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1	Labour	<p>I am delighted to see Kieran Trippier will be granted Freedom of the Borough status following his role in the England Team's courageous performance at the Euros. While being delighted at the performance of the squad at the tournament I was also sickened to see the racism endured by the players on social media. Does the Leader think taking the knee was "gesture politics", or a brave stance against racism, and does he think that the PM is wrong not to condemn people who boo the England team for taking the knee? <b>Cllr N Boroda</b></p>
	<b>Response: Cllr Eamonn O'Brien</b>	<p>The vile racist abuse directed at some of our players in the Euros was unacceptable and must be stamped out</p> <p>The England team have been at the forefront of our shared national anti-racist commitment. Leading by example, I am proud to support the team, not only because of their achievements on the pitch, but also because of this commitment to inclusion which is not 'gesture politics' but a brave show of solidarity for our diverse communities and a recognition of the challenges that people of colour continue to face in this country.</p> <p>In 2020 Bury Council and NHS Bury CCG agreed an Inclusion Strategy, within which we resolved to be united in tackling racism and inequality. The way in which people express this commitment is a matter of personal choice, but within the strategy it was reaffirmed that "as an employer and service provider, Bury Council and NHS Bury CCG remain determined to oppose racist attitudes in everything we do".</p> <p>Within the inclusion strategy, we have committed to focus on a particular protected characteristic each year. This year we are focused on race. Over the coming months residents will have the opportunity to talk to the Council about the effect that race has had on their experiences of living, learning and working in Bury so that we can continue to foster inclusion and address disparities where they occur.</p>
2	Labour	<p>Could the Leader tell us what the Council is doing over the summer break for families whose children qualify for free</p>

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		school meals? <b>Cllr M Whitby</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Tamoor Tariq</b>	<p>Bury Labour are proud to have stepped up and provided for the children of our borough beyond the support offered by the Government. This Council has shown it cares about its residents and is utilising the extended Local Covid Support Grant to fund Free School Meal Vouchers for 6,340 eligible children over the Summer 2021 holiday period.</p> <p>All schools have been advised to secure vouchers using the most suitable options to support their eligible pupils, including Year 11 leavers, and to claim the costs back from the Council. Any shortfall in the grant available will be covered by the funding allocated to support FSM over Summer 2021 provided through the Labour Amendment in the 2021/22 budget settlement for CYP.</p> <p>In addition, we have partnered with the Department for Education to deliver on the Holiday Activity Fund which provides activities and a single meal for children eligible for Free School Meals. This will run for the month of August 2021.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	What are the Council's plans regarding the Garside Hey Estate Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) given the clear public opinion against the LTN? <b>Cllr. Jack Rydeheard</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	The Council has liaised with all ward members regarding the consultation with residents. The outcome of that consultation will dictate what the next steps will be. It is important not to pre-empt the outcome of the consultation at this stage.
<b>4</b>	<b>Labour</b>	On July 19 <sup>th</sup> , the Government lifted covid restrictions throughout England, giving personal responsibility to individuals regarding mask wearing and social distancing - what is the Council's and CCG's advice for individuals about these matters? <b>Cllr G McGill</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr</b>	The Council & CCG advice is to continue to follow basic

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	<b>Andrea Simpson</b>	<p>infection control measures to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 i.e. to continue to socially distance, wear face masks in indoor public spaces, meet others outside as far as possible and ensure indoor areas are well ventilated, regular hand washing, self-isolate and get a test if you develop symptoms, regular use of lateral flow tests before meeting others, attending events, returning to work etc and finally to make sure you get both doses of vaccine.</p> <p>The messaging to the public is continuing under the brand 'Let's Do It for each other' with the strapline: Remain Cautious, Be Considerate, Stay Safe.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Labour</b>	Can the Leader give this Council an update on the 3G pitch at Radcliffe? <b>Cllr B Mortenson</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	<p>Bury Council is continuing to work with the Football Foundation and Lancashire County FA to develop a funding application for a 'state of the art' 3G football facility in Radcliffe.</p> <p>The council has set aside a total of £500,000 match funding for the project, subject to attracting grant funding from the Football Foundation of which there are no guarantees.</p> <p>A detailed feasibility study is well underway at Redbank Playing Field, Radcliffe including surveys of underground conditions, 3G pitch layout, planning requirements, electrical survey, car parking needs and changing pavilion design. Site visits are currently ongoing and subject to a satisfactory feasibility study the funding application will be prepared over the next few months.</p> <p>The investment into this project again shows the commitment from Bury Labour to invest in levelling up Radcliffe.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	Would Cllr. Quinn meet with me and my Tottington colleagues together with Tottington residents to discuss road safety in Tottington, particularly around Market Street which we have been contacted about by many residents <b>Cllr. Luis McBriar</b>

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	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	<p>I would be happy to meet with Cllr McBriar to discuss road safety in Tottington. The member will recall road safety was a key element of our budget amendment in February where we pledged a further £100k to support such measures. This matter is important to us as a council and will remain a priority in spite of the pressure on our budgets.</p> <p>We are committed to making roads in our borough safer for everyone. The Council has made £150k available for a 2021/22 Road Safety Programme which would see around 20 or so interventions across the borough of differing types to address local issues. It is anticipated that a further £150k will follow to facilitate a 2022/23 programme too.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	Can the leader guarantee that a Prestwich home will be found for the memorial wall, following the permanent closure of the Longfield Suite? <b>Cllr Powell</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Eamonn O'Brien</b>	The Prestwich Village regeneration programme will deliver a new multi-use hub building that will include civic events spaces. This is a perfect permanent location for the memorial wall. As part of the next stages of consultation about the wider development we would also love to hear other ideas from the wider community.
<b>8</b>	<b>Labour</b>	Staff and students at Hazelwood High School are experiencing huge issues with parking and traffic and the beginning and end of the school day. This causes immense pressure along Hazel Avenue and Willow Street with cars mounting the pavement to allow other cars to pass. This pressure from cars I believe is increasing the risk of child being knocked down. Last year the school requested an assessment to access the kerbs along Hazel Avenue and onto Willow Street as there is a student in an electric wheelchair, and he cannot access the pavement due to the height of the kerbs, so has been travelling on the road. This was assessed last year by Highways, however since then, nothing has changed. Would you be able to look into this issue? <b>Cllr T Holt</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr</b>	The Council are willing to examine this and would be

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	<b>Alan Quinn</b>	happy to walk these roads with Cllr Holt to identify the issues and any potential solutions. It would also be a positive experience for the schools and the students themselves to be involved in any decision making process as key stakeholders in this matter.
<b>9</b>	<b>Labour</b>	Can the Leader tell this Council how many people were vaccinated at the "pop up clinic" in Sedgley on July 4th? <b>Cllr L Smith</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Richard Gold</b>	There were 340 attendances at the pop-up vaccination clinic in Sedgley on that weekend, which is a fantastic turnout given the stage we are at on the vaccination roadmap. We continue to use the main vaccination centres at Ramsbottom and at Elizabethan Suite, and in addition we have a programme of pop-up clinics to bring vaccination to local communities where uptake is not as high as elsewhere.
<b>10</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	Why is Places for Everyone to be agreed for submission to the Housing Inspector, purely as an pre-approved plan for comments, instead of allowing the public to fully scrutinise this plan and make their views known? <b>Cllr. Jackie Harris</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Eamonn O'Brien</b>	<p>The purpose of this stage of consultation is to allow members of the public and other stakeholders to submit their final views on the 'soundness' and 'legal compliance' of the plan. This will include whether the plan complies with National Planning Policy.</p> <p>Council is being asked to approve the Submission of the Plan as currently written to the Secretary of State so that an Independent Planning Inspector can be appointed to oversee a Public Examination.</p> <p>The scrutiny of the Plan will ultimately, therefore, take place at the Examination and all representations received will be sent to Government as part of that process.</p> <p>The Government has given a deadline of December 2023 to get a plan in place and it is important to get the plan submitted to meet the deadline. That is why districts are being asked to get approval to Submit the Plan at this</p>

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		<p>stage, so that this can be done as soon as possible after the consultation.</p> <p>A lot of the information to support the plan has been in the public domain for many months, and there have already been several rounds of extensive consultation.</p> <p>An 8-week consultation period is considered to give sufficient time for all those who wish to respond to do so.</p>
11	Labour	<p>The recent Marmot Review has shown that the inequalities within Bury have widened during the pandemic and that those in the most deprived communities have suffered more from covid. What are we doing as a council to tackle those inequalities? <b>Cllr M Whitby</b></p>
	<b>Response: Cllr Andrea Simpson</b>	<p>Thank you, Cllr Whitby. The Marmot Review for Greater Manchester, published last month highlights the health inequalities exposed by the pandemic. The Review sits alongside the Greater Manchester Inequalities Review which highlighted actions that need to be taken to reverse socio-economic inequality.</p> <p>The review highlights much of what we are trying to achieve in our Bury 2030 strategy. We acknowledge There is work to be done to improve educational outcomes across our Borough. Our average life expectancy has stopped improving and the pockets of deprivation that existed in 2010 and 2015 still persist.</p> <p>In the midst of the 2030 strategy the COVID-19 pandemic presented the greatest challenge that our communities, businesses and public services have ever faced. As both a health and economic crisis, it highlighted many of the underlying problems that exist in our Borough, from ill health to poor life chances.</p> <p>This decade of reform begins with a two-year plan that attempts to repair the damage caused by the pandemic. The initial priorities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respond to issues such as poverty and the health impacts of COVID-19 on our communities and the health system;</li> <li>• maintain the relationships that have been forged</li> </ul>

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		<p>between communities and their public services during the crisis; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• put carbon neutrality at the heart of new ways of living and working in a covid-secure society.</li> </ul> <p>But we must look further ahead too. We have an unprecedented opportunity to address some of our deepest challenges, from building a fairer society that leaves no-one behind, tackling the climate emergency, and addressing inequalities of opportunity within our Borough. To do this we will embrace the national "Levelling Up" agenda with investment propositions that seek to raise productivity; empower people in places; improve education standards and maximise employment to aid economic recovery.</p>
12	Labour	Can the Leader give this Council an update on the Springwater Park developments? <b>Cllr J Grimshaw</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	<p>Springwater park reopened on Friday 9th July. An email was sent to all ward councillors with the attached update and on the 15th July newsletters were delivered to residents. Ongoing weekly monitoring is ongoing and the situation will be closely monitored.</p> <p>The Council is currently working with both Atkins the consultants and the Environment Agency regarding an activity schedule for options across the park and riverbank stabilisation options.</p>
13	Conservative	Residents are concerned that due to the nature of the Experimental Traffic Orders (ETO) they have not been properly consulted regarding roads and streets that fall under the Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes. They are equally concerned that their views will not also be taken into consideration after the trial period if the LTNs are to become permanent. What is being done to ensure that there is a balanced and transparent consultation process? <b>Cllr. Nick Jones</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders forego prior consultation as the measures are intended to be experimental and not permanent. This is not an attempt

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		to disenfranchise residents, but a method used across England for decades to gather opinion whilst temporary measures are in place on the highway. I can assure the Cllr that the views of the residents will be the overriding factor that will dictate the next steps. An online consultation is being undertaken with the residents to gather these views.																					
14	Lib Dem	Can leader inform us what monitoring of the traffic flow on the roads in Prestwich around Bury new Rd has taken place in the last two years? <b>Cllr Powell</b>																					
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	<p>Bury New Road has an automatic traffic counter in situ which is owned and operated by Transport for Greater Manchester to which the Council can view vehicle numbers and speed information. There are also Bluetooth sensors which allow journey time information to be gathered. However, the pandemic has impacted on highway use and the last year and a half is obviously not representative of "pre-covid" use.</p> <p>This data shows that over the last two years for Prestwich Village, although journey times have increased slightly from the beginning of this year for northbound traffic, they are still lower than those at the end of 2019 and significantly lower than those of 2017. Southbound traffic journey times have now risen to 2019 levels but are still slightly lower than 2017 levels.</p> <p>Details are set out below between the journey time measuring points on the A56 between Valley Park Road (junction at Tesco/TGI Friday's) and Hilton Lane. Please be aware that these are averages and that the actual journey times vary throughout the day and year. Road works can also have a temporary impact on journey times.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th colspan="2">Journey Times (min:sec)</th></tr> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>Northbound</th><th>Southbound</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2017</td><td>04:44</td><td>04:00</td></tr> <tr> <td>2018</td><td>04:29</td><td>03:42</td></tr> <tr> <td>2019</td><td>04:25</td><td>03:52</td></tr> <tr> <td>2020</td><td>03:42</td><td>03:27</td></tr> <tr> <td>2021</td><td>03:53</td><td>03:56</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Journey Times (min:sec)		Year	Northbound	Southbound	2017	04:44	04:00	2018	04:29	03:42	2019	04:25	03:52	2020	03:42	03:27	2021	03:53	03:56
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		Vehicle numbers remained consistent between 2017 & 2019 at around 26,500 per day with 2020 recording an average of 22,600 vehicles per day and 2021 so far indicating 23,900 vehicles per day.
15	Labour	How is the Council working with Partners to address youth violence and ASB in Bury following the lifting of lockdown restrictions in England? <b>Cllr Peel</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Richard Gold</b>	<p>Members will no doubt be aware of the impact that Covid has had on young people with the effects of isolation and limited socialising still being seen. One concern that has been raised by professionals is that the lifting of restrictions coinciding with the summer holidays could exacerbate Anti-Social Behaviour and increase the potential for violence.</p> <p>A working group under the Community Safety Partnership has been in place since April 2019 to tackle Youth Violence.</p> <p>Some key workstreams are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have developed a pilot called 'PIED' which identifies young people on the cusp of criminality and looks for solutions in a multi-agency context.</li> <li>2. We have commissioned an organisation to work with young people identified by schools as being on the verge of exclusion for violence or anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>3. We are pioneering some joint work between Greater Manchester Police, Youth Outreach Teams and Drug &amp; Alcohol services to undertake assertive outreach work in the community and engage with young people directly.</li> <li>4. Before Covid hit we also undertook a plethora of work through schools to raise awareness of the issues of violent crime and carrying weapons. This will continue in the new school year.</li> </ol> <p>Future developments include a specific community-led approach in Moorside where we've secured some GM investment to undertake a piece work in the area funding local groups to propose and deliver solutions to youth violence and</p>

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		Anti-Social Behaviour. We will also be piloting a 'Universal offer' for young people which will incorporate a Youth Club in Radcliffe and summer football schemes.
16	Labour	<p>Residents in Ramsbottom are concerned about road safety near Top Park, Bolton Road West, as a child was recently struck by a car and in September a child was struck again. This has been an issue for many years with 7 incidents in a short space of time.</p> <p>Please can I have some reassurance that a full assessment of road safety will be looked at for this area as it is causing real concern for local people. <b>Cllr Cummins</b></p>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	The Council is aware of the latest incident and is also aware of the desire for a crossing in the Top Park area. The next steps are to now undertake a survey of the traffic and pedestrian numbers at the location so we can better understand the problem before examining any potential solutions.
17	Conservative	Can the Leader of the Council provide an update as to the Council's vision for the community use of Gigg Lane? <b>Cllr. Khalid Hussain</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Eamonn O'Brien</b>	<p>We are providing ongoing support to a cross section of supporter's groups to create a community trust around the express purpose of saving football at Gigg Lane. The Council has attended several meetings over the past few months in relation to this, providing advice and support for the fans.</p> <p>This work has been progressing well and is working towards putting in a bid for the Community Ownership Fund. This fund allows for the opportunity to bid for money to purchase places like football stadiums. Councils are not eligible to put in bids for this fund, so it is imperative that we support the creation of a group to do this. We want to see this group drawn from the widest possible group of fans. The Council has set aside dedicated resources to support this. Through this work, we can try to ensure that Gigg Lane is retained for</p>

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		football use (and likely other uses) and in the control of fans.
18	Conservative	<p>What work is the Council doing to tackle digital exclusion in Bury, including raising awareness among adult education colleges, libraries &amp; other training providers?  <b>Cllr. Jo Lancaster</b></p>
	<p><b>Response: Cllr Tamoor Tariq</b></p>	<p>Bury Council has an established Digital Inclusion Group, hosted by the Economic Development Team within Business Growth and Infrastructure. The group includes representation from across Bury Council and external partners such as Bury Library, Bury Adult Education, Bury VCFA, Persona, Six Town Housing and DWP.</p> <p>The group accessed funding via the devolved Adult Education Budget to create a 'digital inclusion' eco system. This team includes a Digital Inclusion Project Manager, a Digital Inclusion Officer and 3 Digital Inclusion Ambassadors. The Ambassador roles are funded via the national Kickstart Scheme offering good quality paid work experience for unemployed young people.</p> <p>The team have an agreed workplan which includes inter-generational support, pop up digital taster sessions in cafes, day care centres and homes for the elderly.</p> <p>Learning opportunities are delivered in partnership with Bury Adult Learning: There are a range of qualification and non-qualification courses from basic ICT up to level 3 available. Specific ICT courses are developed and targeted at those unemployed and looking for work in partnership with JCP, other supporting ESOL learners, a course hosted by Newtons on the Rock, supported 22 female BAME residents. Course are delivered in Bury libraries, promoted in the course guide and information shared with partners and other providers at regular GMCA provider meetings.</p> <p>Bury Council and partners continue to also signpost to online digital learning through 'Learn My Way' and 'iDEA'. The Digital Inclusion team shares best practice with other GM districts and further signposts learners to other funded courses ensuring the individuals learning journey moves on.</p>

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19	Lib Dem	Can the leader give us an accurate timetable for the regeneration of Prestwich town centre? <b>Cllr Wright</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Eamonn O'Brien</b>	<p>We are making excellent progress transitioning to the delivery phase of the Prestwich regeneration programme.</p> <p>The Council has this week exchanged legal contracts to buy the Longfield shopping centre.</p> <p>We are anticipating seeking approval of the terms of a joint venture vehicle with Muse Developments in the autumn.</p> <p>Once the joint venture is formed we will be able to report back with an exact delivery programme, however the next stages would be to commence a programme of stakeholder and community engagement on our overall vision for the regeneration programme and development masterplan with a view to submitting to planning soon after.</p>
20	Conservative	How many times in the last 12 months did air quality across the borough breach legal limits? <b>Cllr. Paul Cropper</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	<p>The legal air quality limits we have relate to levels of air pollution over an averaging period. The limit we have within Bury and Greater Manchester is the annual average limit value for nitrogen dioxide. Exceedances of this value therefore relate to an exceedance over a full calendar year.</p> <p>There were no exceedances of the nitrogen dioxide air quality limits recorded at any of our monitoring sites in 2020. However, 2020 was an unusual year with traffic flows impacted significantly by COVID 19 lockdowns. For the more regular year of 2019 we had 6 monitoring sites that did not meet the limit value for annual average of nitrogen dioxide. These sites were around Bury Town centre, along Bury New Road Whitefield towards Junction 17 of the M60 and at the side of the M60 close to Junction 17.</p>

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21	Conservative	<p>The Government extended the Covid Winter Grant Scheme to 16th April. Bury Council was provided with an additional £215,339 in addition to the original £619,418 as a continuation of the scheme. This was part of an unprecedented package of support to strengthen the safety net for families, communities and businesses. Further to this, the Government have also created the new Covid Local Support Grant to run to September.</p> <p>Bury has been given a further £728,728 to support those most in need. A total allocation of £1,563,485</p> <p>How has this funding been allocated and how were recipients identified? What means of communicating the availability of this funding was used? <b>Cllr. Dene Vernon</b></p>
	<b>Response: Cllr Eamonn O'Brien</b>	<p>For all of the schemes, funding was allocated to the Borough with the requirement that 80% be allocated to children and their families facing immediate food and fuel poverty, with the remaining 20% available to support wider vulnerabilities in relation to initially winter pressures and latterly Covid related vulnerabilities more generally.</p> <p>The Council has provided vouchers to support the families of those children who qualified for Free School Meals over the school holidays of Christmas, February half term, Easter, June half term and the full summer holidays. Provision of these FSM vouchers has accounted for £1.059m of the grants received.</p> <p>The Council engaged with the Bury Community Support Network to seek insight from the network of food banks and wider community sector partners on the nature of demand presenting currently and to co-develop means of utilising this resource to target prevention and early intervention activity within the borough. The BCSN were trusted referrers into the Winter Support Grant, and subsequent schemes, locally for the identification of individuals to receive welfare advice and guidance alongside provision of food/fuel vouchers. Further targeted work was carried out with STH, the Councils Revenues Division and the Hubs.</p> <p>The Council has considered the changes in demand since winter and identify seasonal pressures, such as meeting</p>

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		the costs of a new school year including uniforms from the latest grant.																				
22	Conservative	Please can the Cabinet Member for the Environment share the statistics of missed bin collections in the years 18/19, 19/20 and 20/21 and detail how the new collection routes will ensure bins are collected across the Borough <b>Cllr. Yvonne Wright</b>																				
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	<p>New optimised, balanced collection rounds were introduced across the borough on 21 June. There are inevitably teething troubles with their implementation, as crews familiarise themselves with them. The service is also having to contend with COVID related staff absences and a shortage of HGV drivers. The service is working hard to work to settle the new rounds in, thereby ensuring that all rounds complete on the scheduled day.</p> <p>Missed Grey Bin</p> <table><tr><td>Year</td><td>Amount</td></tr><tr><td>2018/2019</td><td>2217</td></tr><tr><td>2019/2020</td><td>2329</td></tr><tr><td>2020/2021</td><td>1801</td></tr></table> <p>Missed Brown Bin</p> <table><tr><td>Year</td><td>Amount</td></tr><tr><td>2018/2019</td><td>1721</td></tr><tr><td>2019/2020</td><td>1592</td></tr><tr><td>2020/2021</td><td>1466</td></tr></table> <p>Missed Green Bin</p> <table><tr><td>Year</td><td>Amount</td></tr><tr><td>2018/2019</td><td>1200</td></tr></table>	Year	Amount	2018/2019	2217	2019/2020	2329	2020/2021	1801	Year	Amount	2018/2019	1721	2019/2020	1592	2020/2021	1466	Year	Amount	2018/2019	1200
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23	Conservative	<p>What specific schemes are being funded through the Adult Education budget to tackle Adult Literacy rates in Bury? Please give a breakdown of spend, scheme and year. <b>Cllr. Iain Gartside</b></p>
	<b>Response: Cllr Tamoor Tariq</b>	<p>Bury Adult Learning allocates around £100,000 of its annual AEB budget to deliver Functional Skills qualifications at entry level up to level 2. Due to the pandemic we have seen a small reduction in learner numbers in 2020/21. Learners can sometimes achieve 2 levels within 1 academic year, depending on their starting point. Non qualification (short courses) are also available using the Community Learning element of the budget. This provision is used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide opportunities for learners to brush up on specific English skills e.g. spelling, punctuation and grammar</li> <li>• provide bridging courses for learners transferring from ESOL provision onto English functional skills courses</li> <li>• engage in a taster to encourage people of the borough to participate in an English class</li> <li>• through family learning courses where parents and carers develop skills to support their children's literacy needs whilst also improving their own skills. Courses are developed in collaboration with schools, Children's Centres and other key partners across the borough</li> </ul> <p>Learners on all courses are routinely encouraged to review their literacy skills and many progress into English</p>

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		from other subject areas.
24	Conservative	What is being done to ensure Bury's CCTV network is invested in and expanded to high crime areas? Can you give an up to date breakdown of CCTV in Bury involving crime prevention, not vehicle/parking CCTV. <b>Cllr. Liam-James Dean</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Richard Gold</b>	<p>Bury Council currently has 93 Public Area CCTV cameras which are monitored 365 days a year by the Emergency Response and Resilience Team. The area breakdown is as follows:-</p> <p>Bury – 40  Prestwich – 22  Radcliffe – 30  Ramsbottom – 1</p> <p>In addition, we have 14 mobile fly tipping cameras which are moved to areas on the basis of feedback from residents and elected members.</p> <p>The member should also revisit the Labour budget amendment made in February 2021 where we committed to spending an extra £100k to improve our CCTV system alongside the full fibre rollout across the borough.</p> <p>We are currently upgrading the network from analogue cameras to high-definition digital cameras, a programme that will take a couple of years and follows the installation of the local full fibre network throughout the borough. This programme has been accelerated in Prestwich, Radcliffe and Ramsbottom due to the £100k budget amendment announced in February.</p>
25	Conservative	Can the Leader of the Council provide an update to what measures are being put in place to help businesses and sole traders in Bury financially through the remaining money the Council still holds from Government monies? <b>Cllr. Jordan Lewis</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Eamonn O'Brien</b>	Local Authorities have been able to access two allocations of ARG funding from Government since the November lockdown.



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		<p>Since November 2020 Bury Council has taken a strategic approach to supporting local businesses with the ARG grants. Initially the ARG was allocated to last up until March 2022. This was amended with a request by Government to allocate by the end of June 2021, later extended until July 2021.</p> <p>As you can imagine this put immediate pressure to defray grant at pace, whilst ensuring compliant due diligence processes remained to protect public funds.</p> <p>I am pleased to confirm that Bury Council successfully defrayed 100% of £5,737,374m to Bury businesses. This supported 1,761 businesses and safeguarded many hundreds of jobs.</p> <p>Bury Council will now receive a third and final grant of £1,382,705 to be allocated no later than the 31st March 2022.</p> <p>The further grant will provide targeted support to those businesses likely to be most affected by the recent extension of the restrictions until the 19th of July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events and Entertainment</li> <li>• Wedding and Conferencing Venues</li> <li>• Domestic and International Travel and Tourism</li> <li>• Supply chains linked to these sectors</li> </ul> <p>Bury Council's Economic Development Team will further support Bury businesses by sharing key business-related messages and signposting to national, regional and local funded support.</p> <p>I ask members to signpost businesses to the Bury Means Business website and to sign up for the E newsletter. This is an effective tool to ensure our business base have access to the latest business support information as they move into recovery.</p>
26	Conservative	<p>Mini roundabout markings within our borough are almost invisible, therefore potentially accident sites. Please would you provide assurance that inspection of all of these roundabouts, with a view to redefining the markings, will</p>

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		take place as a matter of urgency. <b>Cllr. Roger Brown</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	Road marking reinstatements are identified by our team of highway inspectors through our system of routine highway safety inspections. Markings that provide the most contribution to the safety of road users are prioritise for reinstatement. Mini roundabouts have reflectorised signs on all approaches.
<b>27</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	What is the council actively doing to stop littering and fly tipping across the Borough? There are lots of earning signs about not dropping litter, but nothing seems to be done. <b>Cllr. Sam Hurst</b>
	<b>Response: Cllr Alan Quinn</b>	<p>The Council is committed to reducing littering and fly tipping in the borough and at Cabinet on 21 July new powers were adopted to allow Fixed Penalty Notices for £400 to be issued to address medium level fly tipping incidents. This will be a valuable tool for Officers to add to existing powers and it is hoped it will act as a deterrent to fly tippers.</p> <p>In addition, the council has appointed 2 Fly Tipping Officers for the next 12 months to focus solely on Fly Tipping and ensuring action is taken against those responsible.</p> <p>The Voluntary sector in Bury are doing a fantastic job cleaning up areas of the borough through organised litter picks and often come across fly tipping issues in the process. We are looking to further engage with the voluntary sector to discuss ways to address fly tipping further by working together.</p> <p>Officers also have the powers to issue FPNs for littering and will continue to use these powers where appropriate.</p>