

AGENDA FOR YOUTH CABINET



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To: All Members of Youth Cabinet

Councillors : L Smith, D Duncalfe, J Rydeheard, L Ryder,
S Haroon, J Lancaster and D Green

Dear Member/Colleague

Youth Cabinet

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

Date:	Thursday, 17 July 2025
Place:	Town Hall Bury – Council Chamber
Time:	5.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

YC.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

YC.2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING *(Pages 3 - 8)*

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 4 June 2025 are attached.

YC.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Members of the Youth Cabinet are asked whether they have any interest in any item on the agenda and if so, to formally declare that interest.

YC.4 YOUTH LED POLICING

YC.5 BURY LOCAL BEE NETWORK - YOUNG PERSON REPRESENTATIVE. *(Pages 9 - 16)*

Report attached

YC.6 CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE

YC.7 YOUTH MP UPDATE

YC.8 GMYCA UPDATE

YC.9 THE BIG DEBATE

Minutes of: YOUTH CABINET

Date of Meeting: 4 June 2025

Present: Keal, Violet, Samir, Cay, Tobias, Hoah, Alexandro
Councillors L Smith, D Duncalfe, L Ryder, S Haroon and J Lancaster

Public Attendance: No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Rydeheard and Councillor D Green

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies are noted above

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the Last meeting be approved as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

It was explained that the Notice of Motion had been reworded and will be presented to Council at its next meeting on 16 July 2025 at 7pm. Samir would be attending to present the motion.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Chris Woodhouse, Strategic Partnership Manager attended to explain about the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in Bury.

It was explained that the Council was required by law to have CSP.

The CSP brings together different teams within the Council, Polic, broader justice partners such as the Probation Service, other blue light organisations, the voluntary sector and the Safeguarding Partnership.

The CSP meets every two months. The Executive Directors are Kate Waterhouse and Chief Superintendent Kirsty Oliver.

The 4 key principles of the CSP were explained as:

- Prevent – stop from becoming involved in criminology
- Pursue – How offenders are pursued
- Protect – ensure the right systems are in place

- Prepare – make sure the right systems are in place and the right response if anything happens

The CSP produced a Community Safety Plan which set out the priorities as:

- Tackling offences against children
- Prevention of, and earlier intervention on, serious violence
- Domestic abuse in the context of the trio of vulnerability
- Supporting and safeguarding cohesive communities
- Ensuring resilient, safer places and spaces

Chris explained that there were many ways that crimes could be reported through reporting and support mechanisms:

- Emergency (999): For immediate threats, violence, or crimes in progress.
- Silent Solutions (999 + 55): For those unable to speak during emergencies.
- Non-Emergency:
 - GMP Live Chat (24/7)
 - Online reporting via GMP and Crimestoppers
 - Phone: 101 or Crimestoppers (0800 555 111)
- Anti-Social Behaviour & Environmental Issues:
 - Report via Bury Council's online services (e.g., graffiti, drug-related waste, traffic calming).
- Hate Crime:
 - Report through True Vision or Bury Council.
 - Community tension tracking and Hate Crime Reporting Centres available.
- Victim Support:
 - Provided by Catch 22 (contact details and accessibility options included).

It was explained that the CSP wants to ensure that young people are involved in the work of the partnership and the Community Safety Plan by continuing to talk to young people in as many different settings as possible.

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments and the following points were raised:

- It was asked whether the Circles of Safety would be a recurring event.

Jen Mills explained that an online forum had been launched that would answer concerns and questions and help inform the Community Safety Plan.

Tobias referred to Hate Crime and asked what was in place to combat this. Chris explained that training was being provided to increase awareness of what hate crime is including challenging conversations, and micro aggression and cultures and cultural behaviours. It was explained that reporting of hate crimes was reviewed to look for patterns. There are hate crime reporting centres to support people. The Greater Manchester Hate Crime Plan had been refreshed earlier this year and Bury's would be refreshed soon.

It was explained that the Elton High School had completed an excellent piece of work in relation the hate crime.

It was hoped that there would be a group of young people established to work in relation to hate crime.

Violet explained that she had attended a GMYC Women and Girls Against Violence Panel and felt that this would be a good panel to link with.

Chris explained that a Women and Girls Equality Panel was in the process of being established and he would share information relating to this with the Youth Cabinet.

Tobias referred to domestic violence and asked what was being done to tackle this in Bury.

It was explained that there was a Domestic Violence Partnership Board, there was education on how to recognise domestic abuse, support for victims was available and information on tackling perpetrators.

It was also explained that there were DV practitioners in MASH to help with families, children and young people.

It was agreed:

That Chris be thanked for the presentation.

YOUTH LED POLICING

Chief Inspector Michael Barton from Bury Police attended the meeting.

It was explained that Chief Inspector Barton would be attending every meeting of the Youth Cabinet to meet with the young people and discuss issues and report on the work that was being undertaken across the borough.

It was explained that GMP were carrying out targeted activity in relation to knife crime and retail crime and were looking at neighbourhood problem solving by carrying out engagement.

Chief Inspector Barton asked what the number 1 priority for Bury would be and the following concerns were raised:

- Violent crime/knife crime
- Market crime during market days
- Violent crime in St Paul's area
- Community policing
- CCTV
- Chesham Woods area
- Metrolink incidents – violence and drug use

It was agreed:

1. That the Youth Cabinet would have an input into the Community Safety Plan
2. That Chief Inspector Barton be thanked for his attendance at this and future meetings of the Youth Cabinet

CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE

It was reported that the Informal Youth Cabinet would be discussing the Circles of Influence at its next meeting

YOUTH MP UPDATE

Samir reported that he had been invited by Baroness Keeley to talk to the Media Literacy Executive Committee about better funding.

Samir had also visited the office of MP Christian Wakeford in London.

It was agreed:

That Samir be thanked for the update

GMCYA UPDATE

It was reported that there had been discussions in relation to the Ourpass and the advertising and naming of it.

It was asked if GMYCA could be contacted regarding U16's.

Councillor Haroon asked what was happening with the vape project and it was explained that schools can loan the sculpture and the education package that goes with it.

Councillor Haroon also asked how many organisations would be involved in the kite mark co-production and it was explained that 3 could be involved at any one time.

It was agreed

That the update be noted.

VE DAY INVOLVEMENT FROM YOUTH CABINET

It was reported that four members of the Youth Cabinet: Bury's Youth Mayor Violet, Bury's Deputy Member of Youth Parliament Kael, Tobias and Duncan had been invited to take part in the Civic service in commemoration of VE day 80.

The Youth Cabinet had read out stories of young people affected by VE day and a poem that had been written by the youth groups to commemorate the event.

The church had been full and the reaction to their input had been excellent.

It was agreed

That those involved be thanked for their input and attendance.

THE BIG DEBATE

Should cannabis be legalised?

Youth Cabinet members took part in the debate, there was a side for and against.

It was agreed:

that cannabis should not be legalised

Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 5pm and ended at 7pm)

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Classification	Item No.
Open	

Meeting:	Youth Council
Meeting date:	17 th July 2025
Title of report:	Bury Local Bee Network Forum
Report by:	Michael Cunliffe, Democratic Services
Decision Type:	Council
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council's constitution was reviewed and updated at the Annual General Meeting held in May 2025. Since then, a Democratic Arrangement Forum (DAF) meeting has been held and reviewed the terms of reference for the Local Bee Network Forum. DAF proposed amendments as set out in this report in relation to the Bury Local Bee Network Forum.

Members of Council agreed to the following at the full Council meeting held on the 16th July 2025:-

Adopt the proposed changes at appendix 1 to the terms of reference (Highlighted in red text).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That a Member of the Youth Council is appointed and attends meetings as a young person representative for the municipal year 2025-2026.

The following Local Bee Network Forum meetings start at 6.00pm and are held in Bury Town Hall.

- Thursday 25th September 25
- Thursday 4th December 25
- Tuesday 17th March 26

INTRODUCTION

The amended terms of reference for the Bury Local Bee Network Forum adopted by Council will be included in the Council's Constitution, the proposed changes are:

- The Bury Local Bee Network Forum to accommodate public question time on the agenda for a duration of 30 minutes.
- **A young person representative from the Youth Council to be represented and sit on the Forum.**

Democratic Arrangements Forum agreed to seek Council approval to change the terms of reference of the Forum to allow public participation in the Forum, Members also wished to ensure that the Forum had representation from young persons.

Bury's Council Constitution is organised into 9 Parts (many divided into a number of sections). The existing Council's Constitution is available on the Council's website:

Community impact/links with Community Strategy

An up-to-date Constitution will ensure decision are taken lawfully and in an open and transparent manner.

Equality Impact and considerations:

An up to date Constitution will ensure decisions contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Legal Challenge	An up-to-date Constitution will ensure decisions are taken lawfully and in an open and transparent manner.

Consultation:

Group Leaders and the Mayor at the Democratic Arrangements Forum

Legal Implications:

Section 9P of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended sets out the duty of the Council to prepare and keep up to date its constitution as follows:

(1) A local authority must prepare and keep up to date a document (referred to in this section as its constitution) which contains—

- (a) a copy of the authority's standing orders for the time being,
- (b) a copy of the authority's code of conduct (if any) for the time being under section 28 of the Localism Act 2011,
- (c) such information as the Secretary of State may direct, and
- (d) such other information (if any) as the authority considers appropriate.

A local authority must ensure that copies of their constitution are available at their principal office for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable hours. A local authority must supply a copy of their constitution to any person who requests a copy and who pays to the authority such reasonable fee as the authority may determine. The Bury constitution is made available on our public website.

It is for the Monitoring Officer to monitor and review the operation of the constitution on an ongoing basis and where necessary bring forward amendments to Council.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Report Author and Contact Details:

Jacqui Dennis, Monitoring Officer

List of Appendices:

Terms of Reference

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Terms of Reference: Bury Local Bee Network Forum

APPENDIX 1

Title	Bury Local Bee Network Forum
Function/Purpose	• Accountability: To be accountable to residents and the Bee Network Committee for transport matters in their local area and vice versa. • Feedback: To actively monitor the delivery and performance of services linked to the Bee Network and as appropriate recommend change/improvement to the Bee Network Committee through the local Transport Lead Member/Representative. • Participation: Provide robust mechanisms for elected members and service users to feedback through regular participation at local Bee Network forums. This will include Public Questions being included as a standard agenda item (For a duration of 30 minutes only). • Local Co-ordination: Identify how issues arising at the Bee Network Committee might impact and be mitigated or responded to in the local area. • Policy Development: Support and contribute to policy development and strategy delivery linked to the Bee Network. • Cross Cutting Analysis: Analyse cross-cutting issues that may affect GM's ability to deliver an efficient service. For instance, through improved co-ordination of roadworks to ensure disruption are kept to a minimum.
Statutory/Decision Making/Informal	The Bury Local Bee Network Forum will be a formal non-decision making body.
Core Membership	The Bury Local Bee Network Forum will have a core membership of 5 elected members and be politically balanced. Forum Members will be:

	• Labour x3 • Conservative x1 • Radcliffe First x1 Core members of the Forum will be required to attend training to assist in undertaking the role of a Forum member.
Additional membership	All elected members will have a standing invite to Forum meetings. The following officers will also be invited attend the Forum: • Bury Council's GM Transport Strategy Group Representatives (Joanne Betts / Natalie Blackston) • Lee Buggie, Public Health Specialist, Bury Council. • Council officers – As required Membership may also be extended in future to include other stakeholders, such as representatives from local groups or organisations, particularly groups that represent those who may experience barriers to using Bee Network services, or to advise on specific issues. A young person representative selected from the Youth Council will also be invited to meetings and able to address the forum.
Chair	Forum meetings will be chaired by Cllr Gareth Staples Jones. The Chair may choose to appoint a Vice Chair. In the absence of the Chair or the Vice-Chair, a replacement Chair will be elected for the duration of the meeting.

Meeting arrangements	The Forum will meet quarterly. Forum meetings will be held in person and in public. The agenda and supporting papers will be in a standard format and circulated at least five clear working days in advance of meetings.
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