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Q1) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the high-level proposals to refurbish the Town Hall using savings from no longer occupying privately leased buildings?	
Strongly agree	The Town Hall should be the hub of the community in Bury which makes a contribution to local life and give Bury a sense of identity.
	I think it is a lovely building and should be kept as our Town Hall. Incorporating the Library is a very good idea too.
	The Town Hall should be a central place offering a one stop shop to residents and visitors to the Borough for Council related issues.
	With lots of government and council services operating an online only service there needs to be a place where people can go to get the help they need. Bury Library is a service that is helping a large number of people on a daily basis to navigate their way through these online services. This is mainly due to the population still consisting of people who have trouble doing things online. Bury Citizens Advice Bureau no longer have a location in Bury and this has resulted in the library being the only place people can go for that kind of face-to-face assistance. The current state of Bury Library is not good and a move to a newly refurbished town hall would be a huge advantage to both the service and the people of Bury.
	The use of the town hall is very important, particularly as a source of income. The Elizabethan Suite is that source of income but is underused due to poor lighting, heating and decor.
	We are spending too much money on rent for half empty buildings.
	The refurbishment as described is really important. Savings no doubt have to be made because of decreasing funding from central government over years, while the latter expect local councils to maintain the services at necessary levels! Consolidation of the council's services on the one prime site - Bury Town Hall, if that can be achieved, sounds a good move.
	Better to have people in the same building
	Efficiencies will lead to long term savings, both in expenditure and carbon emissions.
	It makes economic and operational sense.
	I think it makes financial sense, retains a building of civic pride and significance and will be cost effective in the long term - as long as adequate ongoing maintenance is factored in.
Moving the library is a good idea as is making the building more energy efficient	

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	<p>The proposals would focus the services of the council in one location promoting efficiency both professionally and financially. I also believe that the town should a focal point for residents and visitors which has a visual presence (pride).</p>
	<p>This is about investing for the future utilising savings from lease cancellation. A Sensible proposal.</p>
	<p>The town hall is a significant building for the community of Bury. It would be great to see it refurbished and updated.</p>
	<p>Makes sense to fully use buildings already owned rather than lease additional buildings. I agree the town hall is a landmark in bury- would be good to see it renovated.</p>
	<p>Historical civic landmark with a large formal debating chamber, civic facilities, a mayoral parlour, committee rooms, public receptions and staff working space.</p>
	<p>If the developments are coming from savings and NOT from the pot allocated to redeveloping Radcliffe town centre that is a good thing. This project sounds positive so long as it is NOT at the expense of existing Borough wide plans for redevelopment so careful financial planning is essential in my opinion.</p>
Agree	<p>It's common sense to save taxpayers money and use if more efficiently</p>
	<p>I was taken on a tour of the town hall a number of years ago. It has become a significant historical piece of architecture and money spent refurbishing would be an investment.</p>
	<p>The Town Hall is a lovely building, and it will be good to see it brought up to scratch to meet the towns needs for the 21st century. If most of the money can come from council staff being relocated whilst the work is underway, great.</p>
	<p>To make it more useful.</p>
	<p>Rent is dead money. If for a bit of investment, you can consolidate then that's a good thing.</p>
	<p>The costs of providing new buildings are prohibitive. The existing building is part of the Bury psyche and would continue to front the name of Bury, albeit in a new and more modern guise.</p>
	<p>Just before lockdown, the ancient hearing loop system in the large hall in the Elizabethan Suite was renewed at some cost. The use of the Hall for vaccinations meant that this facility (rare elsewhere in the town) has not yet been able to prove its worth.</p>
	<p>Bringing people together from different locations increases collaboration and potentially reduces working in silos if managed well</p>

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	<p>Long term money saving: easier access for the public, better working conditions. However, I would like to point out that open plan working is not for everyone. Also, when phoning in, for the public, it can make it very difficult to hear because of the background noise.</p>
	<p>I agree with the need to keep at least one of the borough's civic buildings in council hands are most others have been sold off.</p>
	<p>The building is a significant asset for the people of Bury and is indeed in need of sympathetic refurbishment. However, it is not considered that it would be appropriate to seek to accommodate Bury Library within the Town Hall.</p>
	<p>More convenient for the public</p>
	<p>You have obviously had feasibility studies done, you have had cost analysis and strategy documents prepared. Never mind the vague "what do you think" publish all the framework and costings now so we can make an informed decision not this lip service moronic "public consultation" embarrassing!</p>
	<p>Needs work doing to allow staff to work safely in it.</p>
	<p>The internal parts of the building are looking tired and may not be energy efficient, hopefully this can be rectified with refurbishment.</p>
	<p>It is important that the Town Hall is kept as a civic building.</p>
	<p>As stated in the redevelopment document, the Town Hall hasn't had much done to it since it was built, and it really is time that some investment was made. I remember visiting my Grandad in his office at the Town Hall when I was young and it still looks the same now, fifty years later.</p>
	<p>We are one organisation and should be located centrally without wasting money spreading out across leased buildings. We all work for the same organisation so no need for the levels of secrecy currently seen. If you work for the Council, you are bound by the same discretion and confidentiality agreements.</p>
	<p>A Town Hall should be a focal point for the community and feel welcoming, giving the Town's residents a sense of belonging. I am new to working with Bury Council and the couple of occasions I have entered the Town Hall (to visit IT) the experience of the building has been far from appealing and not a place I would visit unless I had to. It is also very badly signposted inside for anyone new trying to find where they are going.</p>
	<p>It is important that the council has a focal point, and the town hall is it.</p>
	<p>Because public bodies rarely spend within budget and making savings from vacating other buildings are never realised.</p>

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Neither agree nor disagree	It's very hard to understand the cost/ benefits to Bury residents. Would like a much clearer story rather than a set of proposals.
	I don't go to or use the town hall. All employees should be back at their desks now.
	Without actual figures these are just statements made by council officials to justify the spend. Plans and budgets need to be laid out in such away so we can see the objective and measure the success or failure of the project.
	Having more departments under 1 roof than spread over different locations.
	I agree that the Town Hall needs to be re-developed, but I strongly disagree with the terminology about moving the library. "The library currently located in Bury Art Museum". This is Bury Library, and it is located in the Art Gallery and Library building and Textile Hall. I am very concerned that this will mean a further reduction in size of what was once the busiest library in the borough, for yet more empty space that has a much smaller footfall than the library it replaces.
	I think the most important thing to consider is how can we make the building and Services more accessible and streamlined for people with disabilities, LGBTQI+ and cultural differences.
Disagree	I feel any extra funds could be used to provide better schools within the town. Some school buildings are in need of repairs; Radcliffe has no high school at all.
	The Council has just finished putting new windows in the Town Hall, which has taken months to undertake. So, you have already begun refurbishing the building. Why ask do we agree to a refurbishment, when it's already commenced. I believe it's more important to spend our money on essential services, not on a possible Café and making the reception look nice. The highways and footpaths across the Borough are a disgrace and the attempts to fill potholes instead of a resurface is laughable. If the Council wants to vacate locations to save money, this should not be spent on refurbishment of the Town Hall.
	I don't believe that the town hall building has any character of feeling of grandeur or the central point in the town. It feels out of the way and has no parking.
Strongly disagree	The town hall, if in such a state of disrepair should be sold to a private entity for the conversion/remodelling into flats with the council utilising monies earned from the sale of the town hall and savings made from ending private lease to build a state-of-the-art multi-function building to undertake and house all council facilities.
	It's been neglected, like the road network and the rest of Bury, sell it off and redevelop it for residential apartments.
	Buy town hall is owned by the people of Bury need to stop paying high rents on other building when we own the Town Hall
	It is hard to believe when we have thousands of people struggling with everyday living costs you just want to blow so much money on stupid proposals.

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Q2) How might the proposals impact on you, either positively or negatively?	
Positive	I approve of the refurbishment idea.
	Positive - new modern facilities, improved wellbeing as better place to work in.
	It will make me happier if the town hall is kept in a good state of repair and used more efficiently to create revenue.
	Any design feature that would encourage community cohesion would impact Bury citizens positively / like the suggested café.
	Positively, a well-used and well maintained significant public building reflects well on the town and its community. The reorganisation will be cause disruption, but this would be minimised if well managed.
	We have already lost some lovely buildings in Bury. It would make me proud to keep this building as a central part of the community.
	Positively- refurbishment is good for a town, a nice environment is good for all.
	I use the building for work meetings. Having difficulties with spatial awareness, I often get lost. The lift is often not working and there are more steps inside that I need to negotiate.
	Library nearer and potential cafe.
	Correct refurbishment can only be a positive. However, facilities should be made accessible to all - hearing loops, disabled access, bright (with plenty of contrast) for the visually impaired, clear signage, etc.
	Any proposals that result in Bury Library being invested in would be a positive impact on me as I work for that service. The library is a hub for the people of Bury who need the most help. These people struggle on a daily basis to complete the multitude of online tasks they have to undertake in order to live their lives. Being located at the Town Hall with a space that reflects the service that we operate, and the needs of our customers would be a positive impact.
	I would prefer to continue full time working from home as there is little to no need for me to come into the office. It means less travel for me personally and is positively impacting on my health and stress levels. Overall, it would be positive.
	I would use the Elizabethan Suite for conferences and meetings.
Positively if the old Elizabethan suite is reinstated for dancing and public social gatherings.	

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	<p>People will all be in the same building (one stop shop). Faster resolution to issues because more people and services will be there. Don't have to remember which service is in which building.</p>
	<p>Potentially positively, but it will depend upon the detailed proposals.</p>
	<p>I would be very sorry to see the current building go, so it makes me pleased that it will be retained and improved. Better access would be better for everyone, including me.</p>
	<p>There are according to statistics around 32 thousand folks in Bury who need hearing assistance. We don't know what the next crisis will bring. Don't negate an asset that may be vital in the years to come, and which is sorely needed in the Bury community at large.</p>
	<p>If it works well, positive</p>
	<p>Easier access, possibly.</p>
	<p>It will require a large amount of investment which may be perceived as a waste in the current economic climate. a modern interior and a multi-use provision would be seen as a positive for the town.</p>
Negative	<p>It will be a pain no doubt in the town centre whilst the work is being done with traffic etc.</p>
	<p>I am concerned that further reductions in size of Bury Library will reduce the quality of the library service for people in the borough.</p>
	<p>The proposal suggests that we only need the Town Hall or 3KP. If the Town Hall is kept and 3KP isn't retained by the council, it is difficult to see how there will be enough space for Council staff to come into work 2.5 days per week.</p>
	<p>Not too happy about the proposal for the library to be housed in the town hall. The library and art gallery should remain in their current home.</p>
	<p>Bury Council Tell us they've no money thanks to Tory cuts but miraculously you'll find money to waste on cycle lanes and new windows for the town hall. Stop wasting our money.</p>
	<p>If the refurbishment continues to go ahead, I believe this will affect the whole of the Borough as a waste of money.</p>
	<p>If it is closed for a very long time like Manchester's town hall has been then there will be disruption for both the public and workers.</p>
	<p>The obvious negative is that if the council use savings and reserves to fund the repair of a dilapidated building, other services suffer and council tax increases.</p>

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	It will save £650k a year on rent that could be better spent elsewhere.
Neither Positive nor Negative	Not enough detail to be able to provide a response.
	Visiting a workplace that is a nice environment helps to produce better work. As I do not visit the Town Hall on a regular basis however, it is unlikely that (at this present time) it would impact me either way. I would like to think I might visit / use Bury Town hall more - but not excited by proposals at the moment.
	Won't impact on me at all.
	I don't think it would impact me.
	I'm not sure the proposals will impact on me personally as I'm at the end of my career with the Council (40 years' service in July), but it will be nice to be able to visit it in the future, whether that be for functions or if the library moves in there.
	No significant impact on me.
	Neither since I don't use the town hall.
	If you get it wrong the Town hall will deplete funds for other projects which would better benefit Bury.
	We don't know as we haven't seen costs.
	Probably not as in my 80's.
	I won't use the town hall, in fact Bury will change so much I doubt if I will visit in future. The upgrading of the market by a company who has decimated markets in Greater Manchester is a poor choice.
	No impact.
	Essential that the redevelopment of Elizabethan suite meets the future needs of the community, probably by providing a fully catered conference facility/ celebration room for hire that compliments the Lancaster suite in Presteigne.

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Q3) How might we reflect the history of the borough in the redevelopment of the town hall?
Display boards with images/historical timeline.
By keeping the original iconic building in its current form and maintaining and restoring any historical relics within it. Don't over modernise it!
Use some design feature to officially recognise local Borough of Bury people who have achieved great things like John Spencer and Danny Boyle.
In public spaces, in the library. I visited the Herakleion technology museum in Athens. They combined models, written and photographic information on boards but also a number of screens with films /animation illustrating developments presented by academics.
Make the building fit for use.
By incorporating the traditional, council chambers etc., with an open, brighter, modern communal area.
Have a section where the public can come and see pictures of the town's history - perhaps in a cafe, or in the art gallery where there are already historical documents of the town,
No idea other than naming of rooms
Public should be able to access. Consider offering tours?
By retaining the visual presence of the current building - particularly the main frontage. In addition, there should be visual spaces, freely open to the public, which highlight the history of the town - historical figures, photographic history of people and events., artifacts etc.
There is plenty of history on the site/close to. ELR, former sidings, station and livestock market close to, Union Square, Fusiliers, Peel...the list is endless.
how about including people who live right across Bury much more in design ideas , the use of the building in actual planning sessions ? but not sure I understand the question very well
Celebrate diversity, industrial heritage through, perhaps photo, images, artwork created locally?
Do not over modernise.
Some artworks about the history of Bury would be good
Don't do it...its typical/historic of Bury to throw good money at bad projects...

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By retaining all the historical features of the current Town Hall.
Maybe include artwork in the fabric of the building in different materials to show the towns heritage and diversity. Use local artists and talent where possible.
Have dedicated public areas that are completely separate from security-controlled staff cases and in the public areas showcase any treasures held by the council and perhaps stuff from the Art gallery depending on what and concentrate on our links to cotton, paper, weaving
Fundamentally by a quality refurbishment that respects and conserves the heritage significance of the building, inside and out, and its setting.
The history of the Borough is perfectly reflected in the museum. I believe that is where it should be and not the Town Hall
Have a display with video and provide for questions from viewers
Retain the library building.
The heritage of bury needs to be celebrated to restore civic pride. More should be made of the great achievements of Bury people.
We don't want reflection on history, we want decent services, decent roads and a safe town centre without the fear of knife crime. That question shows how far out of touch you are.
Unfortunately, the Town Hall is no longer in the centre of the town, thus I cannot see many people using it regularly' than having to call in and sort out a local council issue.
I feel that two of our most historical looking buildings and more central are the library and museum/art gallery. Why not use these as the town hall. And move the existing facilities into the current town hall building.
Retain as many original features as possible and definitely retain crests etc within the building.
Highlight the railway and the mills/housing that used to stand on the site. Display the history of each of the townships of the borough and timeline the way those townships had a life prior to current set up.
Keep loved and notable features from when BTH was built, show a timeline of its history and happenings.
Having public rooms displaying Council treasures etc
Just do not go ahead with it.
Artwork, photography etc displayed alongside information, include interactive - e.g., scan QR code for more information.
Artefacts should be on display to the public and not simply in the Mayor's Parlour.

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<p>The exterior will remain unchanged so that will reflect some history. The inside needs to change drastically and be modern but displaying photos of Bury through the years and using maps etc. on the walls, and maybe even some small museum display cases could help show Bury's past.</p>
<p>Following the suggestions, you have already made.</p>
<p>Bury Archives used to provide a website that housed thousands of photographs (15,000 +) and a multitude of other local history digitised material. This website was made possible via Heritage Lottery Funding which ran out last year. It would be fantastic if this website was made "live" again, not only for anyone to access online but for locations that have been redeveloped throughout the borough to have digital screens so that people can freely access this wealth of local history digitised content.</p>
<p>The idea of bringing history of the borough to the building, either through designated spaces or regular 'pop ups' is a good idea. Consultation with Children and Young People should also take place asking for their views and what they would like to see.</p>
<p>Wall hangings showing photographic history, cabinets showing items of interest, keeping original light fittings (though using a modern amp) and other such features.</p>
<p>Exhibition space</p>
<p>Have a special day every five years to commemorate all the people whose lives have enriched the town. This would educate young people and all newcomers to our historic town.</p>
<p>The story of Burys' historic identity.- how and why Bury looks the way it does.</p>

Q4) Do you have any other suggestions for consideration as part of the detailed design of the Town Hall refurbishment ?
<p>It needs to be tastefully done and maintain original features</p>
<p>Aesthetic beauty and quality materials have a place in the Town Hall. I get most annoyed when councils go for designs which date quickly and money is wasted on short term, fashionable solutions.</p>
<p>Save as much money as possible and use it for badly needed social care.</p>
<p>Make the building as multi-functional as possible</p>
<p>I think you need to set out your ROI target as part of the next stage consultation</p>
<p>Definitely include public facilities such as hireable rooms and retain the Elizabethan Suite for major functions</p>
<p>Just to balance the history of the building with stylish modernisation within.</p>

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<p>The voids are a key in my opinion, keep them light, maybe glass floors, great display area for the art gallery move, open plan on all floors, any extension upwards to allow maximum light into offices and the central voids. Plenty of plants inside.</p>
<p>Main thing is to make some of the space more community minded and facing. How can the town hall become a space that people want to be part of - helping them be more active in democracy and decision making ? Maybe have a few more decent resident events - Bury needs to do something that help it become more 'new' power focused. https://www.citizenlab.co/blog/civic-engagement/what-is-the-difference-between-old-and-new-power/ be useful to have more citizens assemblies run in interesting new ways - to challenge the outdated pomposity / structures many councils still hold. Keeping history and tradition alive is great as long as this doesn't keep useless symbols of unchallengeable status quo in place.</p>
<p>If possible, as an integral part of refurbishment, build in hearing loops at reception and other public area.</p>
<p>Could be an opportunity to create a one stop hub to include key agencies from all sectors. Encourage e.g., apprenticeships or seconding staff across agencies?</p>
<p>Have professional help from the REAL professionals, i.e., people with disabilities of all kind and wheelchair users, when designing disability access. Please ensure that lavatories meant for use by wheelchair users have the access from either side of the toilet, have a bar across the wall for men who wish to stand but need to hold on to something and have something simple, such as a shower curtain, across the inside of the door for if the person requires help to access the toilet but so that the helper can then leave the room until needed again. Happy to help with this kind of information, CIconultancy@aol.com plus other such as signage.</p>
<p>Nothing too Avant Garde and nothing that involves kids doing artwork please!</p>
<p>The town hall, if in such a state of disrepair should be sold to a private entity for the conversion/remodelling into flats with the council utilising monies earned from the sale of the town hall and savings made from ending private lease to build a state-of-the-art multi-function building to undertake and house all council facilities.</p>
<p>Make all information in respect of this refurbishment, publicly available.</p>
<p>The reception area needs updating, but please don't make it too corporate. Be Bury, not an anonymised anywhere-Ville complex. And make the gardens around the buildings look even more lush; one of the wonderful things about Burys civic pride is its attention to green spaces.</p>
<p>there is no phone signal in the basement so perhaps include a 5G mast as part of the design</p>
<p>Bury has enough cafes. Do you really want to take business from smaller enterprises?</p>
<p>Connectivity to the remainder of Bury centre will become more important and how those linkages work, especially to the Transport Interchange, will require careful thought. The current improvements to the nearby junctions are a start, but the wider needs of pedestrians and those less mobile will need to be addressed - including the entrance(s) into the Town Hall.</p>
<p>I strongly disagree with the proposed refurbishment. Money should be spent on highways across the Borough not on the Town Hall cafe and plush new offices</p>
<p>Would not like open plan offices - too noisy for concentration and stressful</p>

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Yes, tell us costs
Include renewable energy production and improve insulation. Do not include open doors dissipating heat.
The refurbishment should make it modern in its layout and functional for modern workforce with a feel of its history and those who have gone before.
That question tells me it's going ahead regardless of what people think. Time for change, time for independent councillors to take over and apply common sense.
It must be the hub of the town... used daily and weekly.
Perhaps radical but would give a heritage feel to the town hall
The suggestion of a cafe is a good one, perhaps one that has different opening hours to the one already housed in the art gallery and museum so as NOT to take trade away from it.
Stop throwing taxpayers money down the grid Bury.
Celebrate the age and style of the building and don't make it a modern clinical glass building with big open spaces that are hard to heat and divide for flexi use. Make public spaces, staff food outlet, cafe etc.
Hope it is modernised but hope this does not take away from Bury heritage and tradition
A new space needs to be developed for staff to easily drop off/collect IT equipment and access IT support.
Less huge open areas that rarely get used. Make rooms so they can be split into several rooms by moving screens etc whilst maintaining some larger rooms which may be required. There is no need for the open spaces, if you visit the Town Hall, you rarely see anyone. it is a rabbit warren of a building and could be laid out more effectively. More lifts are required though or means of accessing other floors for disabled, elderly etc (including staff!). Reducing the height of ceilings would save heat = money. Great idea to encourage a centralised building housing the museum, cafe etc.
Waltham Forest Town Hall (https://www.hawkinsbrown.com/projects/waltham-forest-town-hall/) is a very similar building to Bury Town Hall. The website shows lots of images of the exterior and interior and is something that could be looked at when refurbishing the town hall.
To make the building feel more welcoming, light and airy. Creating multi use areas that can be opened up or partitioned for use by smaller groups when necessary, helping the building to be more sustainable. To be accessible to all.
Consult other groups directly for their thoughts before planning such as the blind society, the hearing hub, people first, ADAB.
Please do not lose the interior style of the building as it is simple but stylish. Making it look like an up-to-date interior would be unforgiveable. Up to date technology is naturally acceptable.
Ensure residents are part of the committee/group of 'decision makers'