

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 17 September 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, 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, L McBriar, G McGill,
C Morris, E Moss, E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn,
M Rahimov, I Rizvi, M Rubinstein, J Rydeheard, L Ryder,
L Smith, J Southworth, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe,
D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh and Y Wright

Apologies for Absence C Cummins, T Rafiq, K Simpson and M Smith

Public Attendance: 8 members of the public attended the meeting.

C. 14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
C. 15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

C. 16 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

C. 17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2025 were approved as correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C. 18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notice had been received of the following questions:

| Questioner | Topic | Responding |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Alex Abbey | Houses in Multiple Occupation | Councillor O'Brien |
| Carol Bernstein | Ainsworth Road | Councillor Quinn |

Questions without notice:

| Questioner | Topic | Responding |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| Reg Dixon | Blocked gutters | Councillor Quinn |
| Andrew Luxton | Blocked grids in Walshaw and Tottington | Councillor Quinn |

C. 19 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

a **APPOINTMENTS UPDATE**

It was moved by Councillor Gold and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and on being put, with 41 Members voting for and 6 members abstaining; that, Council, approves:

- Council notes the appointments and amendments to appointments made since the Annual Meeting of Council as set out in the Appendices.

b **2024/25 TREASURY OUTTURN REPORT**

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

- Note the:
 - Treasury Management 2024/25 Outturn Report.
 - 2024/25 Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

C. 20 **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 | Cllr A Arif | Cllr Walmsley | Armed forces covenant |
| 2 | Cllr Ryder | Cllr L Smith | Ofsted inspection |
| 3 | Cllr Harris | Cllr A Quinn | Ainsworth Road |
| 4 | Cllr Lancaster | Cllr Gold | IT outages |
| 5 | Cllr Birchmore | Cllr Tariq | Ageism |
| 6 | Cllr Farooq | Cllr Morris | MET's 50 th anniversary |
| 7 | Cllr Haroon | Cllr Fitzgerald | Bringing the housing stock in house |
| 8 | Cllr Rydeheard | Cllr Quinn | Fly tipping |
| 9 | Cllr McBriar | Cllr Tariq | Recent doctors strike |
| 10 | Cllr Berry | Cllr Thorpe | Debt situation |
| 11 | Cllr Hook | Cllr Walmsley | ASB |
| 12 | Cllr D Quinn | Cllr A Quinn | 135 bus service |

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 13 to 26 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

The Leader received verbal questions from the following Councillors present:

Cllr Birchmore, Cllr Rydeheard, Cllr Bernstein, Cllr Wright

| | Questioner | Cabinet Member | Topic |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | Cllr Birchmore | Cllr O'Brien | Data reporting and data used |
| 2 | Cllr Rydeheard | Cllr O'Brien | Responses to petitions |
| 3 | Cllr Bernstein | Cllr O'Brien | Building on the signing of the statement by the Muslim and Jewish community |
| 4 | Cllr Wright | Cllr A Quinn | Voluntary groups |
| 5 | Cllr Ibrahim | Cllr Walmsley | Knife crime and education institutions |
| 6 | Cllr S Arif | Cllr O'Brien | Parking permits |
| 7 | Cllr Hayes | Cllr A Quinn | Green flag parks |
| 8 | Cllr Lancaster | Cllr A Quinn | Westminster Avenue |
| 9 | Cllr Hussain | Cllr Walmsley | Gangs from outside Bury |
| 10 | Cllr A Arif | Cllr O'Brien | United Utilities |
| 11 | Cllr McBriar | Cllr O'Brien | Visits to twinning town |
| 12 | Cllr Gartside | Cllr Walmsley | Car theft in Tottington |
| 13 | Cllr Green | Cllr Tariq | Adult social care inspection |

C. 21 COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Council received a report on the work of the Combined Authorities. The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules:

| Questioner | Combined Authority Member | Topic |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Cllr Moss | Cllr Walmsley | Tacking shops who are breaking the law |
| Cllr Boles | Cllr A Quinn | Extension of Our Pass |
| Cllr Rydeheard | Cllr A Quinn | Clean air zone |
| Cllr Vernon | Cllr Walmsley | GMP officers |
| Cllr Hayes | Cllr A Quinn | Older persons pass |
| Cllr Lancaster | Cllr A Quinn | Speed cameras |
| Cllr McBriar | Cllr A Quinn | 135 bus service |
| Cllr Gartside | Cllr Walmsley | Police officers |
| Cllr Hussain | Cllr A Quinn | Bee network |

C. 22 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Houses of Multiple Occupancy

Council considered a motion in the names of A Arif, Bayley, Boles, Cummins, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Frith, Gold, Green, Grimshaw, Haroon, Hayes, Hook, Ibrahim, McGill, Morris, Moss, O'Brien, Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, Rafiq, Rahimov, Rizvi, Rubinstein, Ryder, L Smith, Southworth, Staples-Jones, Tariq, Thorpe and Walmsley, S Arif, Brown, Gartside, Harris, Hussain and Rydeheard

The motion was moved by Councillor Rydeheard and seconded by Councillor Tariq and on being put; with 45 members voting for; 1 member voting against and the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(ii) The Casey review and Taxi Licensing

Council considered a motion in the names of Bernstein, Lancaster, McBriar and Vernon.

Cllr S Arif left the meeting during this discussion

The motion was moved by Councillor McBriar and seconded by Councillor Bernstein and on being put; with 46 members voting for; 0 members voting against and no abstentions, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(iii) Electric bikes

Council considered a motion in the names Carol Birchmore, Cllr Donald Berry, Cllr Andrea Booth, Cllr Des Duncalfe, Cllr Glyn Marsden, Cllr Ken Simpson, Cllr Mike Smith and Cllr Mary Walsh

The motion was moved by Councillor Duncalfe and seconded by Councillor Berry and on being put; with 46 members voting for; 0 members voting against and no abstentions, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. 23 FOR INFORMATION ONLY - COUNCIL MOTION TRACKER

Attached for information only.

C. 24 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. 25 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

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

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(Notes: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.05 pm)