

Q.	Party	Question
1.	Conservative	Will Bury MBC ensure football continues to be played at Gigg Lane by doing everything possible to facilitate the purchase of the site from the current owners? Cllr Daly
	Leader	The stadium is still in the ownership of Steve Dale, but is mortgaged to a third party. We are supportive of the efforts of Forever Bury to find a buyer of the Club capable of funding the acquisition of the stadium and the efforts to convince the EFL to allow entry to league two from the start of the 2020/21 season.
2.	Labour Cllr Black	<p>Following the government announcement that Councils will receive additional funding in order to prepare for a potential no deal Brexit, could the leader tell us how much has been allocated to Bury and confirm if this will be sufficient funding? Cllr Walmsley</p> <p>To date Bury Council has received £314,952 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Governance in relation to Brexit readiness, with options being developed to ensure the effective use of this funding including specific engagement with the Borough on concerns around Brexit; supporting residents access digital tools as part of Settled Status applications; providing support through a voluntary sector partner(s) at a neighbourhood level for those most likely to be impacted by withdrawal and from hard-to-reach groups; gaining further Bury specific insights on the impact of trade on local businesses in terms of import, export and workforce (skills and capacity)</p>
3	Labour	<p>Can the leader tell us how we are going to address the £25m shortfall in budget between the council and the CCG and what this could mean for residents in the borough?</p> <p>Supplementary:- The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has said he is committing £1.8bn of "new money" to the NHS, will Bury CCG see any of this money? Cllr C Walsh</p>
	Cllr Simpson	<p>The Council is addressing its share of the shortfall by progressing the savings measures which were agreed at the budget setting meeting in February of this year.</p> <p>Clearly some of these measures are more challenging than others, however we expect to be able to balance the budget with some one-off mitigations whilst continuing to monitor the progress on all the agreed savings measures.</p> <p>For the CCG there are plans to cover around 50% of the CCG gap during 2019/20 but with some risks to delivery of these. The CCG is working with other organisations across the health and care system to identify mitigations and financial support in order to meet statutory duties for the current financial year. There are no expected material impacts on Bury residents during 2019/20</p>

		<p>beyond those previously agreed as part of the budget setting process in February of this year.</p> <p>The Council and CCG are working together on a joint Medium Term Financial Plan which will need to address recurrent underlying financial issues. This includes reviews of the Urgent Care and Intermediate care systems, outpatients, and other key services. Proposals will be developed with recommendations going through Council and CCG governance over the next 3-4 months, with appropriate public consultation and engagement. Any potential impact on Bury residents will be clearly articulated at that stage</p>
4	Conservative	It was recently stated by the Member of Parliament for Bury North that Gigg Lane could not be built on. Is this true and did he receive this information from Bury MBC? Cllr N Jones
	Leader	The land which the grounds sits upon has a specific planning status which means the Stadium can only be redeveloped if an equivalent facility is constructed elsewhere in the Borough.
5	Labour	How are we progressing with the educational outcomes of young people in our borough? Cllr Susan Southworth
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Although the results we have are unvalidated- and there are still appeals with remarking taking place, we can provide a helpful overview.</p> <p>At Primary Level the overall position is one of stability: early years has done well, there are concerns regarding Key Stage one , Key Stage Two has held steady.</p> <p>Within this picture there have been some notable successes. The Chief Executive has written to a large number of schools where there have been commendable performances.</p> <p>At secondary level our results are also stable, albeit at a level where we should offer challenge to some governing bodies,</p> <p>The post 16 outcomes of our young People are notable good with some of our best ever results.</p> <p>In response to this general picture the local authority has developed and is implementing a robust school improvement programme.</p> <p>This in turn is the focus of both the Scrutiny Committee and of the Members Group set up to consider our educational outcomes.</p>
6	Labour	Can the leader tell council about the levels of insurance claims paid out by Bury Council due to pot holes? Cllr Mortenson

	Cllr Black	<p>For this financial year to date (1st April to 1st September) totally payments for settled pothole damage claims total £1,626.40</p> <p>For 2018/19 the total payments for such claims was £43,774.06 and for 2017/18 the total was £91,457.48</p> <p>The reduction is the result of a number of factors. In 2017 the Council commenced a £10 million highway improvement programme over 3 years. In addition to resurfacing schemes, the Council has invested in the latest spray injection patching equipment to reduce the backlog of potholes. A new highway inspection policy was also approved earlier this year, in line with the latest code of practice, which has allowed more claims to be defended.</p>
7	Conservative	<p>How many children have been referred over the last 12 months to child protection services because of suspected abuse and neglect.? How many were placed on the child protection register and how many were taken off. What has Bury Council learnt from these issues and what is it doing to deliver more effective solutions? Cllr Hussain</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Reporting Year (2018/19) 2,271 referrals were dealt with by the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) due to suspected Abuse or Neglect, which equates to 78% of all referrals.</p> <p>In the same reporting period, 296 children were made subject to formal Child Protection Plans and 292 children had their formal plans ended either because they became looked after or they stepped down to a Child in Need.</p> <p>The biggest category of abuse in Neglect, 52%, Emotional Abuse 42%, Sexual Abuse 3.4% and Physical Abuse 2%.</p> <p>Bury Children Safeguarding Board monitors and reviews child protection case conference activity and feeds any issues and themes into training and updating policies and safeguarding practice guidance. The Boards annual 2018/19 report is available on the newly formed Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership (BISP) website which provides more detailed information on learning that has taken place.</p>
8	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members what plans the Council has to protect the ground at Gigg Lane and retain it as a recreational space for the community, given its status as an Asset of Community Value and the recreational use covenant on the land? Cllr S Wright</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>The ground at Gigg Lane is a privately owned stadium and the Council's role is as the planning authority to determine any</p>

		<p>proposal for planning permission coming forward. Any application would obviously have to be dealt with on its merits but the current policy position is that redevelopment for non-football use (such as housing, retail or office use) would have to consider the relocation and delivery of appropriate facilities to an alternative site within the Borough. Further, as the ground is currently designated as an asset of community value, this means that should it come up for sale, the community group that registered it with the Council can have up to six months to raise funds and bid for it. It will also be relevant in any planning application to emphasise the community use to which the asset has been put.</p>
9	Labour	<p>Following the recent report from the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee on local government finance, could the Leader outline what representations have been made to government by Bury Council and / or the GMCA to tackle the estimated £5 billion funding gap ahead of next year's now delayed spending review. Cllr C Morris</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Bury Council plays full role in submitting evidence to support established networks in their representations on behalf of the whole of the Local Government Sector, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIGOMA (Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities) • LGA (Local Government Association) • GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority)
10	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give us an update on the City Forest Park? Cllr Mortenson</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>All partners including Bury and Forestry England remain committed to the project and City of Trees have been organising various community engagement and practical conservation events.</p> <p>Forestry England have been undertaking an extensive feasibility study over the last 18 months in relation to managing land owned by Bury Council – Philips Park, Outwood Country Park, Prestwich Clough and Outwood Trail.</p> <p>This is now complete and Forestry England have decided these sites do not fit into their current business model for managing sites. However, they are enthusiastic about the future of their partnership work with Bury Council on the land they already manage at Drinkwater and Waterdale, as well as their ongoing work with the City of Trees and other partners in the City Forest Park Project.</p>
11	Conservative	<p>Has the GMSF been delayed due to legal reasons related to the drafting of the Plan and specifically how individual green belt sites are identified for proposed development Cllr Harris</p>

	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Members may be aware that the next stage of the GMSF is currently timetabled to be released for consultation in the Autumn of this year. It has been widely reported in various media outlets that this timeframe may not be met. It should be noted that a formal decision on this has not been made and the issue will be considered at the next Greater Manchester Combined Authority meeting on 27th September.</p> <p>I am not aware that there are any legal issues associated with the drafting of the plan or the way in which individual sites have been identified that would warrant a delay to the timetable.</p> <p>However, I am mindful of the complexities around the GMSF as a statutory planning document, and the importance of ensuring that sufficient time is allocated to fully consider all of the submissions made in the second round of consultation. It may be that the timetable is eventually amended to give sufficient time to do this</p>
12	Labour	<p>Can the leader update us on waiting times for ambulances in the borough as residents have informed me of delayed waits of up to 9 hours ?</p>
	Cllr Simpson	<p>Ambulance transport is commissioned by Bury CCG from the North West Ambulance Services (NWAS). There are two types of transport – the emergency service (999) and the non-emergency Patient Transport Service. From your query, our working assumption is that the delay of 9 hours referred to would have related to the Patient Transport Service, rather than the emergency service.</p> <p>If it relates to patients waiting to be picked up to take them to a hospital appointment the target for NWAS is to arrive at the planned appointment no more than 60 minutes before their appointment time. The latest data for Greater Manchester for Quarter 1 (April – June 2019) shows that 73% of all conveyances arrived within 60 minutes of their appointment time. The target is 90%. For Bury specifically the latest information we have is for June 2019 which is at 74%. For the same month, we know that 5 Bury patients waited more than 90 minutes for their appointment, but do not have any information about the longest wait; so cannot corroborate any Bury patients waiting for 9 hours. If more specific information can be provided, for example when the patient's scheduled pick up time was and when the ambulance arrived and their destination hospital, then the CCG will be able to look into this further.</p>
13	Labour	<p>Can you please update us as to the current situation regarding the testing of licensed vehicles by Bury Council? Cllr Gold</p>
	Cllr Rafiq	<p>The Licensing Service currently licences just short of 1000 vehicles</p>

		<p>(989 as of the start of September). All vehicles are required to undertake a vehicle compliance check which tests the vehicle to current MOT safety standards along with a number of quality standards prescribed by the Licensing Authority. This compliance check exempts the vehicle from having a MOT certificate. All licensed vehicles are tested by the Operations Division Workshop usually housed at Bradley Fold. As Bradley Fold does not carry out repairs for failed vehicles it should be seen as an independent test facility.</p> <p>The current testing arrangements provide for 50 – 55 weekly appointments which equates to approximately 2500 annual slots. This is adequate for 1000 vehicles which usually need 2 test per year, with capacity to incorporate any additional retests. Taxi owners are encouraged to book their tests well in advance, however there are occasional problems for owners when they leave this to the last minute.</p> <p>In February 2019 Bradley Fold suffered a fire which destroyed the vehicle workshop. In order to maintain business continuity, alternative testing arrangements were up and running within 48 hours at Bolton Council Workshop 4 miles away from the Bradley Fold Testing Station. Bury Council vehicle examiners have been working at The Bolton centre, testing to Bury Council licensing standards since February whilst investigations were carried out and new plans for a replacement workshop were implemented. Work has now started on rebuilding the workshop with an expected completion date of November 2019.</p> <p>Following requests to provide the trade with additional testing facilities the Council has agreed to carry out a review and options appraisal. This will include an audit of the current facilities, procedures, manuals, the need for photographic or video recording of tests and a review of customer satisfaction and complaints.</p>
14	Conservative	<p>The Lord Raglan site in Nangreaves has been plagued with criminal and anti-social behaviour over the last year. Will the Council commit to supporting local residents by providing CCTV cameras to cover the area Cllr Gunther</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>Thank you Councillor Gunther for raising these concerns on behalf of people living close to the former Lord Raglan public house. In order to assess the extent of the issue, a Council officer last week visited the site in the evening. They spent around one hour looking round the adjacent area and spoke to people walking their dogs. There were no apparent signs of anti social or criminal behaviour in the area. The building itself was secure, with no signs of fly tipping, vandalism or graffiti, and, while vehicles were</p>

		<p>parked on the car park, there were no occupants or signs of criminal or anti social activity.</p> <p>The Lord Raglan is currently in private ownership and, according to their estate agent's website, for sale and 'under offer'.</p> <p>While installation of CCTV cameras would potentially alleviate local residents' concerns, their installation would not be immediate as consideration would need to be given to the type of systems used, appropriate lighting, and communications. As there is currently no local authority funding available for provision of new CCTV cameras, this would need to be found or an agreement reached with the current owner, however, due to the building's current 'under offer' status they may not be willing to support this.</p> <p>If residents become aware of any issues of the type you have raised, they should be encouraged to report it to the relevant authorities.</p>
15	Labour	<p>Could the Leader outline the next steps for the GM Clean Air plan now that the required funding has been refused by the Government. Cllr C Morris</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Funding for the GM Clean Air plan has not been refused by Government.</p> <p>The GM Clean Air Plan Outline Business Case submitted to the Government in March asked for £116m of funding to support businesses in upgrading to cleaner vehicles [£59m for freight, £29m for Buses and £28m for taxis and private hire vehicles], we also estimated that GM would need £78m to implement a Clean Air Zone.</p> <p>The Government responded in July by directing the Greater Manchester authorities to implement a Clean Air Zone and provided £36m of funding to take this forward. They also asked for a fuller justification for the cleaner vehicle funds.</p> <p>The next steps are that we continue to develop the proposals in more detail using evidence from the 'Conversation' and other sources to justify the funding bids aforementioned but also to support other measures such as Loan finance, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, promoting Sustainable Journeys and further infrastructure and operating costs for the Clean Air Zone.</p> <p>This funding bid will be made in the Final Business Case once a statutory consultation on GM's Clean Air Plan detailed proposals is undertaken. The date for commencement of the consultation and submission of the FBC is under discussion with the government.</p>
16	Lib Dem	<p>The Sunday Times reports that Government plans to end freedom of</p>

		<p>movement on 31 October in case of no deal have been scrapped. The Government has stated repeatedly that EU citizens have until 31 December 2020 to apply for a new immigration status via the EU Settlement Scheme in case of no deal. However, the "Get ready for no deal" website suggests that EU citizens may need to apply ahead of the 31 October deadline "subject to negotiations and personal circumstances". Could the Leader of the Council clarify what options have you considered to outreach and inform EU citizens in Bury, especially vulnerable and at risk groups? Cllr Tegolo</p>
	Cllr Black	<p>As of 5th September, the government's Brexit pages reference that should the UK leave the EU without a deal the EU27 residents will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply with the deadline for applications being the 31st December 2020.</p> <p>A specification has been developed to secure support from the Bury Voluntary Community and Faith sector.</p> <p>The VCFA has been approached to support this work given the strength of community assets we have in the Borough and using individuals/groups that are embedded within our neighbourhoods to use their local knowledge, insight and experience to ensure readiness of residents most at risk of a no-deal Brexit, either directly in terms of EU27 citizens but vulnerable residents within the wider community.</p> <p>As a local authority the Council has specific duties within regards to supporting Looked After Children and Care Leavers, which is being fulfilled.</p>
17	Conservative	<p>Could the Council provide a detailed update on the actions being undertaken by various agencies at Island Lodge in Tottington and what plans there are for future work at the site by Bury MBC to address the ongoing problems? Cllr Gartside</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>A report and supporting topographical survey have been commissioned to look at the options open to the Council for the future management of Island Lodge. The report will also estimate the costs implementing the options identified.</p> <p>The draft report has now been written and it is expected that the final version will be completed in October when it will be made available to Councillors.</p> <p>United Utilities have completed their work in tracing and correcting six of the misconnected drains that were causing sewage to enter the lodge.</p> <p>Environmental Health officers have been working with United Utilities to tackle further misconnected foul drains. Originally 9 properties were identified and were sent letters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One has been solved by sewer upgrade in Byron Close • Two have complied with the letter

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five do not appear to have responded • One property is empty <p>Each property will receive a second letter in the next couple of weeks. Thereafter non-compliance will result in a S. 59 Building Act 1984 notice being served on the responsible persons.</p>
18	Labour	<p>Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the preparations for this year's Homeless Winter Provision and A Bed Every Night scheme? Cllr McGill</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Bury has been working closely with GMCA to get A Bed Every Night phase 2 ready to re-commence.</p> <p>The latest announcement is that the initiative will be re-launched on the 1st October 2019. Bury has committed to start on this date for our rough sleepers. GMCA will communicate phase 2 across GM for all Local Authorities and we will be carrying out our own local publicity from the 1st October through social media, local partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>GMCA was expecting £6m of funding but the actual funding is currently £5.5m. Unfortunately this has resulted in funding to some LA's being reduced and Bury is one of the LA's affected.</p> <p>The overall A Bed For Every Night bed provision across GM for rough sleepers will be a total 420 beds with only 10 spaces in Bury instead of the 20 originally planned for.</p> <p>Bury had planned and followed commissioning processes to deliver the initiative this year. Unfortunately the funding outcome has now produced a reactive provision rather than a planned service. The preferred commissioned partner has informed Bury that A Bed For Every Night is no longer viable based on the revised funding This has now presented Bury with significant challenges to deliver the provision because of the timescales to re-commence on the 1st October and the lack of funding.</p> <p>This week Adullum, one of our partner providers, have confirmed that they would be able to deliver the 10 bed space provision from the 1st October 2019 until the 30th June 2020 and Council officers are working with them to ensure that the provision is ready for the 1st October 19.</p>
19	Labour	<p>Can the Leader of the Council outline what steps are being taken to ensure Council Tax and Business Rates arrears are being collected? Cllr Hayes</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>In the case of both Council Tax and Business Rates the Council has robust procedures for the billing and collection of the amounts due.</p> <p>The processes are similar in that bills are issued and for any amounts not paid we issue a reminder before progressing to a court summons. If payment remains outstanding we would instruct an Enforcement Agent company who would seek to</p>

		<p>recover the debt on the Councils behalf. If the debt remains outstanding after this stage then we would consider serving an attachment of benefits or earnings before ultimately bankruptcy/ liquidation, charging orders or Committal to Prison</p> <p>At all stages in the process we encourage bill payers to engage with us if they are struggling to pay so that we can make realistic repayment plans or sign post them to work with either the Council's own Welfare support staff or the local Citizens Advice Bureau.</p>
20	Conservative	Are the Council confident that financial savings budgeted for this financial year are on track to be achieved Cllr N Jones
	Cllr O'Brien	Yes. The Joint Executive Team is reviewing progress against the savings measures agreed in February on a two-weekly basis. Some of these measures are more challenging than others, however we expect to be able to balance the budget with some one-off mitigations whilst continuing to monitor the progress on all the agreed savings measures.
21	Labour	What support has been put in place for looked after children? Cllr Whitby
	Cllr Tariq	<p>All Looked After Children have an allocated Social Worker and also from the age of 16 years a Personal Advisor. These roles are to support guide and advocate for Looked After Children and Care Leavers.</p> <p>Looked After Children are all allocated an Independent Reviewing Officer who provides oversight of their Care Plan and ensures that the local authority are fulfilling their duties in overseeing the Looked After Child appropriately.</p> <p>The Virtual School oversee the education attainment of Looked After Children, all Looked After Children has a Personal Education Plan which is updated on a termly basis which sets out the plans for that specific child.</p> <p>All Looked After Children can be referred into Social Care CAMHS service this is a dedicated service for young people who may be displaying emotional/mental health difficulties</p> <p>Bury Children's Rights offers a visit to every Looked After child over the age of 8 who becomes newly Looked after and provide advocacy and support. Mind Of My Own has also been adopted to provide Looked After children and young people the opportunity for their voice, wishes and feelings to be heard. This is a social media App that is easily accessible for children and young people.</p> <p>A Corporate Parenting Champions programme has recently been</p>

		<p>developed which will ensure that employees within Bury Council, CCG and partners can “champion” Looked After Children and Care Leavers and look for new opportunities and experiences to enhance their life chances, aspirations and outcomes.</p> <p>This concept has progressed via the Corporate Parenting Board in May 2019, the aim is to get champions across all Council departments and the CCG to highlight the profile of Looked After Children and Care Leavers and to ensure the role of Corporate Parenting is fully adopted and embedded in all areas of work.</p> <p>A Corporate Parenting Week 2019 will take place from 18th – 22nd November. This week will raise awareness of the collective corporate parenting responsibilities and how corporate parents can improve the outcomes and life chances of children and young people in care and care leavers.</p>
22	Labour	<p>I understand the Council is trialling online voting for the latest round of ‘Pitch’ events in allocating funding to community groups. Please can an update be shared on this and online uptake? Cllr Cummins</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>The Pitch funding utilises an approach known as Participatory Budgeting to put local people at the heart of the decision making process. The Pitch empowers residents and community groups of all parts of the community to develop local projects and enables local people to vote. This year’s March Pitch events were the most successful to date with a 50% increase in the amount of groups applying for Pitch funding and a 46% increase in the number of people turning out to vote. The attendance figures exceeded expectations with some areas attracting well over 200 voters.</p> <p>Despite the Pitch events getting bigger and better, we have received feedback from some of the groups and the public stating that they couldn’t always get to the events to vote. We therefore wanted to try and resolve this issue, enabling all those who wanted to vote an opportunity to do so. Therefore for this round of Pitches we are trialling an on-line vote via our new engagement on-line software – One Community.</p> <p>The voting is the same on-line as at the physical events, with each person having to vote for five groups or the vote will be void. Voters have had to register with an email address to try and stop multiple voting by individuals.</p> <p>The on-line voting has been staggered and to date only 3 of the 6 votes are open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prestwich vote closed on the 29th August and received 123 valid votes (7 Void) ● Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor closes on the 5th September and to date has received 207 votes ● Bury West opened on 29th August and has received 70 votes

		<p>to date. It closes on 12th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bury East – opens on the 5th September ● Whitefield and Unsworth – opens on 5th September ● Radcliffe – opens on 12th September <p>Because of a smaller than expected number of applications to Prestwich and Radcliffe, an on-line vote only will take place in these areas. The lower number of applications may be due to the additional 'Parklife' funding available in Prestwich and the last pitch event in Radcliffe was one of the biggest we had had.</p> <p>The process of on-line voting for Pitches will be reviewed early in October. I would encourage you all to go on to One Community and have a look at some of the great videos and work received.</p>
23	Conservative	<p>Can the Council confirm the cash figure for uncollected council tax and business rates over the last 3 years Cllr Gunther</p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>Council Tax amount outstanding as at 1st September 2019 in relation to the last three full financial years:</p> <p>2018/19 £2,848,583</p> <p>2017/18 £1,870,693</p> <p>2016/17 £1,304,466</p> <p>Bury has a strong track record on collecting Council Tax In year. National Average for Metropolitan Councils is 95.3% with Burys collection rate being 96.49%. Collection compares well against other AGMA councils</p> <p>Business Rates amount outstanding as at 1st September 2019 in relation to the last three full financial years:</p> <p>2018/19 £1,774,345</p> <p>2017/18 £998,055</p> <p>2016/17 £927,258</p>
24	Lib Dem	<p>Pollinators are insects which are essential to our environment, and even to our lives and they are declining fast. They are so-called because they carry the reproductive dust, pollen, from flower to flower to grow the new generations of plants. Without them a significant number of plants, from trees to strawberries, could not reproduce. The environmental group Buglife says every third mouthful of our food depends on insect pollinators. Can the Leader tell us if a pollinator action plan has been developed to take a lead in mobilising the people of Bury to act to improve the habitat and the food sources of these insects and to reverse their rapid decline? Cllr Tegolo</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Bury Council does not have a specific 'pollinator action plan'</p>

		<p>however there are at least 500 hectares or semi natural and natural land in the borough which helps to form habitats for wildlife and pollinators. We will be carrying our re-wilding trials next year that will involve growing wild flowers on some of our verges. Our pest control service is very conscious of the need to protect non target species from pesticides and we risk assess every pest treatment. We do not use pesticides on wasp nests in the open nor do we ever treat for bees nests. The Council is currently in discussion with the Pesticide Action Network to develop a pesticide reduction strategy.</p>
25	Labour	<p>Could an update please be provided on the Bury Strategy, the background to this and outline of the plans to develop the strategy? Cllr Grimshaw</p>
	Cllr Black	<p>This is an exciting time for our Borough as we look to develop our vision for the Borough over the next 10 years. We have an opportunity to consider what is great about the Borough, what our local people’s hopes and aspirations are, how Bury will play a key role within Greater Manchester – all to improve outcomes and the life chances for our residents.</p> <p>The Bury Strategy will be our 10 vision for the place – by ‘our’ I mean the Borough – it is a plan for Bury by Bury – and as such is based on place rather than a plan just for this organisation.</p> <p>The strategy will include themed activity plans which will developed from a reflection of the strengths and achievements locally – be it the high rate of business start-ups, high quality care homes, Britain’s favourite market and active tenant management groups. From this it will articulate how Bury is, and will be positioned to take advantage of opportunities regionally within Greater Manchester, how GM’s model of unified public services look and feel in our neighbourhoods, reflecting the outcomes which matter the most to local people. This will be part of one overarching delivery plan to incorporate the Local Industrial Strategy, Locality Plan refresh and Bury’s Public Sector Reform agenda.</p> <p>An over-riding principal of the plan is one of participation and being community led. A big conversation is underway throughout September with the people of Bury. The intention is to hear from thousands of residents, young people, businesses, partner organisations and visitors to gather their ideas, aspiration and concerns for themselves, their friends and family and local community within Bury for the next 10 years or so.</p> <p>Mass online engagement is taking place with social media content on Facebook, LinkedIn and Snapchat to drive responses to a</p>

		<p>survey on the Council's engagement platform 'One Community'. This will be supplemented by 'pop up' stands at local events and high footfall areas including the Bury 10k, our local markets in the Borough and at upcoming Pitch events.</p> <p>Officers will also be presenting workshop slides as a standard framework for discussion in partnership meetings during September where partners will be encouraged to cascade this through their channels, whilst there will be additional signage to the survey through GP surgeries.</p> <p>The feedback from the engagement activity, review of local strategies and analysis of outcome data will be reviewed during October in order that a draft strategy document can be developed as the basis for formal consultation proposed for November.</p> <p>So I'd encourage everyone to engage with the current conversation, visit One Community, and help inform the future of our great Borough.</p>
26	Conservative	Can the Council confirm the cash figure for voluntary redundancy payments made by the Council over the last 3 years? Cllr Keeley
	Cllr Black	16/17 £17,015.59 17/18 Nil 18/19 £5,662.00
27	Lib Dem	Can the Leader state how many families the Council has helped to resettle through the 'Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme' and can he also confirm the Council's commitment to contribute towards future resettlement programmes? M Powell
	Cllr Briggs	<p>Over the past 18 months Bury Council have supported The Community Sponsorship scheme, which enables community groups to directly welcome and support refugees in Bury, currently the Community groups have resettled two large Syrian families, both families are doing extremely well.</p> <p>The two sponsorship groups are:</p> <p>Mothers union and St Michaels and St Bernadette Church.</p> <p>We recognise the positive difference community sponsorship has made to the lives of refugees resettled in the Bury, and to the communities that have welcomed them. It is only made possible by the dedication, hard work and compassion of community sponsor groups within Bury.</p>
28	Conservative	Can the Council confirm its annual wage bill for each of the last 3 years? Cllr Daly
	Cllr Black	The totals for the last three years (ending 31st March) and the

		<p>three yearly average are as follows:</p> <p>2016/17: £147,6m 2017/18: £142.2m 2018/19: £141.5m Total: £431.3m Average: £143.7m</p> <p>Despite inflationary pay increases being applied annually, the downward trend can be attributed to two main factors:</p> <p>a) Reduced staffing numbers across the Council b) Gradual academisation of schools</p>
29	Lib Dem	<p>A resolution of the last meeting of the Council agreed to the motion on 'Fixing Fashion'. Could the Leader inform members on what is being done to implement the resolutions in the motion, including how the Council will deliver on zero reusable clothes in the residual waste stream? Cllr Pickstone</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>The GMCA has recently completed some waste composition analysis across GM and in Bury specifically.</p> <p>The excerpt from the Waste Compositional Analysis Report re: textiles reads as follows:</p> <p>Potentially collectable clothing and fabrics accounted for 12.7kg/household/yr or 5.6% of the residual waste i.e. grey bin waste in Bury. If these materials were not placed into the grey bin then diversion from residual waste would increase from 55% to 56.1%.</p> <p>This shows the extent of the issue and also the potential for trying to increase diversion.</p> <p>An initiative has been run in conjunction with a company called Bag It Up Ltd and schools across the borough over the last couple of years which encourages pupils to bring textiles into school for collection for recycling as a means of raising funds. This pilot has worked well logistically and the intention is now to promote the scheme and encourage a wider take up.</p> <p>Consideration is also being given to tendering a contract for the provision and servicing of a network of textiles recycling banks across the borough. Discussions have commenced with Procurement about progressing this idea.</p> <p>The R4GM website (administered by the GMCA) is full of information about textiles re-use and recycling, to which we need to ensure effective signposting from the Bury Council website.</p> <p>In theory the Council does have the legal powers to ban reusable clothing from its residual doorstep waste collection but the practicalities of introducing and effectively implementing a ban</p>

		and the implication for the waste collection service need to be carefully thought through. This work is underway.
30	Conservative	The Council have received a petition from residents of Tor Avenue, Greenmount asking for their road to be re-surfaced. When was Tor Avenue last inspected by council officers, is there a plan in place to undertake the work and when will it happen? Cllr Hussain
	Cllr Quinn	Tor Avenue is inspected annually as part of the Council's system of routine Highway Safety Inspections. No dangerous defects warranting repair were identified during the most recent Highway Safety Inspection, conducted on 11/01/19. Officers are currently devising the strategy for allocating the funding across the network and between different work streams (reactive, preventative and structural maintenance). Given the breadth of potential sites, a prioritisation methodology will be used within each work stream. This will take into account factors such as road condition, insurance claims, traffic volumes and speed restrictions. Over the next few months a delivery plan for 2020/21 will be devised and an indicative plan for the following years. Once this has been completed we will be able to advise on when Tor Avenue is likely to be resurfaced.
31	Lib Dem	Now that the A56 works in Prestwich are complete, could the Leader inform members what work, if any, is being undertaken to assess the long term impact of the scheme on other roads through Prestwich, or if a study to assess such any such impact is planned? Cllr Powell
	Cllr Quinn	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 Jnc 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 times. Being a principal road and a gateway to the motorway network, traffic flows will always be significant on the A56 in Prestwich. As explained previously, an area-wide study to capture a multitude of side-roads and alternate routes, would cost between £10k and 20k. As there is no evidence that the scheme has had a detrimental impact on journey times, no budget has been allocated to this work.
32	Lib Dem	Cancer Research UK has partnered with the Local Government Association to produce a 'guide on tobacco control for elected members.

		Given that smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer what are the Council and its partners doing to meet the ambition of a smoke free UK by 2035, where less than 5% of adults across all socioeconomic groups smoke? Cllr Pickstone
	Cllr Simpson	<p>In March 2019 Bury Health and Wellbeing Board approved our local Tobacco Control Plan for 2019-2022. The plan sets out our commitment to work with partners, to effectively impact tobacco use across the borough. The plan aims to contribute to reducing ill-health and early death in the population, and improve the lives of the next generation of Bury residents.</p> <p>Reducing smoking prevalence in Bury is also a key action within our Locality Plan (2017-2021) and a stated ambition in our Primary Care Health and Wellbeing strategy.</p> <p>Local actions being taken to drive smoking prevalence rates down include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redesigning services: combining smoking cessation services with the Bury Lifestyle Service, to ensure services are accessible and holistic. 2. Continued delivery of the Baby Clear programme which pro-actively supports pregnant women who smoke, to quit. 3. Continued engagement with primary care staff to ensure they provide very brief advice and signposting to appropriate services. 4. Raising awareness of the dangers of smoking and the support services available, through promoting regional campaigns including TV and radio. 5. Promoting smoke-free environments and events (for example: the Bury leg of the Cycle Tour of Britain is smoke-free, Sept 19) 6. Enforcing tobacco regulation, ensuring compliance by traders to standards relating to point of sale bans, age restrictions on sales etc. 7. Offering support to quit via existing services such as the Bury Lifestyle Service but also via new pathways (in hospitals and via telephone helplines and websites). 8. Planned roll out of the CURE programme in hospitals, which will ensure all those patients coming into hospital who smoke are automatically provided with stop smoking support. <p>Smoking rates in Bury have fallen significantly in recent years – from 23.3% of adults in 2011 to 16.0% in 2018. This is a bigger reduction than most places in the North West, and the third highest drop over the period in Greater Manchester. The system approach we are taking, putting a high priority on education and on providing advice and support to smokers who want to quit looks to be making a significant impact.</p>
33	Lib Dem	Could the Leader of the Council inform members on how many street

		trees have been removed, and how many planted, so for this municipal year and in the previous three municipal years? Cllr S Wright
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Street trees will be removed only where necessary when a tree is dead, diseased, dying or dangerous. A typical example is where a street tree has outgrown its location, lifted the footpaths or damaged underground services.</p> <p>The highway is often not a suitable location for replacement trees, ether due to restricted space or cost. Street trees are now only planted in tree pits designed to ensure that roots do not cause damage. This can cost around £2,000 per tree. Bury’s strategy is to plant trees in more suitable places such as parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Street tree removals as follows - 2016 – 47 2017 – 39 2018 – 29 2019 – 21 to date</p> <p>Trees planted as follows - 2016 – 9 street trees and 8 on green spaces 2017 – 11 street trees and 35 in Festival Gardens Radcliffe 2018 – 28 street trees including 12 in Prestwich high street and a further 13 on green spaces 2019 - To date 3 street trees and 2 in green spaces.</p> <p>A funding bid has been submitted to the ‘Urban Tree Challenge’ to plant 90 new trees at 5 green space locations as well as tree planting for mitigation in connection with Radcliffe Flood defence</p> <p>The Council is working in partnership with City of Trees to plant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2500 new trees in green spaces as mitigation for trees removed from Chamberhall development site • Tree or hedge planting at over 10 schools • 1000 trees at Springwater Park • 150 trees in St Marys Park • 500 trees at Mount Sion Road Radcliffe • 15 trees at Burrs Country Park