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1	<b>Lib Dem</b>	Residents in the Warwick Street/Albion Mews and Upper Wilton Street areas of Prestwich have now been waiting for over a year for the Council to follow its own policy on the consideration of a residents only parking scheme, in both cases a policy triggered by resident requests. When will this process start in both areas?  <b>Councillor M Powell</b>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	Due to resourcing pressures in dealing with the ongoing pandemic, the Council will not be accepting any applications for new resident parking schemes until further notice. There are currently 12 resident parking schemes in effect across the borough containing over 6000 properties. We will review the position periodically, but there are no current plans to start on any new residents parking schemes.
2	<b>Labour</b>	Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill should be opposed because it could allow Holocaust denial to be platformed on our university campuses? And will he implore both Bury MPs to vote against it? <b>Cllr Boroda</b>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	I remain deeply concerned about the potential impact of the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) bill. I have listened to concerns from residents, in particular from representatives of our borough's Jewish communities, who fear that this may provide cover for speakers who deny the holocaust and promote anti-Semitic views. The assurances so far from the Minister fall short of giving me and many others confidence on this matter. I hope that our Members of Parliament in Bury reflect on these concerns and avoid pursuing a pointless and divisive culture war approach to the matter. We don't need to waste time creating problems that that don't really exist, we should support our higher education institutions to focus on what they do best and not create such dangerous distractions.
3	<b>Labour</b>	The current community safety plan comes to an end in December. What are the Council and it's partners doing to prepare for a new plan and how can the community be involved in shaping the priorities? <b>Cllr Holt</b>
	<b>Cllr Gold</b>	Work commenced on the new Plan in March with the development of a 'Strategic Assessment'. This document analyses a range of Police and other Partner's data to help consolidate the key issues the borough is facing relative to previous years and other areas. The Assessment also considers the risk that these issues pose to residents of the borough.  In addition to looking at the data we have also sought the views of a number of groups, including a number of listening events.  We have also been able to capture wider resident's views of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour through the ongoing GM Police & Crime Survey. To date the Survey has collated the views of 2600 Bury residents.

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		<p>Finally, with GMCA also developing their Plan simultaneously, any views they have been able to capture through their separate consultation will be fed into the process.</p> <p>All of this information will be gathered together and taken to a September Workshop of the Community Safety Partnership. Here we will look to identify Priorities for the next three years as well as the Outcomes linked to those Priorities that will drive Partnership activity.</p> <p>This will enable us to develop a draft Plan which will go out for formal public Consultation before a final version is taken to Full Council before the end of the year.</p>
		<p>with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Leaders identified through the five Neighbourhood Hubs</li> <li>• Police Independent Advisory Group</li> <li>• Bury's Youth Cabinet</li> <li>• Elected Members</li> </ul>
4	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>On the 21st of June the bin collection service was redesigned in order to make the service more efficient and cost effective. Since the implementation of the new scheme bin collections have been missed across the Borough. Can the Cabinet Member for Environment Advise on the full cost of the roll out of the new scheme, including any costs incurred due to missed collections?</p> <p><b>Cllr Lewis</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>Specific cost relating to the implementation of the new rounds is almost impossible to separate from other waste operational costs. For example, there is already an increased demand and costs prior to 21 June relating to Covid related issues, general staff shortages and shortage of HGV drivers which is still ongoing. Also, where possible additional capacity such as for HGV drivers has been provided in some cases by using existing resources such as from other operational service as well as from waste supervisors.</p>
5	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Residents in Brandlesholme are worried about the potential sale of greenspaces around the Trimmingham Drive estate. Cllr Morris and I recently held a meeting with over 40 local people who expressed concerns about the future use of these sites if they were sold. There is clear appetite to consider community ownership and management of these public spaces. Is this something the council would consider?</p> <p><b>Cllr Hayes</b></p>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p>We recognise the importance of these spaces to the local community.</p> <p>The council has an existing Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy and process.</p> <p>We would welcome proposals submitted to the Property Service with ideas about how this could be managed and improved.</p>
6	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Can the cabinet member tell council how many families in fuel poverty</p>

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		in Bury will be affected by the forthcoming rise in energy prices in the Autumn? <b>Cllr Peel</b>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	The Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy published fuel poverty statistics in March based on 2019 data. They estimate that there are 11,013 households in Bury in fuel poverty, this represents 13.4% of the total households in the Borough. The Council would urge any affected residents to contact the Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) on 0800 060 7567 or visit <a href="http://www.applyforleap.org.uk">www.applyforleap.org.uk</a> . LEAP are a free energy and money saving advice service, they offer tailored advice and support based on needs, including any onwards referral or referral for a follow-up home visit when suitable. Additionally, assistance for the installation of energy efficiency retrofit measures is available through our Greater Manchester Local Authority Delivery Scheme delivered by Eon. Please contact them on 0333 202 4820 to apply.
<b>7</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	What action is being taken by the Council to improve SEN provision in the Borough? <b>Cllr Bernstein</b>
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<p>There has been progress on the written statement of action, including a strengthening of co-production with our Bury's parent/carer forum-Bury2gether. As a Local Area, Bury is revising its strategic Local Area Action Plan.</p> <p>Bury Council is currently engaging with the Department of Education who are working with a small number of authorities with the highest Dedicated Schools Grant deficits nationally, of which Bury is one, in a national programme called Project Safety Valve. The outcome of this work has been agreement on an approach that will reduce the deficit, and ultimately achieve a balanced budget; this can only be achieved through SEND transformation, of which Project Safety Valve is a part.</p> <p>Bury and the DfE have signed an agreement in which the Council has agreed to implement the action plan that it set out in the funding bid in return for an additional £20m in grant over the next five years. This includes, but is not limited to, action to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen and improve the Special Educational Needs assessment and placements process, working with schools and their SENCOs to improve the experience for children, young people and their families and to achieve a consistency of approach across the Borough.</li> <li>2. Ensure robust planning for future provision, including reducing the use of independent school placements</li> <li>3. Improve quality and timeliness of management information to enable the evaluation of the impact of the council's SEND support services and agree with schools what they require to assist them in meeting demands.</li> <li>4. Review the way we use the finances available for supporting children and young people with SEND in as effective and efficient ways as possible.</li> <li>5. Develop a culture in which demand is more effectively managed</li> </ol>

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		<p>throughout the authority, resulting in a more equitable allocation of resources and services.</p> <p>The SEND transformation programme, of which Project Safety Valve is a part, is an opportunity to build the foundations over the next two years to truly transform how we meet the desired outcomes for children and young people with SEND in Bury, and raise expectations for families from their Council, their schools and their health services, particularly in respect of inclusivity, co-production and family self-sufficiency.</p>
8	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<p>Could the Leader inform members of the number of bins not collected on the allocated day, since the introduction of the new bin collection rounds, and also of the cost incurred on agency workers, in refuse collection, since the same date?</p> <p><b>Councillor S Wright</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>Since 21 June the performance has dropped below acceptable standards but has since recovered, however we've still more to do to build in resilience. The percentage of missed bins had a peak on 2 successive Fridays at the start of August when 22% of bins were missed because the rounds weren't working well enough as well as from issues such as holidays, sickness, shortage of HGV drivers, blocked access, and roadworks. At the end of the week beginning 16 August this had significantly reduced to 1.9% missed bins per day. At this stage there has been no increase in cost of agency workers that were already covering for long term sickness, Covid related absence, shortage of HGV drivers and holidays prior to the new rounds being introduced. The budgets will be reported via corporate financial reports to Cabinet.</p>
	<b>Supplementary:</b>	<p>Since the 21 June the average collected is 92%</p> <p>The average 8% missed bins also includes where there has been blocked access, shortage of drivers, sickness, any breakdowns as well as an element of missed bins while rounds are settling down. Over the past 3 weeks this has been much improved averaging over 98% collected.</p>
9	<b>Labour</b>	<p>We are encouraging residents in Moorside to complete the Places for Everyone consultation as we know that, whilst people support new housing in Seedfield, they want assurances on access and highways, school places and the protection of Seedfield sports. What assurances can the leader give the residents of Moorside that these things will be given serious consideration?</p> <p><b>Cllr Walmsley</b></p>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p>Each of the proposed site allocations within the Places for Everyone Joint Plan is accompanied by a policy setting out specific requirements for any development that may take place on the sites.</p>

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		<p>In the case of the proposal at Seedfield, the policy includes requirements for any housing development to make provision for necessary infrastructure, such as improvements to local highways to facilitate appropriate access to the allocation as well as to retain and enhance, or otherwise to replace, existing recreation facilities on the site.</p> <p>The requirements of these policies will need to be satisfied before any planning application on the site is approved.</p>
10	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Could the cabinet member update this council on the commitment to become an accredited Real Living Wage employer? <b>Cllr Whitby</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Rafiq</b>	<p>As Members know, as part of the budget setting process Council signalled our intention become an accredited Real Living Wage employer. Members recognised the positive impact this can have across the borough, both by directly increasing rates of pay for Council employees and commissioned staff and by creating a platform for us to encourage payment of the Living Wage across Bury.</p> <p>I'm pleased to confirm that Cabinet earlier this month agreed an investment of over £5M over the next five years which will enable us to make the necessary changes to rates of pay for our staff and commissioned providers to become an accredited living wage employer.</p> <p>Faster economic growth than the national average and tackling deprivation are at the heart of our Let's Do It strategy and now, as one of the largest employers in the area, and in support of this vision we are taking a practical action which will directly increase rates of pay for over 4,000 people.</p> <p>Council staff (including those in schools) will see increased pay in their October pay packets, backdated to April and rates of pay for our commissioned providers will increase on a phased basis over the next three years.</p> <p>The biggest impact is in relation to staff working for our Adult Social Care Commissioned providers. - As well as showing our commitment to good employment, this increase should also, in some very small way, recognise the invaluable work these people have played in supporting Bury residents during the pandemic.</p>
11	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>Why are young people not experiencing the opportunity for work experience as they once did and what plans do the Council have to promote work experience within the Borough for young people? <b>Cllr Lancaster</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<p>As the member may recall the Conservative-led Government in 2012 scrapped compulsory work experience for pupils under 16 in England. Surveys published by the British Chamber of Commerce since found 82 per cent of businesses and 73 per cent of schools, colleges and universities supported work experience for pupils under 16.</p>

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		<p>Since March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to advise schools that work experience, including work shadowing, has not been able to take place. This has been on the advice of our public health and our insurance services as we would need to be sure that every workplace was following the government guidelines with regard to COVID-19 and secondary age pupils. In addition, many secondary pupils have been educated at home through remote learning due to self-isolating, either following a positive test or having been identified as a close contact.</p> <p>Whilst work experience at key stage 4 is non-statutory, we are committed to supporting the reinstating the opportunity for work experience, in line with best practice in quality careers education, at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>We are working with health and safety and employers to ensure that our children have access to work experience in this academic year as we recognise the vital experience in preparing for adulthood.</p>
12	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Could the cabinet member tell council how the lorry driver shortage caused by Brexit is affecting Bury?</p> <p><b>Cllr Grimshaw</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Rafiq</b>	<p>As reported nationally, there have been pressures across a number of industries in recent months due to a number of factors, with capacity of HGV drivers being one such example. A number of national chains have experienced disruption to their operations with some delays to transport or reduced services. The impact of which multiplies with the Covid pandemic (both cases and isolation requirements), more drivers retiring than those joining the profession; and additional border regulations as a result of EU Exit and changes to tax and conditions (related to reform of IR35 regulations).</p> <p>The Council's Economic Development Team and Bury Means Business have not had any specific concerns or issues raised with themselves though they are conducting a local survey to ascertain any particular risks associated with capacity issues and mitigations to address these. Work has been taking place to promote training including through the Mantra Learning HGV programme, with business engagement officers promoting this, including funded training opportunities.</p> <p>[<a href="https://www.mantralearning.co.uk/improving-your-business/courses-in-transport-logistics/">https://www.mantralearning.co.uk/improving-your-business/courses-in-transport-logistics/</a>]</p>
13	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Could the cabinet member tell council about the progress made in decarbonising the borough? <b>Cllr Boles</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>Each year the Council produces a Greenhouse gas emissions report, which details the carbon emissions produced by the council. The 2019/20 report shows that we have reduced our carbon emissions by 47% from our base year in 2008/09.</p>

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		<p>Recently we have made progress across a number of areas: -</p> <p><b>Decarbonising our own assets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Won a £8.5million award from the Government’s Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund to decarbonise 14 of our corporate buildings.</li> <li>• We are working with Six Town Housing to develop a bid to the Government’s Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund to progress the decarbonisation of Six Town Housing properties.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produced a Draft Climate Action Strategy and Plan and carried out a 10-week consultation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting the community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a mechanism to award £100k of funding for community lead environmental projects.</li> <li>• Developing Local Climate Action Forums in our neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• Liaised with various local action groups to promote climate action and raise awareness of the development of our Strategy and Action Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gathering air quality data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are delivering a new air quality monitoring station at Bury Bridge to help monitor the impact of the Clean Air Zone.</li> <li>• We purchased 3 Zephyr air quality sensors to monitor air quality around schools from the daily drop-off and pick-up and to work with schools to increase awareness and education around air quality and the associated impacts. With this information we can prioritise and ensure that we are bid-ready for any funding that becomes available. For example, more Salix funding.</li> <li>• Currently identifying council assets that can be used for solar generation or smart energy solutions that will be presented to the private sector to look at options for delivery.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing carbon literacy packages to increase carbon literacy amongst council employees and also our communities.</li> <li>• We have included the consideration of impacts on climate change in the council reports template</li> </ul>
	<b>Supplementary:</b>	<p><b>Working with Greater Manchester Combined Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with TFGM to install 2 rapid chargers in Bury Town Centre – these have been installed and once line markings are complete they will be fully operational - likely in the next few weeks.</li> <li>• Submitted 4 sites to TfGM for a joint bid to OZEV’s On Street Residential Charging Scheme to attract funding to part fund dual electric chargepoints.</li> <li>• We are working with TFGM to deliver 2 rapid charging taxi hubs to charge electric taxis, and to deliver a pilot electric vehicle car club scheme to be available in 2 of our car parks. This pilot</li> </ul>

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		<p>project will provide hourly low emission car hire for our residents and businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to a Government direction, we have worked with TFGM and neighbouring GM councils to develop and consult on a GM-wide Clean Air Zone. The Clean Air Zone is supported with funding packages to help local businesses to reduce the emissions from their vehicles.</li> <li>• We are working with TfGM to implement the Clean Air Zone with its funding packages and to roll out the necessary infrastructure including ANPR and signage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Extra info if needed</b></p> <p>Developed the following active travel schemes: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Used the Cycling City Ambition Grant) to improve crossings at many points in the borough.</li> <li>o Introduced 2 new combined pedestrian/cycling crossings on the A56 as part of the Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 1.</li> <li>o Introduced a Low Traffic Neighbourhood scheme in Brandlesholme as part of the emergency active travel fund Tranche 1.</li> <li>o Currently constructing the "Cyclops Junction" at Angouleme Way/Market St.</li> <li>o Reconfiguring the junction at Jubilee Way/Manchester Road to make it more pedestrian and cycle friendly.</li> <li>o New crossings to be provided at Bury Old Road/Heywood Road.</li> <li>o Bid submitted to develop Cycle Libraries in Bury</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employed a Climate Action Officer, a Graduate Climate Action Officer and a Move More Officer.</li> <li>• Generated a number of further potential electric vehicle chargepoint sites to be further investigated and developed where appropriate.</li> <li>• Recruiting an officer to deliver the BEIS Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Pilot project. This officer will promote the Domestic Minimum Energy Efficiency Regulations and will undertake area based targeted action on landlords who are failing to meet the minimum standards required.</li> </ul> <p>Working with the Energy Systems Catapult consultants to produce a Local Area Energy Plan to indicate how Bury could make the transition to carbon neutrality by 2038. This will provide vital guidance in relation to where we should concentrate early activity.</p>
14	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>How are you working with partners via the Bury CCG to support digital healthcare and new technologies in NHS as part of Bury's recovery from COVID-19?</p> <p><b>Cllr Brown</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Simpson</b>	<p>There has been a significant acceleration in the adoption of digital and new technologies in the NHS as part of the Covid response. There has been a significant growth in digital consultations by primary care and secondary care and in mental health services (although face to face consultations have continued), including the growth in the uptake of Ask my GP implementation. The Digital Board in Bury has clinical leadership driving the comprehensive roll out of EMIS across all GP practices as a precondition for strengthened integration and alignment</p>

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		of services. As we move towards new partnership arrangements in health and care we are working with NHS partners to create a whole system approach to the adoption of digital healthcare and new technologies.								
15	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members of the performance of disadvantaged children (pupils in receipt of free school meals and children in care) in this year's GCCEs', compared to their peers, and how this compares to the last three years?</p> <p><b>Councillor C Tegolo</b></p>								
	Cllr Tariq	<p>Unfortunately, school external assessment processes have been heavily impacted by Covid -19 with no external examinations for the last two years.</p> <p>Therefore, the information for this year's GCSEs is not available at this time and it will not be made available to local authorities as pupils have not taken examinations and the government has made it clear that the grades are not to be used for accountability purposes. The latest schools COVID-19 operational guidance states "We will not publish data based on exam and assessment results from summer 2021 in performance tables and you will not be held to account for this data." In addition, comparisons cannot be made with past or future years as the methodology for awarding the grades has been different both in 2021 and in 2020*.</p> <p>For information, the gaps for attainment 8 (the overall points scored by pupils in their best 8 GCSEs) are as follows.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Attainment 8 Gap</th> <th>2018</th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020*</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Disadvantaged versus non-disadvantaged</td> <td>-12.5 pts</td> <td>-11.8pts</td> <td>-10.8pts</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Whilst we cannot provide 2021 data for the LA, at individual school level we will be encouraging schools to look at gaps to identify those groups of pupils who have been disproportionately disadvantaged by the impact of the pandemic and to use this to inform school improvement strategies for pupils currently in school. Officers will also undertake analysis from the results kindly provided by the majority of high schools to inform our support.</p> <p>When assessment processes return to external exams we will provide detailed attainment information include pupil groupings.</p>	Attainment 8 Gap	2018	2019	2020*	Disadvantaged versus non-disadvantaged	-12.5 pts	-11.8pts	-10.8pts
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16	Labour	<p>Can the cabinet member tell us why the £800,000 walking &amp; cycling scheme in Pilkington Park is not going ahead?</p> <p><b>Cllr McGill</b></p>								
	Cllr Quinn	<p>Under the Mayor's Challenge Fund for Walking &amp; Cycling (MCF) officers designed an active travel scheme for A665 Higher Lane to improve pedestrian and cycling facilities in line with the MCF design standards. The scheme was estimated to be around £800k in value. An informal</p>								

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		<p>consultation with frontage properties, the school and nearby flats as well as ward councillors revealed that the majority were not in favour of the design proposals. 47 objections were received opposing the scheme and 14 responses were in support. 35 comments were of the view that the scheme proposals would create unacceptable levels of congestion with 17 comments indicating the money could be better used for other things such as resurfacing or potholes (which it cannot, as MCF is external, ringfenced funding for active travel infrastructure only). A review to amend the initial design so as to take on board the comments was undertaken and it concluded that no compromise could be made that would address both the residents'/Ward Cllrs concerns whilst simultaneously meeting the funding criteria which requires minimum design standards to be met. Consequently, the scheme could not go ahead as no compliant, qualifying design could be produced. The designs will be kept on file in case future funding opportunities arise with different qualifying criteria which would allow for the amended scheme to be delivered (subsequent to further consultation). However, with no currently compliant scheme, there is no opportunity to access and invest potentially £800k of external active travel funding into the Pilkington Park Ward area.</p>
17	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Could the cabinet member for children's services provide an update on the support provided by the council for children over the summer holidays?</p> <p><b>Cllr Boles</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Tariq</b>	<p>Over the summer holidays the focus of support was to children eligible for Free School Meals, children open to social workers and SEND children. Additional grant monies provided through covid contingencies were used to ensure all eligible children received free school meal vouchers. In addition Bury delivered the Department of Education Holiday Food and Activity Scheme (HAF). This provided additional monies to all Councils to deliver activities over four weeks to children eligible for Free School Meals as well as other determined and vulnerable groups. The aim was to provide educational and aspirational activities for children who may be less able to access due to financial constraints. Bury worked with some key providers to develop a programme of activities which was advertised through a bespoke brochure and website to our eligible families. We have just over 6000 eligible children in Bury and we were able to deliver 21,000 sessions over the four-week holiday, all including food over the four weeks. There was a full range of activities on offer from horse riding, crafts, forest schools and martial arts. We saw the majority of places filled. Most providers could offer places to SEND children but we also applied for additional funding through DfE and delivered a grant to Bury Together who also organised a whole range of additional holiday activities for SEND children. We have had positive feedback from providers and families on the provision. We will continue to work with DfE and have funding to deliver a similar programme for one week over winter.</p>
18	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>When can the people of Bury expect the refuse collection service to return to the collection standards received prior to the chaotic revision of rounds</p>

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		<b>Cllr LJ Dean</b>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	Implementation of the Waste Management modernisation programme has been gradual since 21 June however, performance has improved to near 'business as usual' over the past few weeks. The service has experienced a number of issues during the roll out of the new rounds including a national shortage and inability to recruit HGV drivers, Covid 19, a requirement for some staff to isolate and familiarisation of many different rounds by each crew. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused to Bury residents and thank residents for their patience while we allow new rounds to bed in.
<b>19</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	Has the Council discussed with Bury CCG the potential impact of 15,000 more people living in the Borough following the implementation of Places for Everyone? <b>Cllr Rydeheard</b>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p>The potential impact on healthcare provision arising from an increased population will be fully considered in any housing proposal on the sites identified in Places for Everyone.</p> <p>In the first instance, there will be a requirement for more detailed masterplans to be prepared for the key sites identified in Places for Everyone and for these to be approved by the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>These masterplans will need to set out proposals for the delivery of infrastructure to support the development, including the provision of necessary social infrastructure such as healthcare provision. Any subsequent proposals for these sites will need to be in accordance with these masterplans.</p> <p>In addition to the masterplans, each of the proposed site allocations within Places for Everyone is accompanied by a policy setting out specific requirements for any development that may take place on the sites. The requirements of these policies will also need to be satisfied before any planning application on the site is approved. The policies include the need for any development to make provision for new health and community facilities, where necessary, and to ensure that these are integrated with existing communities.</p> <p>Further work will be required to determine whether there is additional capacity within any local healthcare facilities to meet the increased demands arising from the proposed developments and the CCG will be fully involved in this process.</p> <p>If additional provision is considered to be necessary, the most appropriate means and location for this within the site can be identified through the detailed masterplans. Alternatively, there may be a requirement to make a financial contribution to increase the capacity of existing health facilities through a planning obligation or condition at the planning application stage.</p>
<b>20</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	Will the Cabinet Member for Environment commit to publishing a quarterly report indicating Bury's progression to hitting its target of

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		achieving net zero by 2030? <b>Cllr. Paul Cropper</b>																				
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>Information regarding carbon emissions from the community, including the commercial and industrial sector is gathered and calculated by BEIS and published 2 years in arrears. The latest figures we have are for 2019. This information can only be published annually by BEIS.</p> <p>The Council produces a Greenhouse Gas Report every year, which reports on emissions from the councils' own activity on an annual basis. The report for 2019/20 can be viewed on the web site at the following link:  <a href="https://www.bury.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=17257&amp;p=0">https://www.bury.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=17257&amp;p=0</a></p> <p>The draft Climate Strategy and Action Plan has recently been out to consultation and a report will be presented to Cabinet in October. The report will confirm the results of the consultation and will recommend a final Strategy and Action Plan for approval that will set out how we will progress to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038. This will include details of how we will work with the Bury Community to deliver the action plan and how we will monitor progress.</p>																				
<b>21</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>Please list how many positions - both vacant and staff in post - there have been at Bury Council each year since 2016 and in which directorate</p> <p><b>Cllr. Nick Jones</b></p>																				
	<b>Cllr Rafiq</b>	<p>The table below sets out the number of individuals employed by the Council on 1 April each year since 2016, by Department. Unfortunately, data on vacancies is not held centrally for the earlier years, prior to the creation of a Council HR service within the Corporate Core. Vacant post numbers are included for the last two years. (The data excludes staff employed in Schools and Casuals).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><b>01 April 2016</b></th> <th><b>01 April 2017</b></th> <th><b>01 April 2018</b></th> <th><b>01 April 2019</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Emplo yees in post</td> <td>Emplo yees in post</td> <td>Emplo yees in post</td> <td>Emplo yees in post</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business, Growth &amp; Infrastruc ture</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children, Young People and</td> <td>1478</td> <td>1413</td> <td>1312</td> <td>1205</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<b>01 April 2016</b>	<b>01 April 2017</b>	<b>01 April 2018</b>	<b>01 April 2019</b>		Emplo yees in post	Emplo yees in post	Emplo yees in post	Emplo yees in post	Business, Growth & Infrastruc ture			1	18	Children, Young People and	1478	1413	1312	1205
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		Department for Business, Growth & Infrastructure	0	94	1	107
		Department for Children & Young People	2	566	35	560
		Department for Corporate Core Services	0	337	34	325
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	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>As part of the StreetSafe initiative of some years past, outline plans were developed for all of Bury's residential streets with respect to installing 20 mph zones or limits. The StreetSafe programme came to an end around 2016 and no road safety funding has been available since that time to implement any more schemes. However, £150k has been made available for 2021/22 for a Road Safety Programme to address various, identified road safety issues around the Borough. Some schemes within this programme are indeed these kind of 20 mph schemes.</p>																		
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<b>25</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>What assessment has been made of the footfall in each of the Boroughs six towns and whether this is expected to return to pre-pandemic levels?</p> <p><b>Cllr. Robert Caserta</b></p>																		

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	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p>There has been ongoing dialogue with businesses in the borough's town centres, including via town centre boards in order understand the changes in footfall. All centres saw a drop in footfall and, as with the national picture, the rate of recovery has fluctuated and footfall appears to remain below the pre-covid levels.</p> <p>Independent research for Bury Town Centre has indicated that footfall was returning more quickly than in similar town centres. It is currently unclear nationally how long it will take for town centres to see a return to pre-covid footfall levels. In the shorter term the council is supporting a series of business-led promotional campaigns (funded through re-opening the High Street Safely Fund and the Welcome Back Fund) and continues to work with centres through the growth boards. Alongside this regeneration plans and projects are currently being progressed for Bury, Radcliffe, Prestwich and Ramsbottom to ensure the ongoing success of these centres.</p>
<b>26</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>Has any analysis been done with employers to understand the levels of vacant office space expected in the next three years across the Borough?</p> <p><b>Cllr. Jackie Harris</b></p>
	<b>Cllr O'Brien</b>	<p>To date this analysis has not been undertaken as the emphasis has been on supporting recovery through business support and the allocation of grants. Historically, Bury has not experienced high level of vacant office space. Inward investment enquiries are frequent either via the investin team or through partners such as the GM Growth Hub or MIDAS. Often, it is regretful that we report back to enquiries that there is limited opportunity and vacant space in the borough. The same applies to land for business expansion. The Northern Gateway and the more recent Chamberhall will provide much needed opportunity to attract good employment opportunities and enhance the Bury offer.</p> <p>In the interim council officers will request that a dialogue/survey is undertaken with our employers and landlords to assess the future risk of vacant office space.</p>
<b>27</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<p>Could the Leader inform members of the number of street bins reported as not being emptied, compared to similar reports for the previous three years?</p> <p><b>Councillor S Wright</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>We do not have comparable data over 3 years regarding missed bins reported. This due to the effect of dealing with Covid during 20/21 as well as other factors including post covid recovery and national HGV driver shortages in 21/22.</p>
<b>28</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>Does the Council have plans for a strategic plan for EV infrastructure in the Borough, working with partners who will help deliver this?</p> <p><b>Cllr. Sam Hurst</b></p>

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	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>We have been working actively with TFGM to produce the Greater Manchester Electric Vehicle Strategy which is going for approval to the GMCA this month.</p> <p>This will allow us to benefit from a regional approach to EV chargepoint provision and the development of partnerships. We have plans to deliver a significant increase in the number of charge points in Bury and where advantageous we will develop our own partnerships to help achieve this.</p>
29	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for Environment state how the Borough will mark COP26? <b>Cllr. Iain Gartside</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>GMCA have put together a programme of events leading up to COP26, which can be seen below:</p> <p>Information about the different events:</p> <p>Progress 21 – Aims to have 3 events in one day:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Careers: a jobs fair 'plus', thousands of available jobs, training opportunities and a wide range of advice and support to propel your career.</li> <li>2. Business: offering on-day specialist insight and practical support for your business's recovery and future growth.</li> <li>3. Global: bringing Greater Manchester together to promote our city region on the global stage to attract investors and visitors.</li> </ol> <p><b>Battle Bus Flagship Event</b> A Battle Bus is touring the country on a 'road to COP', where key stakeholders can learn more about the national measures to meet NetZero 2050 and GM Carbon Neutral 2038.</p> <p><b>Green Summit</b> A lively mix of inspiring speakers with workshops bursting on how to get involved and take meaningful action to be held at the Lowry Theatre.</p> <p><b>NW Green Zone</b> The North West Green Zone, is a regional virtual zone to be operated at the same time as COP26. There will be two zones in the North West, one in Liverpool and one in Manchester. The events will be focussed on Energy, specifically in Manchester there will be a zone focussed on smart energy and delivery. This will focus on how energy is being transformed. Looking at smart infrastructure, integrated, clean and affordable public transport systems, resource efficient buildings, greater local community renewable energy, cleaner air and water. This will be an event about how we use new energy sources to hit our carbon neutral targets in the race to net zero.</p> <p>Bury will work alongside GMCA to be involved as much as possible in this process and the associated events.</p> <p>We are in the process of working up a communications and</p>

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		engagement plan to further engage in COP 26 in Bury. The Climate Strategy and Action Plan will go to Cabinet for adoption in October and it is hoped we can then lead a number of events to mark the launch of the strategy and COP 26.
30	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>What initiatives are being undertaken to encourage younger people to get vaccinated</p> <p><b>Cllr. Khalid Hussain</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Simpson</b>	<p>We have developed tailored comms and engagement approaches based on local, GM and national insights into younger adult attitudes, beliefs and preferences around vaccination.</p> <p>We have highlighted particular incentives of being vaccinated and therefore getting protected, such as going on holiday and getting back to the other things we enjoy, not needing to isolate or miss work if an individual is a contact of someone that has tested positive, and protecting their loved ones.</p> <p>We have participated in the Greater Manchester wide Grab A Job campaign, which has reached out to younger audiences through targeted and boosted social media and communications channels and offline communications i.e. printed placed in key locations where younger adults are more likely to go.</p> <p>We have also adapted our vaccination clinics to make them more accessible by opening them in the evenings which may appeal to those working during the day, and having walk up appointments across a number of locations. In addition, a number of pop up clinics have been held in areas where we know vaccine uptake has been lower than the general population. The number of young people having received their first vaccine continues to grow with over 60% uptake among those aged 18-29 so far.</p> <p>We are also currently targeting our efforts on reaching the 16 and 17 year old cohort, through direct invitation to receive their vaccination and within our wider communications efforts.</p>
31	<b>Conservative</b>	<p>Noting the problems regarding consultations in the Borough, can the Leader advise how the Council works with emergency service before implementation Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Dene Vernon</b></p>
	<b>Cllr Quinn</b>	<p>There is a formal process for all new schemes that propose to introduce changes to the highway network (either physically or via parking restrictions etc.) - this is because there is a statutory requirement to consult with the police on such matters. This is done through Bury's Traffic Management Unit (TMU) which consists of stakeholders from Bury (traffic &amp; legal officers), Transport for Greater Manchester, Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and Greater Manchester Ambulance Service. Whilst all external stakeholders receive the papers for TMU meetings, they don't always attend. However, in the case of LTNs we engage with the emergency services to a much higher degree to ensure that we receive a response. Given the philosophy behind LTNs is to restrict traffic movements by the use of physical measures on the highway, it is vital to receive the comments of the emergency services to ensure</p>

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32	Lib Dem	<p>Could the Leader inform members of the net proportion of green belt land to be removed/added in each of the six townships of Bury, for the whole of Bury and for the whole of (the nine districts of) Greater Manchester under the Places for Everyone plan?</p> <p><b>Councillor C Tegolo</b></p>
	Cllr O'Brien	<p>On a township basis, Places for Everyone is proposing net changes to the Green Belt as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor would see a reduction of 0.8%;</li> <li>▪ Bury West would see an increase of 5.8%;</li> <li>▪ Bury East would see an increase of 1.6%;</li> <li>▪ Radcliffe would see a reduction of 10.6%;</li> <li>▪ Whitefield and Unsworth would see a reduction of around 28.6%; and</li> <li>▪ Prestwich would see a reduction of around 13.7%.</li> </ul> <p>The plan proposes a higher proportionate loss of Green Belt in the southern areas of the Borough because it is these areas that have better access to existing infrastructure, such as public transport, making them more sustainable locations for development.</p> <p>In addition, the higher proportion of Green Belt loss proposed in the south and particularly for Whitefield and Unsworth is due to the proposal for new business development at the Northern Gateway – a proposal that will generate a substantial number of accessible and high-quality jobs and which will bring significant economic benefit to Bury.</p> <p>In terms of Bury as a whole, Places for Everyone proposes a net loss of 8.8% of the Borough's Green Belt. This is a substantial reduction on the 20% that was proposed in the first draft of the GMSF.</p> <p>Across the nine participating districts, Places for Everyone currently proposes an average net loss of 3.3% of its Green Belt and it is a fact that this is less than the net loss proposed for Bury.</p> <p>However, it is important to recognise that 54% of the Borough would remain Green Belt land - the third highest of the nine participating districts, behind only Rochdale and Wigan.</p> <p>It is also important to reiterate that the majority of the proposed</p>

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		<p>Green Belt release in Bury is not for housing but for employment development at the Northern Gateway, which in itself accounts for 310 of the total net loss of 519 hectares.</p> <p>Furthermore, our successful approach to the redevelopment of brownfield sites in recent years means that Bury, unlike other Greater Manchester districts, does not have large expanses of brownfield land available to make a greater contribution towards meeting our housing needs meaning that, unfortunately, a higher proportion of our needs have to be met through the release of Green Belt.</p> <p>It is often suggested that Bury should pull out of Places for Everyone and produce its own Local Plan instead. If we were to go down that route, the Local Plan would still need to cover the same issues currently covered by Places for Everyone, including identifying land to meet our development needs. It would also mean that we would be unlikely to be able to redistribute some of our housing targets to other districts (currently over 2,200 through Places for Everyone), meaning that the impact on Bury's Green Belt would be likely to be much more significant if we were to withdraw from the joint plan.</p>