(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – 25 October 2021 Re. Winter Grants

Decision taken:

The Council received an allocation of £1,534,200.05 from the Government's 2021/22 Household Support Fund (HSF); a grant intended to protect the most vulnerable from hardship this winter. This decision set out how the HSF will be utilised in Bury, consistent with the Council's wider anti-poverty work, through:

- The ongoing provision of Free School Meals until Easter 2022
- Targeted support for Council Tax Support Claimants
- Targeted support for people at risk of in-work poverty
- Investment and support to local community groups who provide anti-poverty support
- Maintenance of crisis hardship provision

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:

The Council is required to return proposals for spend to government by 28 October 2021. This timeframe does not align with Cabinet dates nor allow sufficient time for publication on the forward plan.

(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – 28 October 2021 Re. Liquid Fuel Contract

Decision taken:

To extend the final two years of the existing contract for the supply and delivery of liquid fuels until 21st November 2023.

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:

The Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) require that YPO that the signed access agreement and the call off order be in place prior to 22nd November 2021. If these documents are not returned by that date then the procurement is not valid via the YPO framework and we would have to commence our own exercise. Documents are therefore required by 15th November at the latest so as to allow time for suppliers to confirm acceptance.