

Amendment to Notice of motion

Supporting our wonderful high streets over the festive period

The Council recognises:

Bury Council notes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has had on residents and businesses across the borough over the last two years. The Borough owes a debt of gratitude to our key workers, residents, businesses and organisations for all that they have done through the pandemic.

As the festive period approaches the Council must do all it can to support our fantastic independent businesses across the borough and our high streets

The Council notes:

The Government provided over £100 million to Bury MBC to support residents and businesses whether the COVID-19 storm across the borough

In the October Budget our borough was awarded two levelling up bids totalling £40 million to regenerate Bury Market and Radcliffe Town Centre. Now we must celebrate this success and support our high streets, encouraging residents and visitors to shop local this festive period.

There are 4 Saturdays in December, including Small Business Saturday on the 4th, and as a Council we must do all we can to support business

This motion aims to support the boroughs high streets and independent retailers across Ramsbottom, Tottington, Bury, Radcliffe, Whitefield, and Prestwich and promote shopping locally throughout the month of December

The Council resolves to:

- ~~• All Council-owned car parks to be free every Saturday in December 2021 across Ramsbottom, Tottington, Bury, Radcliffe, Whitefield and Prestwich including Christmas Day~~
- Call on officers and the Combined Authority to explore options to fund free or discounted bus travel for the first three weekends in December
- Actively support and promote 'Small Business Saturday' in December by spreading the word across the Borough via locally via the Council website and all digital media channels
- Promote 'Shop Local' throughout the month of December across all the Councils digital media channels and share press releases with local media to drum up support for our wonderful towns this festive period