

Minutes of: **AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 9 December 2015

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor S Smith), in the Chair;
Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, R A Caserta, D M Cassidy, M Connolly, M D'Albert, J Daly, E Fitzgerald, L Fitzwalter, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, S Haroon, J Harris, P Heneghan, R Hodgkinson, T Holt, K Hussain, A Isherwood, M A James, D Jones, G Keeley, S Kerrison, J Lewis, J Mallon, E O'Brien, N Parnell, T D Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby, M Wiseman and Y Wright.

Apologies from: Councillors D Bailey, K S Briggs, J Kelly, A K Matthews, S Nuttall

Public attendance: 9 members of the public attended the meeting

C.541 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Connolly declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of the Local Authority Trading Company, Persona.
2. Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee of Bury Council.
3. Councillor Bevan declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a Bury School.
4. Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a Bury High School. Councillor Mallon also declared a personal interest in respect of the EU Referendum Notice of Motion as an employee of a company involved in Joint European Projects
5. Councillor R E Walker declared a personal interest in respect of Question 19 to the Leader as a member of the Restore Bury Central Library Group.
6. Councillor Preston declared a personal interest in respect of the EU Referendum Notice of Motion as her daughter is employed in a research position funded by the European Union.

C.542 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 21 October 2015 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

C. MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Mayor welcomed Councillor Keeley to his first Council meeting following his election to serve as a Member for the Tottington Ward.
2. The Mayor paid tribute to all those who showed their support for Remembrance Sunday.
3. Thanks were extended to all those who supported the Mayor's Ball on Friday 4th December.
4. As this was the last Council meeting of the calendar year, the Mayor wished all Members a happy Christmas and Hanukah.
5. The Mayor informed Members of the recent death of ex- Council Director, Mr Ian Cheetham. Members of the Council stood in silent tribute to Mr Cheetham.

C.543 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor reported that no questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

On inviting questions from members of the public present, the following issues were raised:-

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Parking/Traffic Issues Walmsley Road	Ms A McKay	Councillor Connolly
2.	Allocation of Resources to Whitefield and Parking Restrictions	Ms D Green	Councillor Connolly
3.	Policing at Synagogues and Religious Centres following Paris attacks	Mr O Kersh	Councillor Connolly
4.	Outstanding Responses to Safeguarding Questions	Mr I Henderson	Councillor Connolly

C.544 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Minute CA. CA.510 of the meeting of the Cabinet on 25 November 2015 Treasury Management Mid Year Review

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to amend the 2015/16 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement to enable the Council to provide for Minimum Revenue Provision on previously supported General Fund borrowing at 2% in equal annual instalments over a 50 year period commencing 1 April 2015, subject to confirmation with the Council's External Auditors.

2. Minute LSP.528 of the meeting of the Licensing and Safety Panel on 3 December 2015 – Gambling Act Policy Review

It was moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Holt and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the amended Statement of Principles, as set out in the report, be approved without amendment.

C.545 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME

(a) Written question (Notice given)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Connolly, made a statement on the work undertaken by him since the date of the last Council meeting.

The Leader and the relevant Cabinet Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Highway Works Bolton Rd West	Councillor Bevan	Councillor Isherwood
2.	Comprehensive Spending Review	Councillor Mallon	Councillor Shori
3.	Anaerobic Digestion Plant	Councillor Fitzwalter	Councillor Walmsley
4.	GM Spatial Framework	Councillor Susan Southworth	Councillor Walmsley
5.	Bus Lane Fines	Councillor R Walker	Councillor Walmsley
6.	Social Care Precept	Councillor Sarah Southworth	Councillor Shori

7.	Apprentice Levy	Councillor Holt	Councillor Walmsley
8.	Joint Commissioning	Councillor Bayley	Councillor Black
9.	Homophobic Bullying	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Heneghan
10.	Christmas Parking	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Walmsley
11.	Living Wage	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Simpson
12.	Made in Bury Business Awards	Councillor Sarah Southworth	Councillor Connolly
13.	Purple Flag Status	Councillor Jones	Councillor Connolly
14.	Leaf Clearance by Volunteers	Councillor Wright	Councillor Isherwood
15.	Education Services Grant	Councillor O'Brien	Councillor Shori
16.	Children's Rights Service	Councillor Parnell	Councillor Heneghan
17.	Road Markings in Ramsbottom	Councillor Hodgkinson	Councillor Isherwood
18.	Unsafe Parking outside Schools	Councillor D'Albert	Councillor Isherwood
19.	International Arts Festival	Councillor R Walker	Councillor Heneghan

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 20 to 22 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of those questions and responses will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

(b) Oral questions on Leader's Speech and the work of the Cabinet since the last Council meeting (without Notice)

1.	Unfair Criticism of Staff	Councillor Holt	Councillor Connolly
2.	Adolescent Support Unit	Councillor Susan Southworth	Councillor Heneghan
3.	Leisure Facilities	Councillor Daly	Councillor Shori

C.546 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- (a) Councillor Quinn, the Council's representative on the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority gave a verbal report on the work of the Authority to all Members of the Council.

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- (b) The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Night time Bus Services	Councillor D'Albert	Councillor Bayley (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
2.	Merging of Greater Manchester Pension Fund into Investment Funds	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Grimshaw(Representative on the Greater Manchester Pension Fund Advisory Committee)

C.547 CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Heneghan and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report be endorsed.

C.548 LOCAL SCHEME OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT 2016/17

A report of the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Resource and Regulation was submitted which provided an update on the Local Council Tax Support Scheme and set out recommendations to continue to deliver a local scheme within the available budget.

It was moved by Councillor Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

RESOLVED:

1. That the scheme introduced with effect from 1 April 2013 be continued without change from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.
2. That agreement of the specific legal wording of the local regulations enacting the Council Tax Support Scheme set out in the report be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources and Regulation in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing and the Leaders of the two other political parties represented on the Council.

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C.549 NOTICES OF MOTION

Three Notices of Motion had been received and set out in the Summons.

(i) Additional Residual Waste Collections

A motion had been received and set out in the summons in the names of Councillors I Bevan, R Caserta, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, G Keeley, S Nuttall, R Walker, and Y Wright

It was moved by Councillor Gartside and seconded by Councillor Gunther that :-

This Council notes that the Corporate Financial Monitoring Report, approved by Cabinet on 25th November, refers to reducing Brown Bin collections in the winter months. In doing this, the report indicates a moderate saving of £35,000 which is to be used to offset the current projected overspend on refuse collection.

This Council notes that projected overspends are usually over cautious and are brought under control by the end of the financial year.

Therefore, this Council resolves to utilise the extra capacity to allow additional collections of the grey residual waste bins, where necessary, over the Christmas period when many households will be dealing with extra non-recyclable packaging.

The motion on being put with 15 voting for and 30 against was declared lost.

(ii) The EU Referendum

A motion had been received and set out in the summons in the names of Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, , D Cassidy, M Connolly, E FitzGerald, L Fitzwalter, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, P Heneghan, T Holt, A Isherwood, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, J Lewis, J Mallon, A Matthews, E O'Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.

It was moved by Councillor Whitby and seconded by Councillor Preston that :-

Council welcomes the upcoming referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union, planned to take place before the end of 2017, and the opportunity it provides for a debate on this issue with the people of Bury. Council notes that the EU has many benefits for Bury.

Council also acknowledges the major role of the European Union in advancing many of the social and employment rights we now take for granted - the guarantee of four weeks paid annual leave, strong health and safety protection in the workplace, statutory maternity rights and paid parental leave and protection from discrimination, to name just a few.

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Council notes with concern the many risks involved in leaving the European Union and the impact leaving the EU would have not only on jobs and investment in Bury

but also on the employment, social and consumer rights and protections our residents enjoy as a result of EU membership.

Council believes that the UK should remain a member of the EU and endorses this as a policy position of Bury Council.

Council requests the Chief Executive table a report at a future meeting of Full Council quantifying the social and economic benefits to residents of Bury of the UK remaining a member of the EU, to include grants, investment, and jobs dependent on the single market, and the social and economic costs to Bury of the UK leaving the EU.

Council also requests that the Chief Executive explores ways in which the Council, working with partners, could better promote European investment in local projects, organisations and businesses and report the findings to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Council further recommends to the Cabinet that the council hosts a summit bringing together representatives from trade unions, local businesses, universities and civil society organisations to discuss the referendum campaign and the impact possible outcomes would have on the borough of Bury.

On being put, with 31 voting for, 10 against and 3 abstentions, the motion was declared carried.

(iii) Access to Life Saving Education and Equipment

A motion had been received and set out in the summons in the names of Councillors M D'Albert and T Pickstone

It was moved by Councillor D'Albert and seconded by Councillor Pickstone:-

Council notes:

- 1 That there are more than 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests in the UK each year.
- 2 That the overall survival rate is less than 1 in 10.
- 3 That every minute without cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation reduces the chance of survival by up to 10 per cent.
- 4 Performing CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival in some cases.
- 5 Compulsory life saving education for every school child has been shown to work in other countries by significantly increasing survival rates.
- 6 That deaths from heart disease and stroke in Bury are higher than the national average.

Council resolves:

- 1 To continue to highlight and promote good heart health through its public health function.
- 2 To work with and to encourage all schools in Bury to introduce life saving education as a part of the curriculum, at an appropriate age.
- 3 To investigate offering live saving education to council employees.
- 4 To use our communication networks to make local communities aware of publicly accessible emergency defibrillators available in their areas

- 5 To achieve an increase in the number of publicly accessible defibrillators in the Borough, both in Council owned buildings, and by working with major retailers, sports and fitness providers and large employers.

On being put, with no-one voting against and no abstentions, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C.550 SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no Scrutiny Review Reports or specific items "called in" by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be considered at this Council meeting.

C.551 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

C.552 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committees or Scrutiny Committee contained in the Digest of Decisions 4 (2015/16).

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.40 pm)