION FOR COUNCIL: WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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, A Quinn, D Quinn, Rafiq, Rahimov, Rizvi, Rubinstein, Ryder, L Smith, Southworth, Staples-Jones, Tariq, Thorpe, Walmsley

Councillors S Arif, Brown, Gartside, Harris, Hussain and Rydeheard

This Council notes that:

There has recently been a drastic rise in the number of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) coming into operation within the Borough, especially in areas of high housing demand or socio-economic pressure, about which residents are understandably concerned.

HMOs are a symptom of the need for affordable housing and not a solution and in some cases, the presence of HMOs undercuts the housing market and exploits some of the most vulnerable people within our community through substandard and unsafe accommodation.

Poorly regulated growth can undermine community cohesion, housing quality, and neighbourhood character.

Despite almost one million homes being built under the last Government, more homes need to be built in the right places, with brownfield land being prioritised for the building of these homes and with as much greenbelt land as possible being retained as greenbelt land.

This Council further notes that:

Whilst it is not possible to prevent full planning applications from being submitted, we can act to close the loophole and disallow permitted development rights for so-called 'small' HMOs where up to six unrelated people share basic amenities, such as a kitchen or bathroom.

Other Councils, such as Hyndburn Borough Council, have introduced beneficial HMO policies which include an Article 4 Direction covering parts of their jurisdiction, requiring planning permission for conversions to small HMOs, detailed local thresholds and spatial restrictions on HMO clustering and concentration, the targeted use of selective and additional licensing to improve standards and hold landlords accountable and stronger integration with planning, housing enforcement and community engagement teams.

This permitted development loophole arises from there currently being a lack of a Borough-wide HMO framework in Bury which leaves Councillors, residents and responsible landlords without the necessary tools to shape local outcomes and maintain high standards.

Now is the time to act, given rising housing pressures and increasing use of private rented and supported accommodation, so that we can drive up housing standards, prevent the overconcentration of HMOs, protect vulnerable tenants and maintain community integrity.

This Council resolves to:

Instruct Cabinet to bring forward a proposal for a borough wide HMO policy, as other councils have done, to include:

- A full, proactive, comprehensive review of areas where an Article 4 Direction could be introduced to manage the conversion of family homes into HMOs, with a view to implementing the Direction across the entire Borough but especially in high-density or high impact wards;
- An endorsement of the policy of tightening up HMO density caps which are currently within the Draft Local Plan, with a convention of Group Leaders to agree a binding resolution on Borough-wide density caps;
- Preparation of a new supplementary planning document to set out expected standards and facilities for HMOs;
- Proposals for selective or additional licensing schemes where poor housing standards, anti-social behaviour or overcrowding are of concern;
- Integration with existing housing, public health and neighbourhood strategies, particularly where residents are placed into HMOs through social care or homelessness pathways; and
- A clear role for ward councillors and communities in identifying particular problem areas and shaping local implementation.

Should the review indicate that the threshold for introducing an Article 4 Direction be met, instruct Cabinet to consider and make a direction pursuant to Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 on a borough wide basis, withdrawing the permitted development rights to convert a dwellinghouse (C3) to a House in Multiple Occupation (C4), to prevent harm to local amenity and promote the wellbeing of the aforementioned areas.

Delegate authority to Bury Metropolitan Borough Council's Planning and Building Control department to carry out all necessary consultation and evidence-gathering, to be launched within three months and with a draft policy framework and options brought to Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet within six months.

Affirm its commitment to fair housing, strong communities, and high standards, ensuring Bury leads the way in tackling poor housing conditions, empowering tenants, and building cohesive neighbourhoods for all.

THE CASEY REVIEW AND TAXI LICENSING

MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS BERNSTEIN, LANCASTER, McBRIAR AND VERNON

The Casey Review, published in June 2025, included a dedicated chapter (7) on taxi licensing and explicitly addressed concerns about taxis licensed in other areas, particularly in the context of child sexual exploitation.

Local authorities issue taxi licences in line with statutory guidance issued by the Government. Some go above and beyond this statutory guidance but are being hindered by a lack of stringency in other local authorities and legal loopholes, which mean drivers can apply for a licence anywhere in the country.

Proper safeguards in the licensing of taxis, is as much about protecting the drivers as the passengers.

The report did make it clear that most taxi drivers are law-abiding people providing an important service to the public. There are many occasions where taxi drivers have gone above and beyond to protect members of the public and to support the Police and other emergency services in their duties.

The report noted that several areas they visited which were imposing rigorous standards were left frustrated by seeing taxi drivers freely operating in their areas having been licensed by other authorities who were perceived to operate less rigorous processes.

Bury Council has long supported the closure of the out of town licensing loophole and has lobbied successive ministers of all political colours. Most recently, writing to the Minister for Transport in February 2025. The Mayor of Greater Manchester has also expressed concerns that a high proportion of taxis operating across Greater Manchester were licensed outside the area and were undermining public safety. This year the Mayor, GMCA and local authorities launched a campaign 'Backing our taxis: Local. Licensed. Trusted' with aims to put a stop to out of area licensing amid figures which GMCA said showed that more than 11% of England's private hire vehicles are licensed by a single local authority, up from 0.5% less than a decade ago. Bury Council fully backs this campaign.

The Casey report stated the Department for Transport should close this loophole immediately and introduce more rigorous standards, to address inconsistencies in local authority processes. Emphasising that out of area licensing undermines local oversight and accountability. The Transport Select Committee is currently taking evidence for an inquiry into the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles. This inquiry will examine whether the current licensing framework provides authorities with the tools they need to successfully regulate the sector. The Committee will consider the implications of uneven rules between areas, the growing role of digital ride-hailing platforms, and the challenges that can arise from cross-border working. Bury Council will be submitting a response to this inquiry.

This Council acknowledges the information and recommendations contained in the report and fully supports them

Write to the Secretary of State urging action be taken immediately to implement the findings of the Casey Review.

Councillors 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 Council notes the numbers of illegally modified high power electric bicycles is increasing and causing concern to the public.

In an early Day Motion put forward by Rachael Maskell M.P. on 10th of march this year, the following points were put forward.

Serious concerns in the rise in illegally modified e-bikes and e-scooters, which pose serious safety risks to riders and pedestrians; it recognises that altering speed and power limits compromises road safety regulations and is a serious risk to the wider public.

The EDM has received cross party signatures.

Islington Council have successfully prosecuted a local trader for importing almost 1000 non-U.K. compliant e:bikes and scooters. Testing commissioned by the council revealed serious safety issues with the machines. In January 2025 the importer was given a suspended 6-month custodial sentence.

In this motion we are not talking about the benign ordinary machines, these are limited by law to around 15mph and must have a motor no bigger than 250 watts. Motors are available in various sizes. 2000-watts would bring a maximum speed of up to 40 mph, a 10000-watt motor would equate to around 70 mph

Many of us would be horrified when looking at the accident figures for these machines. There were 1411 collisions involving e:bikes and e scooters in 2022 resulting in 1502

injuries and 12 deaths. 29 people died in between 2020 and 2023 in 4515 e scooter and bike collisions in the U.K.

These machines are more akin to electric motorcycles but of course are ridden with no driving licence, insurance, road tax, or MOT. At the speeds these machines are modified to the potential of harm to innocent members of the public is huge.

Of course, the riders of these illegal machines are not known for obeying the rules of the road, passing through red lights, riding across mini roundabouts or indeed riding at speed along pavements with pedestrian traffic on.

The Police do their best to catch these offenders but are limited in their rules of engagement. I believe that the police should be given more powers to take these machines off the road.


The Council is resolved too.

The Council: To Write to both our MPs North and South asking them to inquire about problems of uninsured illegal e:bikes and scooters and asking if they will sign the early day motion, about these illegal modifications.

The Council: To Write to the chief Constable to enquire about all measures, the police force may be able to undertake, to remove these illegal machines from our streets.

The Council: To write to Trading Standards, to ask if they believe suitable information is given out by suppliers of these machines, stating these machines should not be used on public roads.

Youth Cabinet NOM	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Encourage schools to participate in the provided training and forums. 2) Promote the benefits of School Councils to encourage widespread adoption. 3) Support full Youth Cabinet meetings and student representation initiatives. 	<p>1&2 Woodhey and Tottington have dates for training booked in in the Autum term All others including wider trusts will be contacted over the summer to pick up organising training in the Autum term Colleges and PRUs/AP to also be contacted and offered training next term Youth cabinet to create the training aims and session for delivery by the participation team during their normal planned fortnightly sessions</p> <p>3 Partners invited with standing agenda items to youth cabinet meetings to strengthen the relationship between young people and deciding makers – GMP, CSP, Health</p>
Lab NOM	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcome the additional money for our roads and pavements and continue calling for more to address the £17 billion backlog. 2) Support the introduction of a "lane rental scheme" across Bury and Greater Page 139 Manchester, to hold utility companies to a higher standard and reduce unnecessary disruption. 3) Write to the Government calling for the introduction of legislation that requires utility companies to carry out full 	<p>GM Highways Group have acknowledged the importance of lane rental and the potential benefits it could bring. TfGM have launched formal consultation on a proposed GM Lane rental scheme.</p>

	<p>carriageway reinstatement of local highways after the completion of works.</p> <p>4) Work with partner local authorities and the GMCA to call on the Government to make utility companies accountable for when their failures delay and add extra costs to growth and regeneration projects.</p>	
Ind NOM	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reaffirm this council's commitment to the Nolan Principles of Public Life and expect all councillors, officers, and parties represented in Bury Council to uphold them at all times. 2) Call on all political parties operating within Bury to publicly commit to the Nolan Principles, to incorporate them clearly into their selection and disciplinary processes, and to take active steps to promote standards in public life. 3) Request that the Chief Executive writes to the leaders of all political groups represented on Bury Council and to local constituency party chairs, enclosing Page 141 a copy of this motion and inviting them to make a public statement reaffirming their commitment to the Nolan Principles. 4) Publish this motion on the Council's website and share it with local media to demonstrate the Council's united stance on integrity in public life. 	<p>The Chief Executive wrote to the leaders of all political groups and local constituency chairs on 04/08/25</p> <p></p> <p>Reaffirming Commitment to the</p>