

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME  
RECORD OF DECISION**



<b>Date:</b> 26 February 2024	<b>Ref No:</b> ENG277
<b>Responsible Officer:</b> Louise Fletcher, Business Support Administrator	
<b>Title/Subject matter:</b> Knife Angel Statue – Bury BID, supported by Bury Council (community safety partnership) and GMP – 29 February 2024 – 27 March 2024.	
<b>Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:</b>	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council’s policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	No
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	No
(iv) Is the decision a non-key decision (below £100,000, outside the MO definitions)	Yes
Is publication still required? (see guidance)	Yes

**Summary:**

A 27 foot 'Knife Angel' made from more than 100,000 knives will visit Bury this March. The Knife Angel will be situated near the intersection of The Rock and Tithebarn Street from 1<sup>st</sup> March – 27 March 2024. It aims to raise awareness and educate people on the impacts of knife crime, and violent and aggressive behaviour on communities.

Bringing the Knife Angel to the town is being led by the Bury BID (Business Improvement District) in partnership with Bury Council and Greater Manchester Police.

The arrival of the sculpture will be marked with an opening event on 1<sup>st</sup> March. A month-long programme of educational events, workshops and community events will support the message of The Knife Angel. There will also be a closing ceremony, with further details to follow.

The Knife Angel has already toured various towns across the country and now it is Bury's turn. It took artist Alfie Bradley four years to create at the British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry, Shropshire. It was specifically created to highlight the negative effects of violent behaviour whilst solidifying the critical need for social change.

A single statue measuring 27ft. Sat on a 3m x 4m base.

This will be dressed and guarded by planters and marketing material.

During the day there will be a retractable 3m x 3m gazabo that will be staffed to support visitors of the statue.

There will be an opening ceremony lasting 30 minutes with live speeches and performances.

There will be a closing vigil on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The month-long programme of events will include promotional/awareness events held by various Bury Council Services, details to be confirmed. These will involve Council staff with a gazebo/table on the site to promote / raise awareness of their service.

**Options considered:****Decision:**

The event has been approved to go ahead.

This application comes with the support of the leader of the council and GMP.

Proof of Public Liability Insurance held by Bury BID Company Ltd has been provided.

<b>Decision made by:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Peter Stokes Head of Engineering and Streetscene		28/02/24
<b>Members Consulted (if applicable)</b> <b><i>[see note 1 below]</i></b>		
Cabinet Member		
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

#### **Notes**

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.