

Q.	Party	Question
1.	Conservative	<p>Would the Leader confirm the number of commercial tenants who have contractually committed to taking up units on the Chamberhall site? How many business / commercial units will be built and how many new jobs does the Council believe will be created by the site, furthermore would the Leader confirm whether any taxpayer money has been committed to the project? <b>Cllr. Jackie Harris</b></p>
	Cllr Shori	<p><b>Thank you Councillor Harris. I will answer the questions you raise on Chamberhall individually:</b></p> <p><u>The number of commercial tenants who have contractually committed to take up units on the Chamberhall site?</u></p> <p><b>The agents acting for St. Modwen report that they have agreed terms and instructed solicitors in respect of four units.</b></p> <p><u>How many business / commercial units will be built?</u></p> <p><b>Phase 1 of the development is currently under construction and will provide 14 industrial/warehouse units with individual units ranging in size from 232 square metres to 2,250 square metres. Phase 1 will provide a total of approximately 12,075 square metres of space.</b></p> <p><b>The number and type of units to be constructed in Phase 2, which is the final phase of the development has not yet been determined however outline planning permission has been obtained for development. I am able to provide details in a written response setting out the type and size of units that would be permitted under this outline planning permission subject to detailed individual planning applications.</b></p> <p><b>Use Class A1 (Shops): 500 square metres maximum</b></p> <p><b>Use Class A3 – A5 (Restaurants and Cafes, Drinking Establishments, Hot food takeaways): 1,350 square metres maximum</b></p> <p><b>B1a (Offices): 4,646 square metres minimum</b></p> <p><b>B1/B2/B8 (Offices, General Industrial, Storage or Distribution): 6,500 square metres maximum</b></p> <p><b>C1 (Hotel): 120 bed maximum</b></p> <p><b>D1/D2 (Creche/Gym): 1,858 square metres maximum</b></p> <p><u>How many new jobs does the Council believe will be created by the site?</u></p>

		<p><b>St.Modwen report that they expect the business park to create up to 400 jobs.</b></p> <p><u>Has any taxpayer money has been committed to the project?</u></p> <p><b>St. Modwen are funding the development of Chamberhall Business Park.</b></p>
2.	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give council an update on the R&amp;R flood defence scheme? Cllr Cathcart</p>
	Cllr Shori	<p><b>Work on the Radcliffe and Redvales Flood Defence Scheme has continued to make progress since planning permission for Phase 1 (Close Park, Dumers Land and Morris Street) was secured in March 2019. The Full Business Case was signed off by the EA Chair, Emma Howard Boyd and this means the scheme has its final approval required to complete the works.</b></p> <p><b>Phase 1 construction works are now underway and were officially opened by the Leader of the Council, with Cllrs Quinn and Cathcart on Thursday 5th July. Environment Agency staff will be available to speak to about progress at regular drop-ins to be held at Close Park. Members of the public can also feedback on any positive or negative aspects of the on-going works via the usual routes on the Council's website, contact details available on site for the contractor (BAM Nuttall), or via the <u>BAM Nuttall Observations App</u> which is available via the Play Store on mobile phones</b></p> <p><b>The design of Phase 2 (Hardy's Gate, York Street, Redvales) is continuing and will be completed during summer 2019. The planning application for Phase 2 will be submitted by the Environment Agency in September or October 2019 with construction scheduled to start early in 2020. The deadline for completion of the defences (excluding landscaping and environmental works) is still March 2021.</b></p>
3	Labour	<p>Following national legislation what are the new safeguarding arrangements, and how does the work of the children's safeguarding board fit into this. <b>Cllr Susan Southworth</b></p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p><b>The Children and Social Work Act 2017 provided for the disestablishment of Local Children's Safeguarding Boards to be replaced by Local Safeguarding Partnerships led by the three statutory Bodies of the Local Authority, CCG and Police.</b></p> <p><b>In Bury the three statutory partners have agreed to combine the Children's Safeguarding Board with the Adults Safeguarding Board to create Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership which will be</b></p>

		<p>all age. The new Partnership will have its first meeting at the end of September and the new arrangements have been published on relevant websites.</p> <p>The three Statutory Partners have agreed to keep the current Independent Chair of the Adult and Children Safeguarding Board to Chair the new Partnership, respective Business Groups and provide independent scrutiny.</p> <p>Work has also begun on a Greater Manchester footprint to look at how specific areas of work can be aggregated and responded to at this level building on the work around complex safeguarding.</p>
4	Conservative	<p>Would the Leader confirm the Council's senior management structure, how many Executive and Assistant Directors the Authority now has and how many of the current post holders have been recruited in the last 18 months and at what cost to the Bury taxpayer? Cllr. Nick Jones</p>
	Cllr Black	<p><b>The Council currently employs 5 Executive Directors and 14 Assistant Directors, of which three are fixed term posts. Chief officer costs represent 2% of the non-schools workforce. Benchmarking indicates that this volume of executive capacity is proportionate to the size of our organisation and strategic challenges we face, with figures across Greater Manchester typically 2-3%. Having lost 600 staff and made £18m in revenue budget savings the nature of the challenges facing the Council has changed with new areas of expertise being required. This has now been rectified with the growth of 5 posts (included within the figure above) within the last 18 months. It should be noted that during this period there have also been efficiencies secured from sharing costs with the CCG of a Joint Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Executive of the Council being the Chief Accountable Officer of the CCG.</b></p>
5	Labour	<p>Can the Leader outline the level of cuts the Council and CCG face this year? <b>Cllr McGill</b></p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p><b>Bury MBC and Bury CCG entered 2019/20 with a requirement to bridge a £25m financial gap (split 50:50).</b></p> <p><b>Both organisations have a statutory duty to balance the books. Integration of the Council and the CCG will strengthen our hand, allowing us to work together more effectively to meet our financial challenges. We are focussed on transforming the way we work for the people of Bury; moving from a reactive, crisis response system firmly rooted in organisational silos to a proactive, preventative, place-based approach. This must result in better outcomes at better costs for the people of Bury.</b></p>

		<p><b>In September 2018, the Chief Executive of the Council was appointed to the role of Accountable Officer for the CCG. We already have a Joint Executive Team and, over the next 6 months, will be moving towards a single Executive structure and a Joint Commissioning Board. We have recently appointed a Joint Chief Finance Officer and are going through a process of pooling/aligning the finances of both organisations and agreeing a joint Medium Term Financial Strategy. A refreshed Bury Locality Plan will be produced in summer 2019.</b></p>
6	<b>Labour</b>	What was the outcome of the recent Send inspection? Cllr Whitby
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<p><b>In 2017, the SEND Inspection found that the Local Area (Council &amp; Health) had 8 areas of weakness.</b></p> <p><b>During their revisit in May 2019, Inspectors confirmed that the Local Area had made sufficient progress in 5 out of the 8 areas.</b></p> <p><b>An action plan has been developed to drive further improvements at pace, for example:</b></p> <p><b>Inspectors found that while health practitioners demonstrated a better awareness of EHC plans, the quality of health outcomes in those sampled was poor. An immediate audit of all EHC Plans is being carried out.</b></p> <p><b>Inspectors found that insufficient progress had been made of the sharing of information between health services. From 1 July 2019 there has been a change to a commissioned service from CQC Outstanding Community Provider and improved IT infrastructure options are currently being scoped</b></p> <p><b>Inspectors found that whilst high level strategies exist they are not underpinned by robust actions and Joint Commissioning arrangements are immature. A new co-located joint commissioning team and new provider, in the Northern Care Alliance, will drive through the recommendations</b></p>
7	<b>Conservative</b>	If the GMSF is passed as per the current draft with substantial green belt loss would the Leader confirm the estimated number of trees the Borough would lose? <b>Cllr. Paul Cropper</b>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p><b>Unfortunately it is not possible to estimate the number of trees that would be potentially lost as the GMSF is a high level plan that does not go into that level of detail.</b></p> <p><b>However, it should be noted that the areas proposed for development within the GMSF do not have extensive tree cover in any event – and where there are significant pockets of tree cover , these tend to be on the periphery of the sites. Many of these are</b></p>

		<p>protected under Tree Preservation Orders or form part of other land designations that seek to resist development such as Sites of Biological Importance, Protected Recreation and Green Infrastructure.</p> <p>Any sites that are taken forward in the GMSF will need to retain any significant existing areas of woodland and the sites will also offer an opportunity for additional tree cover within the Borough.</p> <p>This is because there is a policy within the draft GMSF that requires the replacement of each tree lost with two new trees. It also commits to planting a tree for every resident in Greater Manchester, thereby supporting the initiative from City of Trees. Alongside this, the Borough will also have a considerable role to play in the Woodland Trust's project to create a 'Northern Forest' from Liverpool to Hull which seeks to plant 50 million trees over the next 25 years.</p> <p>Therefore, as the GMSF moves forward we will be seeking to increase the number of trees in the Borough – not reduce them.</p>
8	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members how many of Bury's school age (primary and secondary) children, who are on school rolls, are not actually attending school or not attending school on a full-time basis?</p> <p><b>Councillor Pickstone</b></p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p><b>Children notified as being on part-time provision – 15 pupils</b></p> <p><b>Children not attending due to health needs (non EHCP) – 14 pupils</b></p> <p><b>Children on On-Line provision (non EHCP) who are unable to attend due to their behaviour – 5</b></p>
9	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give the Council an update on the playing pitch strategy</p> <p>Cllr Mortenson</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p><b>Bury Council's updated Playing Pitch Strategy is now complete and will be published on the Councils Website. The strategy provides guidance and support in order to understand and assess the need for outdoor sports facilities. It provides a framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing provision and covers a wide range of outdoor sports.</b></p> <p><b>The vision is that Bury Council and its partners will work to provide first class quality sports pitches facilities that will contribute to making Bury a great place to live, work and visit while supporting the health and wellbeing of our residents</b></p> <p><b>An example within the strategy and a key priority is the creation of and increased use of 3G pitches. At Goshen Playing Field the Football Foundation have just awarded a Grant of £524k towards a £704k full size floodlit 3G pitch that already has planning permission. The Councils contribution of £180k is part of the</b></p>

		<b>£430k announced at Council in February 2019. The proposal is that this facility will be self-managed in partnership with Bury FC Community Trust. Planning permission has also been approved for a second 3G pitch at Elton High School that is part of an ongoing grant application.</b>
10	<b>Labour</b>	In Can the Leader please give an update with regards to the Borough's strategic planning on Community Safety? <b>Cllr Whitby</b>
	<b>Cllr Gold</b>	<p><b>The development of a Community Safety Plan is a statutory responsibility of the Local Authority in conjunction with the Partners that form the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Chaired by Chief Superintendent Stuart Ellison.</b></p> <p><b>The Partnership used police data and information gleaned from the GM consultation when developing the GM Mayor's "Standing Together" Police &amp; Crime Plan to formulate Bury's local Community Safety Plan and then held a public consultation on a proposed draft version. From this a final plan was agreed, including at Full Council last November, with 5 key priorities, which are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• Protect &amp; Support Vulnerable People</b></li> <li><b>• Putting victims first</b></li> <li><b>• Reduce re-offending</b></li> <li><b>• Build stable, cohesive communities</b></li> <li><b>• Develop a partnership approach to community safety</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Since then work has been underway on the development of an Action Plan to deliver on the priorities identified. Six thematic groups that look at specific issues such as Domestic Abuse, Hate Crime or Prevent have also been tasked on ensuring that the strategic plans then translate to meaningful changes on the ground.</b></p> <p><b>This summer will see promotion of the Plan, particularly via social media using a video from the Chair and Portfolio holder that will provide the context to the plan and how it's delivered.</b></p>
11	<b>Conservative</b>	Senior management recruitment is a costly process for the Bury taxpayer and with that in mind would the Leader agree with me there are grave concerns as to why two Assistant Directors of Education have left the Borough after short periods of employment and are these examples of the Council's recruitment process being flawed? <b>Cllr. D.Gunther</b>
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<b>Senior recruitment is a demanding process which is given</b>

		<p>considerable care and attention in view of the strategic importance to the organisation.</p> <p>The process normally involves a range of technical and stakeholder assessments, conducted on a cross-party basis, to challenge candidates across all aspects of the person specification. It is disappointing when, after such processes, appointments are not successful. The Council has a high bar for appointments, however, and will only appoint those whose performance meets the exacting assessment standard.</p> <p>Difficulties in filling this particular role are associated more with the fact that the market for such roles in Local Government is very tight with less of a career path and competition from Multi Academy Trusts. This is likely to be a bigger problem than our recruitment process.</p>
12	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Will the Leader reassure members about the standard of care in Bury Care Homes following the recent front page story in the Bury Times about a reported rise in abuse <b>Cllr Cummins</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Shori</b>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Care Act introduced a new focus on Safeguarding Adults and as such encouraged all health and care services, employees and members of public to report any and all of their concerns, these are called notifications and this is the number that was reported in the media.</p> <p>This change in law has seen the number of notifications rise across the whole of the country which shows the policy of encouraging reports is working.</p> <p>Bury's rise in notifications is in line with the rest of the country and the North West of England.</p> <p>This does not mean that number of incidents of abuse is increasing, just the number of times someone is concerned and reports it is.</p> <p>Neither should it be interpreted as suspected incidents of physical abuse are increasing. Notifications are mostly made for acts of omission, where some has forgotten to do something or where a mistake has been made. Reporting these is a good thing as lessons can be learnt and things changed to avoid it happening again.</p> <p>In Bury the number of investigations that were required following a notification actually dropped in Care Homes in 2018 which indicates an improving picture.</p>

		<p><b>Bury's Care homes continue to be amongst the best in North West of England with over 80% of our care homes beds rated Good. This is the sixth highest in the North West of England.</b></p> <p><b>Bury has an integrated quality assurance framework in place in relation to all of its health and care providers which means that the quality and safeguarding teams from Bury Council and Bury CCG regularly visit the care homes in Bury to gain quality and safeguarding assurance and to offer professional challenge if that is needed.</b></p> <p><b>The Council and its NHS partners continue to work with our care homes to ensure they deliver the highest standards of care and where concerns are raised we investigate quickly and take swift action to improve standards</b></p>
13	<b>Labour</b>	<p>How are we involving our schools in raising the aspiration and ambition of all our young people in bury? Cllr Stella Smith</p>
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<p><b>We are involving our schools extensively in raising the aspiration of all our young people.</b></p> <p><b>The vision to be one of the best nationally sits happily with our Bury Education Improvement Toolkit.</b></p> <p><b>The partnership and collaboration strategy has a clear set of priorities which in turn flow from our progressive needs audit.</b></p> <p><b>There are formal structures in place to support and to audit the progress of this work; These include The Education Strategic Board, the Education improvement board, and the designated School Clusters.</b></p> <p><b>We are at present negotiating the annual work programmes for each of these.</b></p> <p><b>In parallel there is the Continuing Professional Programme for service development. And there is a systematic programme of support, challenge and intervention for schools.</b></p> <p><b>Work is in hand to launch an innovative Associate head scheme to enable leading heads, supported by their governors to work with the DCS to drive change across priority areas.</b></p> <p><b>Finally there is current discussion on the idea of a cross-party committee to receive and audit progress in the work. It would be valuable for officers and headteachers to support this with appropriate progress reports.</b></p>
14	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>In 2015 when planning permission was granted for development on Spen Moor local residents were told traffic accessing and leaving the site would not increase congestion on Bolton Road, however this has proven not to be the case. Does the Leader believe Bolton Road and the local highway network will be able to cope with the thousands of extra vehicles using these roads if 3,500 new homes are built around Elton Reservoir as proposed in the GMSF? <b>Cllr. J.Harris</b></p>

	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p><b>You will be aware that the GMSF is accompanied by a number of other documents, including the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy and its Delivery Plan.</b></p> <p><b>With particular reference to the proposed development on the Elton Reservoir site, the proposed transport interventions include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>A new link road improving connectivity and traffic movement on the existing road network – connecting Bury and Bolton Road with Bury Road in Radcliffe. This will help to alleviate existing pressures along Bolton Road and at Bury Bridge;</b></li> <li>- <b>This will require new junctions immediately around the site to help with the flow of traffic to and from the site - and also improvements to existing junctions beyond the site to help address different traffic movements as a result of the link road.</b></li> <li>- <b>However, it is important that the proposals also provide the opportunities for residents to move around the Borough by means other than the private car. That is why a new metro link stop is central to the proposals – providing much improved public transport accessibility to a range of designations for new and existing residents in that part of the Borough.</b></li> <li>- <b>Likewise, the site will provide significant opportunities for new pedestrian and cycles routes, encouraging healthier lifestyles.</b></li> </ul>
15	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Can the Leader give council an update on the Bury environmental schools conference? <b>Cllr Gold</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p><b>Bury Council are making arrangements to hold a Bury Environmental Schools Conference later on this year.</b></p> <p><b>Andy Burnham (Mayor of Greater Manchester) has recently agreed to attend as a Key Note Speaker (pending his availability).</b></p> <p><b>As Cabinet Member for Environment I intend to play a key part in the conference as well as being the opening speaker for the conference.</b></p> <p><b>A meeting with myself and other senior officers is being set up to discuss in more detail the arrangements, speakers and potential workshops for the conference.</b></p>
16	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<p>Could the Leader inform members how much money Bury has as received from the £56.5 million fund to help local authorities deal with Brexit. What has it been spent on? <b>Councillor Tegolo</b></p>

	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<b>To date Bury Council has received £209,968 to prepare for Brexit. Work is taking place with colleagues in Greater Manchester to better develop our understanding of the impact of the EU on the Bury economy. This will allow the funding to be deployed as effectively as possible to enable residents to take advantage of any new opportunities, whilst understanding the support on offer (or may additionally be needed) in conjunction with the Voluntary, Community and Faith Alliance, regarding advice and information on access to services and provisions depending on the exact nature of exit from the European Union. The Council and CCG website contains the latest advice and information from government departments and this information is shared with Borough wide partners – this includes consumer rights, visiting Europe, studying in Europe, preparing business and information for EU citizens on protection of rights to continue to live in the UK. On this latter point discussion is taking place with the Combined Authority over the potential for a joint piece of work to support residents to complete necessary processes without undue delays with learning for elsewhere such as to mitigate lengthy passport renewals and access to document scanning facilities. This will inform the potential to pool resources or whether specific support is arranged within this Borough.</b>
17	<b>Conservative</b>	Would the Leader confirm the percentage of Bury total Council tax revenue that remained uncollected for the last financial year. <b>Cllr D.Gunther</b>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<b>Bury has a strong track record on collecting Council Tax In year. For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 the percentage of Council Tax uncollected was 3.51% Collection compares well against other local councils with Bury recording the third lowest percentage of uncollected revenue highest percentage in Greater Manchester (average of which is 4.87%) and above the national average from Metropolitan Boroughs of 4.7%</b>
18	<b>Labour</b>	Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the impact of the "A Bed Every Night" initiative in Bury? <b>Cllr Hayes</b>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<b>A Bed Every Night Phase 1 ran from the 1st November 2018 until the 31st March 2019 when funding ended. The actual impact in Bury has been a very positive one and we have helped over 135 individual rough sleepers with a total 315 referrals into this provision. We have moved on 29 rough sleepers into sustainable and permanent housing solutions with support and sign posting to relevant services and all rough sleepers that access this service received support, help and advice. This provision has provided support and help to the single homeless people in Bury that would</b>

		<p><b>normally not be classed as a priority need and receive support under the Homeless legislation and our statutory function.</b></p> <p><b>Bury recognised early into the A Bed Every Night provision that this was an ideal opportunity to work closer with Bury's rough sleepers and that we should not just be providing a bed but taking the opportunity to support these complex individuals into better lifestyles and housing.</b></p> <p><b>Therefore our Rough Sleeper outreach service provider has linked in positively with the A Bed Every Night provision and provider and has worked closely with the rough sleepers to ensure we help provide positive outcomes.</b></p> <p><b>A Bed Every Night Phase 2 has recently been announced by GMCA for the next 12 months and will recommence soon in Bury. The service provider for A Bed Every Night phase 2 has been commissioned and they are ready to start as soon as the detail has been agreed with GMCA.</b></p>
19	Labour	<p>Armed Forces week was celebrated across the country, please can you tell us how the Armed Forces and Veterans community was celebrated in Bury and what ongoing plans do Bury Council have to continue the celebration and support to the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families in co-production? <b>Cllr Rafiq</b></p>
	Cllr Gold	<p><b>Armed Forces Week is a chance to show our support and to celebrate the men and women who make up our Armed Forces Community, from currently serving troops, to service families, Veterans as well as reservists and cadets.</b></p> <p><b>Celebrating our Armed Forces during this special week provides a much valued morale boost and a way of the nation to say thank you for all they do.</b></p> <p><b>This year Bury Council marked Armed Forces week with the traditional raising of the Armed Forces flags and afternoon tea for over 30 of the Borough's Veterans with the Mayor. I and Councillor Briggs attended the afternoon tea event in our capacity as Portfolio holder and Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safer Neighbourhoods. To spend time with Veterans and hear their stories was both fascinating and very humbling. The Veterans themselves had an extremely enjoyable afternoon and were extremely pleased to be honoured by the Mayor in this way. Additionally I attended the flag raising service at Heathlands for Jewish ex-servicemen and women, and accompanied Councillor Briggs at the flag raising ceremony at Bury Police Station.</b></p>

		<b>A piece of work is being undertaken by officers to look at what services Bury Council and its partners currently offer to our Armed Forces community and also to identify what gaps there are in service provision. This piece of work will be shared with the President of the Borough of Bury Veterans Association, the CCG, GM, Police and other partners that signed up to the Covenant to assess how any gaps can be removed and how Bury can offer its Armed Forces community the services required.</b>
20	<b>Conservative</b>	How many new homes do Bury Council intend building over the next 12 months? <b>Cllr J.Daly</b>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p><b>Bury Council have now had the opportunity to look at their pipeline programme of sites for residential purposes. The first phase of the pipeline will produce 90 new homes for rent and sale across 4 sites within the Borough. We have secured, through of JV North procurement the services of both architects and cost consultants to assist Bury in delivering this exciting phase of our growth plans. We anticipate to have all sites submitted for planning approval this year which would enable us to work with Homes England to secure additional grant subsidy. Subject to planning approval we are aiming to be on site early 2020.</b></p> <p><b>We will be working concurrently on the second larger phase of development which should bring forward new homes later in 2020 and beyond. We will however, be seeking opportunities with developers of site with planning permission that could see number in the first phase increase modestly beyond what we have predicted.</b></p> <p><b>In addition we continue to work to bring forward unto 400 homes on the ELPM site phased over the next few years.</b></p>
21	<b>Labour</b>	Can the Leader give an update on EV charging points in Bury? <b>Cllr Rafiq</b>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p><b>Our aim is to provide a network of fast electric vehicle chargepoints throughout our borough so that all our residents have easy access to a local chargepoint.</b></p> <p><b>To develop this project a number of council owned off- street locations have been identified as potential sites for fast chargers. We have tried to find locations which cover all the wards and provide a useful charging resource for those without off street parking. This initial search for sites has shown that it won't be possible to find off street council owned location in every ward and therefore in some case we have looked for additional sites close to ward boundaries so that adjacent wards can share facilities.</b></p>

		<p><b>A first batch of 11 sites was submitted to the current chargepoint provider for the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle (GMEV) charging network earlier this year in order to get estimates of costs and a quotation was received last week. We are still working to find suitable locations in the remaining 3 wards which do not have points</b></p> <p><b>During the development of this project from mid-2018 we have been aware that Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) are in the process of renewing the contract for the operation, development and investment into the GMEV network.</b></p> <p><b>TfGM have advised that we wait for the new contractor to be appointed so that they can look at our proposals and provide their own quotation. We feel it is best to follow this advice and engage with the new provider who will be developing a new modern, consistent network throughout Greater Manchester. This approach may also deliver lower cost installation as we may be able to lever in private investment alongside the possibility of government grant funding.</b></p> <p><b>The proposal is therefore to provide our list of sites to the new GMEV provider following award of the contract in early August.</b></p> <p><b>In addition to the above, TfGM have been awarded £3 million by DEFRA and DfT's Joint Air Quality Unit which will be used to deliver at least 24 dual headed rapid electric vehicle charge points throughout Greater Manchester. These rapid chargers are capable of charging a car in 20-30 minutes which is much quicker than regular fast chargers which are generally provided in public car parks. We have provided TfGM with list of potential locations and these are currently being considered for costs and feasibility. Once the new GMEV contractor is appointed we will be provided with a final list of proposed GM locations.</b></p>
22	<p><b>Labour</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Black</b></p>	<p>Will the Leader join me in sadness at the news of the closure of Grace's Place Children's Hospice. Cllr Grimshaw</p> <p><b>YES</b></p> <p><b>I am aware that the Chief Executive emailed Andrew Cheeseman 3rd July 2019 (Finance Manager – Strategic Finance, NHS England &amp; NHS Improvement), requesting clarity on the current position as there has been a previous commitment from NHS England (released in December 2018), which initially looked promising, for increased investment into children's hospices based on local CCG match funding.</b></p>

		<p>Recently it was expected that this may now be included within a wider commitment to paediatric palliative care overall, providing a lack of clarity to what potentially may be ring-fenced for children hospices, and whether the existing core grant previously available to hospices' will be available in the future. The delay in guidance on funding of children's hospices is not helping the situation for all children's hospices, particularly the match funding debate.</p> <p>The funding was recently debated in Parliament as part of the children's palliative care All Party Parliamentary Group which has resulted in an announcement last week from the charity 'Together for Short Lives' which states:  'NHS England protects £25million for children's hospices following Together for Short Lives' campaign'.  The Chief Executive has sought clarity on funding as yet we have not seen anything official from NHSE.</p>
23	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>Could the Leader confirm the annual budget for school improvement services within the Borough for the current financial year? <b>Cllr R.Caserta</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<p><b>The gross budget for School Improvement Service for 2019/20, including the de-delegated budget from schools for Schools Causing Concern, and utilising the DfE School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant is: £464,200</b></p>
24	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<p>Both recent national studies and feedback from residents show clearly the there is a traffic congestion issue in Prestwich, not limited to the A56 but on many other routes with people trying to find a way to avoid congestion. Will the Leader agree to a study of traffic congestion in Prestwich to help find solutions to this issue? <b>Councillor Powell</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p><b>Data held by Transport for Greater Manchester suggests that there has been a lot of street works activity by utility companies on the A56 in the last 12-18 months and that this may have resulted in disruption to the route. Indeed, Highway England undertook several months of parapet works on Junction 17 of the M60. It is not expected that the A56 will appear in any future national rankings as it is far from one of the worst routes in the region.</b></p> <p><b>As part of the design of the Prestwich High Street scheme, extensive computer modelling was undertaken to understand the predicted traffic flows and the corresponding journey times between Hilton Lane and M60 Junction 17. Recent monitoring has allowed an analysis of actual journey times to see how they compared against the predicted journey times. Other than the northbound evening peak (which is only around 55 seconds longer), there are no statistical significant changes to journey</b></p>

		<p>times. Consequently, the Council is content that the scheme has been able to deliver on its aims and ambitions without impacting on traffic flows and any congestion issues are not as a result of this scheme.</p> <p>Being a principal road and a gateway to the motorway network, traffic flows will always be significant on the A56 in Prestwich. To undertake an area-wide study to capture a multitude of side-roads and alternate routes (in addition to the A56 itself) in order to identify causes of congestion is a piece of work which would be in the region of £10-20k to complete for which no identified funding currently exists.</p> <p>Given a suitable funding allocation, Transport for Greater Manchester could be commissioned by the Council's Engineering Services to undertake such a study and report back to elected members with the findings.</p>
25	Labour	What progress have we made around our early help offer? Cllr Cummins
	Cllr Tariq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Section 188 consultation to restructure Children's Services early help workforce from a range of teams in to 3 Early Help locality teams has now ended and analysis of consultation responses is taking place, with a transition plan to move from current structures and working practices to transformed early help by the end of July.</li> <li>• Audit of skills and training needs of staff being undertaken.</li> <li>• Once the teams are established we will progress with discussions which are taking place about partner agency staff as part of, or aligned to, the teams.</li> <li>• Eyes Wide Open' training material being developed as part of our Early Help toolkit that will support the principle that every contact counts for effective early help and which includes Children's Trust lunchtime learning</li> <li>• The Story So Far, a new single multi-agency early help assessment is being piloted. This has a strong focus on the voice of the child/young person/family and building resilience within the family</li> <li>• There is work to develop a single pathway from the point of concern for a family to ensure a timely early help response. This work is due to be complete by the end of July.</li> <li>• A project group has been established and is working with Stockport Council, to develop our Bury 'Team Around the School' approach to identify and support early help needs in school with effect from September 2019. Also looking at how this approach will work with pre-school and post-school provision.</li> <li>• Butterstile Primary School is a good example of 'trauma informed' school approach where a graduated early help response identifies and supports children in school and</li> </ul>

		<b>involving additional agencies where necessary. We are working with Butterstile to extend this approach into other schools. We held a workshop with schools on this on 21 June and have another workshop planned for 12 July.</b>
26	<b>Labour</b>	I would ask the Leader to seek a response from the TFGM re the distribution of the Integrated Transport Block funding for highway maintenance that would allow Bury to carry out essential works on speed reduction measures. <b>Cllr Cathcart</b>
	<b>Cllr Shori</b>	<b>Department for Transport capital maintenance grants are paid to the GMCA and handed on to each of the districts. However, the integrated transport grant, which totals around £16M per year, is retained by GMCA to fund transport initiatives. The GMCA makes funding available for specific transport initiatives, such as the Mayor's Challenge Fund, which totals £160M and is used for walking and cycling improvements. Currently, there are no external funding opportunities available for traffic calming, other than planning contributions from new development.</b>  <b>There are already plans to advise the Chief Executives Investment Group in respect of issues being experienced by the ten GM local authorities in relation to their ability to fund programmes of capital minor works, local safety schemes and highway capital maintenance and how this is tied in with Integrated Transport Block. Officers will update the appropriate Portfolio Holder on any details of progress as and when it is received.</b>
27	<b>Lib Dem</b>	Could the Leader inform members what progress has been made on the decision of this Council to implement no-idling zones outside all of Bury's schools? <b>Councillor Powell</b>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<b>As the law stands, the whole of Bury is already an anti-idling zone inasmuch as leaving an engine idling unnecessarily is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act and can result in a fixed penalty notice. Notwithstanding this, all schools were approached in May to canvas their interest in taking part in clean air initiatives. 5 schools responded, and the Director of Operations wrote to these on 14<sup>th</sup> June asking if they were interested in taking part in piloting enhanced no-idling zones. No responses have been received to date and this will be followed up.</b>  <b>It should be noted that the proposed Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone (CAZ) will cover all 10 GM local authorities and positively influence the health of a population of nearly three million people across 500 square miles, it being the largest Clean Air Zone outside London.</b>
28	<b>Labour</b>	What challenges do we face as a borough in terms of school

		readiness? Cllr McGill
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<p><b>In terms of challenges we face as a borough regarding school readiness, I would say it could be summarised in the following three points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>the ability to be able to track and intervene early enough at child level</b></li> <li>• <b>the lack of a system to support this being facilitated centrally</b></li> <li>• <b>the relationship between private/vol and maintained nursery provision</b></li> </ul>
29	<b>Lib Dem</b>	Can the Leader inform members how many fines for littering and dog fouling have been made per township in the current and previous two financial years? <b>Councillor S Wright</b>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p><b>In the last two financial years we have not issued any Dog Fouling fixed penalties.</b></p> <p><b>We have issued 19 Litter fixed penalties for litter and small scale fly tipping in the same period.</b></p> <p><b>Bury – 8</b>  <b>Radcliffe – 6</b>  <b>Whitefield – 3</b>  <b>Prestwich – 2</b></p> <p><b>No dog fouling fixed penalties have been issued yet in this financial year. We have issued one litter fixed penalty notice in this financial year.</b></p> <p><b>Bury Council do not have patrolling street wardens. The fixed penalties have been issued by Environmental Health and Waste Management enforcement officers acting on complaints and using collected evidence.</b></p>
30	<b>Labour</b>	Given the ongoing issues for resident's parking in the lower Walmersley area, could the relevant cabinet member advise us when the Council will begin consultation with residents on a permit parking scheme? <b>Cllr Walmsley</b>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<b>A new policy on residents parking schemes has been developed and is currently seeking approvals through the proper governance channels. All new schemes will, therefore, need to be assessed through the new policy. Currently, the formal consultation for a residents parking scheme in Radcliffe is due to commence and (if receiving enough support) the activities required to transition to full implementation will take around 9 months to complete. It will be at this point that it is planned to pick up and progress the lower Walmersley area residents parking scheme proposal.</b>
31	<b>Lib Dem</b>	Could the Leader inform members how many households have had recycling bins removed in the current financial year and previous two years? <b>Councillor Tegolo</b>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<b>The following numbers of bins (of all colours) have been asked to</b>

		<p>be picked up or removed by residents via the Contact Centre:</p> <p><b>2017/18    706 bins</b>  <b>2018/19    584 bins</b>  <b>2019/20    176 bins</b></p> <p>The majority of these bins are 'abandoned' in back street environments and are often contaminated recycling bins, which cannot be emptied on a recycling round.</p> <p>Generally speaking an Officer would not remove recycling bins from a household for persistent misuse and contamination other than in the case of capacity, where someone might genuinely have difficulty determining what waste should go in each bin and who inadvertently are incapable of recycling properly.</p>
32	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<p>Could the Leader inform members how many tonnes and what percentage of Bury's 'blue bin' and 'green bin' waste streams were rejected due to contamination the current financial year and previous two years?</p> <p><b>Councillor S Wright</b></p>
		<p><b>All co-mingled recycling (glass, can and plastic bottles) collected across GM (with the exception of Wigan Council) is delivered to a single sorting facility or MRF (Materials Recycling Facility) at Longley Lane, Sharston in South Manchester. Co-mingled recycling in Bury is collected in the blue bin.</b></p> <p>The average MRF reject rate (for the whole of GM) for the above time period is 18.45%. Rejects consist of items incorrectly placed in the co-mingled recycling by residents that cannot be recycled and they are incinerated with associated energy recovery.</p> <p>In the previous two years the following tonnages of rejects from Bury have been incinerated:</p> <p><b>2018/19 1733 tonnes</b>  <b>2017/18 1560 tonnes</b></p> <p>Reject rates for the paper and card recycling stream i.e. the green bin in Bury are minimal by comparison and as such no contamination figures are provided by the GMCA.</p>
33	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<p>Could the Leader inform members what the Council's approach is to waste collection of dead pets, particularly dead cats (ie cats found dead in the street). What measures are in place to attempt to contact owners through cat's microchips? <b>Councillor Pickstone</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p><b>When a dead pet (usually a cat) is picked up from the highway by the Street Cleansing service it is brought back to Bradley Fold Depot to be scanned. The exception is those animals that are so mutilated as being incapable of being scanned.</b></p> <p><b>If the scan detects a microchip it will identify its number. An</b></p>

		<p><b>Officer then contacts an organisation called 'Petlog' who will confirm the contact details of the animal's owner. The same Officer will then contact the owner explaining the situation to them and giving them two options.</b></p> <p><b>They can leave the animal with Street Cleansing to dispose of, explaining to the owner precisely what this means, i.e. it is delivered to SUEZ at Fernhill Transfer Loading Station for placement in a freezer from which it is collected by another company who remove the animal for cremation. Alternatively, the service will deliver the animal back to its owner if requested.</b></p> <p><b>If no chip is detected in the animal then it is kept for a maximum of 24 hours on the vehicle before being delivered to SUEZ and placed in the freezer.</b></p> <p><b>Once an animal is placed in the freezer it cannot be retrieved by the owner because it is then classed as hazardous waste, only to be removed for disposal via incineration.</b></p>