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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:-

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 12 November 2025
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber - Town Hall
<b>Time:</b>	7.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	If Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **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](http://www.bury.gov.uk)

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Widdale', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

**Chief Executive**

**(Note: Members are reminded that under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if a Member of a Local Authority has not paid Council Tax for at least two months and, even if an arrangement has been entered into to pay arrears, then at any meeting where consideration is given to matters relating to, or which might affect the calculation of Council Tax, that Member must declare the fact that he/she is in arrears and must not vote on the matter).**

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Council are requested to declare any interests which they have in any items or issues before the Council for determination.

### **3 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive communications from the Mayor and any announcements by the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive on matters of interest to the Council.

### **4 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)**

Minutes attached.

### **5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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**

<b>Committee/Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Cabinet – 15 October 2025	Schools Finance Team Phased Reduction	Agree the deletions of the following posts within the schools finance team through accepting voluntary early retirement applications, support the payment of voluntary early retirement and capital costs associated <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools finance officer proposed end date 31 October 2025.</li><li>• Senior schools finance officer proposed end date 30 June 2026</li></ul>
Cabinet – 5 November 2025	Freedom of the Borough	To approve that both nominations be progressed and a ceremony to be arranged for January 2026
Licensing and Safety Committee – 6 November 2025	Licensing Act 2003 – Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy	It is recommended that the attached draft statement of licensing policy be accepted without amendment. Widespread consultation has not revealed any major problems with the existing policy.

#### **a Schools Finance Team Phased Reduction (Pages 9 - 14)**

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

**b Freedom of the Borough (Pages 15 - 18)**

Report of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth is attached.

**c Licensing Act 2003 - Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy (Pages 19 - 126)**

A report from the Executive Director (Corporate Core) is attached.

**7 LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME (Pages 127 - 156)**

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 157 - 166)**

(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 167 - 174)**

**10 COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER (Pages 175 - 178)**

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).