

Q.	Party	Question
1.	Lib Dem	<p>Can the Leader inform members about any work the authority has done to ascertain how many free-to-use cash machines have been lost from Bury in recent years? What proportion of residents do not live within walking distance of a free-to-use cash machine?</p> <p>Councillor S Wright</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>An analysis of the Link website has shown that within the Borough of Bury, according to latest records, there are 88 free-to-use cash machines with a further 29 that incur a charge for usage. The proportion of free-to-use versus paid varies throughout the Borough, for instance within the Ramsbottom/Tottington area 2/17 charge, Prestwich area this is 3/8 whilst in Radcliffe the 7/12 charge.</p> <p>In terms of spread of machines generally and specifically free-to-use machines there are a few of areas of which there is approximately 1km of coverage without a free-access machine, which include around Fishpool, the area north east to Bury town centre/south of Clarence Park, Summerseat and Ringley Road (west Whitefield).</p> <p>It is proposed that the figures referenced above are kept under review and that correspondence is made with the Voluntary, Community and Faith Alliance with respect to engaging populations in these locations of the Community Access to Cash Delivery Fund</p>
2.	Labour	<p>Please could an update be provided on Bury 2030 following the engagement activity which took place last summer? Councillor Rhyse Cathcart</p>
	Cllr Briggs	<p>Thank you for this question on an area of crucial importance, the future of our Borough. As you reference there was significant engagement in the late summer and early autumn of 2019 which took the form of an online questionnaire on the One Community platform and out on the streets across the Borough, myself included, to ask local residents, employees, families, students and visitors their thoughts on Bury now, for the next ten years and the role they could play within this. Over 1,250 responses were received, equally spread from throughout the Borough and across different groups of the population. The council also engaged with our public, private, voluntary and community sector partners at a series of meetings and events including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Local Care Organisation, Community Safety Partnership, with our two colleges and Bury Business Leadership Group. These sessions were to gather further input on Bury's strengths, opportunities for the future and priorities and gather examples of 'Brilliant Bury' from around the Borough, both in terms of existing success and great plans for the future.</p> <p>All of this engagement activity has been considered alongside data on the Borough including our local economy, deprivation levels, environment and health information in order to get a rounded picture of the challenges we face and the focus required on activity over this decade, and specifically in</p>

		the next couple of years recognising some action now till take a number of years for the outcomes to be realised.
3	Labour	Can the leader provide the council with an update for the future plans that the council has for Radcliffe as Town? What are the long term strategic objectives for the town and how will this benefit the people of Radcliffe? Councillor Rhyse Cathcart
	Leader	<p>Thank you for the question. Radcliffe remains a significant priority for the Council, and I can confirm that Deloitte LLP have now been formally appointed to prepare a Strategic Regeneration Framework and delivery plan for Radcliffe.</p> <p>The intention is for the framework to set out an integrated approach to the regeneration of Radcliffe relating to, not only physical regeneration, but also to help pave the way to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents.</p> <p>This will include improving educational attainment and skills in the town, local transport improvements, improved environment and leisure facilities, plus regeneration and environmental improvement of the town centre, helping to improve the overall quality of life for Radcliffe residents.</p> <p>Stakeholder and wider public engagement will form an important part of the framework, and the results will feed into the development of key objectives and proposals.</p> <p>It is imperative that we have a clear strategy which will provide the mechanism for the delivery of the Council's continued ambitions to regenerate Radcliffe. It will provide a coordinated delivery plan setting out short, medium, and longer term proposals, to drive forward the sustainable and managed regeneration of the Radcliffe Township over the next 10 to 15 years. The aim is to secure benefits from this growth for all Radcliffe residents.</p>
4	Conservative	Can the Leader tell us the Progress 8 figure for Bury and how this compares to the 9 other authorities in Greater Manchester Cllr. Sam Hurst
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Bury is ranked 6th out of the 10 Greater Manchester LAs in 2019. We are now part way through what is a sustained secondary standards recovery programme. This work has been scrutinised by cross-party members in the Overview and Scrutiny committee. It has been presented to the Regional Schools Commissioner, to the Regional HMI and has been tested through the Northern Region Peer Review process.</p> <p>There is recognition that our recovery although in an early stage is working. A letter from the Chief HMI Amanda Spielman has been received by the Governors and Head of St Monica's recognising their rapid</p>

		<p>recovery. This is in itself an unusual accolade.</p> <p>More generally the profile of our school performance under the new Ofsted inspection regime has been consistently positive.</p>
5	Labour	<p>Please could the leader give an update on the feasibility of traffic lights at Kay brow and the introduction of the Scoot System in Ramsbottom to reduce traffic congestion. Cllr Kevin Thomas</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>The Council's Engineering Services have held initial discussions regarding congestion on the length of Bolton Street, Ramsbottom, between its junctions with Bridge Street/Carr Street and Nuttall Lane/Dundee Lane with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).</p> <p>TfGM are responsible for the design, installation, maintenance and management of traffic signal equipment for the 10 districts that make up Greater Manchester.</p> <p>Currently, each junction optimises their own timings independently in a way to maximise the number of vehicles they can accommodate (a system known as MOVA). The distance between the signal installations would allow for their operation via SCOOT (where the signals "talk" to each other to maximise the throughput of the network rather than each junction). However, the number of vehicles accessing Bolton Street from Kay Brow (located midway between the two junctions) is such that it would disrupt the operation of SCOOT as they cannot be accounted for by the system.</p> <p>In order to better understand the behaviour of the traffic in this area it is necessary to undertake vehicle count surveys and to construct a computerised model of the highway network to identify the main causes of congestion, propose potential solution and to model these proposals to see if they deliver the required benefits.</p> <p>Engineers from the Council and TfGM are in the process of convening a meeting to work through the details and scope of the initial survey work.</p>
6	Labour	<p>Please could the leader give an update on the Mondri Site? Cllr Kevin Thomas</p>
	Cllr Black	<p>Council officers have been involved in discussions regarding the future of the former Mondri site with the land owner and their representatives over a number of years. However, as yet, no planning applications have been submitted for the redevelopment of the site.</p> <p>Nevertheless, it is understood that an option for the site has now been obtained by Ecclestone Homes and that they are due to enter into pre-application discussions with Council officers shortly with a view to submitting a planning application to redevelop the site for housing in the</p>

		<p>near future.</p> <p>One of the key issues that will be raised during these discussions will be site constraints, particularly those associated with the fact that the majority of the site is included within an area identified by the Environment Agency as being at high risk from flooding.</p> <p>However, it is recognised that this is a prominent site close to the heart of Ramsbottom town centre that is in need of regeneration and officers will, in consultation with the Environment Agency, actively engage with the prospective developer to explore all opportunities to deliver a viable and safe solution for the site.</p>
7	Conservative	<p>When will the Bradley Fold MOT Testing Station will be reopened? Cllr. Khalid Hussain</p>
	Cllr Black	<p>Following the fire at Bradley Fold Depot in February 2019, the contractors undertaking the rebuild of the vehicle workshop gave a date of the middle of November for completion. However, due to the amount of rain that fell during the rebuild the fitting of the new roof was delayed.</p> <p>The garage was finally handed back to Bury Council on the 22nd December 2019 and the mechanics have now moved from their temporary workshop back in to the newly refurbished workshop.</p> <p>Meantime, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), the organisation which oversees and regulates the MOT testing process, issued a special notice in September 2019 specifying that all new brake testers fitted in MOT stations had to be connected to the internet with effect from 01st October 2019. This internet connection was only made possible on 15th January 2020 and the Transport service now awaits the connection of the new brake tester to the DVSA MOT system. This is due to be done on Tuesday 21st January.</p> <p>Once this has been done and a new headlamp beam setter, has been fitted, Transport will be in a position to reopen the MOT test lane.</p> <p>Considering the above, at this point in time it is hoped to reopen the MOT testing station by the end of January.</p>
8	Labour	<p>How many schools have been inspected under the new Ofsted framework and what has been the outcome? Cllr Clare Walsh</p>
	Cllr Tariq	<p>5 primary schools have been inspected to date however the report for one of these is not yet available and therefore the outcome remains confidential to the school. Of the 4 inspections, three were carried out under Section 8 and one under Section 5 (full inspection). 3 good schools (Greenmount, St. Margaret's, Ribble Drive) remained good and Hoyle Nursery school remained outstanding (this is exceptional performance in the new framework)</p> <p>3 secondary schools have received inspections however one was a</p>

		<p>monitoring inspection only. Unsworth Academy received its first inspection as a new school and was judged good. St. Monica's RC High received a monitoring visit which was converted to a full inspection which moved the school from inadequate to requiring improvement i.e. school is no longer judged to require Special Measures.</p> <p>These early outcomes from the new inspection regime are consistently positive. They reflect the hard work of our Heads, staff and governors- who are to be congratulated. And they confirm that our school improvement strategy which includes having trained every school in Bury for the new Ofsted inspection process- is working.</p> <p>We now must with cross -party support ensure that every school in Bury is at least Good. And that we rapidly resume our previous position as One of the Best education services.</p>
9	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give us updates on any recent tree planting in Bury? Councillor Richard Gold</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>I am pleased to inform Council that 2700 trees were planted at Boz Park in Whitefield in partnership with City of Trees as part of National Tree Planting Week at the end of November. A wide variety of trees were planted as part of a community event involving the friends group, volunteers and local schools.</p> <p>Also working in partnership with City of Trees 190 trees have been planted at Greenhill Primary School and 230 trees with Higher Lane Primary School. There is also a further 50 standard trees to be planted in various parks as part of the Urban Tree Challenge</p> <p>Following Forestry England withdrawing the option to manage parts of Philips Park and Outwood, the Council will be working with City of Trees to explore further options for tree planting and site management in these areas as part of developing the City Forest Park.</p>
10	Lib Dem	<p>Could the leader inform members what the Council's approach is to advertising banners, for example on park railings, and who is able to put these up and who is responsible for taking them down? Councillor Powell</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>The approach taken for park railings is that permission is requested from Parks and Countryside by groups wanting to put a banner up. The banners need to be from the Council, charity, community group/volunteer, event sponsorship or Parks related, this can mean other parks as well such as Heaton Park, Manchester. The people putting the banners up are requested to look after them, ensure they are kept tidy</p>

		<p>and remove them when the event/activity is over.</p> <p>Other banners do appear from time to time such as St Mary's Park in Prestwich which are commercial in nature, a sweep to remove banners is carried out across the Borough periodically when resources allow.</p>
11	Conservative	<p>Can the leader assure members that Bury's 'Happy' Town of Culture successful bid will bring events and activities to all six townships. Cllr. Nick Jones</p>
	LEADER	<p>The Council is delighted that Bury has been awarded the accolade of being the first Greater Manchester Town of Culture. Bury's cultural identity is rich and diverse, from being a hotbed of creative and performing talent, exhibiting world class art and sculpture, to a proud heritage including military, police and industry. Our cultural fabric is made up of the people and places of our Borough. As such we should be proud to identify as and promote ourselves as Towns of Cultures with activity and opportunity across all our townships.</p> <p>We are looking to celebrate the townships and communities within our Borough throughout 2020, and build a legacy beyond this. The focus will be to build on existing strengths and increase access to activities and initiatives across all parts of the Borough. From Prestwich Arts Festival in the south and murals of Mark E Smith and Victoria Wood, to performance in Radcliffe at venues such as the Market Hall, the cultural quarter in Bury to the Flying Scotsman steaming through to Ramsbottom during the year where it is hoped Head for the Hills will return this year. The funding secured as part of the Town of Culture award will allow the expansion of a planned event to build on the success of the Victoria Wood statue and exhibition last year to reach out further, both geographically beyond the Art Museum and Met Theatre but also in scope to include events that make use of the Borough's green spaces which are so cherished.</p> <p>A number of organisations and individuals have already put forward proposals and shared their plans for the year, which will continue to be developed. We welcome all corners of our Borough to embrace the platform Town of Culture provides, to get involved and in the words of Victoria Wood herself, Let's Do It.</p>
12	Labour	<p>Many Bury residents would like to buy electric vehicles to combat climate change but there is a lack of EV charging infrastructure nationwide. Can the Leader give us an update on potential EV charging initiatives? Councillor Rafiq</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>TfGM have already been awarded £3million pounds to increase electric vehicle (EV) Charging infrastructure throughout GM. This funding will deliver 2 rapid chargers in Bury Town Centre this year.</p> <p>Bury Council have committed to install a minimum of 1 chargepoint per ward and we have identified an initial list of potential locations These points will mainly be on council car parks at or close to residential areas</p>

		<p>without off street parking and will present an opportunity to apply for the Government's On Street Residential Charge Scheme funding. We are currently seeking installation costs for these locations.</p> <p>We are also actively pursuing a trial of on-street EV charging infrastructure by way of the Government's "On Street Residential Charge Scheme" funding and we have been in discussions with a supplier/installer of on-street charging equipment to this effect and have just completed an expression of interest procurement process in order to identify possible partners.</p> <p>We propose to go out to consult on our draft GM Clean Air Plan during 2020 and included in our proposed package of measures, is a bid for government funding to deliver and operate an additional 300 dual headed chargepoints across the GM. If this bid is successful we will see an additional 30 points with 60 charging outlets in Bury.</p> <p>The above actions will increase our current provision of public chargepoints significantly and we expect the new points will be installed on a phased basis commencing this year.</p>
13	Labour	<p>Can the leader tell me how Bury as a system is performing with the increased demands on our services? Councillor Morris</p>
	<p>Cllr Simpson/Cllr Cummins</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Bury position is holding its own in respect to urgent care over the winter period. 2. The national target is for 95% of patients attending A&E to be seen within 4 hours. Over the last month, FGH has fluctuated between 70% - 80%. 3. In terms of the year to date, for adult services, FGH is the best performing in Greater Manchester. <p>April 2019 – December 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FGH – 80.1% • North Manchester General Hospital – 72.8% • Royal Oldham – 69.6% <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Fairfield received additional monies from NHSE to cover winter pressures and have opened 22 beds with this. In addition a further 30 beds have been opened to provide additional capacity. 5. As is usual planned activity has been stepped down in December 2019 and January 2020 to create even further capacity for urgent and emergency cases. This is part of mobilising the local winter plan.

		<p>6. Attendances at A&E continue to increase locally and nationally. A comparison of attendances this year (Apr – Dec 2019) to last year (Apr – Dec 2018) is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FGH +3674 (+7.4%) • NMGH +7699 (+12.2%) • Royal Oldham +3307 (+4.8%) • PAHT +14680(+8.1%)
14	Conservative	<p>Can the leader of the Council advise the benefits of the Deloitte Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) for Radcliffe, the total cost of this engagement and the timeframe for this? Cllr. Paul Cropper</p>
	Leader	<p>Radcliffe remains a significant priority within the Council’s regeneration programme, not least because Radcliffe suffers from higher levels of deprivation and poverty than other key townships within the Borough. As such, Deloitte LLP have been appointed to prepare a Strategic Regeneration Framework that will set out a clear vision and plan to deliver investment into the town.</p> <p>There have already been recent developments and initiatives within Radcliffe, and there are proposals for substantial residential growth in and around the centre. It is imperative that we have a clear strategy that will help secure benefits from this growth for Radcliffe residents. There are already plans in traction to deliver a new secondary school in Radcliffe and the framework will set out wider plans for local transport improvements, leisure facilities and improvements to the town centre to make it attractive to investors and users.</p> <p>The framework will provide a clear vision for future growth and development in Radcliffe in a coherent and joined-up manner. It will also ensure the Council are in a position to bid for Government funding programmes as and when the opportunities arise to support delivery of the framework objectives.</p> <p>As recently reported at Cabinet Committee, the cost of the Deloitte commission is £89,000 which we feel represents value for money, having followed the Council’s procurement process for the commission.</p> <p>The proposed timeframe to prepare the framework and delivery plan is six months from January to July 2020.</p>
15	Labour	<p>How are we progressing with our work around early years and school readiness? Cllr Mortenson</p>
		<p>As part of the process for community asset transfer of our Children</p>

	<p>Cllr Tariq</p>	<p>Centres we are currently reviewing our Children Centre offer across Bury for both universal and targeted support to families in the early years. Our vision is to work with our current offer and new providers to create hubs where there is a range of offers to families from job clubs to specific parenting support programmes. This will link to Public Service Reform agenda and neighbourhood offer.</p> <p>We are extending our transformation model of Team Around the School to include Team Around the PreSchool. As part of this we are working with our early years providers and have engaged one of our head teachers to contribute to the development of Bury Standards for PVI's which will have an emphasis on ensuring children identified as requiring additional support including those children that have additional needs or disability receive targeted support.</p> <p>We are integrating our Troubled Families offer with our whole early years and early help offer so that we share the principles of the Troubled Families programme across our early years sector which supports a whole family approach to help and with a clear outcomes framework. Later in 2020 we will be scoping needs and looking at how we train staff in a range of offers which target support earlier, for example, Family Group Conferences, Reducing Parental conflict, Webster Stratton Parenting programmes, Restorative Practice</p>
16	<p>Labour</p>	<p>Can the leader give up an update on the urgent care review? Cllr Grimshaw</p>
	<p>Cllr Simpson/Cllr Cummins</p>	<p>The CCG Governing Body requested a review of the Urgent Care system. Work began reviewing the system in Bury to align it against the NHS Long Term Plan milestones for urgent and emergency care and to meet these 5 local Bury objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve performance of 4 hour waits • Reduce Non-Elective Admissions at Fairfield General Hospital • Deliver £2.6m savings from current spend from Urgent Care Services "in scope" • Redesign to simplify access points to improve patient experience. • Work towards achievement of the Greater Manchester Urgent and Emergency Care Improvement and Transformation Plan.

Next steps are around designing the new model, developing a financial plan and carrying out a public consultation exercise. The design of the new model will include a new model for an urgent care front door at the hospital, to include the development of the nationally mandated Urgent Treatment Centre. We will also make it easier to book a same day appointment at your GP practice.

There also needs to be a major piece of public information work to explain how the new system will work. Public consultation will be required on some elements of the emerging model, particularly around what the new model at the hospital looks like and a primary care led triage model.

Supplementary Question:

Do you think it will improve services for patients?

The review has Bury people at its heart and seeks to improve the urgent care experience for everyone.

We are aiming for people to be seen in the right place, first time with an emphasis on early community triage. An example is the proposed development of a Clinical Assessment Service, where people will be redirected to a Greater Manchester clinician if they ring 999 or 111 and their enquiry isn't complex or critical. This service will then assess people and make them an appointment in the appropriate part of the Bury system. This avoids long waits at walk in centres or the Accident and Emergency Department at Fairfield General Hospital. We would like to streamline, simplify and standardise the various different approaches to triage across Bury so that what's available is clearer to understand. We have launched a mobile phone-based Greater Manchester Service Finder app which also helps people make the best decision about which service to use.

People have told us that one of the most frustrating issues is their perception that it is difficult to get a GP appointment. We need to modernise our approach to booking appointments using technology so that people who want to can book an appointment online, or can have an online or telephone GP consultation. We'd like to use technology to triage GP appointment planning to change the 8am rush for an appointment.

One of the biggest changes we'd like to develop is what happens at Fairfield General Hospital. We would like to develop a new front door reception service where people can be triaged by primary care staff and streamed to

		<p>the right part of the hospital such as a new nationally mandated Urgent Treatment Centre, Accident and Emergency or Same Day Emergency Care.</p> <p>The Urgent Treatment Centre will be an improvement as it will be open longer than currently and have access to blood tests and x-rays. It will take a multi-disciplinary approach and include colleagues from mental health teams as well as primary care.</p>
17	Conservative	<p>Can the Leader please advise members the amount spent on legal costs and the amount paid out by the authority for compensation claims due to poor roads and pavements for the last year Cllr. Oliver Kersh</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>In the last year Bury Council spent £191,488 on legal fees and £444,825 on highway claims.</p> <p>The additional £10million invested by Bury Council in highway maintenance helped to achieve a 26% drop in the number of highway insurance claims received between 17/18 and 18/19. This positive trend of fewer claims is continuing, with the number of highway claims received so far this year 40% down on 18/19.</p>
18	Labour	<p>Can the leader tell me about the Bury Careview Initiative and the benefits to residents? Councillor Lucy Smith</p>
	Cllr Simpson/Cllr Cummins	<p>An opportunity has arisen which would assist us to identify people who are lonely and isolated, help to focus upon areas where loneliness and social isolation is concentrated, help us to reach out to individuals, help people to engage with services and to overcome the barriers to reconnection and connect people to services and support.</p> <p>The pilot project is funded by the European Space Agency and the newly designed app, its development costs, any direct costs of the pilot including designing and printing information leaflets/brochures etc. are all covered by the European Space Agency.</p> <p>Overview of the Careview Pilot – How it works</p> <p>The pilot project will operate across the whole of Bury we are not specifically targeting areas that are more deprived. There are people who are affluent or cash rich who are also socially isolated.</p> <p>To target the areas showing a high concentration of social isolation a leaflet is produced. The leaflet contains some text about who we are and explains the different ways people can get in touch with us.</p> <p>Leaflet also contains information about the type of services available and offers some free help and support to access services.</p> <p>Police and Police Support Officers from the neighbourhood teams will be</p>

		<p>the main 'app tappers' although other teams such as Staying Well Team will also perform this duty.</p> <p>The leafletting and door knocking teams will be made up of people from a number of different services and teams and their activity will be co-ordinated by the CWB Strategic Development Unit.</p>
19	Labour	<p>Can the leader give us an update on the Mayor's new car? Councillor Mortenson</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>The current Mayor's car is a Jaguar XF 2.0 Diesel which is out of its original lease period and is now on a month by month renewal.</p> <p>The Transport department at Bradley Fold Depot is investigating the feasibility of procuring a fully electric car for the Mayor in a bid to reduce emissions from its own fleet.</p> <p>One of the obvious choices would be the new Nissan Leaf with its extended range and the length of time the vehicle has been on the market.</p> <p>In October 2019 Transport began the process of securing a demonstration vehicle to be used by the Mayor to assess the suitability of the Nissan Leaf. After ringing multiple Nissan dealers within the North West region a demonstration vehicle was finally arranged direct through Nissan UK for the week commencing 22nd January 2020, the earliest date possible.</p> <p>If and when the suitability of the Nissan Leaf has been confirmed a procurement exercise will then be undertaken to purchase or lease a vehicle to Bury Council's specification. If it is not found to be suitable for whatever reason then other electric options will be explored.</p>
20	Lib Dem	<p>Following the poor condition of St Mary's Park after last year's 'Festwich', can the Leader inform members what arrangements can be put in place to ensure that the event organisers are responsible for returning the park to a good condition after use? Councillor S Wright</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>There were a number of issues last year, not least the amount of rain we experienced since July when the event took place. This bad weather has massively hampered any efforts to rectify issues there although a lot of effort was made to get back to some normality.</p> <p>The issue of the flooding at the rear of the Phoenix Centre is an ongoing issue to which the Council has tried in the past to resolve and is now trying to get to understand through various means to find a solution and so is ongoing at the moment, this again has been hampered by the bad</p>

		<p>weather. This area will not be used for any events until a solution can be found.</p> <p>Meetings with the organisers of Festwiche have taken place and further meetings will be going ahead to ensure that there is a swift response to the repair and reinstatement of the site once the event has finished in coming years.</p> <p>It is fair to say that this event has happened for 8 years now and last year was the first time it has been this bad and that was due to the bad weather. It is a great event and brings people into Prestwiche from all over the country not just the North West which is great news for the local economy.</p>
21	Conservative	<p>Can the leader provide an update on the Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan? Cllr Jackie Harris</p>
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Bury and the other GM authorities are working together with TfGM to produce a GM Clean Air plan to meet nitrogen dioxide targets in the shortest possible time.</p> <p>Our initial Outline Business case for the GM Clean Air Plan was submitted to the Government in March 2019. The plan includes the following proposed measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Charging Clean Air Zone Class C from Summer 2021 which targets the most polluting vehicles – HGV's, buses, coaches, taxis and private hire vehicles and then extended to include LGV's (vans) in 2023. • Funding requests to help our local businesses to upgrade their vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Clean freight fund of £59m ▪ A Clean Taxi and Private Hire fund of £28m ▪ A Clean Bus fund of £30m • A package of supporting measures including loan finance, sustainable journey schemes and additional electric vehicle charging <p>We are currently awaiting Government assurances on the levels of funding that they are likely to provide alongside clarification on some legal matters. Until these matters are resolved we will not be in a position to commence statutory consultation. However we are in communication with the Government and it is anticipated that later this Spring we will be in a position to progress the consultation.</p>
22	Labour	<p>Can the Leader give council an update on any initiatives to combat flooding in the Scobell St area of Tottington? Councillor Tony Cummings</p>

	<p>Cllr Quinn</p>	<p>This is a proposed partnership between United Utilities and the Council aimed at reducing flood risk by taking some of the surface water flows out of the combined sewer system</p> <p>Schemes will cover up to 9 locations in the Scobell Street area and will be funded by United Utilities</p> <p>A variety of methods will be employed including diverting surface water sewers to discharge to a watercourse or culvert and utilising SuDS features to allow surface water to infiltrate naturally into the ground.</p> <p>SuDS features would include replacing existing impermeable areas with permeable and using tree pits similar to those used on Prestwich High Street</p> <p>Phases 1 & 2 at Scobell St and Bank St have been priced and are ready for delivery, but there are concerns about pollution risk, so other phases are being prioritised</p> <p>Jacobs Consultants have also been commissioned to complete studies at Christ Church of England Primary School on the SuDS for Schools Schemes with a view to providing smart solutions in conjunction with the school to slow the flow</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Can the leader advise on the benefits of Greater Manchester Waste Levy Allocation Methodology and what this will mean in real terms for the residents of our Borough? Cllr. Iain Gartside</p>
	<p>Cllr Quinn</p>	<p>The Levy Allocation Methodology Agreement (LAMA) is the method by which the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Waste and Resources team allocates its costs to its 9 constituent Districts (Wigan is the exception).</p> <p>The LAMA is a 6 year agreement, being made partially through the first year of a 7 year contract with Suez. The LAMA is the method by which the costs attached to the contract for the acceptance, processing and disposal of residual waste, recyclables and biowaste, the operation of the network of Household Waste Recycling Centres across the conurbation, as well as the GMCA's Waste and Resources team's own fixed costs, are allocated to the 9 constituent District Councils.</p> <p>The LAMA is designed to support delivery of the GMCA's Waste Management Strategy, and to promote recycling and diversion from landfill in a way that maximises financial and environmental benefits. Policy on waste management is currently being reviewed</p>

		<p>at a national level, and as such whilst the LAMA is intended to reflect an expected increase in the levels of recycling performance and diversion from landfill that will be required, it will need to be reviewed over its term to ensure it reflects final policy decisions.</p> <p>The LAMA provides a fair and equitable means of allocating costs to the constituent Councils. It is structured in such a way that Bury, as well as all of the other 8 Councils in question, is financially incentivised to continue to strive to increase recycling.</p> <p>At the same time all Councils will be penalised should their recycling performance reduce by more than 1%, relative to a 2017/18 baseline, without adequate explanation.</p>
24	Conservative	Can the Leader please advise how Bury is performing with winter pressures? Cllr. Yvonne Wright
	Cllr Simpson	Please see response already provided at Question 13.
25	Conservative	What were the recycling rates for Bury in 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 2018/19? Cllr. Jackie Harris
	Cllr Quinn	<p>4 bin recycling rate i.e. the rate that applies to waste collected in the grey, blue, green and brown bins only.</p> <p>2014/15 – 51.5% 2015/16 – 54.7% 2016/17 – 57.9% 2017/18 – 57.2% 2018/19 – 57.3%</p> <p>NI 192 Rate i.e. the National Indicator rate which includes street cleaning waste such as litter, fly tipping and street sweepings.</p> <p>2014/15 – 46.6% 2015/16 – 49.1% 2016/17 – 52.7% 2017/18 – 51.7% 2018/19 – 52%</p> <p>The above are all annual average figures.</p> <p>The NI192 figure will always be lower because it includes wastes that are not currently recycled.</p>

		<i>Note: the Council moved to 3 weekly collections in October 2014</i>
26	Lib Dem	At the end of 2019 BBC Radio Manchester reported on the flying tipping and waste management issues in Baguley Crescent. This has been a problem that both the local councillors and the residents in Baguley Crescent have been raising with the Council on many occasions. Could the Leader inform members how the Council is learning from the outcomes of complaints to improve services in Baguley Crescent and can the Council share the changes to the refuse and recycling service strategy that have been introduced with the public? Councillor Tegolo
	Cllr Quinn	<p>As a result of a high turnover of tenants, this leads to flats being regularly cleared out by landlords of bulky wastes such as mattresses and furniture, which tends to be dumped on the adjacent land.</p> <p>There is very little recycling by residents, leading to overflowing general waste bins and in addition recycling bins are constantly contaminated. Some recycling bins have been removed in recognition of the above problems. Collection crews make every effort to service the bins on the scheduled day but access is sometimes not possible due to parked cars.</p> <p>The land in question is private and although the Council is not required to maintain it Waste Management undertook a thorough clean-up of the area on 21 December 2019 (the second one in 13 months). Two additional communal general waste bins were also delivered.</p> <p>A Waste Management Officer visits Baguley Crescent on a weekly basis to monitor the situation and maintains contact with some local residents, including the chair of ABC- Action for Baguley Crescent - who have overseen the installation of 5 CCTV cameras overlooking the bins on the problematic side. Images are shared with GMP. There is also a Council CCTV camera overlooking the site.</p>
27	Lib Dem	Could the Leader inform members on what is being done to address illegal parking in the area immediately to the north of Heaton Park Metrolink station? Councillor Pickstone
	Cllr Quinn	It is unclear which specific streets the question is referring to however regular parking enforcement is carried out across the whole of Prestwich. If a list of particular streets causing concern can be provided additional hotspot enforcement can be arranged. The streets directly north are Wilton Street, Wiseman Terrace and Newton Street which are mainly unrestricted however they do have

		junction protection in the form of double yellow lines that is enforced.
28	Lib Dem	Could the Leader inform members how much parking enforcement officer time is allocated to the Prestwich area each week (or in an average week over the last 12 months)? How many fines have been issued in the same area in the last 12 months for on-street parking? Councillor Pickstone
	Cllr Quinn	An exact time cannot be calculated however it averages at approximately 16 hours per week of specific foot deployment plus mobile deployment on a daily basis and further mobile deployment in the centre 6 days a week. In addition to this hotspot enforcement as and when required.
29	Lib Dem	Could the Leader of the Council please provide members with current levels of uncollected Council Tax, Business Rates, Commercial Rents and Housing Rents and how these levels compare with the previous three years? Councillor Powell
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>As at the end of December 2019, the level of council tax, Business rates, commercial rents and Housing rents uncollected are:</p> <p>Council Tax</p> <p>A total of £104.2m of council tax is due to be paid in the current financial year of which £84m, equivalent to 80.6% had been collected by the end of December 2019. The remaining £20.2m will be collected between January and the end of the financial year on 31 March. In comparison to the last 3 years, the following amounts had been collected by the end of December were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 £80.1m representing 80.9% • 2017/18 £75m representing 81.1% • 2016/17 £79m representing 81.9% <p>The overall collection rates for the financial years were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 – 96.5% • 2017/18 – 96.6% • 2016/17 – 96.9% <p>Business Rates</p> <p>A total of £51.6m of business rates is due to be paid in the current financial year of which £40.5m, equivalent to 78.6% had been collected by the end of December 2019. The remaining £11.1m will be collected between January and the end of the financial year on 31 March. In comparison to the last 3 years, the following amounts had been collected</p>

		<p>by the end of December were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 £41.6m representing 80% • 2017/18 £41.2m representing 80.9% • 2016/17 £42.5m representing 79.2% <p>The overall collection rates for the financial years were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 – 96.2% • 2017/18 – 96% • 2016/17 – 94.9% <p>Commercial Rates</p> <p>The level of outstanding commercial rents as at 14 January 2020 were £452,604. The outstanding balance at the end of the last 3 financial years were:</p> <p>2018/19 - £437,604</p> <p>2017/18 – 830,214</p> <p>2016/17 - £801,361</p> <p>Housing Rents</p> <p>A total of £29.1m of housing rents. Arrears in the current financial year are £1.9m of which £1.1m relates to arrears for current tenant and £0.8m relates to arrears for former tenants and the level of arrears is 6.4% as at the end of December 2019. At the end of the last 3 financial years the rent arrears were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 £1.7m representing 5.7% • 2017/18 £1.5m representing 4.9% • 2016/17 £1.2m representing 4.2% <p>The arrears in each financial year are cumulative and include arrears brought forward from previous years.</p>
30	Lib Dem	<p>The Home Office guidance on the rights of EU nationals with pre-Settled Status using the NHS lacks clarity. Can the Leader confirm that:</p> <p>A) pre-settled status encompasses “ordinary residence”, and EU nationals and their families with pre-settled status in Bury are entitled to access the local NHS services in full?</p> <p>B) when Bury Council expects EU nationals living in Bury to have been exercising treaty rights to access NHS treatment and when they expect family members of EU citizens to have been qualified persons, within the meaning of the regulations, to be entitled to free treatment (this extends to social security entitlement).</p> <p>Councillor Tegolo</p>

Leader	<p>This matter was part of a wider discussion on EU Settled Status as part of a local authority teleconference with the Home Office on 15th January.</p> <p>With pre-settled and settled status rights in relation the use and access to NHS services remain unchanged, ie ordinary residence in place and entitlement to access remains as before. Within pre-settled status rights including being able to work in the UK, use the NHS for free (wording of current government Brexit page, ie no change, so prescription fees in place before but access to GPs/surgery free at the point of use), enrol in education or continue studying; access public funds such as benefits and pensions if you're eligible for them; and to travel in and out of the UK.</p> <p>EU citizens with pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme would be able to be joined in the UK under the scheme, by 29 March 2022, by existing close family members, such as children, spouses and partners, parents and grandparents living overseas at exit, where the relationship existed by exit day (or where a child was born overseas after this date) and continued to exist when the family member applied. After 29 March 2022, such family members will be able to join EU citizens here by applying through the applicable UK Immigration Rules. EU citizens with pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme will be able to be joined by future spouses and partners (where the relationship was established after exit) and other dependent relatives under the scheme until 31 December 2020, after which point the UK Immigration Rules would apply to such family reunion. Together this would bring the rights of EU citizens in line with the rights of UK nationals from 30 March 2022.</p> <p>All of the above is subject to future domestic policy changes which apply to UK nationals and the nature of future relationships as negotiated by the national government during the transition period scheduled to be 31st January 2020-31st December 2020.</p> <p>Plans are being developed for a drop-in session for Council staff on Settled Status in terms of application process and answering questions, with support via Bolton and Bury Citizens Advice, before a similar session with our commissioned workforce, whilst support is available through the VCFA for residents of Bury.</p>
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