

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. 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.

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

81. 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 and is presented to members for their comment and approval. As part of the annual reporting process the Council's Health and Safety Policy is also reviewed and is also included for approval. Additionally, in-line with the recommendations from an external review of Health and Safety arrangements conducted in 2023, the Council has developed a new 3-year Health and Safety Strategy which proposes a set of priorities for 2024-27.

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

HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY

83. Councillor Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented the 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. This work has been undertaken:

- To meet local needs for social housing.
- To maximise the use of Council Housing stock to meet increasing demands.
- To ensure that Council housing is allocated fairly and transparency to everyone with a Housing Need who meets eligibility criteria.
- To demonstrate the Council's commitment to its role as Corporate Parent when supporting the housing needs of our Children and Care Leavers.

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.

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

UPDATE ON THE ALPD (ACCELERATED LAND AND PROPERTY DISPOSALS)

85. 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. This report provides a rationale as to why some sites are to be withdrawn, under review and to be added to the programme and outlines the Future Assets Programme (FAP) with regards to disposals. The Council Monitoring Officer reported that following discussions with Group Leaders and ward Councillors, North Block will be removed 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.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES

87. 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.

Neighbourhood Support Housing Services provide short term, outcome focused interventions to vulnerable adults. These services will support individuals to build resilience and independence, improve health and wellbeing, ensure stability of accommodation, maximise income and support meaningful and economic activity. Councillor Bernstein commended the department in re-negotiating a contract with an identified 4.7% saving.

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

CORPORATE PARENTING - ANNUAL FOSTERING REPORT

89. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented to Cabinet the Annual Fostering report.

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

CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY

91. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented to Cabinet the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

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

BURY LOCAL AREA SEND RESPONSE TO LOCAL AREA INSPECTION

93. 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. Members discussed the difficulties in recruitment in Childrens Services. The Cabinet member reported that she remained confident that the Department will be able to recruit as well as providing the other identified support including training and improved communication with relevant stakeholders.

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

TREASURY MANAGEMENT

95. 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.

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).

96. 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

97. 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. 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.

98. 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. It is proposed that traders operating within the Millgate Shopping Centre be given notice that the subsidy they are receiving ends in March 2024. This will allow traders 6 months' notice to either negotiate with the Millgate Shopping Centre for a formal lease or to consider alternatives.

99. In response to a question regarding the cross-party group to look at appraisals members were informed there will be another meeting and a further update is anticipated to take place at the next Cabinet meeting in November.

100. In response to a query regarding support given and how people were targeted Councillor Morris reflected that the Council focused on ensuring traders were offered a place to operate and continue trading.

101. 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

102. 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.

103. 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.

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

HOLCROFT MOSS PLANNING OBLIGATIONS CONSULTATION DRAFT JOINT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

105. 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.
106. 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.
107. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

108. 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.
109. 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 which is attached at Appendix B. Following consideration of the responses, several changes have been made to the Biodiversity Strategy and these are also set out in Appendix B.
110. Following a discussion regarding the monitoring of bio-diversity members were informed that the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit will have an ongoing role. To be qualified to monitor sites a person requires responsible body status, which anyone with this expertise can apply for. Further information on who monitors currently will be shared with Cabinet once known.
111. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

NORTHERN GATEWAY (GOVERNANCE / INVESTMENT ZONE / MDC)

112. 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.

113. 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.
114. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - CONSULTATION DRAFT

115. 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.
116. 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.
117. Following consideration of the consultation responses, a small number of changes have been made to the SPD and Members are now asked to note the consultation responses and to approve the revised SPD for adoption.
118. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

Delivery of a new SEMH Secondary Special School - Land proposal to Department for Education (DfE) & Oak Learning Partnership

119. 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.
120. 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.
121. 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.
122. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

BURY ART MUSEUM

123. 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.

124. 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.

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

CORPORATE PARENTING - ANNUAL ADOPTION REPORT

126. 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. Members reflected on the recent work and training delivered by young people and how beneficial it was to members.

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

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

128. 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.

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

2024/25 CORPORATE PLAN - SIX MONTH UPDATE

130. 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.

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

Q1 FINANCE POSITION

132. 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.

133. In response to a member question regarding commissioning contracts members were informed that some commissioning contracts can be done in a commercial and competitive way, however others are specialist. One challenge is per placement costs and as a Council we try to positively influence this, we hold North West comparative data and we are in the 'medium group' although we are beholden to the market. It was agreed that this information can be shared with the Cabinet following the meeting.
134. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

UNIT 4

135. 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.
136. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 06 NOVEMBER 2024

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY, 2025/26 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND PERFORMANCE UPDATE

137. Councillor Sean Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation, reported the updated budget position over the three years 2025/26 to 2027/28. It was noted that there is a current budget deficit of £34.9 million.
138. Councillor Mike Smith highlighted there are assumptions within the budget and questioned if the report considered matters such as the national minimum wage, cost of the Phillips touch system and energy prices.
139. In response Councillor Thorpe, confirmed all are assumptions until implemented. The proposed savings highlighted; the street lighting and parking proposals are likely to draw the most attention however there are other proposals, most of which fall into the other category and more transformative, with little to no impact on residents.
140. In response to a question regarding what level of reserves is the Council prepared to use Councillor Thorpe confirmed he would be guided by officers. Neil Kissock, Director of Finance confirmed that whilst it would not be possible to get to a position where we are not supported by reserves in February 2025 officers would be seeking this to be as low as possible and ideally £10 Million and below would be a figure that is being focused on. In response to a further question by Councillor Bernstein members were advised that if the reserves figure required was higher would Officers be prepared to sign it off, Neil Kissock Director of Finance advised that it would be subject to the strategy for the following future years and officers

would need confidence that the Council would be able to achieve the budget gap over the following years.

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

NORTHERN GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (SPD) – CONSULTATION DRAFT

142. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth provided an overview of the report circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

143. The report detailed the Draft Northern Gateway Development Framework (NGDF) which sets out the masterplan and phasing strategy for the Northern Gateway site. It was noted that we have been through a lengthy process and now we have a controlled planning system. Bury and Rochdale do have an employment opportunity with up to twenty thousand jobs on the site. It also identifies high level design principles and an approach to the delivery and phasing of infrastructure. In order to give the Framework additional planning weight in decision making, it is proposed that it is adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

144. A member highlighted that with future opportunities should consider the industries of the future and providing opportunities for our graduates and apprentices to develop. In addition members noted that the report referenced sustainable drainage, carbon houses and improved sustainable transport links.

145. In response to a question regarding the legal position for Places for Everyone, the Leader, Councillor O'Brien advised he is not aware of any updates on the matter, when an update is available it will be shared with members and does not believe the matter will threaten the adoption of the plan.

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

NORTHERN GATEWAY (INVESTMENT ZONE / ATOM VALLEY STRATEGIC OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE)

147. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report which detailed an update on the status of Investment Zone funding and provided an update on the Atom Valley Mayoral Development Zone, namely the Atom Valley Strategic Case.

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

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY 2024-28

149. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report on behalf of Councillor Walmsley. Members were provided with an overview of the proposed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028 which is a Council only strategy given the dissolution of the CCG in July 2022. The Strategy has been co-produced with community leaders, senior champions and staff groups.

150. Four years ago Members took the decision to agree a Strategy which not only set out our commitment across the nine protected characteristics recognised by law, but went further in also demonstrating our understanding of the challenges faced by

care leavers, carers, military veterans and the socio-economically disadvantaged and our commitment to giving specific focus to supporting these groups and the new Strategy maintains this commitment. Members suggested that consultation of the Strategy with Team Bury would be helpful.

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

ACQUIRING PROPERTIES FOR CHILDREN'S HOMES IN BURY

152. Councillor Lucy Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provided members with an overview of the report on acquiring properties for Children's homes in Bury. Members discussed the costs and how this decision will result in better quality outcomes for children and keeping them within their communities. A member raised the importance of consulting with communities in prospective areas so they nurture the children. Councillor O'Brien confirmed that political leadership is needed on this issue and good engagement is required.

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

SOCIAL VALUE STRATEGY

154. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report on behalf of Councillor Walmsley, Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion. The report set out a new Social Value Strategy which has been developed with input from across the Council, the wider Team Bury Partnership and experts from the voluntary sector, business and public service partners.

155. The development of a Social Value Strategy is an objective of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Strategy proposed to Cabinet has been developed in partnership with colleagues across the Council with input from the business and voluntary sector communities as well as recognised leaders in the field. In Bury we have set a clear expectation around social value within our procurement processes and the Strategy describes a number of case studies showing the impact we are already having. All members welcomed the report and the opportunities for local people that will be presented through social value.

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

SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE CONTRACT

157. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing presented the report which set out a plan to extend Bury Council's substance misuse contract with GMMH for a further six months.

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

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE REVIEW AND VOLUNTARY EXITS PROPOSALS

159. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for HR and Corporate Affairs presented the report regarding the organisational structure review and voluntary exits proposals.

160. Two applications were presented on the basis that the posts to be disestablished as a result of agreeing the severance requests are at Deputy Chief Officer level and so Cabinet support is required. The other two proposals would incur costs above a hundred thousand pounds and so Cabinet support is requested prior to ultimate approval by Council next week.
161. Members wished to place on record thanks to the Assistant Director of Operations for all the work done and his dedication to the Council and its residents for forty six years and note this will be acknowledge further at the appropriate time. The Leader noted that there will be time to give personal tributes to staff before leaving the authority.
162. In response to a query regarding the deletion of posts, members were assured that strategically we can be confident that following team adjustments it can be delivered. Lynne Ridsdale, Chief Executive, provided further reassurances to members that she supports entirely the caution and sensitivity to demands on the Senior Leadership Team and noted that it is key to recognise the Assistant Director of Operations for his contributions to the Council. Members were reminded of a piece of analysis that looked at the balance of resources and did indicate some efficiencies that could be considered and a further update on analysis and options will be considered at a future date.
163. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 04 DECEMBER 2024

PROCUREMENT AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CONTRACTS FOR THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

164. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report on behalf of Councillor Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services which sought formal approval of contract award recommendations following completion of the mini competition exercises and a direct award in the case of the Moorfield roofing project.
165. All of these procurement activities have been carried out through Procure Plus frameworks, with the support of STAR and the councils procurement team. The Capital Programme was approved in July with various elements of works being identified, all approvals within this report formed part of the original programme.
166. Councillor Bernstein queried if similar projects in the past have been considered at Council or Cabinet meetings. In response Jacqui Dennis, Director of Law and Democratic Services confirmed that when the Housing stock was externalised there were different processes, this report aligns to Council governance.
167. Councillor Smith raised a query on keeping the Bury Pound within the Borough of Bury. The Leader assured members that the companies are local, in Westhoughton and Bolton but committed to picking up as a future matter arising the Business Growth and Infrastructure Team to produce an information document through a social value lens on local businesses who are on the framework.
168. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

SKYLINE GMCA RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES

169. Councillor Lucy Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented the report which outlined that project Skyline is a Greater Manchester wide proposal to create a supply of children's homes to increase availability of looked after children placements in the Greater Manchester region for some of our most vulnerable young people. This will see ten new homes that can accommodate twenty four children with complex mental health issues or Emotional Behavioural Difficulties. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority is leading the procurement on behalf of the ten Greater Manchester local authorities.
170. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

QUARTER 2 FINANCE POSITION

171. Councillor Sean Thorpe, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation presented the report which set out the following:
- The 2024/25 forecast revenue outturn position as at 30 September 2024.
 - The 2024/25 forecast savings position as at 30 September 2024.
 - The 2024/25 forecast capital outturn position as at 30 September 2024, noting the revised capital programme and request approval of the further re-phasing of £4.973m of the capital programme into future years.
 - The 2024/25 forecast Collection Fund position as at 30 September 2024
 - The updated 2024/25 budget and forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) position as at 30 September 2024.
172. It was noted that the 2024/25 general fund revenue month 6 forecast outturn position shows an overspend of £3.011m which represents a variance of 1.34% compared to the overall net revenue budget of £224.840m, an increase in the forecast overspend of £391k from the position at month 3 previously reported to Cabinet.
173. Councillor Bernstein, reflected on comments from the District Auditor that it is imperative we do all we can to reduce a 1.3 % overspend under better control. Councillor Thorpe agreed and reflected that the challenge is from two predominant pressures; increased demand and cost of servicing that demand. Members were given assurances that the Council is continuously looking for savings.
174. In response to a question from Councillor Mike Smith regarding the increase of Council tax past 5% members were advised that this would only be considered as a last resort and was not under consideration.

PRESTWICH REGENERATION

175. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report which sought approval for the Prestwich Regeneration LLP (the Joint Venture company [JV]) of which the Council are 50%, to appoint the main contractor for the main works for the delivery of Phase 1A of the Prestwich Village Regeneration Scheme.

176. It was noted that this report is the second stage and a follow-up to the Cabinet report 16th July 2024 where approval was given for the legal structure and procurement strategy to appoint the Developer for the Scheme, which in turn will secure the services of a contractor using a Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) compliant procurement route.
177. Councillor Bernstein did highlight his concern regarding the report being received late. The Leader assured members that this will always try to be avoided in the future and apologised to members.
178. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

WHITEFIELD TOWN CENTRE PLAN

179. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth proposed that the plan is withdrawn and reviewed when the plan itself addresses issues raised by members and stakeholders.
180. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR DELIVERY OF MILLTOWN STREET BRIDGE, RADCLIFFE

181. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report on behalf of the Cabinet Member for the Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations which sought approval of a contract award for the replacement of Milltown Street Bridge in Radcliffe following a tendering process.
182. It was noted that construction expected to commence in Spring 2025.
183. Councillor Mike Smith raised that Milltown Street should be considered within the future for development and improvements.
184. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

CORPORATE STRUCTURE REVIEW REPORT

185. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report which set out a series of proposed changes to the Council's leadership arrangements and senior accountabilities which seek to achieve further efficiencies whilst assuring capacity and alignment to deliver.
186. It was noted that the report proposes to shift the Council's organisational model from five to four delivery departments, integrating most of the services within the current Operations Department within the Business Growth and Infrastructure function, which will be renamed as the Place Department.
187. As part of these changes the Executive Director for Operations role will be deleted when the officer leaves the Council in April and the Leader placed on record thanks to Donna Ball for her leadership of the Department since 2020. During her time in Bury Donna has overseen the delivery of operational service throughout the Covid pandemic, including the provision of humanitarian aid, led a significant programme of modernisation of the Council's waste management services and the growth of Bury's internationally recognised Market. Donna will play a key role in

helping to embed the new proposed arrangements over the first quarter of next year.

188. Cllr Bernstein sought reassurance on the recruitment and selection for the Executive Director role. In response the Leader assured Members that the distribution of services across the Council was a strong model and will bring together core services.

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

BURY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO SIGN UP TO THE CARE LEAVER COVENANT

190. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People presented the report which sought approval for Bury Council to sign up to the Care Leaver Covenant (CLC). The CLC work with more than 500 organisations to connect young people with care experience to exclusive opportunities. By becoming a partner of the CLC, Bury Council will join 92 other unitary local authorities in demonstrating their commitment to care experienced young people.

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