

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

Date of Meeting: 12 July 2018

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J Black), in the Chair; Councillors N Bayley, K S Briggs, R A Caserta, M D'Albert, J Daly, I Gartside, M Hankey, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, R Hodgkinson, T Holt, K Hussain, M A James, D Jones, N Jones, O Kersh, K Leach, , E O'Brien, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby and S Wright.

Apologies from: Councillors R Cathcart, P Cropper, A J Cummings, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, G Keeley, J Kelly, A McKay, S Nuttall, T D Pickstone, Susan Southworth, S Smith, J Walker and Y Wright

Public attendance: 7 members of the public attended the meeting

C.75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor D Jones and Councillor S Wright declared personal interests in any matter relating to staffing as their wives are employed in Bury Schools.
2. Councillors Shori declared personal interests in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time as his partner works for the NHS.
3. Councillor Leach declared a personal interest in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time as an NHS employee and partner of a school teacher.
4. Councillor Thomas declared a personal interest in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time, as a school teacher and partner of an NHS employee.
5. Councillor Daly declared a personal interest in respect of question 11 (Item 6, Leader's Question Time) as a Partner in a firm of Solicitor's who own a car parking plot in Bury.
6. Councillor Quinn declared a personal interest in Item 8, Notice of Motion (Tyred Campaign), as his daughter worked on this subject for Theresa Griffin MEP.
7. Councillors Simpson declared a personal interest in Item 6, Leader's Question Time, as an NHS employee.
8. Councillor Daly declared a personal interest in Item 6, Leader's Question Time (relating to Q3 of Cabinet Questions – 3G Football pitches) as his son plays football in a local Bury league.

C.76 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 16 May 2018 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

C.77 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor congratulated Re-Build; the Joshua Wilson Brain Tumour Charity; Annabelles's Challenge; and the New Springs Community Project who had all be awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

The Mayor thanked all those who attended the Mayoral Shabbat Service on Saturday 9th June.

The Mayor paid tribute to Interim Chief Executive, Pat Jones Greenhalgh, on her retirement from Bury Council.

C.78 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor reported the receipt of one written questions as follows:-

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Fly Tipping	Mr J Hill	Councillor Shori

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

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Loneliness	Mr N Watkins	Councillor Simpson
2.	Fly Tipping (Pimhole Area)	Mr H Reed	Councillor Shori

C.79 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 June 2018 – Treasury Management Annual Report 2017/18

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

RESOLVED:

That the Treasury Management Annual Report 2017/18 be approved.

C.80 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME**(a) Written question (Notice given)**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Shori, 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.	Impact of Brexit	Councillor Pickstone	Written response provided
2.	Special Educational Needs Inspection	Councillor D Jones	Councillor Briggs
3.	School Exclusions	Councillor Preston	Councillor Briggs
4.	Council Measures to become Self Funding	Councillor Gartside	Councillor O'Brien
5.	GMSF	Councillor Rafiq	Councillor O'Brien
6.	Homelessness Partnership	Councillor Hayes	Councillor O'Brien
7.	Pothole Repairs	Councillor Silbiger	Councillor Quinn
8.	Homeless Friendly Scheme	Councillor Preston	Councillor Simpson
9.	Budget Position	Councillor Whitby	Councillor O'Brien
10.	A56 Scheme	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Quinn
11.	Air Fares	Councillor R E Walker	Councillor O'Brien
12.	Summerseat Bridge	Councillor Thomas	Councillor Shori
13.	Insurance Mutual	Councillor Bayley	Councillor O'Brien
14.	Flooding in Brandleholme	Councillor Hankey	Councillor Quinn
15.	Adult and Social Care Budget	Councillor Sarah Southworth	Councillor O'Brien
16.	Radcliffe Market	Councillor Caserta	Councillor Shori

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 17 to 31 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.	Brexit Negotiations	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Shori
2.	Potential School Strike Action	Councillor Caserta	Councillor Shori
3.	3G Football Pitch Locations	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Shori
4.	Freedom of the Borough	Councillor Daly	Councillor Shori
5.	Cabinet Attendance Record	Councillor R E Walker	Councillor Shori
6.	Highway Works in Whitefield	Councillor N Jones	Councillor Shori

C.81 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL’S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- (a) Councillor Bayley, the Council’s representative on the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority reported on the work of the Authority to all Members of the Council.
- (b) The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Escalator Bury Interchange	Councillor R E Walker	Councillor Bayley (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
2.	Cycle Infrastructure	Councillor Pickstone	Written Response
4.	Plastic Recycling	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Quinn (Representative Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority)

C.82 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Vehicle Charging

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors R Caserta, P Cropper, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, N Jones, G Keeley, O Kersh, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Walker, and Y Wright

It was moved by Councillor N Jones and seconded by Councillor Kersh that:

Air Pollution is a serious consequence of our ever-busier road network, causing well-documented short and long term health effects on both children and adults alike. There are a number of roads in the borough affected by traffic congestion including the A58 and A56. In 2017, DEFRA specifically named the A56 to be suffering from high levels of air pollution and one of the worst polluted roads in Greater Manchester.

A key route to tackling air pollution is by encouraging the use of low emission vehicles. These include modern petrol and diesel vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and electric vehicles.

To facilitate increased use of electric vehicles in our borough, there must be ample provision from the Council of electric charging points.

This Council notes:

- The good work done in 2013 by TfGM to establish Greater Manchester's first charging points under the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle (GMEV) scheme.
- The Greater Manchester Climate Change and Low Emissions Implementation Plan 2016-2020 to cut carbon emissions by 48% between 1990 and 2020
- The serious health effects of air pollution to Bury's residents.
- The need to tackle air pollution in Bury and transition to a low carbon economy
- The Council's desire to see increased usage of low emission vehicles.
- The 7 charging points located in the Borough do not match this Council's ambition to see increased uptake of electric vehicles.

This Council resolves to:

- Establish an initiative to identify suitable locations for additional charging points within the borough.
- Write to GM Mayor Andy Burnham to seek subsidisation for the new Bury initiative under TfGM's GMEV scheme.
- Have 20 electric vehicle charging points across the borough, with a minimum of 1 per ward, by the end of calendar year 2018.
- Reconvene in January 2019 to set new installation targets for the calendar year 2019.

On being put, with 34 for voting for, 0 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(ii) Clean Air Zones

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors M D'Albert, T Pickstone and S Wright

It was moved by Councillor S Wright and seconded by Councillor D'Albert that:-

This Council Notes that:

1. Bury, like many authorities, has area of really poor air quality and that pollutants in the air can exceed safe limit set by both the European Union and World Health Organisation.

2. Air pollution in Bury has a massive impact on the health of our citizens. The young and most vulnerable it can cause permanent lung damage to babies and young children and in older people exacerbates lung and heart diseases. In Bury this equates to approximately 950 years of life lost per annum.

3. That a number of welcome steps and initiatives have already been implemented to improve air quality by the Council and at a Greater Manchester level.

This Council believes that:

1. Everyone in our Borough should be able to breathe clean, unpolluted air.
2. That we should take extra step to protect the health of all residents

This Council therefore Resolves to:

1. Introduce, over the next two years an enforceable 'no-idling' zone outside every school in the Borough, with at least four pilot zones in the next year.
2. Where practical, to extend the number of 'no-idling' zones to cover areas outside children's play areas where parked traffic is an issue.
3. To work with our NHS partners, to look at extending 'no-idling' zones outside Medical Centres, and in hospital 'pick up' areas.

On being put, with 34 for voting for, 0 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(iii) Tyred Campaign

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, J Grimshaw, M Hayes, S Haroon, T Holt, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, K Leach, A Mckay, E O'Brien, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.

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

On Monday 10 September 2012 a coach bound for Liverpool carrying 53 people from the Bestival music festival on the Isle of Wight, left the road and crashed into a tree instantly killing Michael Molloy (18), Kerry Ogden (23) and the coach driver, Colin Daulby (63), and left others with life-changing injuries. The inquest into the crash found that the front nearside tyre which was actually older than the coach itself, at 19 years, was responsible for the crash. In 2014, Liverpool City Council unanimously agreed on a motion in support of Michael's mother Frances calling for a change in the law requiring a ban on tyres older than six years on commercial vehicles. Despite the widespread public and political support for this campaign, no change in the law has been made, shamefully leaving others at risk from faulty and dangerous tyres.

Council notes that Frances Molloy has launched “Tyred” – the official campaign to pressure Government – to change the law to ban the use of tyres older than ten years on commercial vehicles.

Council wholeheartedly supports “Tyred” and instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition to call together cross-party support for a change in the law.

Council further resolves to support the “Tyred” campaign until such a change in the law is achieved and to draw the attention of the Local Government Association, especially its Environment and Transport Board, to this Council’s view that the concerns should be fully addressed.

Finally, Council asks the Chief Executive to write to all schools in the Borough asking them to require coach and bus operators they use for school trips etc to adhere to the provisions set out in the Tyred campaign. Council should also ask officers to look at our own procurement procedures with a view to inserting an appropriate clause in any contracts with commercial operators and to also ensure that this standard applies to our own vehicle fleet.

On being put, with 34 voting for, 0 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C.83 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.84 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

C.85 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 Decision 1 (2018/19).

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