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1	Radcliffe First Cllr C Birchmore	<p>On the 18th October 2018, it was announced that Bury Council had purchased a spray injection patching pothole machine at the cost of £140K. According to a news article released by the Council's own news desk:</p> <p>"With this new, more efficient machinery a crew can now carry out up to 100 pothole repairs per day. Previously, using traditional methods, a crew could only repair around 15 potholes per day."</p> <p>Please can you tell me if the Council still owns this machine and if so, why it has not been seen more often repairing the potholes on Bury's roads and where can residents currently see the machine in action?</p>	Cllr A Quinn	<p>Yes, the council still owns and operates our spray injection patching machine. The machine is used between spring and autumn each year, as the machine cannot be used during cold and wet weather. We have repaired 10's of thousands of potholes across the borough with the machine since its purchase. The machine is used for reactive maintenance, so is deployed when and where required.</p>
2	Labour Cllr N Boroda	<p>When Bury Council achieved the Silver award through the Defence Employers Recognition Scheme, Members gave a commitment to submit an application for the Gold award in 2023. Can the Cabinet Member for Communities please give an update on this?</p> <p>Supplementary: In terms of further support for our veterans, can an update be provided on the veterans and cadets community support fund?</p>	Cllr R Gold	<p>I am delighted to announce to Council, that on 12th July, Bury Council was awarded the employer recognition scheme Gold award. The award recognises that as an employer we have pledged, demonstrated and advocated support to defence and the armed forces community and that we have aligned these values within our armed forces covenant. I am sure we would all agree that this is something to be proud of and shows our continued support to those that are currently serving, those that have served as well as our reservists and adult cadets.</p> <p>Supplementary: After discussions with stakeholder groups about the funding criteria, the fund was launched on the 7th July. A "meet the funder" event took place on 17th July, on-line for any groups that have questions or queries with regards to the criteria or to potentially put in joint bids. The closing date for applications is 7th August, after which the applications will be assessed by a panel of members and officers.</p>

3	Labour Cllr D Quinn	<p>Please can the Cabinet Member for Culture and the Economy provide an update on the new culture strategy?</p> <p>Supplementary: Please provide an update on planned events as part of the culture programme</p>	Cllr C Morris	<p>The Council’s Cultural Strategy was launched on 19th of May at an event at Bury Market. The Strategy will be rolled out over the next two years and £500,000 has been secured from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to fund some capacity to lead and deliver it and to roll out an events programme. The team are currently going through the recruitment process for an Events Officer to sit in the Bury Art Museum Team to manage the events programme and a restructure proposal will be brought forward from the Operations Department to align Leisure, Wellness, Libraries and Culture into one integrated team. It is proposed to develop a new post of Director of Culture, funded externally by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund on an interim secondment basis for 2 years to provide leadership across the Council’s portfolio and also the key Cultural Partners such as The Met, The Fusiliers Museum and the East Lancs Railway.</p> <p>Visits to partners are underway and we will bring them together strategically to work on things together and to support funding bids. External funding bids are currently being developed to repair the Art Museum’s roof through the Arts Council’s MEND fund and to improve the digital offer in Libraries through the Arts Council’s Library Improvement Fund and a meeting has been held with the ELC about how we can support their proposed Lottery bid to develop the Buckley Wells site. The team are also working up the design and operational model of the new hub at Radcliffe which will deliver a new library, leisure centre, swimming pool, adult learning and community meeting rooms and discussions have begun about a new library in Prestwich.</p> <p>Supplementary: Alongside this strategic work, an exciting events programme is being developed which will take us to April 2025. This will be funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund and some Council funding agreed in February as a budget amendment to provide a range of inclusive community and arts events across the Borough. Some early funding has been released to support events this summer such as Burrs Live and the Mela and the team are receiving bids from arts and community organisations for later this year and next year. Some exciting proposals are coming forward such as an Open Studio Tour for local artists and makers, a celebration of Armed Forces Week in 2024, work with the Halle Orchestra, a football related programme linked to Lowry’s Going to the Match painting and a music and cultural programme to be delivered at the Bury Running Festival.</p>
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4	Labour Cllr N Bayley	<p>Following the approval of planning permission for the Green Street housing site, can the Leader update the Council on the progress with the Radcliffe Regeneration plans?</p> <p>Supplementary: Does the Leader share my disappointment that Radcliffe First politicians objected to the mostly affordable, sustainable and brownfield housing, not to mention the employment opportunities, being put forward within the Green Street site?</p>	Cllr E O'Brien	<p>As I mentioned earlier, we have approved the Main Works Contract at Cabinet which will unlock that vital construction phase on the Hub. As part of that approach, we are currently completing the soft-strip of the retail units, the hoardings will shortly go around the site and the demolition programme will then commence. The plans for the former Library are progressing, with the Council securing grant funding from the GMCA to progress a development proposal around a business hub. In relation to Green Street, we expect to go on-site later this year, and we hope to see a planning application for School St imminently as well. So this is great news for Radcliffe and should give our residents there the confidence that we are getting on with the job of delivering what we promised.</p>
5	Conservative Cllr D Vernon	<p>In view of recent flash flooding that occurred throughout the borough, that overwhelmed the drainage capacity, causing disruption to residents. What action is being taken to prevent similar events in the future?</p>	Cllr A Quinn	<p>The vast majority of flooding issues resulting from the recent storms were purely capacity issues, which are not easily addressed as it would require action to the wider network. Climate change has led to more frequent intense rainfall events which the sewer and highway drainage network was never designed to accommodate. Addressing wider capacity issues is a longer term aspiration which will not provide visible returns in the short term</p>
6	Radcliffe First Cllr D Booth	<p>I believe there are a number of children with SEND who are not currently attending the school they are enrolled at because placements have broken down and/or do not meet the needs of the pupils. Can you tell me, exactly how many children with SEND, are currently in this situation across the Borough and of those, how many will be back in school by September with a suitable placement?</p>	Cllr L Smith	<p>14 children are currently in this position and we are working with the families both inside and outside the Tribunal process. A further 18 children are seeking alternative school placements. We are committed in taking a child led approach which does take time. In addition, there has been an unprecedented increase in demand and very limited Specialist SEN provision within the borough which has also led to delays. We apologise for the anxiety caused but we are confident that every child will have a named school place.</p>

7	Labour Cllr G Staples-Jones	It was amazing to see Bury FC play their first match back at Gigg Lane earlier this month. Could the Cabinet Member update on the Council's collaboration with the club and benefactors in order to bring Gigg Land back into use as a community stadium?	Cllr C Morris	<p>The Building Control Service has supported the club in ensuring that the ground is safe for recent fixtures and will continue to support the club as it seeks to make a return to the top tiers of league football.</p> <p>Colleagues from the Strategic Partnership team have engaged with the club, to support local community messaging on the return of football to the area, and opportunities to maximise the valued community asset. This includes supporting the club link into broader communities partners and building on existing connectivity with the Fishpool, Goshen, Redvales and Springs Community Hub which is based at the stadium. The wider use of the stadium is already being seen as a means to engage people in volunteering, opportunities to participate in physical activity, delivery of awareness raising sessions to local communities on health and community safety topics and plans are developing for a match between Bury East public service colleagues and local communities to further strengthen local connections.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to reiterate our commitment to supporting Bury FC going forward. We supported the revival of the club with £450k last year, and we hope to be a key partner and ally of the club going forward.</p>
8	Labour Cllr N Boroda	Will the Leader join me and my Unsworth ward colleagues in asking that the Forestry Commission issue a re-stocking notice to the landowner on Croft Lane who has cut down so many trees?	Cllr A Quinn	Thank you for your question. Whilst there may not have been any protected trees affected, I share your concerns and would hope the landowner recognises the distress of local residents in the area. I am very happy to support your call to the FC and hope they will take the action you call for.
9	Labour Cllr B Ibrahim	Can the Leader tell council how many electric vans the council now has?	Cllr A Quinn	We currently have 7 in operation. 5 brand new vehicles and 2x 66 plates.
10	Conservative Cllr L Dean	When will Waterside Road be resurfaced?	Cllr A Quinn	The Highways Capital Programme - Highway Maintenance Funding 2023/24 to 2026/27 report (Cabinet Item 156 15/03/2023) approved the lists of streets that would be prioritised for the period 2023/24 to 2026/27. Unfortunately, Waterside Road, Summerseat could not be prioritised at that time and we therefore have no plans to resurface it at present. The prioritisation will be reviewed throughout the period, should conditions change across the network.
11	Radcliffe First Cllr M Smith	Given the recent flash flood incidents in areas of Radcliffe, has any action been taken on the assumed causes of the blocked systems and those assumed responsible?	Cllr A Quinn	The worst affected area around Water Street in Radcliffe was primarily sewer flooding, which is the responsibility of United Utilities, not Bury Council. No blockages have yet been identified, so it appears capacity related, although investigations are on-going by United Utilities. There is an interaction with a culvert, which shares a mutual overflow with the sewer, which may have

				restricted capacity downstream. A survey of this is being programmed before determining any remedials that may be required.
12	Labour Cllr Staples Jones	Can the Leader give council an update on the new 3G pitch in Radcliffe?	Cllr A Quinn	<p>The £2.4m high quality 3G floodlit all-weather football pitch including associated new changing pavilion and car park in Radcliffe is nearing the construction phase. The pre-construction planning conditions are currently being addressed and a final scheme has been approved by the Football Foundation within budget. Allowing for the contract lead in time the aim is to be on side in September with completion in spring 2024.</p> <p>Despite opposition from some Radcliffe First politicians, we believe this is a great opportunity for Radcliffe and welcome the investment from both ourselves and the Football Foundation. When it comes to getting the job done, the choice is becoming clearer for residents about who will deliver and who will dither.</p>
13	Labour Cllr T Pilkington	Please can the Cabinet Member for Communities provide an update as to work in the Borough to tackle Anti Social Behaviour given the importance of this to local residents?	Cllr R Gold	<p>There has been considerable activity to address ASB, as highlighted at a recent Team Bury session at the Mosses Centre. This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint patrols between Bury Council, Six Town Housing, GMP, TFGM and Bury College at hotspot locations including Kay Gardens, Bury Interchange and around our various neighbourhoods. • The Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Team has taken part in 12 multi agency action clean up and enforcement days in which 78 fly tipping fixed penalties and 49 littering fixed penalty notices were issued. • Multiagency tactical licensing meetings including input from Trading Standards on investigations, with the recent seizure of nearly 800 vapes and £30k of illicit tobacco. • Joint diversionary and engagement activities to prevent young people from carrying out ASB which were held in conjunction with the Violence Reduction Unit • An updated Public Space Protection Order in Bury Town Centre • Traffic operations in partnership with GMP which have seen e-scooters seized, and during Operation Avro 127 traffic offences were dealt with including 73 speeding offences and 8 vehicles seized to combat anti-social driving. • ASB surgeries have started to take place through the Council's ASB team • The start of July saw a week of action on ASB, with GMP colleagues highlighting some of their work on the Bee in the Loop community messaging service. • Lastly an updated Bury Council Anti Social Behaviour Policy Handbook is available online at https://www.bury.gov.uk/asset-library/imported/anti-social-behaviour-policy-handbook.pdf

<p>14</p>	<p>Conservative Cllr L McBriar</p>	<p>At the Planning Meeting on 30th May it was stated that a Section 106 Order on the land off Brownhills Close would now be scrapped as the time in which it was imposed was several years ago. Is it now the policy of this Council to ignore Section 106 Orders on land when it does not suit their desires to build houses on much loved green spaces?</p>	<p>Cllr O'Brien</p>	<p>Your question is referring to an outline planning application relating to land off Brownhills Close which was approved by the Council's Planning Control Committee. The proposed development is for five dwellings, new and improved formal and informal community open space together with improved footpath connections and wider greenspace enhancements.</p> <p>Your question also refers to an "Order". There is no "Order" on the land but part of the site was previously provided as recreation land in 1998 as part of a Section 106 agreement related to an adjacent development at Rosewood Avenue/Royds Close/Brownhills Close. However, the Section 106 agreement does not prevent future planning applications coming forward for development and the Council has a statutory duty to determine any applications that are submitted.</p> <p>All planning applications must be treated on their own merits as each individual site has its own considerations. The report to the Committee comprehensively assesses the merits of the planning application and specifically addresses the issue raised in the question.</p> <p>This land was not adopted by the Council as the developer did not create the POS up to adoptable standards. The development company later went into liquidation. This development and open space occurred after the adoption of the UDP and is therefore not identified on the UDP Proposals Map. The area in question is informal Public Open Space but required consideration under UDP Policy RT1/1 and paragraph 99 of the NPPF.</p> <p>The latest proposal would lead to the loss of circa 0.16ha of RT1/1 land. However, it proposed to upgrade the remaining RT1/1 land, involving the creation of a more attractive, usable / accessible open space, upgraded paths connecting Bury Road and Brownhills Close with the Kirklees Valley and creation of a community orchard. The upgraded land and new recreation provision would continue to provide recreational space.</p> <p>As such, the loss of part of the existing recreation space off Brownhills Close and the wider improvements of both quantity and quality would be in accordance with paragraph 99(b) of the NPPF. The application was conditioned to ensure that the recreation provision is provided, to ensure there is no loss of recreation space for the existing residential development at Rosewood Avenue, Royds Close/Brownhills Close.</p> <p>Despite any s106 provisions that may apply to any land, the NPPF and planning legislation does require any proposed subsequent changes to be considered and duly assessed against policy as they arise. There cannot be any arbitrary refusal to consider a scheme, but merits depending, a scheme may or may not be approved.</p>
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15	Conservative Cllr L Dean	I have been informed that in certain parts of the borough there has been an increase in missed bin collections. Some residents have advised when they have reported through the online system or by telephone the experience has been less than satisfactory. No updates, lack of empathy for bins full of maggots after weeks of being missed. What is the standard residents should consistently receive?	Cllr A Quinn	As per the Council's missed bin policy, when residents have reported a missed bin collection, either through the online system or by telephone, the following should occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the missed bin is a grey, green or blue bin and the resident is not an assisted collection then the resident should receive three sacks from the council that can be filled up with the correct waste and collected by the crews on their next scheduled collection • If the missed bin is a brown bin and the resident is not an assisted collection then a crew will return to empty the bin within 5 working days • If the missed bin is reported by a resident with an assisted collection then a crew will return to empty the bin within 3 working days.
16	Conservative Cllr J Lancaster	Whilst there appears to be positive communication with patients being discharged into the community from Fairfield Hospital, what measures are being put in place for discharge of patients from other GM hospitals?	Cllr T Tariq	Whilst Fairfield Hospital is our primary acute trust, North Manchester General Hospital also hosts many patients from the South Bury area and thus, regular communication takes place on both a discharge team level and also management/leadership level to ensure Bury residents are kept safe and included in all decisions made with regards to care in the community and ongoing treatment. The Integrated Discharge Team is a multidisciplinary team which consists of both health and social care covering Bury residents, wherever they are. They are based between FGH and NMGH but also cover all out of area hospitals for the liaison to ensure patients are returned home to their Bury residence as quickly as possible
17	Conservative Cllr J Ryeheard	Recently, the residents on Springside View and other roads on the estate submitted a petition which has been signed by 521 people requesting amongst other things a crossing near the exit from Springside View onto Brandlesholme Road and another crossing near Killelea House (which is also on Brandlesholme Road). This petition has cross-party support from all 3 Elton councillors. Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether Transport for Greater Manchester have been asked to undertake the necessary surveys to establish whether the criteria for a crossing will be met?	Cllr A Quinn	Yes, a video survey and traffic count has been ordered at the location. These counts are scheduled to take place at the end of July. The results should be with us towards the end of August and this will determine if a crossing of any type could be justified.

18	Conservative Cllr I Gartside	Can the relevant cabinet member please inform council how many missed assisted bin collections there has been this year?	Cllr A Quinn	There have been 1,660 reports of missed assisted bin collections this year. This equates to 0.06% missed against total number of collections or 6.99% missed against number of assisted collections scheduled.
19	Conservative Cllr J Harris	Does the Council have information as to where all defibrillators and bleed kits are positioned in the borough?	Cllr T Tariq	There is no statutory requirement for organisations who seek to install bleed boxes to notify the local authority that these have been put up. We are aware of boxes that have been organised through the Rotary Club locally, including Silver Street and Market Street in Bury Town Centre, Whitehead and Coronation Parks, at Radcliffe Market and work is taking place for installations at tram statins across the Borough with Rotary liaising with Metrolink on this. There are different versions of Bleed Boxes but Control The Bleed kit locations are also stored in a national database and accessed by 999 phone operators.
20	Independent Cllr Y Wright	I have serious concerns regarding the possible withdrawal of the "Support at Home Service" and in particular it's impact on vulnerable elderly residents at Harwood House Tottington. Some residents are heavily reliant on the support and advice which comes with the daily visits. Before any drastic decisions are made to possibly withdraw the scheme ,could consideration be given to at least operate a reduced scheme for our most vulnerable residents at various locations in the borough, including Harwood House ?	Cllr T Tariq	Support at Home is a non-statutory service, for people over the age of 60, that provides wellbeing checks and advice and support with day-to-day tasks (known as the warden service) and must not be confused with Care at Home that supports people with personal care. The proposal is for Six Town Housing to take over the management of the local authority sheltered accommodation schemes, offering housing related support only. Six Town Housing will manage current cleaning staff, ensure health and safety within the buildings, be contactable Monday to Friday during office hours, introduce tailored housing support plans to those who need them, and signpost/refer to other services as needed. People in the wider community will also be signposted/referred to other services appropriate for their needs. Residents who are assessed as having a need under the Care Act will be offered support from appropriate services. A six-week public consultation ran from 11 May to 21 June 2023. This included face-to-face sessions, an online survey, a paper survey and the offer for individual arrangements and one-to-one conversations. The feedback from the consultation has been collated and a final report with recommendations will be presented to the September Cabinet meeting for a decision.