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| Cllr Morris    | 1   | <b>Lib Dem</b><br>Cllr Powell | We understand the Council are going to make it easier to apply for a street party to celebrate HRH's Platinum Jubilee in June. Would the Leader consider waiving the application fee to close streets for the Jubilee, to encourage more applications to enable more opportunities for residents to celebrate the Jubilee? | <p>I thank the member for his question, and as he will recall, we made financial provisions available to support Jubilee celebrations in our February budget. Part of that funding will indeed be used to fund the waiver of road closure fees for those community groups who want to host street parties. The Community Hubs are working with resident and community groups to encourage and support planning for street parties, including advice on accessing funding.</p> <p>There have been 14 road closure enquiries in relation to the Jubilee. At present the enquiries are requesting more information on the process and how to apply for a closure. I suspect most if not all will result in closures if the roads are suitable.</p> <p>We now have an online application process and I will be requesting those that have made an initial enquiry to complete the formal application providing the relevant information.</p>  |
| Cllr O'Brien   | 2   | <b>Labour</b><br>Cllr Peel    | What plans do the Council have to help residents with the cost of living?  | <p>It is well publicised that there are considerable pressures on cost of living, with decade high inflation rates, increased in the fuel energy cap and increases in National Insurance contributions. The Council have provided a single point of information as a link of the Council website homepage of immediate financial hardship support and details of broader local advice and information, including energy efficiency, affordable warmth, and money management. This information is being circulated to households alongside Council Tax bills. Immediate hardship assistance through the Household Support Fund continues to be targeted at economically vulnerable households. Last month's budget detailed further support through £240k being made available to support families experiencing hardship with grants towards school uniforms and £100k to provide immediate assistance to households meet essential living costs who would ordinarily not be eligible for such support. No household will have to pay back any of the aforementioned grants. In addition, work is taking place to develop a new Anti-Poverty Strategy for the Borough, to focus on increasingly targeted, place based interventions whilst increasing economic resilience and reducing deprivation driven inequalities</p> |

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| Cllr Gold | 3 | <p><b>Labour</b><br/> <b>Cllr Staples-Jones</b></p> | <p>Since the Council re-signed the Armed Forces Covenant in December what has been done to support the veterans' community in Bury?</p> | <p>The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy, and society they serve with their lives. The Covenant does not intend to replace current work by public service providers, charities, and individuals, but rather formalise a commitment and build on existing sources of support. Since the re-signing of the Covenant, officers have met regularly to drive progress and identify further opportunities to support Bury's military community. This internal group is working closely with a wider community Covenant Group, which includes representatives from the armed forces and veterans' community. Work has progressed rapidly, some of the highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Council has refreshed its online portal for the military community as a one-stop-shop for access to relevant support and services</li> <li>- Free leisure passes – As of the 1st December, Bury Council delivered on its commitment to offer free leisure passes to all armed forces personnel, veterans and reservists. Bury is currently the only local authority across Greater Manchester to offer this level of free leisure passes</li> <li>- Work with primary care – A new dedicated sharepoint information hub to provide details of services, support and information related to veterans has been rolled out to GP practices by the CCG and all practices were invited to a dedicated briefing session in February to promote the hub and ambition for all surgeries in the borough to be formally classified as Veteran Friendly.</li> <li>- Working with Veterans and Tottington Councillors we are developing a strengthened memorial and a mural to George Stanley Peachment VC. George, who from Bury, was awarded the VC, the highest and most prestigious award that can be awarded. George, at only 18 years and 4 months was the youngest army recipient of the VC in World War 1. Subject to consultation we will be renaming a park after George.</li> <li>-The Council and CCG formally recognize the military community as a Protected Characteristic and the GMCA Covenant E-Learning Package has recently been made available on the Council's E-Learning portal</li> <li>-The focus for the coming months and beyond include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bury Council was awarded the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme bronze award in 2020. Given the strengthening of our commitment and our resigning of the Covenant the Council has been accepted to apply for the silver award. The application which will be formally assessed on 16th May. Subject to success at this</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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|              |   |   |   | <p>level and the continued positive progress, the intention will be to submit an application for Gold recognition in 2023.</p> <p>- Many events over the last two years have sadly had to be cancelled or celebrated virtually, so with restrictions lifted this year provides an opportunity to engage and attend events face to face. As always support and attendance will be given to Remembrance, Gallipoli and Armed Forces Day. This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict and RAFA 75th anniversary. It is intended to mark these two occasions and plans are currently being discussed in partnership with Armed Forces personnel and Veterans.</p>   |
| Cllr Morris  | 4 | <b>Conservative</b><br>Cllr Jackie Harris | Please can you provide a breakdown of all the plans the borough has to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee?  | <p>The Council has developed a programme of civic and community celebrations for the June Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>Communities will be supported and encouraged to hold street parties by our Hubs and the normal fee for road closures will be waived. A civic celebration is planned for Sunday 5 June including an all-faith religious service, led by Rev Heaton, followed by a civic lunch with the mayor in the Drill Hall to which around 300 people will be invited from across our communities including service users from our neighbourhood teams; youth cabinet; representatives from the voluntary and community services groups; volunteers who were part of the borough's Covid response some of our homeless and refugee community. In addition the Council is supporting the "Queen's Green Canopy" campaign. A mature oak tree will be planted in commemoration each neighbourhood. Ward Members have been provided with the date for their local planting, which began on 11 March to align with the national timetable co-ordinated by the Lord Lieutenant's office</p> |
| Cllr Simpson | 5 | <b>Labour</b><br>Cllr Pilkington          | Recently the MP for Bury North James Daly said in Prime Minister's questions that only 37% of appointments with a GP in Bury were face to face. Will the Cabinet Member join with me in condemning this misinformation and join with me in commending the hard work of our GPs in Bury over the last two years of the pandemic? | <p>I very happy to commend the hard work of the GPs and practice staff in the borough during the course of the pandemic. They have continued to deliver services in very challenging circumstances, face to face and online, have coped with a significant rise in demand, and have delivered the bulk of the outstanding vaccination programme in the borough.</p> <p>There has been a significant switch to online access to GP services, for example through the Ask my GP app, and feedback to an independent Bury Healthwatch survey has been overwhelmingly positive with many patients citing convenience and response. It will be recognised that the shift to digital access is a national imperative. We are aware of some occasions where practices have been overwhelmed with demand and the access for patients has been compromised. The CCG are working closely with practices to feedback concerns where they occur.</p> <p>The GP community in Bury have been outstanding during the pandemic and continue</p>   |

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|              |   |                                     |   | to be so in what will be a long period of recovery and I am happy to commend their hard work.   |
| Cllr O'Brien | 6 | <b>Labour</b><br><b>Cllr McGill</b> | Can the Leader outline what help Bury Council is giving to aid the refugee crisis in Ukraine? | <p>Bury Council have been in ongoing engagement with the Ukranian Club in Bury including to update on the latest national government guidance and information, to link into any local support offers and to monitor any specific local community tensions (or which there are none specific to Bury). At the start of March 2022 the Council provided logistical support to the Polish Integrated Support Centre, a national charity who locally are working with Bury Polish Club, given that they were inundated with donations. Direct support included the co-ordination through the Community Hub team of transport and storage logistics, including 4 Council vehicles to transport donations from the Polish Centre to distribution sites in Trafford and Wrexham for onward travel to the Poland/Ukraine border. The Council also liaised with partners including the GM Fire and Rescue Service, GMCA, Six Town Housing, Bury VCFA in relation to volunteers and Bury Business Leadership Group - through which local businesses supplied packing materials, vehicles, and storage capacity. In addition, the Council supported packing and sorting at Sedgley Hub and in total the Borough has contributed the equivalent of 8 large articulated lorries of donations. The Council has also promoted the means by which people can make financial donations to support humanitarian aid through UK-Med and the DEC Ukraine appeal. Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers at these sites, public services and local businesses for their support and the generosity of the people of Bury.</p> <p><b>Supplementary</b> - I can confirm that the main contract for the council is with Corona Energy. The Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) have confirmed that Corona Energy do not have direct links with Russian Energy supplies (including no energy or wholesale contracts in place with Gazprom or any of its entities).</p> <p>We have identified one building that the council own that does have a contract with</p> |

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| Cllr Tariq | 7 | <b>Conservative</b><br><b>Cllr Jo Lancaster</b> | <p>Will the Cabinet Member for Environment Operations and Children, Young People and Skills meet with the Radcliffe North and Ainsworth Councillors at school pick up times at Christ Church Ainsworth C of E Primary School, to assess the area and consider reinstating the school crossing patrol?</p> | <p>The crossing at Christ Church Ainsworth has been a vacant post for some time but was covered with relief staff up to the February half term break. Work commenced in January to install a new pelican crossing which became operational just before half term, the new crossing is yards from where the patrol crossed.</p> <p>Due to the high level of sickness and cover being needed at other high priority points the patrol was moved from Christ Church Ainsworth from 21 February. The patrol reported a significant reduction in the number of children crossing since the new pelican was activated.</p> <p>As identified in the SCP Service Guidelines (2016) best practice is that it is not necessary for school crossing patrols to work on pelican, puffin, or toucan crossings, as they are, by definition, safer crossing facilities. Light controlled crossings fulfil the same purpose as a school crossing patrol; they stop the traffic so pedestrians may cross the road safely. Therefore, having both in place at the same site may be confusing to drivers and a duplication of resources.</p> |

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| Cllr Quinn | 8  | <b>Lib Dem</b><br><b>Cllr S Wright</b> | The street lights on the Motorway bridge on Simister Lane have not been working for a number of years now and the council position on this is that they will try to move the lights up the priority list but it may not be practical to do anything until the new financial year. Can the Leader assure us that these lights are a priority and can he give us any assurance that they will be fixed? | The repair of these street lights has been delayed because of the need to liaise with National Highways (formerly known as Highways England) due to the potential impact of the work on the motorway. Officers have now completed the design for the work, and we expect to have replacement lights installed and working by the end of April.  |
| Cllr Gold  | 9  | <b>Labour</b><br><b>Cllr D Quinn</b>   | Can the Leader of the Council confirm how much Prestwich community groups will benefit from the Parklife Community Fund this year?  | The Parklife Community Fund provides grants for community groups in the proximity of Heaton Park, supporting projects that focus on using parks, open spaces and/or working with young people. It is open to all community groups in Holyrood, Sedgley and St. Mary's ward - this year saw 44 groups apply and a total of £33,848 awarded from Parklife funding, bringing the total value to over £117k. The fund will reopen later this year following Parklife 2022.  |
| Cllr Gold  | 10 | <b>Labour</b><br><b>Cllr Hayes</b>     | Please could the Council provide an update on the progress being made around community groups being able to better access and use library facilities?   | I'm pleased to be able to announce that as of 28th March arrangements will be in place for community groups and other organisations to be able to hire out space in their local library.<br><br>Libraries are safe, trusted spaces at the heart of their local community, and we want to be able to open up our libraries so that the local community can have access to their libraries when they need it; even if the library is closed, such as when closed during the evening or weekend, then we have arrangements in place for groups to open them up for their meeting or activity.<br><br>Each of our libraries has spaces that community groups can access and all have accessible facilities and access to Wi-Fi and IT. For those community groups and |

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|            |    |  |   | organisations that are interested in utilising these facilities then please get in touch with your local library.   |
| Cllr Quinn | 11 | <b>Conservative</b><br><b>Cllr Roger Brown</b> | Can the Cabinet Member for Environment Operations outline what % of the highways budget will be allocated for clearing drains and gullies and will he meet with my North Manor colleagues and I to see for himself the state of the drains across the North Manor Ward? | Our Highways Revenue Works Budget for 2021/22 is £878,000. Within this we allocate a budget for gully cleansing of £235,000, which equates to approximately 26% of the overall revenue works budget.<br>In response to the climate emergency, we allocated an additional £55,000 to gully cleansing this year, which has allowed us to provide a 3rd gully wagon and crew for 6months. This has allowed us to respond to reports of localised flooding quicker and ensure that every gully is checked annually. Although members should be aware that our teams do have difficulty in accessing gullies due to parked cars. |

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| Cllr Simpson | 12 | <b>Labour</b><br>Cllr Boroda                  | What are the council/CCG doing to improve mental health services in Bury?   | <p>The Council and CCG are aware of the significant challenges to mental health and well-being particularly in the light of the pandemic. In the last 3 months the Council and CCG have secured and approved additional investment in Adult Community Health Team capacity, in Tier 2 Childrens services, in Eating Disorder service, and in mental health capacity connected to the urgent care system – a programme called core 24. There has also been additional five Mental Health Practitioners recruited with one attached to each of Bury’s Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INT), working closely with primary care.</p> <p>We also continue to strengthen the service offer outside of specialist mental health services –for example in addition to providing the peer-led Community Crisis Service, Bury Involvement Group (BIG) are also now delivering the Welcome Home scheme which is designed to support patients being discharged from a PCFT inpatient stay. A second service, the Housing and Welfare Support Scheme, delivered by the Beacon Service, will work alongside PCFT to help patients navigate social issues such as tenancies and welfare benefits. Both schemes went live recently and are funded by GM for a period of 12 months.</p> <p>We will continue to work with all partners across the breadth of our i-thrive strategy to improve prevention, early intervention, access, and service outcomes for residents.</p> <p>A further update on mental health is due at the next Health Scrutiny meeting, and an update from Pennine Care Trust as our specialist provider was available in the recent Cllrs seminar on health and care system pressures.</p> |
| Cllr Tariq   | 13 | <b>Conservative</b><br>Cllr Russell Bernstein | Could the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Skills outline when Members can expect to receive the OFSTED response, as promised? | <p>Senior leaders within Children’s Services have been working upon the Improvement plan, and with this there has been consultation with our children and young people in the drafting of the plan.</p> <p>The draft improvement plan will be shared with C&amp;YP Scrutiny members and discussed at an extra-ordinary meeting of the Committee scheduled for the 23rd of March.</p> <p>The draft plan will also be shared with our partners and members of the Improvement Board, where there is cross party representation, which is scheduled for the 22nd March, during which the plan will be considered by the independent chair of the Improvement Board and our independent DfE advisor.</p> <p>The plan will be submitted to Ofsted before the 31st of March and will be finalised following approval from Ofsted and the DfE.</p>  |

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| Cllr Quinn   | 14 | <b>Lib Dem</b><br><b>Cllr S Wright</b>            | In October of last year, I reported that the footpaths in St Mary's flower park needed repair and were dangerous. This was agreed by the department, however I was told the area would be cordoned off whilst financial resources were sourced for the repair. Can the Leader update us on the repair to the path and whether the necessary resources have been sourced? | Officers are developing a masterplan for St. Mary's Flower Park. This masterplan will look at options to improve the park, including the paths, in conjunction with key stakeholders such as the volunteer gardening group and volunteers in Prestwich Clough.<br>£50,000 from our Greenspaces Manifesto funds for 22/23 will be allocated to make improvements to St. Mary's Flower Park and Prestwich Clough. Other funding sources such as Section 106 are also being explored. |
| Cllr O'Brien | 15 | <b>Conservative</b><br><b>Cllr Robert Caserta</b> | Would Councillor O'Brien and all members of Bury Labour Group join with Bury Conservatives to wholeheartedly condemn the actions of Russia against the peaceful state of Ukraine and offer as much support as possible to the Ukrainian families in the Northwest who have been such a blessing to this country?   |  |

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| Cllr<br>Morris | 16 | <b>Conservative</b><br><b>Cllr Dene</b><br><b>Vernon</b> | Can the Cabinet Member for the Cultural Economy outline what actions the Night Czar for Greater Manchester has taken to support businesses across the borough of Bury since the start of the pandemic? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launched the Night Time Economy Office which has offered advice to businesses across GM, signposting them to licensing, business support and other charity support for owners and workers such as mental health.</li> <li>• Developed ‘United We Stream’ a UK first broadcasting free live music, DJs, singers /performers into people homes. ‘United we Stream ran from April 2020 to New Years Eve 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Donations page raised over £477,000 for 12 regional charities and good causes</li> <li>o Was viewed by 14.5 million people with an awareness of the brand, with over seven million viewers</li> <li>o Programmed 338 globally renowned artists and local breakthrough talent who have performed for free on the channel</li> <li>o Gained Global media coverage including Billboard and Rolling Stone</li> <li>o Crucially, UWS GM was hosted at Bury Met, showcasing this amazing venue and bringing money to Bury when (as with all venues) the Met was closed and needed investment.</li> <li>o UWS also supported the most recent Purple Flag Application which saw Bury town Centre retain Purple Flag for yet another year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Night Time Economy Office is proposing to host a number of NTE advice surgeries for business once the latest GM Evening and Night time Economy Strategy has been to the CA at the end of this month and will look to host these in boroughs.</li> <li>• Via the Wider Culture Team team: we fund Bury Met through the Culture and Social Impact Fund and Bury was awarded the first GM Town of Culture.</li> </ul> |
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| Cllr Quinn | 17 | <b>Conservative</b><br>Cllr Paul Cropper  | Can the Cabinet Member for Environment Operations give an estimate of the number of electric vehicles in Bury  | The number of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles licensed in Bury at the end of Q3 2021 is 1370  |
| Cllr Quinn | 18 | <b>Conservative</b><br>Cllr Iain Gartside | Can the Cabinet Member responsible for highways update members on the number of potholes filled since the start of 2022 and amount spent of the budget, given up to December only 5% had been spent. | We repaired 1,270 potholes in January and 1,002 potholes in February, bringing the total number repaired in 2022 to 2,272 potholes. 12,000 potholes will have been repaired in 21/22.<br><br>By the end of this financial year the team is predicted to spend £1.2m on pothole repairs and planned patching. Any backlog from previous years Covid delay and this years underspend will be reprogrammed over 22/23 and 23/24. |

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| Cllr Rafiq   | 19 | <b>Lib Dem</b><br><b>Cllr Tegolo</b> | What amount of the £51,000 allocated to Councillors via the discretionary grants scheme went unspent this year and how many Councillors did not spend their full £1,000 allocation?                                | <p>Oversight of the Discretionary Grant Scheme was transferred to Democratic Services in September 2020.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to consider ways in which their spend could support the 10 point recovery plan for the Borough. Including how spend could cover tackling poverty, developing a Bury Opportunity guarantee, promoting community voice and supporting community wellbeing.</p> <p>The Community Hub network, developed in response to the pandemic, has been central to the emerging place-based neighbourhood model in Bury. The Hubs have taken responsibility for understanding issues and needs in a place. This information has been used to prioritise the use of participatory budgets for neighbourhoods and has been made available to Members to help them determine the use of their discretionary fund and thus better placed to respond to local need.</p> <p>Of the £51000 allocated to Discretionary Grants in 2021/22, £1215.30 has not been spent with 4 Councillors not spending their full allocation.</p> <p>Following agreement at Budget Council, the discretionary grant scheme has been extended for a further 12 months.</p>   |
| Cllr Simpson | 20 | <b>Lib Dem</b><br><b>Cllr Powell</b> | What progress has there been on the second phase of the review of Emergency Care, particularly as it concerns the future of Prestwich Walk-In Centre? When will residents be informed of the future of the centre? | <p>Thank you, Cllr Powell, for the question. The CCG does recognise residents' interest in the future of the services at the Walk in Centre. I can confirm the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The funding associated with the WIC provision in Prestwich is secure.</li> <li>2) The Prestwich WIC is stood down due to the operation of the Vaccination Centre serving the south of the borough.</li> <li>3) We do not know how long the vaccination centre will be there – plans are developing and awaiting JCVI guidance on booster programmes. There is no immediate plan to close the vaccination centre and it could be open into the spring or summer</li> <li>4) There has been no decision about discontinuing the WIC</li> <li>5) So therefore, when the vaccination centre closes, we will need to reinstate the walk in centre</li> <li>6) It may take some time to mobilise the walk in centre in its previous form</li> <li>7) We will not fundamentally change the nature of the walk in centre without wider public consultation</li> <li>8) The CCG and partners do think there may be scope to enhance the way the WIC previously worked – particularly in providing a wider range of bookable community based services.</li> </ol> |

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|            |    |                                      |  | <p>9) We will therefore engage and consult with key stakeholders, including the GP practices, and the public on what the enhanced version of the WIC may look like</p> <p>10) There is now a positive future for health services in Prestwich because of the plans for the regeneration of the town centre. Health services are included as a central part of the plans for the future.</p>  |
| Cllr Quinn | 21 | <b>Lib Dem</b><br><b>Cllr Tegolo</b> | <p>The Corporate Plan Performance Report noted an increase on reports of potholes over the last three months, yet the amount of potholes repaired had decreased by 40% from the previous quarter. Can the Cabinet member provide some additional information to explain the decrease on potholes repaired and how they intend to narrow the gap between the numbers reported and those repaired?</p> | <p>The number of potholes repaired during Quarter 3 is usually less than previous quarters due to weather conditions not being conducive to repairs and leave over the festive period.</p> <p>The number of repairs completed in Quarter 2 increase as the good weather conditions allow us to use our spray injection patching machine, which is far quicker at repairing potholes.</p> <p>In the first 2 months of Quarter 4 we repaired 2,272 potholes, which puts us on course to surpass the total for Quarter 2.</p> |