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1	Labour	With at least £50m being generated by Oasis ticket sales for their Heaton Park gigs, does the Leader agree that the rumoured £25,000 for the Prestwich Community Fund is an insult?	Cllr Moss
	Cllr O'Brien		
2	Labour	Can the Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion update the Council on work being done to continue to support Veterans and their families in our borough?	Cllr Arif
	Cllr Walmsley	<p><b>Support to Bury's Armed Forces Communities, including Veterans, is overseen through the local Armed Forces Covenant Steering Group, bringing together public services, armed forces representatives and local veterans' groups.</b></p> <p><b>During Armed Forces week at the end of June this support was showcased through highlighting the key support offers – from priority banding in housing allocations; ongoing work to increase awareness and access to mental health, first aid and peer support opportunities; activity through health and care colleagues on increasing the number of Veteran friendly care homes in the Borough; to tying employment and skills guidance into the Neighbourhub in the Millgate.</b></p> <p><b>The Council continues to support connectivity of Veterans groups with front line services to increase mutual awareness and connectivity, alongside that with the Bury VCFA as infrastructure support for the sector.</b></p> <p><b>The Council is actively involved in Greater Manchester Armed Forces Covenant meetings to maximise local opportunities through regional activity, including the region being identified as a pilot site for the national VALOUR programme and in delivering on a recommendation from a previous Council motion, an event is being planned for September which will focus on the emerging Greater Manchester Live Well model specifically through the lens of Armed Forces personnel, their families and Veterans.</b></p>	
3	Radcliffe first	Over the last few months, we have seen several road works in Radcliffe with temporary traffic	Cllr Donald Berry

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		<p>lights. There have been a number of incidents of anti social and aggressive driving when these lights have failed. It is also to be noted that several of the normal traffic lights have failed during this time. This is causing lengthy delays and dangerous driving.</p> <p>It has been observed that many of the road works with temporary traffic lights have been left for several days with no work being carried out. Some of the road works could have been capped with cast iron plates to avoid partial closures of the roads. In some areas it appears that roads have been fenced off, just to allow works vehicles to park close by.</p> <p>Are work permits being given for such road works and what actions are taken to limit inconveniencing road users. Have any penalty notices been issued for such road works in Bury?</p>	
	Cllr Alan Quinn	<p><b>As you will no doubt be aware, some of the recent works affecting roads in Radcliffe are linked to the new school project.</b></p> <p><b>All roadworks require GMRAPS permits which helps to prevent overlap and reduce disruption. We do not approve all permit applications for requested dates. We impose conditions such as manual traffic light control during peak hours and restricted working times to help ease congestion.</b></p> <p><b>Over the past 6 months, 190 fixed penalty notices have been issued across the borough - 18 in Radcliffe - for offences such as overstays, late starts, and working without a permit.</b></p> <p><b>And I look forward to the debate later tonight about how we can take more control over what happens on our highways and better hold utility companies, in particular, to account.</b></p>	
4	Conservative	Residents living in Harrogate Square in Bury West ward, several of whom are elderly and disabled, have difficulties parking their cars due to the close proximity of a school and two busy pubs.	Cllr Jackie Harris

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		Would the Cabinet Member consider introducing an enforceable residents' parking only area adjacent to Harrogate Square?	
	Cllr Alan Quinn	<p><b>The situation at Harrogate Square is typical of being near to other schools in the borough where there is a short stay parking demand at the start and end of the school day.</b></p> <p><b>As has been the case for a number of years now, the Council is not accepting any applications for new residents parking schemes across the Borough.</b></p> <p><b>Implementing and enforcing resident parking schemes is costly and would only be considered when other alternatives have been considered.</b></p> <p><b>Should this situation change where applications are being accepted there is a prescribed process which is detailed on the Councils website. The process usually takes around 12 months to complete.</b></p>	
5	Ind Group	Please could an urgent update be provided as to when the repairs will be undertaken and the temporary traffic lights will be removed on Turton Road?	Cllr Luis McBriar
	Cllr Alan Quinn	<p><b>Detailed site investigations including boreholes and trial excavations were required to determine the exact cause of the issue and map the existing utilities that might impact any works.</b></p> <p><b>The investigations have confirmed a substantial land slip has occurred which will require significant works to rectify.</b></p> <p><b>The preferred design option will involve a substantial retaining wall constructed on the private land to stabilise the slip. Negotiations with landowners and affected utilities are on-going to confirm viability of the preferred solution before completing detailed design.</b></p> <p><b>Due to the complexities of both the design and the third-party interactions it is not currently possible to set a timeline until all appropriate agreements are in place.</b></p>	

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6	Labour	<p>At the moment Heaton Park Metrolink station cannot be used for egress when large concerts take place in Heaton Park. This is due to safety reasons.</p> <p>Therefore, can the Leader bring council up to date with plans to improve Heaton Park Metrolink station?</p> <p><b>Supplementary:</b></p> <p>Can the Leader bring council up to date with other improvements on the Bury Line?</p>	Cllr Rizvi
	Cllr O'Brien	<p><b>GM's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS1) programme includes a scheme to improve Metrolink stops across the region. An assessment carried out under the Metrolink Stop Improvements Programme has identified several stops along the Bury and Altrincham lines as priorities for enhancement, with Heaton Park emerging as the stop in greatest need of improvement.</b></p> <p><b>Given the limited funding secured through CRSTS 1, investment during this period will be focused on Heaton Park only. Planned works include the demolition of the existing canopies and their replacement with modern shelters, similar to those installed on newer lines such as the Trafford Park Line and be carried by 2027.</b></p> <p><b>In parallel, the programme has developed a long list of more substantial improvements for consideration in the next Transport for City Regions (TCR) funding period (formerly known as "CRSTS 2").</b></p> <p><b>As part of this forward planning, options were explored for implementing a safe queuing system at Heaton Park during major events to enable the stop to remain operational. However, following discussions with TfGM's Metrolink Engineering and Service Delivery teams, it was concluded that the space required to safely accommodate queues for large-scale events is not available at the stop.</b></p> <p><b><i>Supplementary:</i></b></p> <p><b>The biggest proposal is to redevelop Bury Interchange which is progressing at pace, with a planning application submitted by TfGM for tram platform improvements along with a new step free permanent southern access and</b></p>	

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		<p>bridge linking Union Square and Pyramid Park with the tram stop. In addition, an application for a temporary stepped northern access has been submitted, which will make access for customers easier during these works. Disruption to tram services will be minimised as far as possible during the Bury Interchange works.</p> <p>There are also plans for an additional stop between Radcliffe and Bury, confirmed by Chancellor Rachel Reeves last month.</p> <p>I am also keen to see further existing stops earmarked for improvement as part of the TCR funding, also announced last month by the Chancellor.</p>	
7	Labour	<p>During large events in Heaton Park the roads of Prestwich are jammed with private hire taxis, many of them are registered outside of GM. Can the Council be brought up to date with measures to ensure that only GM licensed taxis can work in GM?</p>	Cllr Lynn Ryder
	Cllr Morris	<p><b>Bury Council is aware of the ongoing concerns regarding the influx of private hire vehicles, particularly those licensed outside Greater Manchester, during large-scale events at Heaton Park. While current national legislation permits out-of-area working, local authorities currently have no legal powers to restrict this practice.</b></p> <p><b>However, the Council is actively supporting the Greater Manchester-wide #BackingOurTaxis campaign, which calls on Government to amend this regulation and give local areas greater control over taxi and private hire licensing. Encouragingly, the Department for Transport has acknowledged this issue and, following the Casey Report, has committed to reviewing the legislation. This includes considering national licensing standards, enforcement powers, and potentially giving local transport authorities responsibility for licensing.</b></p> <p><b>In the meantime, Bury Council is taking proactive steps to manage the situation. Licensing enforcement officers will be deployed on each night of the event to monitor compliance and address any issues, working in partnership with other Greater Manchester authorities to ensure a</b></p>	

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		<p>consistent and coordinated approach to public safety and regulatory enforcement.</p> <p><b><i>Background: Central Government have recently indicated that they intend to review this matter following the Casey report (recommendation 11) stating:-</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Department for Transport will legislate to address the important issues raised in the report, tackling the inconsistent standards of taxi and private hire vehicle driver licensing:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>We will work as quickly as possible and consider all options – including out of area working, national standards and enforcement – seeking the best overall outcomes for passenger safety.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>In the interim we will act urgently to make improvements, including consulting on making local transport authorities responsible for taxi and private hire vehicle licensing, and determining how existing statutory guidance can be strengthened to further protect the public.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>We are also reviewing authorities' compliance with existing guidance and will hold those who do not follow it to account.</i></b></li> </ul>	
8	Radcliffe first	Over the last several months I have tried to get an answer via emails, and speaking with council officers to the following question. Why does the council not stick to it's own rules when allocating S106 money's to a ward organisation or project? To quote the written information on this subject "ward councillors are to be consulted before S106 money is allocated on their ward" I have polled two of the political groups on the council and have had it confirmed by multiple members that this does not happen. Is this a matter that needs to go before O.S. before a straight answer is given.	Cllr Desmond Duncalfe
	Cllr O'Brien	<b>Ward Councillors are consulted where Section 106 monies relate to off-site recreation payments. By way of an example, in Radcliffe, Ward Councillors were consulted regarding the proposed allocation of S106 monies paid in relation to the new development on School Street in Radcliffe where several projects in the Radcliffe area benefitted from the S106 allocation.</b>	

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		<p>The planning and operations teams work closely to identify opportunities for recreation and draw up a provisional list based on evidence of local needs as identified through projects and strategies such as plans for play area improvement, the green space strategy and the playing pitch strategy as well as other known information, including that highlighted by Ward Councillors.</p> <p><i>Further background for Cllr Quinn / Leader</i></p> <p>Members are only consulted where there are off-site contributions. In Radcliffe, whilst there have been approvals, provision has been made on site. There has only been one application where there has been off site contributions (circa £240k from School St). Ward members were consulted before the final details were agreed and as a result, the initial proposal was amended to reflect their suggestions.</p> <p>This includes, as I have been told, an actual on-site meeting with Neil Long and Cllr Quinn and Cllr Duncalfe on Cams Lane (where part of the proposed spend was earmarked). There were also amendments as a result of comments made by Cllr Birchmore.</p> <p>A further point is that Ward members may not believe they are being consulted due to the fact that applications either provide on-site or fact that no applications in their areas.</p>	
9	Conservative	Can the relevant Cabinet Member please give an update as to the current number of empty properties in the borough?	Cllr Iain Gartside
	Cllr Cummins	<p><b>The latest published government data from October 2024 shows that there are 2,658 vacant dwellings in Bury. This amounts to 3.1% of the Borough's total stock of housing. Of these, 1,085 (or 1.3% of the Borough's total housing stock) have been vacant for more than 6 months.</b></p> <p><b>These figures are roughly consistent with the position across England and the North West.</b></p>	
10	Labour	What additional money will Bury receive for our roads, as a result of the announcements from the Labour Government and Combined Authority?	Cllr Hayes

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		<p><b>Supplementary:</b></p> <p>Over the past decade this Labour Administration has successfully delivered an extra £30m for our roads through additional borrowing. What impact has this had?</p>	
	Cllr A Quinn	<p><b>Bury Council is to receive £5.5m in 25/26 from the DfT via the Combined Authority. This funding is mainly for Highway Maintenance but includes £500k for minor road safety measures.</b></p> <p><i><b>Supplementary</b></i></p> <p><b>The extra £30m investment in our roads has been essential to stop the condition of our network from declining.</b></p> <p><b>It has allowed us to put extra money into road markings, dealing with Ash die back in our highway trees, pothole repairs, extra resurfacing of roads and footways, and allowed us to set up a surface dressing and micro asphalt programme, which is something we haven't had for many years prior to this investment.</b></p> <p><b>Since 2017 this extra money has funded over 70,000 pothole repairs and 60km of resurfacing and preventative maintenance on our roads and footways.</b></p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for Children's Services outline what housing support we are giving to Care Leavers in our borough?</p> <p>Supplementary:</p> <p>What more can elected members do to support our children and young people, in our role as Corporate Parents?</p>	<b>Cllr Grimshaw</b>
	Cllr Smith	<p><b>There is a joint Housing Protocol between Children's Services, Adult Services and Housing Services that sets out the support we are giving to Care Leavers in our Borough and which recognises the importance of working together to ensure our care leaving young people are well supported and able to access a range of housing and accommodation options and to prevent homelessness.</b></p>	



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		<p><b>The housing needs of care leavers are tracked by a monthly Joint Housing Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Care leavers up to the age of 25 have Band 1 housing priority, care leavers can register for housing and bid on properties from 17 years and 6 months, if they secure a property before 18, Children's services will cover the rent.</b></p> <p><b>If a young person needs to move before a property is secured, their personal housing advisor will support them to complete a housing application form.</b></p> <p><b>If a young person has care and support needs under the Care Act 2014, their housing need can be met Adult Social Care.</b></p> <p><b>(Best thing we can do) However the best thing we can do is build more homes for young people, which we are currently doing, with plans to create 50 new homes over the next few years ring-fenced for young people.</b></p> <p><b>These homes will be allocated via direct let, allowing the transition to be made into independent living quickly and easily.</b></p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Radcliffe First</b>	Given the pressures the problems with the CONTRAC system have put on the MTFs, what risks exist around the delivery of deferred savings to 2025/26	<b>Cllr Mike Smith</b>
	Cllr Sean Thorpe	<p><b>As reported in the 24/25 Outturn report considered at Cabinet last week, £5.957m of the £6.345m agreed savings were delivered in the last year which represents delivery of almost 94% of the target.</b></p> <p><b>This was a significant achievement with only 3 of the 18 individual savings plans not being fully delivered in 2024/25 but all expected to be fully delivered in the current financial year.</b></p> <p><b>Governance across the council, including financial governance, has been strengthened as part of the Council's improvement plan and the Finance Board which is chaired by the S151 officer is reviewing the forecast delivery of agreed savings each month and holding responsible officers to account with the position then being discussed at the Members Assurance Group.</b></p>	

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		<p><b>The 2025/26 budget includes £8.260m of new approved savings with an additional £4m to be identified and delivered across Adult Social Care to address the recurrent additional pressures with the Adult Social Care work being supported by an external partner with specialist expertise in this area.</b></p> <p><b>Delivery of a savings programme of this scale always comes with inherent risks, particularly where the savings plans are in relation to volatile, demand-led budgets, however the robust governance in place will ensure that any issues are identified at the earliest opportunity and mitigations are identified to address any in-year financial pressures caused by any unavoidable delayed or under-delivery of agreed savings.</b></p> <p><b>The forecast position on agreed savings will form part of the quarterly financial updates to Cabinet.</b></p>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	Can the Leader or relevant Cabinet Member please provide an update as to the future of Summerseat House?	<b>Cllr Roger Brown</b>
	Cllr Eamonn O'Brien	<p><b>I can confirm that the property sold at auction on the 26<sup>th</sup> June.</b></p> <p><b>The Sale bid was £1.57m, which is more than was envisaged.</b></p> <p><b>Work is continuing on the disposal, with legal agreements due to complete on 24th July 2025.</b></p> <p><b>It is too early to say what the proposed purchaser will do with the site and buildings, but the expectation is that they will invest in the property to help and protect and enhance its listed building status. Future proposals will require planning permission in due course, which will provide more details and certainty of the sites use.</b></p>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Labour</b>	Following the announcements from the Chancellor of significant extra investment into local infrastructure projects, can the Leader set out how this will benefit Bury?	<b>Cllr Farooq</b>
	Cllr O'Brien	<b>We will work tirelessly to maximise investment in Bury from the £2.5 billion Transport for City Regions funding awarded to Greater Manchester, bringing forward major</b>	

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		<p>projects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completion of the new Interchange in Bury town centre;</li> <li>• improvements to all Metrolink stops along the Bury line to bring them up to modern standards, including Heaton Park as a priority;</li> <li>• a new Metrolink stop and Park and Ride at Elton to support delivery of 3,500 homes;</li> <li>• state of the art tram-train services connecting Bury with Heywood, Rochdale and Oldham.</li> </ul> <p>We are working with TfGM to investigate the potential to extend Metrolink to Middleton and Northern Gateway as part of the plan to ensure Bury residents can benefit from new employment opportunities.</p> <p>There will be money for highways maintenance and for improvements to support the regeneration of our town centres, to make our streets safer through Vision Zero interventions such as school streets and crossings, and for bus priority measures and service improvements to provide residents with better public transport access to opportunities both within the borough and beyond.</p>	
15	Labour	Since launching the weekly community clean up programme, can the Cabinet Member for Operations provide an update on the impact this has had and what more is to come?	Cllr Ibrahim
	Cllr Quinn	<p><b>As part of the <i>Let's Do It for Local</i> strategy, we are currently undertaking a series of 16 community clean-ups across Bury between June and September.</b></p> <p><b>These sessions have been a great success so far, with hundreds of staff members joining with community groups, local residents and council staff.</b></p> <p><b>Through our combined efforts we have cleared some 286 bags of rubbish from around the borough, clearing nearly 6 tonnes of fly tipping.</b></p> <p><b>I'm very proud of the visible efforts these sessions are making in our communities, and I look forward to continuing this programme through September.</b></p> <p><b>Background:</b></p>	

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16	Conservative	Semi-rural areas, such as Nangreaves, Hawkshaw, Summerseat and Holcombe Brook in North Manor ward, need access to reliable and affordable broadband, as digital connectivity is often crucial for the residents of these villages. Can the relevant Cabinet Member confirm how the Council is working with providers to improve access?	Cllr Khalid Hussain																								
	Cllr Eammon O’Brien	<p><b><i>Over the past decade, Bury Council has made significant efforts and financial investments to enhance digital connectivity across the borough. This progress has been driven by a combination of Government and local match funding.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>As a result of this investment, full fibre coverage in Bury has increased dramatically—from just 4% to 66%, reflecting a direct outcome of successful infrastructure funding bids.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Council actively contributes to and supports the Greater Manchester Digital Blueprint. We fully endorse the collective efforts of Greater Manchester in lobbying the Government to secure further funding for the rollout of superfast broadband.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>We recognise that there are still connectivity challenges in some of our semi-rural settlements, such as Affetside and Hawkshaw and we will continue to promote digital infrastructure and investment in these communities.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>We are continuing to work closely with broadband providers to make it as easy and cost-effective as possible</i></b></p>																									

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		<i>for them to invest in their networks, by reducing barriers and streamlining processes, we aim to accelerate the delivery of next-generation connectivity across the borough.</i>	
17	Conservative	Please can an update be provided as to events being held to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day on 15 <sup>th</sup> August?	Cllr Shahbaz Arif
	Cllr Walmsley	<p><b>To mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day there will be a civic ceremony of commemoration and remembrance which is being planned to take place on the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.</b></p> <p><b>Plans are being finalised in conjunction with the Bury Armed Forces Covenant Steering Group and engagement with Youth Cabinet</b></p> <p><b>The ceremony will include elements of wreath laying, stories from the people of Bury of August 1945, and a proclamation for peace around the world.</b></p> <p><b>There is to be a new exhibition in the Fusiliers Museum, telling the personal stories of Fusiliers, particularly those involved in the Chindits campaign, and a display of two films including one produced by Museum Development North specifically for VJ Day.</b></p> <p><b>There will be VJ themed craft activities and an object handling session as part of a broader family fun day at the Museum.</b></p> <p><b>Activity is also being developed with The Met theatre as part of and Future Arts Centre funded project on Our Freedom Then and Now on joint work with the veterans that are part of the Military Mondays network which takes place at the Two Tubs in Bury.</b></p>	
18	Conservative	Many residents have raised concerns with me about the increasing number of HMOs across the borough. Can the relevant Cabinet Member please provide an update as to the number of HMOs in the Borough of Bury, and the number of HMOs which have been present in each of the last five years?	Cllr Jack Rydeheard
	Cllr Cummins	<b>At present, licences are only required for HMOs in excess of 4 beds and our records show that in 2021 there were 78</b>	

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		<b>licenced HMOs across the Borough. This rose to 91 in 2022, 111 in 2023, 112 in 2024 and currently stands at 146.</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	Please may the Council confirm the adoption status of Hartford Drive, in Elton ward, and kindly confirm whether there is a work plan in place to properly maintain the grassed areas, tables and benches and trees in the area?	<b>Cllr Jack Rydeheard</b>
	Cllr Alan Quinn	<p><b>Hartford Drive and Garside Hey Road are both adopted highways. The green spaces alongside Hartford Drive and Garside Hey Road – which includes the picnic tables – were transferred across to the Council as part of the planning permission for the housing development.</b></p> <p><b>The verges are designed to provide sufficient space to allow for emergency vehicles to access the site.</b></p> <p><b>The land has been maintained over the years by a private management company but, given that it is part of the Council’s wider portfolio of open space, Officer’s will ensure that it is included in its programme of maintenance works going forward’.</b></p>	
<b>20</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	Two explosions were recently reported to have happened at an electricity substation in Ainsworth, in Radcliffe North and Ainsworth ward, causing power outages to residents and businesses alike. Please may the relevant Cabinet Member provide an update as to the Council’s reaction to this, and their efforts in working with organisations like Electricity North West to restore normal function to the area?	<b>Cllr Shahbaz Arif</b>
	Cllr O’Brien	<p><b>A small fire broke out after fuses inside an electricity substation caught fire. This was not treated as malicious, and the fire was extinguished quickly, with the only damage being a fence panel.</b></p> <p><b>Whilst a number of properties were affected with no power, Electricity North West (ENW) worked to reinstate the power as quickly as possible and they issued updates on their website as to when electricity was likely to be reinstated. They sought to identify and liaised with listed vulnerable residents in the affected area.</b></p> <p><b>As in this occasion, ENW will always notify Bury Council’s Emergency Response if there is a risk to the public or when</b></p>	

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		<p>the threshold for the number of affected properties or timescales for outage is reached.</p> <p>Council Officer's work with ENW regularly on a range of matters and will continue to work with them to help minimise any future risks.</p>	