

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 25 May 2022

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor , in the Chair)
Councillors S Arif, N Bayley, R Bernstein, D Berry, C Birchmore, A Booth, N Boroda, R Brown, C Cummins, L Dean, S Donnelly, D Duncalfe, U Farooq, E FitzGerald, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold, D Green, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, K Hussain, N Jones, J Lancaster, G Marsden, J Mason, L McBriar, G McGill, C Morris, E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, I Rizvi, J Rydeheard, L Smith, M Smith, T Tariq, C Tegolo, S Thorpe, D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh and Y Wright

Apologies for Absence C Boles, E Moss, K Peel, L Ridsdale and M Whitby

Public Attendance: 2 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.
27 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting.

C. 1 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART 1

It was agreed that this item will be deferred to part 2 of the meeting.

C. 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Walmsley declared a personal interest in all items under consideration in view of her membership of the Communications Workers Union and the National Union of Students.

Councillor Liam James Dean declared a personal interest in all items under consideration as his partner is a Bury Council Employee.

C. 3 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported the sad news of the passing of Colonel Eric Davidson, Freeman of the Borough. Members stood to observe a minutes silence.

C. 4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the 16th March 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair.

C. 5 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS MAY 2022

The Mayor reported the election of the following Councillors in the seventeen wards of the Borough:

Ward	Councillor Elected
Ramsbottom	Cllrs; C Cummins, S Donnelly, T Pilkington

North Manor	Cllrs; R Brown, LJ Dean, K Hussain
Tottington	Cllrs; I Gartside, L McBriar, Y Wright,
Elton	Cllrs; Hayes, C Morris, J Rydeheard
Moorside	Cllrs; C Boles, K Peel, S Walmsley
East	Cllrs; A Arif, U. Farooq, G McGill
West	Cllrs; S M Arif, J Harris, D Vernon
Redvales	Cllrs; N Frith, S Haroon, T Tariq
Unsworth	Cllrs; N Boroda, J Grimshaw, T Rafiq,
Radcliffe East	Cllrs; C Birchmore, J Mason, M Walsh
Radcliffe North and Ainsworth	Cllrs; D Berry, A Booth, J Lancaster
Radcliffe West	Cllrs; D Duncalfe, G Marsden, M Smith
Pilkington Park	Cllrs; R Bernstein, E FitzGerald, N Jones
Besses	Cllrs; N Bayley, L Smith, M Whitby
Holyrood	Cllrs; E Moss, I Rizvi, C Tegolo
St Mary's	Cllrs; D Green, S Thorpe, E O'Brien
Sedgley	Cllrs; R Gold, D Quinn, A Quinn

C. 6 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Bernstein that:

1. That Council notes the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel dated November 2021 (Appendix 1)
 2. Following consultation with the Group Leaders, the Mayor and the Standards Committee Council consider the recommendations 1- 24 with a minor amendment to recommendation 13 to reflect the revised GM position
1. Basic allowances for Members to be reset at £10,791. Note that the Basic Allowance continues to be deemed inclusive of all in-Council travel and subsistence costs and telephone allowance and that Schedule 2 of the allowances scheme is amended to reflect this situation.

2. The Special responsibility allowance for the Leader is set at £32,733
3. The SRA for the Deputy Leader is set at £19,424.
4. The Cabinet members SRA is set at £14,568, Deputy Cabinet Members SRA to be reset at £2,185.
5. SRA for the Chairs of the six main committees to be set at £8,093

Chairs of the main Committees (x6) -Overview & Scrutiny Committee/Children's & Young People's Scrutiny Committee/Health Scrutiny Committee/Planning Control Committee/Licensing & Safety Committee/Audit Committee

6. That Members who sit on Licensing Hearings Panels who attend more than 6 meetings in any one year are paid an SRA as follows:

Meetings over 4 hours: £106

Meetings up to 4 hours: £53

As per current practice this SRA should only be paid to Members who are not otherwise in receipt of an SRA.

7. The SRA for the Leader of the Main Opposition Group is reset at £10,683.
8. The SRA for the Deputy Leader of the Main Opposition Group only be payable if the Main Opposition Group holds 20 per cent of seats (11) on Council and is reset at £4,273.
9. That where there are two or more Other Opposition Groups then the recommended SRA of £5,342 should be divided on a pro rata basis and paid accordingly to Leaders of all Other Opposition Groups.
10. The SRA for the Deputy Leader(s) of Other Opposition Groups is reset at £1,870. This is only paid when an Other Opposition Group attains 10 per cent of seats (five) on Council. Where there are two or more Other Opposition Groups of five or more seats the SRA of £1,870 should be paid to their respective Deputy Group Leaders on a pro rata basis.
11. The Leader is paid a separate SRA of £6,000 as a Member/Portfolio Holder on the GMCA under the 2011 Order.
12. The SRA for the two Bury Members appointed to the GMTC is reset at £3,000.
13. The SRA for the two (now only one) Bury Council Members appointed to the GM Waste and Recycling Committee is reset at £1,500.
14. That the council discontinue the SRA for the Council's appointment to the GM Pension Fund.
15. The 1-SRA only rule is maintained with the exception of the additional SRAs paid under the 2011 GMCA Order.
16. That for Shadow Portfolio Holders and Group Whips it is not recommended an SRA is paid.
17. That the financial loss allowance is discontinued and the Audit and Standards Hearings Panel Co-optees to be paid a Co-optees' Allowance that has two elements as follows:

Standard element	£500 per year
Meetings element	
Meetings over four hours	£106 per meeting
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18. Note that there is no change to the Mayoral Civic Allowance (£16,472) and Deputy Mayor Civic Allowance (£4,118).
19. That the current allowances paid to the Independent Members who sit on Council Education Appeals Panels are discontinued and reset as follows:

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Mileage/public transport reimbursement – maintain where applicable

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20. That the carers allowance is maintained but there are two types of care identified to be paid at the following maximum rates:

Child care: maximum rate paid at real living wage
(Currently £9.50)

Elderly/disabled care: maximum rate paid at the hourly rate charged by Bury Council Social Services Department for a Home Help

An annual cap be for these payments to be set at £2,000

21. That the current approved duties and conditions for which the Travel and Subsistence Allowances may be claimed outwith the Council are maintained but that the mileage reflect the full range of HMRC AMAP (Approved Mileage Allowance Payment) rates as follows:

Mode of Travel	First 10,000 business miles in the tax year	Each business mile over 10,000 miles in the tax year
Cars and vans	45p	25p
Motor cycles	24p	24p
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Passenger payments – cars and vans

5p per passenger per business mile for carrying fellow Member or Council employee in a car or van

Current mileage rates are clarified to include provision that if a Member is claiming out of Council mileage by driving a hybrid or electric vehicle that the applicable mileage rates continue to be HMRC approved rates.

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Subsistence - Breakfast	£7.31
Subsistence - Lunch	£9.74
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23. That the allowances scheme is amended to include a statement that clarifies the continued right of remuneration for a Member when they are required to take maternity, paternity or adoption leave for up to a period of 12 months, subject to the legal attendance requirements.

24. The revised members allowance scheme is adopted from the date of the Council's Annual Meeting 2022 and that indexation is applied in accordance with the IRP recommendations.

- 3. Instructs the Monitoring Officer to amend the Councils Members Allowance scheme in accordance with the decision of the Full Council meeting held on 25th May 2022.**

It was moved by Councillor Birchmore and seconded by Councillor J Mason as an amendment to:-

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Following a request for a recorded vote (8 members), on being put with 37 voting for and 10 against and no members abstaining, the Mayor declared the amendment lost.

Members voted on the substantive motion. On being put, with 37 members voting for and 10 voting against and no Members abstaining, the Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

C. 7 ANNUAL CONSTITUTION UPDATE REPORT

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

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained within the Annual Constitution Report be approved.

C. 8 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2022/23

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

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained within the Annual Appointments Report 2022.23 be approved.

C. 9 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

Councillor E O'Brien Leader of the Council, made a statement on the State of the Borough describing the main achievements of the Council during 2021/2022.

C. 10 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

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

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021.22 be noted.

C. 11 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART 2

ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2022/23

Councillor Tamoor Tariq moved that Councillor Shaheena Haroon be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2022/2023, with Mr Raja Haroon Khan as Consort and Councillor Ayesha Arif as Mayoress.

Councillor Russell Bernstein seconded the nomination.

Tim Pickstone, after calling for and not receiving any other nominations, declared the nomination carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Shaheena Haroon be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2022/2023, Mr Raja Haroon Khan as Consort and Councillor Ayesha Arif as Mayoress.

The newly-elected Mayor then occupied the Chair, read and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on her in electing her Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT

It was moved by Councillor Tegolo, seconded by Councillor Lancaster and it was:

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Mr Tim Pickstone and Mr Wayne Burrows for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Consort of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices and that medallions be presented to them as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Consort.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2022/23

It was moved by Councillor Charlotte Morris and seconded by Councillor Yvonne Wright and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Sandra Walmsley be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2022/2023, with Mr James Bentley as her Consort.

VOTE OF THANKS TO MR TREVOR HOLT AND MRS EVELYN HOLT MAYOR AND MAYORESSES FOR THE MUNOICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020

It was proposed by Councillor Eamonn O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Russell Bernstein and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Mr Trevor Holt and Mrs Evelyn Holt, for the diligent manner in which they carried out the duties of Mayor and Mayoress of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the 2019/2020 Municipal Year and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices and that medallions be presented to them as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(Notes: Part 1 of the meeting started at Time Not Specified and ended at 2pm and ended at 3.40pm)

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