

**Minutes of: COUNCIL**

**Date of Meeting:** 21 May 2025

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Hussain, in the Chair)  
Councillors A Arif, S Arif, N Bayley, R Bernstein, D Berry,  
C Birchmore, C Boles, A Booth, C Cummins, D Duncalfe,  
U Farooq, E FitzGerald, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold, D Green,  
J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, J Hook, K Hussain,  
B Ibrahim, J Lancaster, G Marsden, 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** R Brown and L McBriar

**Public Attendance:** 1 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.  
60 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting.

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**C. 63 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART ONE**  
**C. 64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C. 65 MINUTES**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**C. 66 ANNUAL CONSTITUTION UPDATE REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor Rafiq, and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and Council agreed to:

Members of Council are asked to -

1. Adopt the proposed changes at appendix 1 to the Officer Scheme of Delegation.
2. Ask the Standards Committee to review the proposed changes to the Corporate Governance Code as detailed at Appendix 2.
3. Adopt the proposed changes to the Probity in Planning Guidance at Appendix 3.
4. Approve the establishment of a Joint Planning Committee with Rochdale Council and approve the Terms of Reference at Appendix 4.
5. Note the selections reviewed during the 2024/25 municipal year; and
6. Note the selections proposed for review during the 2025/26 municipal year.

**C. 67 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and Seconded by Councillor L Smith and Council agreed:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, be confirmed for 2025/2026.

2. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
4. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointment of other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to the Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year, set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
8. That the appointments to outside bodies for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Member Allowance as agreed in 2022 be noted.
10. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2025/2026 Municipal Year and that any such appointments be reported to the Cabinet for information.
11. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential changes to the Constitution.
12. Council agrees to the updates to the Meetings timetable, appendix H.

## **C. 68 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor Vernon and seconded by Councillor Fitz Gerald, supported by Councillor Boles and it was agreed, that Council:

Notes the contents of the report and progress made by the Council's Scrutiny Committees over the municipal year 2024.25.

## **C. 69 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE**

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Leader of Bury Council, delivered a comprehensive statement on the **State of the Borough for 2024/2025**, highlighting both the achievements and the ongoing challenges faced by the Council.

## **C. 70 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PART 2**

### **THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**Notes:** Part 1 of the meeting started at 2pm and ended at 2.50 pm