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TO: All Members of Council

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Dear Member/Colleague

Council

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

Date:	Wednesday, 18 March 2026
Place:	Council Chamber - Town Hall
Time:	6.00 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:	There will be a council photograph taken immediately after the council meeting on the red carpet.

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



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 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 12)

Minutes attached.

4 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.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Audit Committee, 8 December 2025	Anti fraud and corruption strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members to approve the Anti-Fraud & Corruption Strategy• Members to approve the Whistleblowing (Confidential Reporting) Policy• Members to approve the Fraud and Corruption Prosecution Policy• Members to approve the Anti Bribery Policy• Members to approve the Anti Money Laundering Policy
Licensing and Safety Committee, 19 February 2026	HMO Licensing Policy and Updated Standards and Amenity documents	That the Committee approves the HMO Licensing Policy and the updated Standards and Amenities Guidance, and delegates authority to the Assistant Director for Public Protection and Resilience to make any necessary amendments arising from consultation, as well as any future amendments required to reflect new or amended legislation
Democratic Arrangement Forum, 23 March 2026	Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2026/27	To appoint Councillor Mike Smith as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2026/27
Democratic Arrangement Forum, 23 March 2026	Approval of meetings timetable 2026/27	To approve the meetings timetable for the municipal year 2026/27

Proposed:

Committee/Date	Subject	Recommendation
Cabinet meeting, 11 March 2026	Business Rates and Council Tax Discretionary Policy	1. That Cabinet makes a recommendation to Council to approve the new Business Rates and Council Tax Discretionary policy from 1st April 2026. 2. That Cabinet note that adoption of the policy must be made by Full Council.
Cabinet meeting, 11 March 2026	Write Off Policy 2026	1. That Cabinet approve the new policy and relevant changes to the constitution being forwarded to Full Council for ratification 2. That Cabinet note that adoption and constitution changes must be by Full Council

- a **ANTI FRAUD & CORRUPTION STRATEGY 2025/2027** (Pages 13 - 80)

- b **HMO Licensing Policy and Updated Standards and Amenity documents** (Pages 81 - 118)

- c **Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2026/27**

- d **Meetings Timetable 2026/27** (Pages 119 - 130)

- e **Business Rates and Council Tax Discretionary Policy** (Pages 131 - 150)

- f **Write Off Policy 2026** (Pages 151 - 162)