

## **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2024**

### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDER FEE UPLIFTS 2024/25**

1. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, presented the report which detailed the fee engagement process including timelines and proposed recommendations for the fee proposal to contracted providers of adult social care services for the period 2024/25. It was noted that for each provider sector the Council was proposing uplifting the staffing element of the fee by 10% in line with the increase in the Real Living Wage and National Living Wage, and proposals had been developed alongside provider partners.
2. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25**

3. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, presented the report which detailed the proposed 2024/25 Adult Social Care fees and charges across the directorate to take effect in April 2024. It was noted that all adult social care is means tested and charges are only paid by people who have assets or income above the thresholds set by government.
4. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE QUARTER THREE REPORT 2023/24**

5. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, presented the report which outlined delivery of the Adult Social Care Strategic Plan, preparation for the new CQC Assessment regime for local authorities, and provided an illustration and report on the department's performance framework. In response to Member questions, Councillor Tariq provided assurance around the Council's preparedness for the CQC inspection, advising that work had been underway addressing specific issues raised at the LGA Peer Review last year including reviewing processes and increasing transparency. Thanks were extended to officers for their ongoing hard work in improving the service and getting Bury to a position of growing strength.
6. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **PROPOSED REVIEW OF THE PERSONA SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENT**

7. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, presented the report which proposed a review of the Persona Shareholder agreement to ensure the company's ability to grow as well as adapt its care models more rapidly in response to its users preferences enabling more highly person centred care, ensuring its sustained position as a high quality care provider of choice. In response to a Member's question, it was noted that the review was anticipated to take 3-4 months.
8. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **QUARTER 3 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

12. Councillor Richard Gold, Cabinet Member for Finance and Communities, presented the report which outlined the forecast financial position of the Council at Quarter three 2023/24 based on the information known as at 31 December 2023. This report also provided an update on the work to mitigate and reduce the overspends and how this will be managed throughout the remainder of this financial year. The report set out the position for both revenue and capital and provides an analysis of the variances, both under and overspending.
13. Members discussed the paper and in response to questions it was noted that the Project Safety Valve (PSV) had been accepted by the Government but there were still targets for the Council to meet to stay on track. Councillor Lucy Smith advised that PSV discussions had been challenging but, now agreement had been reached, the Council could push forward with transformation plans to meet need while addressing financial controls. It was noted that PSV could come to a future scrutiny meeting for consideration.
14. With regards to a query regarding crossing patrols, it was noted that the overspend were most likely caused by staffing sickness and absence but specific data would be shared with Councillor Bernstein after the meeting. In response to a question regarding "SOBC" figures in the report, it was noted that this referred to a Strategic Outline Business Case and would relate to monies drawn down for feasibility studies and design work, but specific detail regarding the £1.83m figure could be shared with Councillor Mike Smith after the meeting.
15. Finally, it was noted that the £1.8m overspend in Operations budgets was a reflection of rising energy costs being absorbed by the directorate, and budget planning for the coming year was taking place later in the month starting from a zero budget position.
16. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ELMS FOR THE DELIVERY OF ACCOMMODATION FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

17. Councillor Clare Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented the report which sought approval to dispose of The Elms in Whitefield for the delivery of an independent living scheme for the over 55's subject to procurement, to facilitate delivery of the Housing Strategy and generate savings to adult social care budgets. Councillor Cummins confirmed that commissioning partners had been fully involved, and thanked the Adult Social Care and Housing teams for their effective co-working. Councillors praised the scheme, welcoming the disposal of the old site and the proposed new facility.
18. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **PROCUREMENT OF WATER HYGIENE MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE PREVENTION OF LEGIONELLA AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

19. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which sought formal approval of a contract award recommendation following completion of the further competition exercise carried out to procure the Council's

water hygiene monitoring services contract via the ESPO 198\_20 Framework. The contract is for the period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2027 with an extension option at the discretion of the Council for a further 2 years.

20. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **ADOPTION OF MILL GATE REGENERATION FRAMEWORK**

21. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth, presented the report which proposed the adoption of the revised regeneration framework following a period of public and stakeholder consultation, to establish the long-term vision for the future development of the Mill Gate estate. With regards to next steps, the Leader advised that the revised framework would be adopted by the JV Board and reported to the Town Centre Advisory Panel before delivery timescales were finalised regarding mobilisation of possible interventions around other work underway in the area (e.g. flexi hall and the interchange).

22. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **GIGG LANE STADIUM**

20. Councillor Charlotte Morris, Cabinet Member for Culture, Economy and Skills, presented the report which update the Cabinet on a previous decision to approve an investment of up to £450k in the Gigg Lane Stadium at its meeting on the 13th of July 2022, and to refresh the delegations for that decision which would enable the installation of a 3G pitch.

21. Jacqui Dennis, Director of Law and Democratic Services, advised that the wording of the recommendations had changed since the report was published, and advised on the new wording which removed the condition for a lease to be in place providing sustainability and longevity was secured. This allowed for greater flexibility for the stadium and the Club and would still enable the security of the grant agreement.

22. Members discussed the report, noting the huge opportunity for community benefit and the continued support from the Council in the development of the stadium and the Club. In response to a question regarding the benefactors, it was noted that they had made significant financial contribution thus far, and financial due diligence undertaken still gave confidence in the Council's investment for the pitch. With regards to the timescales involved, these were for the Club to manage but they were aiming to have the pitch installed over summer to be in place for the next season.

23. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **APPOINTMENTS UPDATE**

24. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which set out amendments to the appointments made at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 24th May 2023 and the proposal for Councillor Noel Bayley to be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Civic year 2024/25.

25. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2024**

### **REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES- COMPLEX NEEDS AND FLOATING SUPPORT/DISPERSED ACCOMMODATION SERVICES**

23. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, presented the report which sought approval for the review of two lots of housing related support provision in Neighbourhood Housing Support services, namely Adullam Homes- Bury Bridges- Complex Needs Accommodation, and Calico Enterprise- Bury Gateway- Floating Support/Dispersed Accommodation.
24. There was a potential to bring both services together into more effective commissioning that provides a one service approach to housing related to support for people and households that are homeless or at risk of losing their tenancies but, as contract end dates do not align, this report proposed the extension of one service to bring them into line before a full review is carried out.
25. In response to a Member's query regarding timescales for the review, it was noted that soft market testing had begun, and co-production with both Adullam and Calico would begin upon approval tonight to ensure the review was completed early in the summer in order to meet September timescales.
26. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **HOME TO SCHOOL TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AND TRANSPORT POLICY**

27. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which sought the approval and adoption of a new policy of how the Council will meet its statutory duty to make necessary travel arrangements for all 'eligible children and young people'. This policy had been co-produced with parents and had been subject to consultation with a range of stakeholders.
28. In response to Members' questions, it was noted that the EHCP assessments would be carried out at the same time as transport assessments, therefore streamlining the process rather than creating additional appointments, and reflecting the feedback received from residents (a 'tell us once' approach'). With regards to regular reviews moving forwards, it was noted that relationships with parents had been strengthened through the co-production approach and officers would continue to build on these to ensure policies were up to date and appropriate, as part of the wider improvements to SEND governance.
29. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **CORPORATE PLAN 2024/25**

30. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the 2024/25 Corporate Plan, which set out the strategic delivery objectives for Bury Council, in partnership with NHS GM Bury, over the next financial year. The Plan is structured around three overarching priorities which, collectively, will also support the Council's financial sustainability. These are to deliver ongoing improvements in Children's Services, drive economic growth, and tackle inequalities.

31. Members discussed a foodbank in Radcliffe and the difficulties in finding appropriate premises for it after August. It was noted that the organisation had particular needs which meant identifying premises was complicated, but the asset plan in the Corporate Plan would assist with searches like this so all options could be reviewed. With regards to evidencing the Corporate Peer Review suggestions, it was noted that the action plan from the review was included in the wider Plan and the smaller set of priorities should enable them to be met and reduce timescale slippage.
32. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CORPORATE PEER REVIEW**

33. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which summarised the approach taken by the Local Government Association and the feedback received from the Peer Review Team from the full Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) undertaken in December 2023. This visit was intended to assess progress since the last full CPC in 2018, and in particular to validate actions taken through the Finance Improvement Plan to deliver a balanced Medium Term Financial Strategy in for Full Council in February 2024.
34. Members noted the feedback included praise for the high level of understanding of staff regarding the Let's Do It priorities and the strong relationships with health partners in the borough. Comments were received regarding improving governance and work would continue on aspects of organisational culture (including Member development). The Leader advised that it had been very useful feedback, and thanked the LGA team and all involved with the challenge.
35. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report

#### **RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL'S HR & PAYROLL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT**

36. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which set out proposals to join the Greater Manchester framework and extend the Council's use of iTrent, the Council's current HR and Payroll Management System, for three years with the option to extend for a further two. During this period, officers will continue to explore and pursue opportunities for improvement and efficiencies in the use of the system to support the Council, enabled by the integration of Payroll and HR services into a single Service as previously agreed by Cabinet.
37. Members discussed the idea of, in principle, sharing HR services with other Authorities and it was noted that this was not the intention at the moment but it would be the natural first step for any such arrangements. These would be complex however, as different Councils would use different versions of the iTrent system, or use them in different ways.
38. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

39. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which recommended some changes to the Local Choice Functions set out in

Schedule 2 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000. These functions may be, but need not be, the responsibility of Cabinet.

40. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 05 JUNE 2024**

##### **CARE AT HOME REVIEW**

41. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing presented the report regarding the Care at Home review. The Care at Home service supports the vulnerable people of Bury with their assessed needs under the Care Act 2014. This includes support with personal care, moving and handling, nutrition and hydration, and medication.

42. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

##### **MILLWOOD PRIMARY SPECIAL SCHOOL - PROGRAMME UPDATE & REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPOINT CONTRACTOR**

43. Councillor Lucy Smith outlined that the report provided a full explanation of the latest position, details of the programme and sought approval in principle of a fully costed bid from the contractors for the construction of the new wing and authorisation to enter a Design and Build Contract with them.

44. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

##### **PRU-PHASE 2-WHITEFIELD CENTRE-REQUEST APPROVAL TO INVITE TENDERS FOR WORK IN RELATION TO THE PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT**

45. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented the report regarding the Pupil Referral Unit. In response to a member question regarding consultation with residents, Councillor O'Brien, advised that any potential site that is looked at for the PRU will be done with a full extensive consultation.

46. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

##### **DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - CONSULTATION DRAFT**

47. Councillor Eammon O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report regarding Developer Contributions for the Education Supplementary Planning Document. Members were advised it is proposed that, following consultation, a further version of the Developer Contributions for Education SPD will be brought back to Cabinet for formal approval. Members discussed the report and in response to a member question the Cabinet were informed that this will form part of local planning guidance and sit alongside the local plan.

48. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

##### **PERMISSION TO TENDER - RADCLIFFE ENTERPRISE CENTRE**

49. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report regarding Radcliffe Enterprise Centre. Members discussed the report, and in response to a members question regarding Radcliffe Library Cabinet was informed that the intention is to find a suitable option for temporary relocation. In response to a members question regarding another location (Bridge Community Church/Centre), user preferences and community engagement the Leader provided assurance that users and staff are being kept up to date as and when updates are available.
50. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **AWARDING OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONTRACT TO A SUPPLIER ON BEHALF OF CATERING SERVICES**

51. Councillor Tahir Rafiq Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR presented the report regarding the award of a contract relating to Fresh Fruit and Vegetable.
52. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2024**

##### **PRESTWICH FUNDING**

53. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth, presented the report which set out the Prestwich Village Regeneration Scheme that will deliver a comprehensive redevelopment of the Prestwich Village site including the Longfield Centre.
54. Cabinet approved the recommendation as set out in the report

##### **BURY MARKET & FLEXI HALL LEVELLING UP SCHEME – ENABLING AND MAIN WORKS CONTRACT**

55. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth, presented the report which advised Cabinet of the Enabling Works and Main Works packages, that in line with the Bury Market & Flexi Hall project programme, will now need to be instructed through the Enabling Works and Main Works Contract. In response to a member's query regarding the Levelling-up fund members were assured that no issues are expected to arise due to national political changes. Members were informed that national changes will provide a kick-start to other projects such as the Mill Gate. The Leader assured members that it is no coincidence that two of the levelling up schemes sit in areas with the highest level of deprivation and all will be done to ensure these schemes are delivered.
56. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

##### **BUY BACK & ACQUISITIONS POLICY & PROCEDURES 2024 - 2028**

57. Councillor Clare Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented the report which set out a summary of the Buy Back & Acquisitions Policy & Procedures, which will support the Council to purchase residential dwellings in private ownership

and convert them into social and affordable housing, to help meet housing needs in the borough and reduce homelessness. All potential acquisitions will be subject to a pre-acquisition suitability assessment and robust financial appraisal. Properties acquired under this policy will be refurbished to decent homes standards as required, added to the housing stock and allocated to eligible applicants on the Council's housing waiting lists at a social or affordable rent capped at local housing allowance rates where appropriate, to ensure affordability. The Council has recently purchased two properties applying the methods detailed within the new policy, and a further four acquisitions are currently being assessed. In response to a Member's query regarding the Council having the funds for the acquisitions of properties, Cabinet was advised that there are available funds within the HRA Budget and on occasion Section 106 monies can also be used. In addition, the Leader reminded Cabinet that any sales above £250,000 will be required to be considered through the Cabinet decision making process. When questioned regarding the feasibility of competing in a competitive market, members were assured that there is a need for the properties and new building take a considerable amount of time in comparison to a sale of a property.

58. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **PROPOSED MAJOR WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE COUNCILS HOUSING STOCK 2024/25**

59. Councillor Clare Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented the report which outlined that a review of the capital works programme has been quickly undertaken to ensure compliance with regulatory standards and in recognition of the backlog of work that has been identified during the transfer process of Six Town Housing's principal responsibilities. The programme saw a large volume of council owned properties given necessary adaptations and the housing stock has been improved. Trying to keep people well at home often means changes to the property and is a welcome part of the report. In response to a member's query regarding the reports reference to historical process errors, members were advised that these issues have not had financial issues.

60. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **PRU PHASE 2 WHITEFIELD CENTRE**

61. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which requested Cabinet approval of the project sum for works in relation Cabinet, 16 July 2024 7 to the Pupil Referral Unit, following conclusion of the tender exercise, and specifically in relation to the PRU's Whitefield Centre building. These are phase 2 of works following the relocation of the main PRU building from Spring Lane to the New Kershaw Centre. A member requested that there is ongoing consultation with residents in the local area throughout the process and highlighted a known query in relation to the site entrance which is currently being looked into

62. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.



## **SIX TOWN HOUSING BOARD GOVERNANCE**

63. Councillor Clare Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented the report which sought approval for the necessary post transition actions and transactions to complete arrangements for Six Town Housing to continue its reduced social housing activities after it ceased to be the Council's ALMO.
64. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOWEST TENDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STREET LIGHTING LANTERNS WITH LED LANTERNS (PHASE 3)**

65. Councillor Alan Quinn, Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations, presented the report which requested Cabinet approval to accept the lowest tender submitted for the Replacement of Existing Street Lighting Lanterns with LED Lanterns (Phase 3) by E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd. In response to a members query in relation to the increase or decrease in brightness of street lights member were informed that this is possible, however, decisions must always be based on public safety over hobbies or other matters.
66. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **TOP PARK, RAMSBOTTOM 3G FOOTBALL PITCH**

67. Councillor Alan Quinn, Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations, presented the report which provided Cabinet with details of a proposed floodlit 3G Football Turf Pitch (FTP) at Top Park Playing Fields in Ramsbottom together with associated improvements to the pavilion and car park. The report also outlined the details of a funding bid submitted to the Football Foundation (FF) as well as seeking approval to the overall funding package including expenditure of approved Council capital match funding.
68. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **YEAR END/QUARTER FOUR CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023/24 AND SUBMISSION OF THE PRODUCTIVITY PLAN**

69. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for, Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report on behalf of Councillor Sean Thorpe, Cabinet Member, Finance and Transformation which set out a summary of the full year performance and delivery monitoring report up for the Corporate Plan for 2023/24. In addition, the report also contained the proposed Productivity Plan for submission to central government in July for Cabinet approval. In April 2024 letters were sent to all local authorities from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) requesting that productivity plans were produced as part of a central government exercise to review productivity across public services.
70. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **STAR ACADEMY RADCLIFFE – CAPITAL COSTS**

71. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which advised that the DfE has now received confirmed contract costs for the project to construct the new secondary school in Radcliffe, including the access road and junction works, the costs of which fall to the Council. Discussions took place regarding the process for the building and the Council's commitment in advance of the building being complete. In response to a member observation regarding the cyclops junction members were assured that the proposed infrastructure of the cyclops junction is welcomed and will help the local community access the building safely, whilst encouraging active travel and road safety by connecting to existing road safety infrastructure.
72. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **BUDGET UPDATE REPORT**

73. Councillor Sean Thorpe, Cabinet Member, Finance and Transformation, presented the report which set out the following:
- the 2023/24 revenue outturn position.
  - the updated Medium-Term Financial Forecast (MTFF) position for 2024/25 to 2026/27.
  - the updated Net Budget for 2024/25.
  - the final reserves position as at 31 March 2024.
  - 2023/24 capital outturn position
  - An update on the Finance Improvement Plan

Members were advised there is an overspend of £6.607 million with the direction of travel being downwards with the pressures being primarily in the Children and Young People budget. In response to a member query regarding dividends from Manchester Airport, members were informed that dividend is not due until 2028. Neil Kissock advised updated information on the matter will inform the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and be reported back to Cabinet in September.

74. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **RADCLIFFE SCHOOL FUNDING**

75. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, presented the report which outlined that the Cabinet has previously received a number of reports affirming the Council's commitment to the delivery of a new secondary school for Radcliffe by the Department for Education, including approval of the revenue and capital financial obligations on the Council. At Cabinet on the 15th March 2023, cabinet received a report that set out the financial arrangements that included a commitment from the Council to underwrite revenue costs in the event that the school did not recruit to its capacity in each of the first two years of operation, to be funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The school is currently planning to admit up to its admission number in September 2024, and there will not be a requirement to underwrite places in the first year. However, an unexpected financial risk has also been identified during the preparation of the complex annual return to the

Department for Education which allocates the total Dedicated Schools Grant to fund activities specified in the Regulations.

76. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES LEADERSHIP RESTRUCTURE**

77. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which outlined an update in respect of the restructure of the Children & Young People's Department Senior Management Restructure.

78. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 04 SEPTEMBER 2024**

##### **OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE – LAND OFF MANCHESTER ROAD/RADCLIFFE ROAD, BURY**

79. Councillor O'Brien reported that the report provides details of the objections received to the proposed disposal of Public Open Space (POS) of land off Manchester Road/Radcliffe Road, Bury, details of the areas affected were in the accompanying report.

80. Members discussed the disposal, the requirement to make land available for a new specialist educational provision, and the use of the land currently for recreational activities. Councillor Tariq, speaking as the ward Councillor, stated that he recognised the difficulties in balancing competing priorities. However, he asked Officers to consider approaching the Department for Education to make them aware of the strong local opposition.

81. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT**

82. Councillor Rafiq Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR presented an annual Health and Safety Report. This report set out key health and safety activity over the preceding financial year alongside a summary of reported health and safety incidents. As part of the annual reporting process the Council's Health and Safety Policy is also reviewed and was presented for approval. Additionally, the Council has developed a new 3-year Health and Safety Strategy which proposes a set of priorities for 2024-27 and is presented for approval.

83. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE QUARTER ONE REPORT 2024/25**

84. Councillor Tariq, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing presented the Quarter 1 Report for 2024-25. The report outlined delivery of the Adult Social Care Strategic Plan, preparation for the new CQC Assessment regime for local authorities and provides an illustration and report on the department's performance framework.

85. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY**

86. Councillor Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented an update on the recently reviewed Housing Allocations Policy. The Policy had been reviewed to reflect the changing legislation, aligned with guidance from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on Social Housing Allocations and good practice sourced from the Housing Quality Network.
87. Members discussed the establishment of a Common Housing Register. Phil Cole, Head of Service - Homelessness & Housing Options reported the establishment of the register will help to assist in allocating both Council and Housing Association properties as well as affordable homes.
88. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **UPDATE ON THE ALPD (ACCELERATED LAND AND PROPERTY DISPOSALS)**

89. The Leader presented an update on the ALPD (Accelerated Land and Property Disposals) which has been in operation following Cabinet approval on 24th November 2020.
90. The Council Monitoring Officer reported that following discussions with Group Leaders and ward Councillors, North Block will remove from the current report pending further consultation. With regards to the Leigh Lane site in Walshaw, the Leader reports that the Council have not moved away from potentially siting a school on this site. With regards to greater promotion of community asset transfer, the Leader reported that community asset transfer should be part of that process and consideration.
91. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES**

92. Councillor Tariq, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care reported that following the Cabinet report on the 4th April 2024, approval was given to the Community Commissioning Division to engage in a tendering exercise for supported accommodation and floating support for people that require housing related support. After review and procurement, this further report requested the approval for the division to award two contracts: Supported Accommodation and Floating Support, both within Neighbourhood Housing Support Services.
93. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **CORPORATE PARENTING - ANNUAL FOSTERING REPORT**

94. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented to Cabinet the Annual Fostering report.
95. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY**

96. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented to Cabinet the Corporate Parenting Strategy.
97. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **BURY LOCAL AREA SEND RESPONSE TO LOCAL AREA INSPECTION**

98. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented to Cabinet Bury Local Area SEND response to local area inspection. The Cabinet member reported between the 12th and 16th February, Bury's local area SEND services were inspected by the Care Quality Commission and Ofsted. The inspection team identified widespread, systemic failings in services and highlighted the challenge that we need to do more to improve the outcomes of children and young people with special educational needs. The inspection identifies 6 priority actions which Bury Council and NHS Greater Manchester ICB are jointly responsible for, along with 3 areas for improvement. As a result of the inspection outcome, the local authority will be issued with an Improvement Notice, and we will be subject to monitoring visits followed by a re-inspection in approximately 18 months.
99. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

100. Councillor Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation Presented the Treasury Management report. Cabinet, 4 September 2024 8 The report outlines the financial position and provides an update on the following aspects of the Treasury Management function throughout 2023/24.
- **An economic update for 2023/24.**
  - **An update of the Council's current treasury management position.**
  - **Council Borrowing.**
  - **Treasury Investment Activity.**
  - **Non-Treasury Investments.**
  - **Treasury Performance for 2023/24.**
  - **Treasury Management Prudential Indicators.**
101. The Council is required by legislation to produce an annual Treasury Management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for the year. This report meets both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).
102. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2024**

## **CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR DISPLACED INDOOR MARKET HALL TRADERS OPERATING IN THE MILLGATE SHOPPING CENTRE**

103. Councillor Morris, Cabinet Member for Culture, Economy and Skills reported that in October 2023 Bury Indoor Market was closed due to the discovery of Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC) which posed a significant Health and Safety risk. Following the closure, 49 Traders (62 Units) who operated within the hall were either relocated, had their units reconfigured to continue operating, or arranged alternatives for their business. During the consultation with traders to organise relocation, opportunities to move traders into the Millgate Shopping Centre presented themselves as Bury Council had recently entered a Joint Venture with Bruntwood to purchase the Millgate to regenerate the area, which links to the Bury Town Centre Master Plan. By committing support, the traders that are now operating within the Millgate Shopping Centre are receiving a continued subsidy, which is over and above their rent and service charge, which is at a continued cost to the council of £163,250 plus variable utility charges throughout the proposed occupation period to March 2025. The level of subsidy is unsustainable and is creating increased budget pressures on Bury Council. The traders were advised that the subsidy would be revisited and reviewed in 12 months. As traders were not relocated together, the date when the 12 months expires varies considerably.
104. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT 18 – DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS FOR STRATEGIC SITE ALLOCATIONS AT ELTON RESERVOIR AND WALSHAW**

105. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth reported that this item concerns a new draft supplementary planning document that seeks to support the recently adopted Places for Everyone plan and the strategic housing sites at Elton Reservoir and Walshaw. Members were asked to approve the draft supplementary planning document for a six-week period of consultation in order to establish stakeholder views on its content. Following consultation, all comments received will be fully considered and changes made where appropriate before the supplementary planning document is brought back to Cabinet for approval to adopt. In response to a question regarding the provision of infrastructure requirements and the Council's ability to enforce the infrastructure requirements regardless of the size of plot members were advised the purpose of the Places for Everyone Masterplan is to ensure this is done all developers must work towards this. Members were encouraged to promote engagement with residents and to participate themselves.
106. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **HOLCROFT MOSS PLANNING OBLIGATIONS CONSULTATION DRAFT JOINT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

107. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth reported that this item concerns another new draft supplementary planning document that supports a

policy in the recently adopted Places for Everyone plan. The Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations supplementary planning document applies across the whole Places for Everyone plan area and is, therefore, being prepared jointly by the nine Places for Everyone districts. Holcroft Moss is situated within the borough of Warrington and is a lowland raised bog that is thought to be the only known example in Cheshire that has never been cut for peat. It is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and forms part of the Manchester Mosses Special Area of Conservation and therefore warrants strong protection.

108. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

109. Councillor Quinn, Cabinet Member Environment, Climate Change and Operations reported that this item relates to the Bury Biodiversity Strategy which embraces the first consideration of what the Council can do to meet its biodiversity duty. It outlines the current state of biodiversity in the Borough and the actions that we can take to conserve and enhance our biodiversity assets. A draft version of the Strategy was approved for consultation by Cabinet in December 2023 and consultation subsequently took place between 9 January and 20 February 2024. The consultation responses received are summarised in the Consultation Report. Following consideration of the responses, several changes have been made to the Biodiversity Strategy and these are also set out.

110. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **NORTHERN GATEWAY (GOVERNANCE / INVESTMENT ZONE / MDC)**

111. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth reported that following the adoption of the Places for Everyone Plan in March, we are working towards delivering the Northern Gateway site and the economic growth and employment opportunities that it brings. It is proposed that governance structures are put in place to ensure robust control, management and monitoring of the various workstreams. This would provide a single statutory body and formalise joint working arrangements with Rochdale and the Combined authority. The report also raises that the fact that the Northern Gateway site forms part of Greater Manchester's Investments Zone, which is designed to help the site deliver growth and innovation in the advanced manufacturing and materials sector.

112. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT-CONSULTATION DRAFT**

113. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth reported that this item relates to the supplementary planning document 17, which sets out how the Council will deal with developer contributions towards education. In June 2024, Cabinet members approved a draft of SPD17 for consultation purposes. Consultation was

subsequently undertaken over a six-week period running from 15th July to 19th August 2024. The comments received and the Council's response to these are set out in the Consultation Statement which is appended to this report. Following consideration of the consultation responses, a small number of changes have been made to the SPD.

114. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **DELIVERY OF A NEW SEMH SECONDARYSPECIAL SCHOOL - LAND PROPOSAL TO DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DFE) & OAK LEARNING PARTNERSHIP**

115. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth reported that Bury Council is committed to delivering a new special school, working in collaboration with the Department for Education (DfE) and Oak Learning Partnership. The scheme will be funded and delivered through the Department for Education Free School Programme with the Council being required to make a modest Capital contribution towards site remediation costs. Indicative Capital costs of £475,000 have been received by the Department for Education in relation to the Council's obligations. Following detailed assessment these will be the subject of a further report to Cabinet once confirmed. Provision has been made within the Children & Young People Capital Programme to meet these costs. A member reflected on comments from the community brought up at full Council regarding access. In response Councillor O'Brien advised that he is confident that those who currently use the site regularly will be able to continue and currently, work is taking place with Bury Football Club to consider other offers also.

116. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **BURY ART MUSEUM**

117. Councillor Morris, Cabinet Member for Culture, Economy and Skills reported that the report relates to the Bury Art Museum roof which needs a large capital programme to repair it at a total cost of £ 655,050.04. The Council bid for a grant from the Arts Council MEND Fund and was successfully awarded £589,545 to which the Council have approved a matched amount of £65,505. The Council will need to enter into a deed of covenant with the Arts Council guaranteeing the building will remain as an Arts Museum for a further period of 15 years. Members were advised that once the building contractor is appointed, we will know more details about how long the Art Museum may need to be closed and further information will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting along with additional information about taking an Art Museum programme out into community venues.

118. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **CORPORATE PARENTING - ANNUAL ADOPTION REPORT**

119. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the Annual Adoption Report. This is the annual report from the Regional Adoption Agency



(RAA): Adoption Now. Adoption Now acts as the adoption agency on behalf of six local authorities: of Bury, Bolton, Blackburn with Darwen, Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside.

120. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **PROCUREMENT OF LD2 SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION PROGRAMME, IN RELATION TO FRA COMPLIANCE WORKS.**

121. Councillor Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services reported that the report seeks formal approval of a contract to the approved bidder. The regulator requires the stock to be upgraded in line with current regulations, Pennington Choices Limited carried out a full review of general needs and sheltered blocks which identified a range of works necessary to ensure compliance, the LD2 smoke detection upgrade works are within the scope to complete.

122. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **2024/25 CORPORATE PLAN - SIX MONTH UPDATE**

123. Councillor Thorpe Cabinet Member, Finance and Transformation reported that this report highlights progress against the 2024/25 Corporate Plan that was agreed by Cabinet in April. Whilst remaining true to the LET'S Vision for 2030 to achieve inclusive economic growth and reduce deprivation, the Plan focused the input of the Council towards delivering that vision through three strategic objectives: Sustainable growth; Improving children's lives; and Tackling inequalities. Discussions took place regarding collaborative working and all departments supporting each other to achieve better outcomes for residents.

124. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **Q1 FINANCE POSITION**

125. Councillor Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation reported the 2024/25 forecast revenue outturn position as at 30 June 2024, and the 2024/25 forecast capital outturn position as at 30 June 2024. With regards to a question regarding the ISG going into administration and if any due diligence took place before the awarding of the contract. Members were advised that a response will be provided following the meeting.

126. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **UNIT 4**

127. Councillor Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation reported that the Council's current Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Financial Management system is supplied by Unit 4 (formerly Agresso Business World Software). The initial contract was signed back in 2004 and implemented for use by the Council from April 2006 onwards.

128. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

## **ESTABLISHING A BURYLOCAL BEE NETWORK FORUM**

129. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented a report which sets out the proposal to establish a Bury Local Bee Network Forum. This Forum will help to ensure that the Bee Network, Greater Manchester's integrated transport system, develops in a way that meets Bury's local needs and priorities, and supports our ambitious growth plans and Let's Do It vision.
130. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.