

Q.	Party	Question
1.	Conservative	<p>What is the Leader's view on the current situation regarding the lack of school buses for Radcliffe Children attending Tottington High School? Councillor P.Cropper</p>
	Cllr Cathcart	<p>The local authority does not have a direct role in the provision of school bus services to mainstream schools, nor does it fund specific bus services.</p> <p>The LA has raised this issue of bus services to Tottington High School from Radcliffe, with colleagues in Transport for Greater Manchester, as part of a wider discussion about how school bus services are provided across the area. This forms part of a review of school bus services is being carried out by TfGM.</p> <p>From a TfGM perspective, the pattern of provision of school bus services has evolved inconsistently over time, with some schools being well served and other schools less so. With finite resources, TfGM now find it difficult to prioritise to meet emerging needs because of the custom and practice that exists in maintaining existing routes. The LA will continue to work with TfGM to inform this review so that better use can be made of the available resources. That said, it will still be a matter for TfGM to determine how it allocates future resources to meet the needs of individual communities and school.</p>
2.	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give us information about how the £200k anti-poverty/homeless will be spent to help the most deprived residents in our Borough? Cllr J Walker</p>
	Cllr Kelly	<p>A series of proposals have, and are continuing to be, developed, aligned to the Borough's refreshed anti-poverty strategy. These include increasing the provision of dedicated debt advice to vulnerable residents (in terms of dealing with current debt levels and advice around benefit claims to ensure people are claiming what they are entitled to) whilst focusing this on promoting earlier intervention given that a lot of people don't volunteer to engage in financial management until it has already become debt management. This will be likely be through additional resource at Whittaker Street and for the CAB.</p> <p>A further proposal relates to support for residents accessing digital services and improving skills, be it in terms of increasing confidence in using digital tools, or supporting the access to equipment such as through potential loans (either of equipment directly or through the Credit union to borrow funds to purchase equipment).</p> <p>Another proposal centres around support to care leavers on sustaining housing tenancies. The Council has a duty as the</p>

		<p>corporate parent to young people who are leaving care. Moving to your first tenancy is difficult for young people and the management of bills and a property as well as moving into work. The worker would support young people and help them to ensure that they don't fall into the poverty trap. Housing support will be provided to care leavers in Bury who may be at risk of unstable tenancies or homelessness due to their specific vulnerabilities. Also on the topic of housing a proposal is looking at additional resource to be a Housing Association Liaison worker to support customers that are leaving supported accommodation. The Housing Associations have a vast supply of properties in Bury and we need to ensure that the property allocation reduces family and individuals moving into poverty and homelessness. The post would also work with providers and residents affected by the review of floating support and supported accommodation</p> <p>Nutrition is a further area where the fund can provide support. This includes enabling the development of a sustainable food bank in Bury Town Centre whilst conversations are taking place with our colleague in the voluntary sector or promoting social and health eating, including addressing holiday hunger, with a focus on access to fresh produce and how to make the best use of this.</p> <p>The relevant portfolio holders have reviewed initial proposals and are fine tuning them to ensure suitable performance arrangements are in place so that it can be clearly shown how this funding is making a difference for local people.</p>
3	Labour	<p>Could the Leader provide an update on the progress regarding the "I will if you will" legacy? Cllr J Walker</p>
	Cllr Preston	<p>I Will If You Will is a National Place Based Pilot to establish what will get Women and Girls aged 14+ more active more often. In May 2013, Bury was selected as the only place in the country to deliver this pilot programme and was funded by National Lottery funds through Sport England.</p> <p>I Will If You Will is still going strong and is proving a great legacy for the original investment which ended in 2017, with Bury Council's commitment to carry the programme on to 2020 as a minimum. During this time I Will If You Will has helped support and change the sport & physical activity attitudes, & behaviours of the people of Bury with over 25,000 people taking part in the activities, and 83% of these being female. Many more have been influenced by the campaign but independently taking part in their own sporting journeys.</p> <p>The dedicated website directs people to activities through the borough and the successful Facebook & Twitter channels have over 13,000 followers & likes which allows the people of Bury to feel part of the IWIIYW Community as they support each other to be more active. We still have over 80 weekly activities in our</p>

		<p>communities which allow people to try something new and find the right activities for them.</p> <p>Initial capital funding through IWIYW on new outdoor gyms, new netball courts & refurbished tennis courts in our Green Flag Parks still continue to service our communities and are used all year round which is great legacy from IWIYW. Additionally our strengthened relationship with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) has brought additional investment in to Bury to further improve our tennis courts and find a sustainable model for the future.</p> <p>Each year supported by IWIYW we have the fabulous mass participation event that everyone can be involved in - the Bury 10k and Family Fun Run. Each year over 1,500 people have signed up to take part in these events, for many of which it has been their first ever event of this kind. 100's more volunteer to support the event or line the streets to cheer our heroes around the route. We do hope to see more of you there at the next one on Sunday 15th September 2019.</p> <p>Lastly the people of Bury, our biggest asset have provided a great legacy of IWIYW. Through their involvement with IWIYW activities and the supportive programmes, many of our residents have changed their lives for the better. We know examples of residents who have turned their lives around improving their own physical health, and improving their mental health whilst some have also successfully challenged their depression or social isolation, they've made new friends and supportive groups and all whilst being more active more often, trying something new and having fun whilst they do so.</p>
4	Conservative	<p>Could the Leader provide an update on the current status of the former library properties and how community use is to be encouraged by the Council? Councillor M.Hankey</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p><u>Tottington Library</u></p> <p>This building has been leased to the community group Friends of Tottington Library and is now established as The Tottington Centre. It provides various community facilities including space used for meetings, clubs and activities, computer availability, a book lending service, a programme of events and a newly open tea room.</p> <p><u>Dumers Lane Library</u></p> <p>The Dumers Lane Community Association have now taken a lease of this property, which is now up and running with various community based clubs and activities being accommodated. This</p>

is in addition to a small library service which has been made possible through a large stock of books, CDs and DVDs being donated to the community group by the Council.

Topping Fold Library

A lease of the property to the Topping Fold Community Association has recently been completed, with an opening date to the community imminent. The Association is to run various activities for community groups, including Beasties youth club, in conjunction with GM Police. Adult disability services continue to be provided from the property by Persona, the Council's care provider and a small library service will be provided through stock donated by the Library Service.

Coronation Road Library

These premises are being used by the Councils Community Neighbourhood Team, as a base for community engagement, capacity building and development. Neighbourhood working aims to tackle issues that adversely impact on people's quality of life, their health and wellbeing and aspirations. The approach is to actively engage local residents, with the aim of improving the environment where they live.

Unsworth Library

Elms Bank College are using the former library as a base to help pupils with special educational needs integrate with the community. Facilities are being developed to create a community hub and are to include library internships, where college students gain confidence dealing with customers and working alongside members of the community.

Whitefield Library

Temporary use is being made of the building by Elms Bank School for educational purposes whilst work undertaken on main school site. Redevelopment options are currently being considered which will be taken forward in 2019.

As is clearly demonstrated by these success stories, the Council, in making buildings available for use by the community, has allowed facilities to be kept open which otherwise could have been the victims of ongoing central government cuts. Creating capacity within the community, through initiatives such as this, is certainly seen as vital component of improving health, wellbeing and

		sustainability within our neighbourhoods.
5	Labour	Given concerns raised last month by the Home Affairs Select Committee around support for victims of domestic abuse, what are we doing in Bury to support victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence? Cllr Haroon
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Members will no doubt be aware of the growing issue of Domestic Violence & Abuse nationally and in Bury. With Domestic Violence & Abuse comprising 14% of all crime in Bury and costing an estimated £53 million we recognise how critical it is to tackle the issue. Not to mention the human cost of individuals, children and extended families - Chairing the Domestic Violence & Abuse Strategic Group I frequently hear about the terrible impact that it can have.</p> <p>Domestic Violence & Abuse can affect anyone from any background. It is a multi-faceted issue with many different causes and therefore many different solutions. This is why it takes a uniquely co-ordinated approach involving all partners to develop programmes to address these issues.</p> <p>Yesterday we launched our new Domestic Violence & Abuse Strategy which details how we intend to tackle this issue over the coming years. It identifies a number of priorities which we know will address the underlying issues. It is an ambitious plan with the ultimate aim of fostering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safer, more supportive place to live for individuals and groups at risk of Domestic Violence and Abuse <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An informed population who know how to access help and support related to Domestic Violence and Abuse <p>The launch coincided with the international 16 days of action which is an awareness-raising campaign aimed at galvanizing action to end violence against women and girls around the world. The Greater Manchester Deputy Mayor Bev Hughes attended the launch event yesterday and spoke about the work that has already begun on a GM Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to which Bury are actively contributing.</p> <p>The event also showcased all of the services that work in the field of Domestic Violence & Abuse and gave an opportunity for professionals to exchange ideas and discuss how to best implement the strategy.</p> <p>The Strategy has been developed into an Action Plan which provides the framework around which this work is being developed and I know that it will bring about the changes we need to address this issue.</p>

		<p>As member responsible for Communities & Safer Neighbourhoods I am determined that we will make great strides in the next few weeks, months and years to really get underneath this issue and make a real difference for the people of Bury. I will update you further as the situation develops.</p>
6	Labour	<p>Can we please have an update on the Social Capital Fund that was announced earlier this year? Cllr McGill</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Bury Council, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Rishi Shori, allocated £600,000 to communities to fund social capital projects (nominally £100,000 per Neighbourhood). The funding was made available to further give power to the people of Bury in bidding for monies that derive local benefits. The funding emphasises Bury Council’s belief that local people know their own communities best and know what will make a real difference in their neighbourhood. It also recognises that people in Bury are keen and willing to make their projects work. This is a further mechanism to devolve the power of decision making to local people, putting them at the heart of everything we do.</p> <p>The Social Capital Fund is a one off fund to be used over a three year period and as the opening date for applications approached in early September the Neighbourhood Engagement Team worked extensively with local groups and projects to offer support and advice to potential applicants. Following the closing date for applications in late October we had received an amazing 73 applications, which demonstrates the tremendous network of groups we have across the borough. Following an initial screening and scoring process a shortlist of projects has now been produced and a final decision panel will sit in early December to finalise the allocation of the fund.</p> <p>Once again let me say what a tremendous response we have had to the funding being made available and we look forward to seeing the tangible impact the many and varied projects that will receive funding will make to the people of Bury.</p>
7	Conservative	<p>Despite repeated requests to suspend the bus lanes on Bolton Road, no response has been forthcoming. Would the Leader please inform members whether the proposed feasibility study regarding the impact of the Bolton Road bus lanes on traffic congestion has been carried out and what conclusion has been reached? Councillor J.Harris</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>A transportation study of Bury and Radcliffe commissioned by the Council reported back in May this year. The study has identified 207 potential interventions that require further investigation. Of these, 7 interventions relate to bus including a corridor-wide review of bus priority along the A58 to improve reliability and resilience of services. All interventions need to be investigated further but, prior to doing so, the traffic modelling currently being undertaken on the Council’s behalf by Transport for Greater</p>

		<p>Manchester (TfGM) needs to be completed so that a view can be taken on the future traffic volumes on the A58 in the context of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and associated housing pressures in the region. This will then inform the extents of infrastructure upgrades required on the highway network to facilitate such development. The future of the bus lane on the A58 will be considered as part of this process which still has many months to run. Given the complexities of understanding future housing demands, traffic growth, population growth, the role of public transport, air quality, structural changes to the highway network etc. and in order to consider these factors holistically, it is not anticipated that the Council will be in a position to fully determine the role of the A58 bus lane inside of the next 18 months.</p> <p>Furthermore, TfGM are now also undertaking a review of the A58 in its role as an orbital route between Wigan, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale and Oldham as part of the Streets for All initiative. The Council is working with TfGM on this and will be monitoring how bus fits into the overall picture which will inform the Council’s approach to the future of the A58 bus lane.</p>
8	Labour	<p>Can the Leader up date the Council on the number of the new business start-ups in the borough over the last 12 months? Cllr James</p>
	Cllr Shori	<p>The Red Flag Alert Start-up Index has recently published a report focusing on business start-ups launched in 2017.</p> <p>This report recognises Bury as the most entrepreneurial area in Greater Manchester, with 5,644 start-ups launched in Bury throughout 2017. To put this into context, the report identified that in 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bury had 29 business start-ups per 1,000 residents. - Manchester had 16 business start-ups per 1,000 residents. - Wigan had 5 business start-ups per 1,000 residents. <p>Quoting the Managing Director of Red Flag Alert, Mark Halstead, “Bury is leaps and bounds ahead of any district in Greater Manchester when it come to the rate of new companies being launched in 2017”. There are various contributory factors to this positive news, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The well-established Bury Means Business brand, which embeds and promotes business support. <p>Bury Council has developed an Offer to Employers and adopted a single point of contact approach for existing and prospective businesses.</p> <p>The Bury Means Business website, independent to the Bury Council website, is also live; sharing key information and updates</p>

		<p>with our indigenous and prospective business base.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bury Council continues to co-fund a Business Growth Advisor, who specialises in supporting all businesses, that trade business to business, with high growth potential. This is a dedicated resource available to only Bury businesses. - Bury Council has invested £50,000 into the Start Smart project, which is delivered by People Plus. This project, which started in March 2018 and remains funded until February 2019, offers tailored business start-up support from the conception of a business idea up until the third year of trading. Support is in the form of 1 to 1s, group workshops, mentoring and peer to peer support. <p>Up until September 2018, the Start Smart contract had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engaged 66 prospective business start-up clients, with 52 clients remaining on the programme and 8 businesses assisted to start trading. - Engaged 30 post-start businesses, with 15 businesses remaining on programme and 5 assists being completed. <p>-Bury Council has invested £10,000 into the Made in Bury Business Academy. Selected Bury businesses, within the first 2 years of trading, are enrolled onto a structured series of learning workshops along with peer to peer support.</p> <p>Businesses are most likely to cease trading within the first few years of trading. So whilst Red Flag Alert’s report is positive, the ongoing support through Bury Means Business; the Council’s business friendly policies; and the Start Smart project is key to sustaining these businesses in the long term.</p>
9	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members what budgetary constraints there are on the introduction of Resident’s Parking Schemes? How many schemes are currently subject to consideration by officers? Councillor D’Albert</p>
	Cllr Kelly	<p>There is no specific budget set aside for the introduction or maintenance of residents parking schemes and any setting up costs are taken from a wider planned improvement parking budget. The income from permits, however, does offset these costs to some measure. Residents parking schemes schemes are not planned for or programmed into budgets as the Council reacts to requests by residents for their introduction rather than seeking to proactively install them.</p> <p>There are currently 2 residents parking schemes being considered by officers. The first is the Kingswood Road area in Prestwich. This scheme has recently been formally advertised. The second is</p>

		<p>the Barlow Street area in Radcliffe. No consultation have yet been carried out in this area and its anticipated the first stage consultation will be carried out in the next couple of months.</p> <p>We are currently reviewing the process and policies for determining which residents parking schemes should be approved.</p>
10	Labour	<p>the Chancellor's October Budget it was claimed that the Government would end austerity. Can the Leader of the Council confirm if austerity has ended for local government funding? Cllr McGill</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Unfortunately I cannot confirm that austerity has ended for Local Government – in fact it's the opposite...</p> <p>Funding reductions continue for this, and the next financial year.</p> <p>The position for Bury is more acute given the inequitable distribution of resources nationally.</p> <p>By 2020, we will have faced funding reductions of 70% and made cuts totalling £97 million.</p> <p>This is alongside continuing demand pressures primarily in Childrens and Adult Social Care.</p> <p>We grapple daily with the challenge of doing more with less, and trying to maintain a balanced budget.</p> <p>We have put a number of additional measures in place to support us with this including creating 3 dedicated officer groups (from existing resources) to review the overall budget position, provide technical support to delivery of savings plans, and to review all of our 3rd party spend.</p> <p>Beyond 2020, we await the outcome of the Government's Fair Funding Review – to see if it addresses the known anomalies in the current funding regime.</p>
11	Conservative	<p>As we are advised that the GMSF is now approaching its fourth postponement by the GM Mayor, when can we expect it to be published and how long will the Mayor allow for consultation with the residents of Greater Manchester? Councillor R.Walker</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The next draft of the GMSF has been hampered by various interventions that have been outside of Greater Manchester's control. Firstly, the Office for National Statistics released its population projections, which indicated a reduced level of population growth across the country, including in Greater</p>

		<p>Manchester and indeed Bury. These were then followed by household projections, which again showed a reduced level of growth than was previously projected.</p> <p>As these are key to what the GMSF is actually planning for – it was ‘put on hold’ whilst we could consider the implications of these projections.</p> <p>However – the Government has since then come out and said that all local planning authorities should completely ignore the latest projections and plan for the level of household growth in the last projections. On this basis, we are looking to consult on the plan early in the New Year over a period that will need to be confirmed by the combined authority.</p>
12	Labour	<p>Could the Leader give members more information regarding the recent visit to Bury Council by senior civil servants from The People’s Republic of China and the significance of this important visit? Councillor Holt</p>
	Cllr Kelly	<p>The delegation of 14 was a senior level national government research visit into best practice in human resources, training and management. It was led by Director General of the Chinese Centre for Training Senior Civil Servants, a Division of the Ministry of Human Resources & Social Welfare, and featured representation of various services in the Chinese government, including the National Health Commission, Social Security, Forestry and Disaster Management. They were in the UK for a 2 week factfinding mission. The arrangements to come to Bury were very last minute with the Council only being approached a few days before the arrival. We believe that Bury’s profile and reputation for expertise and projects in the Far East was drawn to their attention when they arrived in Greater Manchester by the China Liaison company which has supported us previously in our dealings with Datong.</p> <p>The delegation received a presentation about Bury’s HR and staff development approach from Tracy Murphy, Assistant Director of Resources and Regulation, supported by Tony Trehy from Culture.</p> <p>Although it was an opportunist visit which we were able to respond to at short notice, I think we can be pleased that behind it was the high regard that Bury is held in China, a standing that we can mobilise to support business and other links benefiting local people.</p>
13	Labour	<p>There are still record numbers of homeless on the streets of GM and winter is approaching. Could the Leader tell council what we are doing to help the homeless? Cllr David Jones</p>
	Cllr O’Brien	<p>Once again Bury Council is teaming up with FC United to help with their annual Big Coat Day. We’re asking the residents of Bury to drop off any surplus winter clothing that’s in good condition at the reception of the town hall. We’ll then deliver this to FC United who will organise the distribution to the homeless of GM working</p>

		<p>in conjunction with established charities.</p> <p>From the 1st November there has been a GM approach by all 10 Local authorities to the cold weather provision for rough sleepers. The initiative is called 'A Bed for Every Night'. This provision will run from the 1st November until the 31st March 2019 and all Bury referrals and access to this provision are coordinated and managed by the Housing Assessment team in partnership with the Freedom Church. This will ensure regardless of cold weather that anyone sleeping rough or homeless on the streets of Bury will have a bed, food and cleaning provisions. Linked into ABEN will be support to help provide sustainable and long term solutions to the individual's needs and requirements to help break the cycle of rough sleeping. This initiative is an enhanced and improved provision compared to the normal cold weather provision.</p> <p>A physical rough sleeper count was carried in Bury on the 15th November and there were 3 rough sleepers across the Borough. Historically on average we have had 10 rough sleepers across Bury. Through the enhanced ABEN provision we have a 15 bed space provision for winter. There are currently 3 rough sleepers using the provision.</p>
14	Conservative	<p>Would the Leader agree that with the onset of Winter, salt /grit bins are essential. Would the Leader confirm there is a system in place in Bury whereby the location and condition of such bins are examined to ensure their effectiveness? Councillor K.Hussain</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>There are approximately 350 grit bins across the borough which are filled by staff in the Councils street cleaning service. The grit bins are in place at known trouble spots across the borough such as sharp bends or steep inclines and where historically snow and ice have caused serious problems.</p> <p>Locations are reviewed as required and the existing list is based on areas of highest priority. No new grit bins have been provided for a few years and the Council does not have the budget or resources to provide or fill any additional grit bins</p> <p>The grit bins will be inspected and filled within the next 2 week and will be replenished as required through the winter period. It takes about 60 tonnes of salt for each refill.</p>
15	Labour	<p>Will the Leader join me in congratulating all those groups and individuals who won awards at the Bury Sports Awards and can the Leader give us an overview of how accessible sports in Bury is to all individuals regardless of ability? Cllr Leach</p>
	Cllr Simpson	<p>Bury Sport and Physical Activity Service hosted a fantastic event to celebrate the sporting achievements from our communities, with 144 people in attendance at the Bury Elizabethan Suite in October. The Bury winners progressed as finalists to the Greater</p>

		<p>Manchester Sports Awards event in November, resulting in a Bury winner...with Vivien Makin (Hockey) being crowned the Greater Manchester Unsung Hero!</p> <p>We are already aware that inactivity is more common for those with a disability or health condition than those without and the Active Lives survey update indicates that only 45.1% of those with a long term disability are active.</p> <p>Bridging The Gap (BtG) is a three year project funded through Sport England and has enabled 39 organisations and groups to develop new opportunities for circa 1750 people with a disability or health condition to be more active.</p> <p>Bury Wheels For All is part of a national inclusive cycling network managed locally at Clarence Park and Bury Athletics Track. As well as being a key part of the annual Accessible Festival, has worked in partnership with 13 organisations utilising the service as well as over 260 attendances at the Saturday sessions.</p> <p>To ensure each of our leisure centres become more welcoming with accessible environments for disabled people, Castle Leisure Centre achieved the 'IFI' accreditation with Ramsbottom Leisure Centre and Radcliffe Leisure Centre working towards accreditation in 2019. Bury also hosted a LEAD workshop designed to support organisations in their delivery of best practice in disability equality, with representatives from 15 organisations to self-assess our structure, vision and current provision for disabled people and assisted the development of an improvement plan.</p> <p>Communities and Wellbeing colleagues recently represented Bury at the GM Active Everyone Can Focus Group to understand what barriers prevent leisure operators from becoming more inclusive.</p> <p>Finally, a new annual survey through 'One Community' is soon to be shared with all of our community sports clubs. As part of the engagement we have asked them about their existing provision to improve accessibility and barriers to being more inclusive which will provide us with useful information.</p>
16	Labour	<p>Can the Leader tell us of what the perceived benefits are of neighbourhood working and how it will benefit residents? Cllr Whitby</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Neighbourhood Working is intended to improve quality of life for our residents, reduce inequalities and put people in control of their own lives whilst at the same time ensuring sustainable services through improved efficiencies and reduced demand.</p> <p>By bringing public services together with the voluntary, community and faith sector, businesses and academic institutions we will be able to align our resources behind common goals focused on neighbourhood footprints of approximately 30,000-50,000 population. This will bring services much closer to the</p>

		people they are there to support and allow them to develop a deeper and shared understanding of communities and individuals in those neighbourhoods and develop partnerships with local people so they can both inform and become part of the solution.
17	Conservative	Could the Leader confirm what is happening with 12 Tithebarn Street in the centre of our Borough which has been derelict for years having previously serving as a social centre for unemployed workers. With its overgrown side garden and two adjacent properties, does this not constitute an eyesore on the well used pedestrian route between the Millgate Centre and the Woodfield Retail Park? Councillor R.Walker
	Cllr Shori	<p>The Council had been looking to assist with the provision of a publicly accessible food bank in the borough, to enhance the incredible work carried out by Porch Box in supporting our poorest residents. Unfortunately it has become apparent that the funding required to bring the building up to an appropriate standard is prohibitive and so very recently the decision was made to look for alternative accommodation within or near to the town centre.</p> <p>As a result of this, the property is now being marketed to let, to generate rental income which will contribute to funding front line services.</p>
18	Lib Dem	Next Saturday (1 December 2018) is the 30th World AIDS Day. Could the Leader outline what Bury Council, and our partners, are doing to support people who are living with HIV in the borough, and to tackle stigma and discrimination often faced by people with HIV? Councillor Pickstone
	Cllr Simpson	<p>The council commissions PASH (Passionate about Sexual Health), an alliance of the Black Health Agency, George House Trust, and LGBT Foundation, from the Public Health Grant. The GM PaSH Partnership delivers a comprehensive programme of interventions to meet the changing needs of residents with a new diagnosis of HIV, living longer term with HIV, or at greatest risk of acquiring HIV.</p> <p>George House Trust is commissioned as part of the PaSH partnership to provide support to people newly diagnosed and living longer term with HIV. The services they offer include a Health and Wellbeing assessment with one to one support from a team of Services Advisers, person centred counselling and informal peer support opportunities where people living with HIV can come together to socialise. They will also signpost to specialist organisations such as immigration or housing advice. They have a</p>

		<p>good relationship with the Bury HIV consultant. (Bury Sexual Health Service provide screening, diagnosis, counselling, advice, treatment and support and education to patients newly diagnosed in their clinics). They have an online referral system to make it easy for sexual health clinic staff in Bury to refer HIV positive patients on.</p> <p>Their Peer Mentoring Project 'Better Together' (funded by the Big Lottery Fund) matches trained Peer Mentors living with HIV to people who are looking for extra support. As part of the project, they have a Peer Mentor presence in Bury Sexual Health Clinic once per month so that people diagnosed with HIV can be introduced to someone else living with HIV.</p> <p>Medical advances now mean that HIV is a manageable long term health condition when diagnosed early, but continuing levels of misunderstanding and a lack of up to date knowledge mean that HIV remains a highly stigmatised medical condition.</p> <p>The PaSH partnership are very aware of the related obstacles still faced by people living with HIV and advocate for people both on an individual basis where this is necessary but also on a wider footprint where they have identified that discrimination is occurring.</p> <p>Public Health have also commissioned 'positive speakers' in Bury for January. These are GHT training sessions aimed primarily at frontline healthcare staff, but can potentially be extended wider. The sessions are delivered by Positive Speakers living with HIV talking about their experiences and answering questions, covering issues such as routes of transmission, challenging stigma , HIV testing, and the latest developments around HIV*.</p> <p><i>*Launched in 2016, the Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) campaign is based on the following statement: "A person living with HIV who has undetectable viral load does not transmit HIV to their partners". The campaign statement has been endorsed by leading scientific and medical organisations such as the International AIDS Society (IAS), UNAIDS, and the British HIV Association (BHIVA).</i></p>
19	Labour	Can the Leader tell me what Bury's involvement in National Takeover Day 2018 has been) Cllr Leach
	Cllr Cathcart	National Takeover day took place on 23 November. Secondary schools were asked to nominate young people in Bury's care to this full day event last Friday, which was held in the Bury Council Chambers. 7 schools nominated 14 young people aged 11 to 14 years. This year's theme involved taking over the Corporate Parenting Board, an important issue for the young people in the

		<p>Children in Care Council, who attend all Board meetings to provide the voice of children and young people in care to discussions. 10 members of the Corporate Parenting Board plus 3 Independent Reviewing Officers attended the afternoon session.</p> <p>Take Over Day gave the young attendees an opportunity to understand more about the role of the Corporate Parenting Board and to think about how they could more effectively influence change. This event enabled members of the Board to gain a better understanding about the issues that young people in care are struggling with and a chance to have a longer discussion about these issues.</p> <p>The young people gave feedback to the Corporate Parenting Board on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What qualities and skills the young people think Corporate Parents' should have. • Through drama, young people highlighted issues that affect them: the difference between the way foster carers treat their own children compared with the ones who are looked after, having different Social Workers and not being introduced to new ones and the number of placement moves. • A pictorial display of the life of a child in care from birth to 18 and some of the issues that affect them during their life. Again, placement moves and changes in Social Worker were a key point. <p>The Corporate Parents were invited to take part in a full question and answer session with the young people. Questions and discussions were along the themes of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of a person on the Corporate Parenting Board • Placements and the stability of them. • The location of foster placements • Changes in Social Worker • Education support <p>A full report will be written in the next few weeks and this will be shared with the participating schools and Children's Services.</p>
20	Labour	Can the Leader provide an update on the progress of Peachment Place? Cllr Haroon

	<p>Cllr O'Brien</p>	<p>The Council's new flagship extra care scheme is nearing completion. The majority of the works are complete and the contractor is in the process of undertaking a small amount of finishing work, including snagging.</p> <p>Six Town Housing will be managing the scheme and Persona will be the care provider. Staff from both organisations that will be working there will start to occupy the building from January 2019.</p> <p>The scheme will be let for affordable rent. The rents and charges have now been agreed by the Council, including Councillor Eamonn O'Brien.</p> <p>Prospective tenants can bid for one of the sixty properties from 28/11/18 through the Council's Choice Based Lettings system. It is expected that a shortlist of eligible persons will be in place in December 2018, and visits and assessments of these people should be starting before Christmas. We are looking at the first tenants starting to move in from the middle of January 2019 onwards.</p> <p>A dedicated multi-disciplinary steering group of officers and several task and finish groups have been working together to ensure that the scheme will be a huge success.</p> <p>John Healey, Shadow Secretary of State for Housing and Planning is due to visit the scheme, when he comes to Bury on 6th December 2018. A communications strategy is in place and there will be other PR opportunities as the above progresses.</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Would the Leader agree that the leaflet produced by the Waste Management Team encouraging Bury residents to sign up to a system whereby they are advised which bin to put out each week by way of e-mail is excellent and could this system be extended to allow the Waste Management Team to likewise advise residents when their bin is not to be collected and the reason for this? Councillor I.Schofield</p>
	<p>Cllr Quinn</p>	<p>The number of households receiving e-mail alerts for all their bin collections is currently around 25,500. This equates to over 35% of households that put their bins out for collection. Flats on communal bins are excluded from these figures because they don't have to put their bins out. On average, subscriptions are rising by up to 5,000 per year. Each year there is a slight spike in subscriptions during the months of December and January when replacement calendars and a promotional leaflet are delivered to all households.</p>

		<p>E-mail reminders are an invaluable aid in reminding residents which bin to put out on which day and is a low cost form of communication. The service is FREE and promoted on an ongoing basis over the website, via the Customer Contact Centre and when the recycling team engage with residents. A more intensive cross-channel communication campaign is most likely needed to increase sign-ups at a faster pace than is currently the case.</p> <p>ICT is currently working with Waste Management to develop the reminder system to enable bespoke messages to be sent to addresses on a single bin collection round, a number of selected rounds or a part round.</p> <p>Such messages might relate to the fact that it has not been possible to complete that day's scheduled bin collections due to for example a vehicle breakdown or wintry weather, asking residents to please leave their bins out because we will be round to empty them tomorrow. Further update messages could be sent to the same addresses if for example wintry conditions persist or worsen, meaning that it is not yet possible to return to empty the bins. This enhanced messaging service should reduce the number of enquiries received by the Contact Centre and Councillors in such scenarios</p>
22	Conservative	<p>What is the Council's plan to ensure safety and security in Whitefield following an increase in crime? Councillor N Jones</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Members will no doubt be aware of the impact that austerity has had on the Police. Their ability investigate all crimes to the extent that they would like and their ability to Police as visibly have both been diminished. Crime in most parts of the Country has gone up overall but in Whitefield has actually reduced by nearly 10% over the last 12 months.</p> <p>Although encouraging, Police and Partners are not complacent and they are actively taking action to address their concerns. Recently, Partners from multiple services undertook a 'walkabout' on the Victoria Estate following some concerns raised by residents about anti-social behaviour and we will continue to monitor the situation there and elsewhere as conditions change.</p> <p>There has been reduced capacity in Whitefield in recent months due to a PCSO being on long-term sick but this has now been addressed by a new PCSO joining the beat and he has been out patrolling every day.</p> <p>In addition, there are plans for the Council's Community Safety Service to be given access to two Transport for Greater Manchester CCTV cameras that currently just monitor traffic. This will provide some additional, local monitoring of crime and anti-social behaviour and enable the service to direct Police and Security staff much more quickly than currently.</p>

23	Lib Dem	Can the Leader inform use what progress has been made on the Liberal Democrat motion for no idling zones outside schools? Councillor S Wright
	Cllr Quinn	<p>As a result of recent cuts we have a very limited officer resource to deliver formal “no idling” zones at this time.</p> <p>However in February 2018 Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) launched a vehicle anti-idling campaign to encourage drivers to switch off their engines when stationary near schools. The campaign included roadside signs, as well as an advertising and social media campaign to promote the message.</p> <p>Bury Council’s Public Health and Environmental Protection team contacted all Bury schools with a request that they support the campaign by communicating the “anti- idling” message and provide information to parents, for example in parent/pupil newsletters or via social media. The schools were offered A3 size promotional banners to put on school gates or railings in areas where vehicles may idle, e.g. pick up/drop off areas. They were also signposted to a digital social media toolkit prepared by TfGM. We are aware that 2 schools took up the offer of banners to be placed outside their schools. Unfortunately we have insufficient officer resources to push this campaign or follow it up.</p> <p>In relation to our general air quality work it is essential that we concentrate our small officer resource into pursuing the most cost effective measures. The Government have recently required Bury and other Greater Manchester Councils to produce an Air Quality Action Plan to meet targets for a pollutant called nitrogen dioxide. 80% of this pollutant comes from road transport and therefore we are working with Transport for Greater Manchester to produce the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan. This plan has to be submitted to Government for approval by 31st December 2018. To identify the necessary actions we are adopting a scientific approach to assess a wide range of measures to allow us to meet targets in the shortest time possible. The proposed actions will represent the most suitable and cost effective actions to reduce pollution and protect health. Once the measures have been identified we will apply to DEFRA’s Clean Air Fund for the resources required to deliver the necessary actions.</p> <p>Delivery of this plan will allow us to direct our limited air quality resource to the priority measures that will have the largest impact on health. As a result the residents of Bury can be confident that</p>

		we will be pursuing a package of measures that are shown to be the most appropriate and cost effective to improve their air quality and to protect their health.
24	Conservative	Has a check audit taken place in the level of grit in the Council's grit boxes ahead of the winter season? Councillor N Jones
	Cllr Quinn	<p>There are approximately 350 grit bins across the borough which are filled by staff in the Councils street cleaning service. The Duty Officers responsible for the delivery of the winter gritting service monitor the short, medium and longer term weather forecast on a continuous basis. All of the grit bins are filled at the start of the winter season and are replenished as required through the winter period. The grit bins will be filled over the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>Unfortunately we do suffer from a problem of grit being taken for use on private drives and sometimes for resale. Therefore we deliberately do not fill the grit bins too far in advance of winery weather.</p> <p>I can also inform you that Bury Council has a fleet of 5 gritting wagons, four in regular use and one kept as a spare in the event of a breakdown of one of the others. The gritting vehicles have been serviced and have already been in action several times this winter. In preparation for the winter season, Bury Council has a stock of 2500 tonnes of Safecote treated salt stored at Bolton's depot as well as a stock of untreated grit at Bradley Fold Depot which is used for filling the grit bins.</p>
25	Lib Dem	Could the Leader inform member of the number of fly tipping of incidents reported to the Council in the current year and previous three years, and what is the cost to the Council of dealing with this issue? Councillor S Wright
	Cllr Quinn	<p>The following are the fly-tipping statistics as requested (by financial year)</p> <p>2015/16 – 2714 2016/17 – 3830 2017/18 – 3574 2018/19 – 1876 (up to 21/11/18)</p> <p>These figures include all fly-tip cases for all departments, recorded through the contact centre, and online.</p> <p>The total annual budget for the Street Cleansing service is £1.4m. It is not possible to isolate the cost of dealing with fly-tipping as all crews also sweep streets, pick litter and empty litter bins.</p> <p>From an Environmental Health Service perspective, it is estimated</p>

		that we have spent at least £30,000 per year staff time on fly-tipping investigations.
26	Lib Dem	On how many occasions, in the current year and in the previous three years, has the Council, or its contractors, used bailiffs to recover debts from residents or businesses? Councillor D’Albert
	Cllr Kelly	<p>The figures for the number of accounts referred to the enforcement agencies are as follows:</p> <p><u>Council Tax</u></p> <p>2015/16 – 5494</p> <p>2016/17 – 4371</p> <p>2017/18 – 6352</p> <p>2018/19 – 3515</p> <p><u>Business Rates</u></p> <p>2018/19 - 196 (to date)</p> <p>2017/18 – 307</p> <p>2016/17 – 325</p> <p>2015/16 – 248</p>
27	Lib Dem	Could the Leader update members on the current waiting times experienced by children and young people using CAMHS services. What are the waiting times for appointments and the waiting times for treatment? Councillor Pickstone
	Cllr Simpson	Current waiting time for assessment and treatment is 6 weeks. Children and young people are also seen for urgent appointments within 7 days priority appointment (within 2 weeks) if it is felt that a child or young person need to be assessed urgently.