

## **GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2025**

### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE Q4 REPORT 2024/25**

1. Councillor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Health and Public Service Reform presented the report which reviewed performance against the Adult Social Care Strategic Plan and preparations for the new CQC assessment regime. In response to a member question regarding the 4.9% rise in residential care costs, members were advised the increase was due to NHS discharge pathway changes and highlighted efforts to reduce patient deconditioning and improve intermediate care.
2. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **BURY FLEXI HALL – OPERATOR PROCUREMENT**

3. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth set out the report which sought approval to begin formal procurement of a third-party operator for the Flexi Hall. In response to Member concerns raised about Radcliffe Market's slower progress, the Leader acknowledged delays and committed to updates.
4. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **PARKING STANDARDS SPD – FINAL ADOPTION**

5. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the final version of the Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD11) following public consultation. In response to concerns about parking at the Radcliffe Hub an officer confirmed ongoing modelling and data analysis will be taking place.
6. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

7. Councillor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Health and Public Service Reform proposed awarding a 3-year contract to Persona under a vertical procurement arrangement. In response to a member query about funding reductions, Councillor Tariq confirmed funding would decrease over time and praised Persona's performance.
8. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **YEAR-END CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE & 2025/26 LAUNCH**

9. Councillor Thorpe, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation presented the reviewed 2024/25 performance and the 2025/26 Corporate Plan aligned with the LET'S Do It! Strategy. Members welcomed the report but suggested adding a priority on community cohesion and reviving multifaith engagement.
10. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **EOTAS (EDUCATION OTHER THAN AT SCHOOL) POLICY**

11. Councillor Smith, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People introduced the EOTAS policy and noted the SEND Inspection Report and Priority Impact Plan.
12. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **LOCAL GROWTH AND PLACE FLEXIBLE GRANT (LGPF)**

13. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth provided an update on the UKSPF extension and Bury's £1.7 million allocation under the LGPF programme. Members raised concerns about rising event costs for local communities. A member asked about Radcliffe Enterprise Centre funding, which was confirmed.
14. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **RADCLIFFE ENTERPRISE CENTRE – OPERATOR PROCUREMENT**

15. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report which sought approval to procure an operator for the new Enterprise Centre at Radcliffe Library. In response to a question about long-term viability, the Leader expressed confidence in the project's civic and economic value.
16. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **HOUSING SERVICES PROPERTY RESTRUCTURE**

17. Councillor Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services presented the report that proposed structural changes to housing services to improve safety, compliance, and service delivery. In response to a member question about financial implications, an officer confirmed a review was underway to ensure value for money.
18. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.

### **BURY TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT – ARCHITECT APPOINTMENT**

19. Councillor O'Brien, Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth presented the report which sought approval for architect appointment and budget to begin phased refurbishment of the Town Hall. Councillor Thorpe praised the architect's social value commitment. The Leader emphasised the importance of modern, high-quality workspaces and heritage preservation.
20. Cabinet approved the recommendations as set out in the report.