

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 19 March 2025

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor , in the Chair)
Councillors A Arif, S Arif, N Bayley, R Bernstein, D Berry,
C Birchmore, C Boles, A Booth, R Brown, C Cummins,
D Duncalfe, U Farooq, E FitzGerald, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold,
D Green, J Grimshaw, J Harris, M Hayes, J Hook, K Hussain,
B Ibrahim, J Lancaster, G Marsden, L McBriar, G McGill,
C Morris, E Moss, E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn,
T Rafiq, M Rahimov, I Rizvi, M Rubinstein, J Rydeheard,
L Ryder, K Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, J Southworth,
G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe, D Vernon, S Walmsley,
M Walsh and Y Wright

**Apologies for
Absence** J Gallagher and S Haroon

Public Attendance: 10 members of the public attended the meeting.

C. 52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

C. 53 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor as Bury first citizen updated Members of the Council on work undertaken since the last meeting.

C. 54 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2025 were approved as correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C. 55 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of the following questions:

Questioner	Topic	Responding
Stephen Ralphson	Recycling bins in Trencherbone	Cllr E O'Brien
Andy Hay	Prestwich regeneration costs	Cllr E O'Brien
Michael Fawcett	Legal Development Certificates	Cllr E O'Brien
Judith Sheppard	Local Plan for Bury	Cllr E O'Brien
Hannah and Dave Crookston	Childrens home at Seedfield Road	Cllr E O'Brien
Alexandra Lodge	Legal Development Certificates	Cllr E O'Brien
Lee Williamson	Legal Development Certificates	Cllr E O'Brien

Nick Shack	Seedfield	Cllr E O'Brien
Jane Sheldon	Seedfield	Cllr E O'Brien

Questions without notice:

Questioner	Topic	Responding
Mike Court	Safety in Bury	Cllr E O'Brien

C. 56 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

(I) Locality Board – Terms of Reference

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Tariq and on being put, with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

- The revised Locality Board Terms of Reference

(II) Democratic Arrangements Forum – meetings timetable for the municipal year 2025/26

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Tariq and on being put with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

- The Council meetings timetable for the municipal year 2025.26

(III) Cabinet – Appointment of Deputy Mayor for the civic year 2025/26

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Gold and on being put with all Members voting for; that, Council, approves:

- The appointment of Councillor Tahir Rafiq as Deputy Mayor for the Civic year 2025/26

(IV) Employment Panel – Director Regeneration and Project Delivery

It was moved by Councillor Rafiq and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and on being put with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

- The re-grading of the role of Director of Regeneration and Project Delivery from Chief Officer Band E to Chief Officer Band F.

(IV) Employment Panel – Director of Adult Social Services and Community Commissioning

It was moved by Councillor Rafiq and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and on being put with all Members voting for and the Mayor abstaining; that, Council, approves:

- An increased Market Supplement payable to the Director of Adult Social Services and Community Commissioning from £14K to £20K payable from July 2025 for a period of two years.

C. 57 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME

a) Written question (Notice given)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E O'Brien, made a statement on the work undertaken by him since the date of the last Council meeting.

The Leader and the relevant Cabinet Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:

	Questioner	Cabinet Member	Topic
1	Councillor Roger Brown	Cllr A Quinn	Greenmount Park
2	Councillor A Arif	Cllr A Quinn	Improvements to Whitehead Gardens in Tottington & Prestwich Clough
3	Councillor Ibrahim	Cllr L Smith	School Breakfast Clubs in Bury
4	Cllr Birchmore	Cllr L Smith	2025 oversubscription criteria for secondary schools
5	Cllr Vernon	Cllr E O'Brien	Greater Manchester Police involvement in relation to social media posts
6	Cllr Grimshaw	Cllr Rafiq	Real Living Wage
7	Cllr Farooq	Cllr Tariq	Public health grant announcement
8	Cllr Booth	Cllr Quinn	Pioneer Mill
9	Cllr Gartside	Cllr A Quinn	New parking charges review
10	Cllr Hayes	Cllr A Quinn	New operations equipment
11	Cllr Staples Jones	Cllr Walmsley	Plans for the 80 th anniversaries of VE day and VJ day
12	Cllr Simpson	Cllr Walmsley	Motion from November 2024 on veterans
13	Cllr McBriar	Cllr Walmsley	Safer Knife Replacement Scheme

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 14 to 20 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of those questions and responses will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

b) Verbal questions

Questioner	Cabinet Member	Topic
Cllr Bernstein	Cllr E O'Brien	Empty Homes week

Cllr M Smith	Cllr E O'Brien	Healthcare provision
Cllr Ibrahim	Cllr Quinn	Red routes
Cllr Staples-Jones	Cllr Quinn	Skate park
Cllr S Arif	Cllr E O'Brien	School transport
Cllr McBriar	Cllr Quinn	Temporary traffic lights on Turton Road
Cllr Hook	Cllr A Quinn	Resurfacing of roads
Cllr D Quinn	Cllr Tariq	Ovarian Cancer

C. 58 COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Council received a report on the work of the Combined Authorities and a verbal update from Cabinet Member, Councillor Thorpe on the work of the GMPF

The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

Questioner	Combined Authority Member	Topic
Councillor S Arif	Councillor Walmsley	Arrests by GMP involving dogs
Councillor Moss	Councillor A Quinn	GMP
Councillor Southworth	Councillor A Quinn	Bee Network App
Councillor Rydeheard	Councillor Walmsley	Basic income initiative

C. 59 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Seeking dialogue with the Mayor of Greater Manchester regarding Places for Everyone

Council considered a motion in the names S. Arif, Bernstein, Brown, Gartside, Harris, Hussain, Lancaster, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon.

The motion was moved by Councillor Bernstein and seconded by Councillor Harris following a request for a recorded vote from 8 Members present, **on being put; with**

Councillors S. Arif, Bernstein, Berry, Birchmore, Brown, Booth, Duncalfe, Gartside, Harris, Lancaster, Marsden, McBriar, Rydeheard, Simpson, M Smith, Vernon, Walsh and Y Wright voting for

And;

Councillors A Arif, Bayley, Boles, Cummins, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Frith, Gold, Green, Grimshaw, Hayes, Hook, Ibrahim, McGill, Morris, Moss, O'Brien, Pilkington, Quinn Alan, Quinn Deborah, Rafiq, Rizvi, Rahimov, Rubinstein, Ryder, Smith Lucy, John Southworth, Staples-Jones Gareth, Tariq, Thorpe, Walmsley voting against;

And the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor **declared the Motion Lost.**

(ii) Cross party budget setting

Council considered a motion in the names Booth, Berry, Birchmore, Duncalfe, Marsden, Simpson, M Smith, Walsh.

The motion was moved by Councillor Berry and seconded by Councillor M Smith and on being put with 18 members voting for and 30 members voting against and the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor **declared the motion lost.**

(iii) Extending Business Improvement District Boards

Council considered a notice of motion received in the names of Councillors: A Arif, Bayley, Boles, Cummins, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Frith, Gold, Green, Grimshaw, Haroon, Hayes, Hook, Ibrahim, McGill, Morris, Moss, O'Brien, Pilkington, Quinn Alan, Quinn Deborah, Rafiq, Rizvi, Rahimov, Rubinstein, Ryder, Smith Lucy, John Southworth, Staples-Jones Gareth, Tariq, Thorpe, Walmsley.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Staples Jones and seconded by Councillor Morris and on being put with the majority of Members voting in favour, Council agreed to:

- 1) Consult with businesses across Borough of Bury to seek views on the creation of BIDs in their respective towns.
- 2) To prioritise and align the future work of any BIDs with the significant financial investment being made into town centres and local infrastructure by Bury Council.

C. 60 FOR INFORMATION COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER C. 61 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no scrutiny review reports and specific items "called in" by scrutiny committees

C. 62 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no questions on the work of outside bodies or partnerships.

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