

**Minutes of:** COUNCIL

**Date of Meeting:** 20 May 2026

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor N Bayley, in the Chair)  
Councillors A Arif, S Arif, N Bayley, C Birchmore, C Boles,  
A Booth, A Chaudhry, P Davies, 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, 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

**Apologies for  
Absence** D Duncalfe, U Farooq and A Quinn

**Public attendance** 3 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.

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**C. 67 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

All members present agreed this item should be deferred until Part 2 of the meeting.

**C. 68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Duncalfe, Farooq and A Quinn

**C. 69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**C. 70 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**C. 71 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**C. 72 ANNUAL CONSTITUTION UPDATE REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor E O'Brien, and seconded by Councillor L Smith and Council agreed to:

1. Approve the recommendation from the Licensing and Safety Committee dated 19th March 2026 that in the interest of public safety to delegate suspension and

- revocation of licenses to the Deputy Licensing Officer (Appendix 1 – Report of Licensing and Safety Committee)
2. Approve the updated Corporate Core Scheme of Delegation
  3. Approve the updated Probity in Planning guidance
  4. Note the revised Member Safety guidance
  5. Note the selections reviewed during the 2025/26 municipal year; and
  6. Note the selections proposed for review during the 2026/27 municipal year.

### **C. 73 ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor D Vernon and seconded by Councillor E FitzGerald, and it was agreed, that Council:

Note the contents of the report and progress made by the Council's Scrutiny Committees over the municipal year 2025/26.

### **C. 74 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor J Hook and seconded by Councillor S Thorpe, and it was agreed, that Council:

Note the contents of the report and progress made by the Council's Audit Committee over the municipal year 2025/26.

### **C. 75 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2026/2027**

It was moved by Councillor E O'Brien and Seconded by Councillor L Smith and Council agreed:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, be confirmed for 2026/2027.
2. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet Members, Deputy Cabinet Members and Shadow Cabinet Members for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted. Classification Open Item No.
4. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointment of other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to the Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year, set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
8. That the appointments to outside bodies for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Member Allowance as agreed in 2025 be noted.
10. 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 2026/2027 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Cabinet for information.

11. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential changes to the Constitution.

## **C. 76 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART 2**

### **THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**(Notes:** Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.00 pm