

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 9th September 2021

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (T Pickstone in the Chair);
Councillors R Brown, R Bernstein, C Boles, C Birchmore, N Boroda, S Butler, R A Caserta, P Cropper, LJ Dean, U Farooq, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, T Holt, K Hussain, N Jones, J Lancaster, J Lewis, G McGill, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, M Powell, T Rafiq, T Rydeheard, A Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, G Staple-Jones, T Tariq, C Tegolo, D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright

Apologies: Councillor Walsh, Leach, Thomas, Cummins, Morris, Gartside, Hurst, McBriar, Mason

Public attendance: 16 Members of the public were in attendance.

C.XXX DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made at the meeting in relation to items on the agenda:

1. Councillor A Quinn declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as both his son and daughter-in law, work for the NHS, he is a member of the Trade Union, Unite and the Downs Syndrome Association.
2. Councillor D Quinn declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as an employee of the Citizens Advice Bureau and both her son and daughter-in law, work for the NHS
3. Councillor T Pilkington declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as an employee of the Manchester Foundation Trust.
4. Councillor A Simpson declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as both her and her son are employed by the NHS.
5. Councillor S. Wright declared a personal interest in all matters under consideration as his wife works for a school in the Borough.
6. Councillors Brown and Rydeheard declared personal interests in agenda Common Minimum Licensing Standards C.XXX as practicing solicitors who work representing the Taxi trade.
7. Councillor Peel expressed a personal interest in all matters under consideration as a Trustee of Bolton and Bury Citizens Advice Bureau.
8. Councillor LJ Dean declared a personal interest in agenda item Notice of Motion C.XXX as a family member works for Six Town Housing Association.

C.XXX MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.XXX MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported the sad news of the death of the former Mayoress, Ruth Ramsey, the Mayor requested that his condolences and that of all Elected Members present be passed on to her family.

The Mayor reported that the 10th September 2021 is World Suicide Awareness day, the Mayor's Charity is the Bury Samaritans and the Mayor will be in attendance at an event hosted by the charity to mark and raise awareness of this important day.

C.XXX PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of 2 questions, due to the number of items scheduled for consideration, questions were only answered from those members of the public present at the meeting. The Leader gave an undertaking that copies of those questions and responses not taken at the meeting will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

No	Issue	Questioner	Answered by:
1	Street Lighting	Deborah Pinkney	Cllr Quinn
2	Longfield Suite	Andy hay	Cllr O'Brien
3	Clean Air Grants	Mr Raja	Cllr O'Brien/Cllr Quinn
4	Fly tipping	George Ostafijczuk	Cllr Quinn
5	Common minimum licensing standards	Mr Raja Adil	Cllr O'Brien
6	Abuse directed towards taxi trade	Mr Mamhood	Cllr O'Brien
7	Taxi dress code	Aamer Yaisier	Cllr O'Brien
8	Licensing Department	Mr Sahijid	Cllr O'Brien

C.XXX RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting of Cabinet – 1st September 2021 Treasury Management Outturn Report

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Tariq and it was:

RESOLVED:

That Council approves:

- 20/21 Prudential and Treasury Indicators
- Treasury Management 2020/21outturn report

Meeting of Licensing and Safety Committee – 2nd September 2021

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Walmsley and **On being put**, with 28 voting for, 13 voting against and the Mayor abstaining, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Council adopts the recommendations presented in section 4 (Lead Officer Recommendations) for each proposed standard for implementation by 1 December 2021 unless an alternative date is specified, or a further report is required.

C.XXX HOUSING OPTIONS SERVICE RESTRUCTURE

The Leader moved, and Councillor Rafiq seconded, that the report on the Housing Option Service Restructure report be approved,

That Council Approves

The capital costs associated with the proposed redundancy of the post of Service Manager – Accommodation as described in the report

C.XXX LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME

(a) Written question (Notice given)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E O'Brien, made a statement on the work undertaken by him since the date of the last Council meeting.

The Leader and the relevant Cabinet Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:

NO	ISSUE	QUESTIONER	ANSWERED BY
1	Parking in Prestwich	Cllr Powell	Cllr Quinn
2	Higher Education Bill	Cllr Boroda	Cllr O'Brien
3	Community Safety Plan	Cllr Holt	Cllr Gold
4	Refuse Collection	Cllr Lewis	Cllr Quinn
5	Trimingham Drive Estate	Cllr Hayes	Cllr O'Brien
6	Fuel Poverty	Cllr Peel	Cllr O'Brien
7	SEN Provision	Cllr Bernstein	Cllr Tariq
8	Refuse Collections	Cllr S Wright	Cllr Quinn
9	Places for Everyone Plan	Cllr Walmsley	Cllr O'Brien
10	Real Living Wage	Cllr Whitby	Cllr Rafiq
11	Work Experience	Cllr Lancaster	Cllr Tariq

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 12 to 32 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of those questions and responses will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

b) Verbal Questions

1	Community Asset Transfer	Cllr N Jones	Cllr O'Brien
2	Social Care Changes	Cllr M Powell	Cllr Powell
3	Additional Bins	Cllr McGill	Cllr Quinn
4	Free School Meals	Cllr Vernon	Cllr O'Brien
5	Brownfield Sites	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr O'Brien
6	Universal Credit and Food banks	Cllr Walmsley	Cllr O'Brien
7	Accelerate Land Sales	Cllr Rydeheard	Cllr O'Brien
8	Prestwich Walk in Centre	Cllr S Wright	Cllr Simpson
9	East Lancashire Railway	Cllr Staple Jones	Cllr O'Brien
10	Holiday Activities for Children	Cllr Whitby	Cllr Tariq

C.XXX COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

(a) The Council received a report on the work of the Combined Authorities.

(b) The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Number 96 Bus	Councillor S Wright	Councillor Peel (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
2.	Road Safety Initiatives	Councillor Hayes	Councillor Peel (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
3.	Active Travel Fund	Councillor Whitby	Councillor Peel (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
4.	Anti social behaviour on Metrolink	Councillor Harris	Councillor Peel (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
5.	Parklife	Councillor Boroda	Councillor Gold (Representative on Police and Crime and Panel)
6.	Diesel Vehicles	Councillor Lewis	Councillor Quinn

7.	Active Travel Investment	Councillor Powell	Councillor Peel (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)
8	GM Transport Commissioner	Councillor Lancaster	Councillor Peel (Representative on Transport for Greater Manchester)

Due to the lack of time to answer questions nine to 16 inclusive, the Mayor gave an undertaking that copies of the questions and responses will be circulated to all Councillors and made available on the Council Web Site.

C.XXX NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Welcoming refugees

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors M Powell, C Tegolo and S Wright

This Council recognises:

- The deeply concerning developments in Afghanistan along with recent political unrest and war in places such as Syria, Yemen and Hong Kong
- The responsibility the UK has to many citizens in countries like Afghanistan and Hong Kong
 - That these developments are driving men, women and children in these locations to seek safety in the West, often willing to make perilous journeys, including by boat, to seek asylum in the UK
 - The longstanding tradition the UK has had to welcoming refugees dating back to the Second World War and before, and that this commitment should remain now and going forwards
 - The strong tradition the UK has in international aid, recently put in jeopardy by the cruel cut to International Aid
 - The strong track record Bury has in welcoming refugees over many decades
 - That Local Authorities have a vitally important role to play in housing refugee families, and that this crisis can be managed successfully if all Council's welcome their fair share of refugees over the coming months

This Council resolves to:

- Reaffirm our commitment that Refugees are very welcome in Bury
- Pledge a commitment to take at least our fair share of refugees, and encourage other Local Authorities to do the same
 - Work with our public and voluntary sector and partners, and across Greater Manchester, to make that welcome a day to day reality
 - Write to the Government, directly, through your MPs and our city region Mayor asking them to:

- Provide the necessary support and funding to Council's to facilitate the housing of refugees and care for refugee children
- Reverse immediately the cut to International Development Aid and restore the 0.7% of GDP minimum

It was moved by Councillor N Jones and seconded by Councillor P Bernstein as an amendment to:-

DELETE

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And DELETE

Reverse immediately the cut to International Development Aid and restore the 0.7% of GDP minimum

On being put, with 13 voting for, 28 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion lost.

On being put with 28 voting for, the Conservative Group and the Mayor abstaining the original motion was carried.

(ii) Stop The Cut to Universal Credit

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors C Boles, N Boroda, S Butler, C Cummins, U Farooq, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, M Hayes, T Holt, K Leach, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, A Simpson, L Smith, T Tariq, K Thomas, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby.

This Council Notes:

- 1) This autumn the Government plans to cut Universal Credit by £20 a week.
- 2) This cut would affect 15,300 people in the borough Bury.
- 3) The Child Poverty Action Group have stated that the £20 uplift is essential to ensure "low-income families with children receive the support they need".
- 4) The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has warned that the cut could see another 200,000 children pushed into poverty.

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer calling on them to stop the £20 a week cut to Universal Credit
- 2) Write to the Members of Parliament for Bury North and Bury South calling on them to oppose the cut and vote against it in Parliament.

On being put, with 28 voting for, 13 members voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(iii) Future of care homes and housing provision for over 60s and the strengthening of the Borough's mental and physical health offer

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Bernstein, Brown, Caserta, Cropper, Dean, Gartside, Harris, Lancaster, Hurst, Hussain, N Jones, Lewis, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon, Y Wright

'The coronavirus pandemic has emphasised to all of us just how vital it is that local people, have safe and secure places to live and green open spaces to enjoy and exercise in.

The council notes the ongoing consultation on 'older people's day services' which is asking for feedback on day services for people over 50. The service review is part of the quality improvement and this engagement is welcome.

It is important that we provide the highest standard of specialist housing for older residents, be it sheltered, extra-care or simply adapting homes to meet the needs of our residents.

As we begin to move forward from the pandemic we need to develop plans for anticipated future demand and work with all the communities of bury to help shape the services and facilities they now need, including strengthening mental and physical health support

That is why we call on the Council

1. To produce a baseline report that assesses our current housing stock: focusing on capacity, quality and adaptability.
2. to produce a baseline report that identifies current services and facilities which are available
3. To consult with residents of all ages and produce a report outlining future demand for housing, mental and physical health provision for residents over 60 years old or those requiring care.
4. To set out plans for delivering any new identified housing, mental and physical health provision

On being put, with 42 voting for, 0 members voting against, the Mayor abstaining the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C.XXX COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER

The Motion Tracker was circulated for information.

C.XXX SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no Scrutiny Review Reports or specific items "called in" by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be considered at this Council meeting.

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C.XXX QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTE: The meeting started at 7pm and finished at 10.30pm)