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**TO: All Members of Council**

**Councillors :** A Arif, S Arif, N Bayley, C Birchmore, C Boles, A Booth, A Chaudhry, P Davies, D Duncalfe, U Farooq, E FitzGerald, I Gartside, R Gold, D Green, S Haroon, M Hayes, D Hill, J Hook, C Hunt, K Hussain, B Ibrahim, J Lancaster, G Martin, G McGill, C Morris, E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, M Rahimov, I Rizvi, J Roith, M Rubinstein, J Rydeheard, L Ryder, S Shamim, J Sheppard, K Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, J Southworth, J Southworth, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe, D Vernon, M Walsh, Y Wright and S Zaman

Dear Member/Colleague

**Council**

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

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 20 May 2026
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber - Town Hall
<b>Time:</b>	2.00 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 cursive script, appearing to read "W. D. D. D. D.", 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 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

1. To elect the Mayor for the Municipal Year 2026/2027
2. To elect a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2026/2027

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **3 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.

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

Minutes attached

### **5 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.

### **6 ANNUAL CONSTITUTION UPDATE REPORT (Pages 9 - 92)**

A report from the Council Solicitor, Jacqui Dennis is attached.

### **7 ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT (Pages 93 - 116)**

A report from the Chairs of the three Scrutiny Committees, Councillor Boles, Councillor FitzGerald and Councillor Vernon is attached.

### **8 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT (Pages 117 - 124)**

A report from the Audit Committee is attached.

### **9 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2026/2027 (Pages 125 - 158)**

A report from the Leader of the Council is attached

### **10 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART 2**

You are also summoned to attend Part 2 of the **Annual Meeting of the Council** which will be held on **the above date at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bury**. See separate agenda