

Article 7 - Joint Arrangements

This article explains how the council works with other bodies.

2.7.1. Joint arrangements generally

Joint arrangements for Council functions

The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities to exercise Council, or a mixture of Council and Cabinet functions, or to advise the Council on any matter. These arrangements may involve the appointment of a joint committee with these other local authorities, including the determination of terms of reference.

Joint arrangements for Cabinet functions

The Cabinet may establish joint arrangements with one or more Councils to exercise Cabinet functions. These arrangements may involve the appointment of joint committees, including the determination of terms of reference.

2.7.2. Joint arrangements with the NHS Clinical Commissioning group

On the 10 July 2019 the Council agreed to set up of the Strategic Commissioning Board as a joint committee of the Council to operate from 1 October 2019. The joint committee will not replace either of the existing statutory bodies (the local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group), instead it will be a Joint Committee of the two statutory organisations established under Regulation 10(2) of the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements Regulations 2000.

The Board was to be given wide ranging responsibility for all matters relating to health, social care and the Council's "health related" functions delegated to it (subject to reserved matters).

On 4 September 2019 the Cabinet agreed to delegate its Cabinet functions for health, social care and health related functions with effect from 1 October 2019. (see Part 3 Section 6 Functions).

The Strategic Commissioning Board was formally superseded by the Locality Board in April 2023 and existing delegations now rest with this Board.

2.7.3. Appointments to Joint Committees

a) Except as in (b) below, the Cabinet may appoint only members of the Cabinet to a joint committee dealing solely with cabinet functions, and those members need not reflect the political composition of the council as a whole.

b) Councillors who are not members of the Cabinet may be appointed to a joint committee in line with the rules governing political proportionality.

Access to information rules (Part 4 Section 2) will apply to Members of Joint Committees in the same way as they do to Members of the Council.

2.7.4. Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Joint Committees

Joint arrangements include the Council's participation in the following Joint Committees:

GM Combined Authority
GM Waste & Recycling Committee
GMCA Audit Committee
GM Transport Cttee (formerly TfGMC)
GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Cttee
GM Work & Skills Executive
Health & Social Care Partnership Board
Health & Social Care - Joint Commissioning Board
GMCA & AGMA Scrutiny Committees
Clean Air Charging Authorities Committee
Air Quality Administration Committee
AGMA Executive Board
Draft Joint Development Plan – Places for Everyone Committee
Statutory Functions Committee
Police and Crime Panel
Police & Crime Steering Group
GM Health Scrutiny Committee
Planning and Housing Commission
GM Pensions Fund Management Panel

2.7.5. Delegation to and from other local authorities

Full Council or the Cabinet may delegate their respective powers and functions to another Local Authority or the Cabinet of another local authority.

The decision whether or not to accept such delegation from another Local Authority will be taken by full Council or the Cabinet as appropriate.

2.7.6. Contracting out

Full Council, for functions it is responsible for, and the Leader or Cabinet Members, for Cabinet functions, may contract out to another body or organisation functions which may be carried out by an officer subject to the relevant legislative requirements.

2.7.7. Consultative committees

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

In accordance with the Education Act 1996 (as amended) the council has established a Bury SACRE to provide advice on matters concerned with the provision of religious education and collective worship as set out in the.

The council appoints the membership in accordance with the legislation, in four groups, as follows:

- Group (A)
 - One Roman Catholic representative (nominated by the Roman Catholic hierarchy);
 - One Free Church representative (nominated by Churches together in Bury);
 - One representative of other faiths as a whole;
 - One representative of the Bahá'í faith;
 - One representative of the Muslim faith;
 - One representative of the Sikh faith. One representative of the Jewish faith. One representative of the Buddhist religion.
 - Other than for the Roman Catholic and Free Church representatives the representatives should, as far as possible, be nominated by the appropriate local faith group.
- Group (B)
 - Three Church of England representatives (nominated in consultation with the Diocesan Education Authority).
- Group (C)
 - Three teachers' representatives, with one drawn from each of the primary, secondary and special education sectors (nominated through recommendation of recognised teacher associations) and one co-opted member.
- Group (D)
 - Three Bury Council members as local education authority representatives

2.7.8. Other bodies

Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership

The Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership was formed on the 29th September 2019 following the integration of the former Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the Adult Safeguarding Board. **The arrangement brings together a number of partners the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group and Greater Manchester Police** as well as other partners to work together and ensure those in need have services that help and enable them to lead a safe and happy life. The Board is chaired by an independent person.

Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership consists of:

- The BISP Strategic Partnership
- A Children's Business Group and an Adults Business Group
- Five Subgroups: 'Case Review', 'Learning and Development', 'Quality Assurance', 'Complex Safeguarding' and 'Schools, Colleges and Adult Learning'
- Working Groups, as required

Community Safety Partnership Board

In accordance with legislative requirements the Council has established a community safety partnership, chaired by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for community safety.

Other partnerships

The council may, from time to time, work in partnership with one or more organisations in order to achieve a shared objective or aim, or in accordance with statutory requirement. The Council has an agreed framework for partnerships' governance and maintains a register available for public inspection of such partnerships which are considered strategic.