

REPORT FOR DECISION



DECISION OF:	The Council
DATE:	9th September 2021
SUBJECT:	Leaders' Report
REPORT FROM:	Leader of the Council
TYPE OF DECISION:	Non key decision
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS	This paper is within the public domain.
SUMMARY:	This report provides an update on the activity of the Council against the Corporate Plan.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	That Council notes the report and agrees that further updates are provided to future Council meetings.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Equality/Diversity implications:	Equality Impact considerations included on the individual Council reports.
Wards Affected:	All Wards.
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny

1 Leader's note

- 1.1 I am pleased to provide Council with my report covering the period from 15th July 2021 to 25th August 2021.
- 1.2 I would like to commend our excellent Olympic athletes, both Bury born and nationwide, for their success in the Olympics. Securing the 4th highest number of golds and 4th highest for medals overall is an impressive feat

which I have no doubt will go on to inspire a new generation of athletes. Bury born swimmer James Guy secured an impressive 3 medals for Team GB with gold in the men's 4x200m freestyle men's swimming relay, gold in the mixed 4x100 medley swimming relay, and silver in the men's 4x100m medley swimming relay. We also cannot forget about the Paralympics which is now underway, and which we have a great representation from athletes from Greater Manchester. I wish them all the best of luck in their sports.

- 1.3 In August we were pleased to invite the Housing Minister, Christopher Pincher, to visit our Radcliffe Brownfield housing delivery sites, including the East Lancs Paper Mill and School Street. We are fully committed to the transformation of Radcliffe town centre, the complementary accelerated delivery of housing on brownfield land, and we are backing up our plans with many millions of pounds of investment. It will take all of us working in partnership – local residents and businesses, private developers, and the Government – to make those dreams a reality.
- 1.4 On the 23rd August we were pleased to welcome Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham to The Met in Bury to launch the new Greater Manchester Music Commission, and to call for an extension for the Culture Recovery Fund. We were able to show off some of the exciting events coming up in Bury as part of our Town of Culture status, including the Head for the Hills festival taking place in early September. I would also like to call on all members to spread the word about the Town of Culture Opportunity Pass we have launched to thank our key workers and volunteers for their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic. This new initiative, led by the Council, will include a wide range of offers and experiences which are exclusive for key workers to enjoy. Opportunities range from discounts, free tickets, VIP experiences, previews, guided tours, exclusive competitions, skill development sessions, talent opportunities and taster sessions.
- 1.5 In August, we heard the worrying news that the Taliban had taken control of power in Afghanistan. The fallout from this has meant thousands of refugees have been fleeing the country in search of safety for themselves and their families. At Bury Council, we are doing all we can to support these Afghan refugees including working with partners at Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Government officials, and other local groups, to ensure we can provide our fair share of housing for these refugees. We are also aware that the news coming from Afghanistan will significantly impact many people in our armed forces and veterans community. If you or someone you know is affected by your time in the military and/or recent events concerning Afghanistan, and you are located

in North-West England, the Military Veterans Service & OpCourage NHS Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Service (TILS) North-West are inviting you to contact us to discuss how we can best support you at this time. General enquiries/referrals: 0300 323 0707.

Reporting progress against stated commitments in Corporate Plan

The following table provides a brief summary of the Council's progress against the priorities set out in our corporate plan.

Department	Priority	Deliverables
Business, Growth and Infrastructure	Prestwich Urban Village Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed on the acquisition of the Longfield Shopping Centre, and Cushman and Wakefield appointed to manage Longfield Shopping centre Vacant Possession Strategy and Engagement plan being developed for the current tenants at the Longfield Shopping Centre High level concept of mobility hub developed – this will formulate one if the Phases in Prestwich Village
	Places for Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consultation on the development plan started on the 9th August running to the 3rd October
	Accelerated Land Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work underway to prepare 3 assets for auction in September 21 Identification of a Phase 3 list of assets Phase 3 list of sites to Cabinet in October 2021
	Estates Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment/development plans are being developed for the following buildings: Radcliffe Market Chambers (part of the Radcliffe Strategic Regeneration Framework Levelling Up Fund bid) – brief out to the NW Construction Hub for a costed schedule of works Bradley Fold Trading Estate – exemption secured to appoint Lambert Smith Hampton to refresh their previous development feasibility report Ramsbottom Market Chambers (capital programme allocation) – brief out to the NW Construction Hub for a condition survey and costed schedule of works

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bury Business Centre (capital programme allocation) – plans being drawn up to spend the £50k allocation
	Bury Interchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HM Treasury and TfGM site visits took place on the 20th August Interchange scheme identified as a priority scheme for GM transport submission
	Radcliffe Strategic Regeneration Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hub Project continues with establishment of robust reporting and governance structures High School. Decant provision for Pupil Referral Unit being reviewed. Enabling works packages to be developed and brief being prepared. Awaiting details from Star Academies to inform delivery programme.
	Gypsy and Traveller Site, Every Street Bury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet approval in July to progress the project Submission of bid to Homes England Submission of full planning application Decant Strategy being developed for proposed decant Spring 2022
	Affordable Housing Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Places are looking to develop the William Kemp Heaton site with some provision for people with a learning disability - discussions with ACS/commissioners underway. Proposals being developed for Council approval (expected end Aug) – Cab report Oct 2021. Onward are looking to develop the former Wheatfields site – proposals approved in principle subject to Red Book valuation and Cabinet approval Oct 2021. Valuation to be undertaken by the DV's Office w/c 16 Aug. Irwell Valley are looking to develop the former CPU building on Willow St – potential to link with Queensbury Place (supported housing scheme for young adults with a physical and/or sensory impairment or learning disability). Proposals expected end Aug/Sep – Cab report Oct/Nov 2021.

Operations	Bury Markets investment and improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing progress on the capital programme. CCTV is now installed. The good lifts replacement is in the process of being procured. The basement renovation is in its initial stages of planning with the Architects Team. The Market Hall Toilet block is complete. Additional maintenance and remedial work on poor areas is being developed. As part of the improvement, market wide guest WIFI is being investigated. The cash machine is being replaced and moved. It will be a free to use machine.
	Environmental Quality: Reduce contaminated bins and maximise recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drivers record contaminated recycling bins on iPad. Officers follow up by contacting households. Exploring option for additional contamination Officers
	Environmental Quality: Strategy in respect of community ownership – keeping the Borough clean and tidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet report for the adoption of fly tipping Fixed Penalty Notices approved and implemented following July Cabinet. Fly Tipping Workshop undertaken 14 July 2021 with Exec Member to identify strategic priorities. Two Fly Tipping Enforcement Officers have been appointed, one started in July and the second in late August. Seven £400 fixed penalty notices have been issued following investigation by officers as of 25/8/2021. Environmental Quality delivery plan in place. Immediate priority is to increase enforcement for fly tipping and remove fly tipping promptly.

Operations	Green Spaces: Play areas strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 play areas and balls zones are progressing and are scheduled for completion this year. All at various stages of tendering and ordering of the equipment. Play areas completed so far: -Goshen, Close Park Infants and Juniors, St. Mary's Park Infants, and Manchester Road Park. Whitefield Park is currently under construction.
	Green Spaces: Tree planning in conjunction with City of Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Tree's have planted across approximately 11 sites during 2020/21 Sites where new trees have been planted include Dow Lane, Fern Street, Hartley Gardens, Hawkshaw Lane, Kersal Road Open Space, Summerseat Lane, Sunnybank Wood, Thatch Leach Lane, Topping Fold, Walkers Field, Whalley Road Open Space, Whitehead Park. Walkers Field to be planted 2021/22. Phase 2 has started. Site Visits and Planning complete. Planting aimed for Autumn. Service Level Agreement in place with City of Tree's and Signed Contract agreement.
	Highways & Engineering: Highways Investment Tranche 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor in place to deliver Preventative Maintenance Programme. In year 2 of the 4-year (extended from original 3-year) programme. Covid impacted year 1 but new framework contract gives confidence that this can be easily pulled back. Year 2 works programmed for Spring/Summer 21. £2m of work done in April & May 2021.
Operations	Waste and Transport: Waste collection review including optimisation and balancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 more new vehicles on order and due to be delivered July/August. 4 New Vehicles are due imminently through Transport. New rounds went live 21st June. Crews familiarising themselves with new rounds.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate priority is to ensure all waste collection rounds are completed as scheduled without missed bins as well as complete the modernisation of the service.
Children and Young People	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School places offered to all Bury residents for September, including those children with an Education, Health and Care Assessments and Plans (EHCP) which identifies a special school place • Bury Schools Alliance awarded lead practitioner in the collaboration between Star Institute, the Bury Schools Alliance and the LA with regard to the appropriate body service
	Early Help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) for children rollout started and will progress throughout the summer
One Commissioning Organisation	COVID response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing outbreak management including vaccinations and testing • Decommissioned COVID Management Service
	Urgent Care System: Implementation of Urgent Care Transformation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation of consolidated urgent care strategic framework to ensure urgent care work across Bury is aligned
	Elective Care Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A patient engagement exercise is being undertaken led by 3rd sector partners in Bury
	Clinical Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on clinical and professional senate held to ensure clinical engagement is at fore of transformation programmes
Corporate Core	Neighbourhood model development including public service hubs & INT alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Target operating Model for neighbourhood working presented to Team Bury and the first Public Service Reform Steering Group was held. Wider Public Service Leadership Team meetings have now been held in each neighbourhood. Practitioner network events taking place during August.

	Agile strategy implemented and initial evaluation complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agile working for Council employees now live. Planning for interim evaluation in September well underway to ensure service provision is consistent.
	Culture strategy including micro grants & culture pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External agency commissioned and work under way. Scoping for the culture pass underway via Town of Culture Steering Group.
	Council Transformation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign off for the Council's Transformation Strategy by Cabinet

List of Background Papers:-

None identified

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