Radcliffe First NOM This Council therefore resolves:-To update the website to state a review of the HMO register is in process and will be published when complete To inspect as appropriate applications to ensure a good standard of safety and maintenance and carry out appropriate enforcement of those that do not meet the standard. To explore the possibility of expanding the Article 4 Directive (remove permitted development rights), to other areas of the Borough, if and when such areas are identified. To explore Council Tax rules available to us and where possible ensure that landlords are paying appropriate tax for their business. To explore the potential of additional funding to be made available to the Licensing and

Enforcement teams during the budget

setting process

A review of the existing HMO license register was undertaken in quarter 3 23/24. An updated version has now been published on the Council's website see link:

Houses in Multiple Occupation licence - Bury Council

All applications are reviewed thoroughly as part of the license determination protocol. Appropriate enforcement action is carried out where properties do not meet the required standards. An Emergency Prohibition Order was served by officers in relation to a non-compliant and imminently dangerous HMO in March 2024. Chased with planning

Outside of ensuring where it's a HMO that the landlord is liable (which they need to be under the regs) there isn't anything else from a rules point of view that we can do.

In progress – No current additional funding available – further enquiries on going. However if funding was secured, a 1 FTE Environmental Health Officer on a short 1-year fixed term contract is likely to be difficult to appoint due to national shortage of qualified officers making fixed term recruitment unlikely due to market conditions.

Lab NOM This council resolves to There has been ongoing work to Continue to execute our Cost target support and information, of living and Anti-poverty including cost of living showcase strategy. activities. In the last month this has Work with communities and included Bridge Community Church, partners to make sure we help on 23rd February at Trinity those most vulnerable in the Church/Foodbank; 27th February borough Prestwich Library; 29th February Call for a reinstatement of the Light Bulb Drop in at St. Andrew's HSF in our boroughwide Let's Church Prestwich; 6th March fix it campaign Victoria Community Centre in • write to our two local MPs Besses asking them to support our calls to keep the HSF • Write to the Prime Minister There has partnership engagement and the chancellor of in relation to financial inclusion, in Exchequer asking them to particularly focusing on keep the fund in their budget opportunities and local provision in in March. relation to Credit Unions and advice, including with Bury Community Support Network; Bury Voluntary & Community Faith Alliance, Citizens Advice Bury, and conversations with VCFA. The Council's Welfare Support offer continues to be developed and

improved with Welfare Rights

for April allowing support with

training for relevant staff scheduled

income maximisation and form-filling to be included in the offer.
Regular Welfare surgeries will also be held in various borough locations ensuring a place-based approach to support is embedded within service provision.

In addition there has been further promotion on pension credit campaign via inserts in all Annual Council Tax bills and press release: Thousands in Bury missing out on unclaimed Pension Credit | Bury Council (mynewsdesk.com) and financial resilience through employability support via the Bury Neighbourhub with Ingenus in the Millgate.

Following the government budget announcement of the continuation of the HSF for a further 6 months, meetings have been set up to work with the anti-poverty steering group to plan how best to use this resource for maximum impact and to work up an exit strategy

		following the 6 month funding period. Letter attached.
Conservative NOM	 Bury resolves to seek to twin with a town, region or city in Ukraine to highlight the Council's strength of support for Ukraine. The Council resolves to work with the UK Friends of Ukraine to find a suitable town, region or city in Ukraine to twin with. The Council requests that officers come back to the next Full Council with a report on a formal twinning with a town in Ukraine and the next steps in a creation of a Twinning Association. 	Engagement has taken place with the Bury Metro Twinning Association and the President of the Bury Ukrainian Association. This has included information gathering and further local engagement, resulting in a link with the Boiarka region in Ukraine, whose Mayor has outlined their willingness and enthusiasm to establish formal linkages. A meeting is due to take place during March 2024 with the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and representatives of the Twinning Association to determine steps to progress, in terms of formalising arrangements and commitments as part of twinning, including opportunities to share knowledge, skills and public marks of the connection, eg naming of a building or initiative with a twinned town.