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1	Labour	Can an update be given on the total amount of returns Bury has received from GM Waste over the past 5 years?	Councillor Hayes																																			
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>There has been a decline in Paper and Card rejections.</p> <p>Rejections spiked during Covid, in part due to fluctuations in the market. This resulted in a lot of work being undertaken to improve the quality of the material that residents were recycling at the kerbside, including a GMCA behaviour change campaign in some of the worst-affected bin rounds in Bury.</p> <p>Work such as this, as well as the market stabilising, has thankfully seen far less rejected loads, with the total loads rejected going from 1,293 in 2020/2021 to just 5 in 2025/2026</p> <p>The total returned to Bury from reserves by GMCA for waste over the last 5 years is £9.984m</p> <p>For info</p> <p>The below table shows the Bury rejects for the last 5 full years plus April - Oct this year:</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Paper and Card</th><th>Mixed recycling</th><th>Food and Garden</th><th>Total (number of loads rejected)</th></tr><tr><td>2025/26 (Apr - Oct)</td><td>5</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25</td><td>27</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>27</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24</td><td>70</td><td>6</td><td>28</td><td>103</td></tr><tr><td>2022/23</td><td>58</td><td>1</td><td>29</td><td>87</td></tr><tr><td>2021/22</td><td>261</td><td>5</td><td>34</td><td>300</td></tr><tr><td>2020/21</td><td>1,211</td><td>10</td><td>71</td><td>1,293</td></tr></table>	Year	Paper and Card	Mixed recycling	Food and Garden	Total (number of loads rejected)	2025/26 (Apr - Oct)	5	0	0	5	2024/25	27	0	0	27	2023/24	70	6	28	103	2022/23	58	1	29	87	2021/22	261	5	34	300	2020/21	1,211	10	71	1,293	
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2	Labour	Can GMP update the Council on the suspensions of the police officers within Bury and any impact on police resources?	Councillor Ibrahim																																			
	Councillor Walmsley	Bury currently has 12 officers suspended in relation 4 separate investigations.																																				

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		<p>2 are investigations into racism relevant to 10 of the officers. All investigations are ongoing and awaiting hearings.</p> <p>Bury police are still responding to incidents on time and currently meeting Grade 1 and 2 targets.</p> <p>Due to the suspensions Bury were allocated more student officers who are currently on 15-week rotations in the district investigation team, response and neighbourhood.</p> <p>Currently Bury has 37 student officers to be allocated to independent patrol on designated shifts.</p> <p>However, the student officers are providing additional resource in the areas above assisting with service delivery.</p>	
3	Conservative	Regarding the Q1 revenue and capital budget updates made at the GMCA 26 September meeting, what allocation or investment from GMCA's budget is earmarked specifically for Bury in this financial year? Can a breakdown of capital and revenue funding allocated to Bury please be given?	Councillor Ian Gartside
	Leader	<p>This is a complex question, regarding all funding streams allocated for Bury across the financial year – the GMCA budget is not just one block and is split across a number of pots and streams.</p> <p>A breakdown of this data has been requested from GMCA – however it will take time to be assembled, a written update will follow.</p>	
4	Independent	The Fraud Protect Programme (Operation Wage) piloted in 2024 in Stockport and Trafford created a local Fraud Protection Hub which worked with local partners to raise awareness and provide education to residents about different types of fraud and cybercrime. The Deputy Mayor has provided additional funding to GMP to support an uplift of the programme to all 10 GM Boroughs over the next 12 months. Are plans in place in	Councillor Dene Vernon

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		Bury to utilise any such funding and set up a hub?	
	Councillor Walmsley	<p>Op Wage was a pilot which ran last year in Stockport and Trafford and involved locally delivered, bespoke fraud prevention work supporting key demographics and fraud threats in local district areas.</p> <p>This pilot was hugely successful and has seen a consistent reduction in victim losses from fraud and cyber-crime in these areas.</p> <p>GMCA and the Dep Mayors office have supported with some funding to roll out Op Wage across every GMP district.</p> <p>On 3rd November Op Wage went live in Rochdale and Bury. There is a dedicated fraud prevent officer based at Rochdale and covering the two districts. We are in the process of processing a number of volunteer applications to support this local delivery. Supt Phil Spurgeon is the local lead at Bury.</p> <p>By December we will be in a position to provide some data and assess the impact of the roll out in Bury.</p>	
5	Labour	What is the current position from GMPF on the possibility of changes being made to the level of contribution towards the fund?	Councillor Hook
	Councillor Thorpe	<p>The triennial valuation is progressing well and remains on track for completion by 31 March 2026. Key steps, including agreement of assumptions, data submission, and employer covenant review, are complete.</p> <p>GMPF is currently in a strong financial position, largely due to higher investment returns and rising interest rates. This has prompted questions about potential reductions in employer contribution rates.</p> <p>While reductions may be possible for some employers, GMPF is taking a cautious and fair approach. Its actuary, Hymans Robertson, is assessing the long-term sustainability of any</p>	

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		<p>changes, considering affordability, risk, and contribution stability.</p> <p>Consultation on the revised Funding Strategy Statement is underway, and employer feedback will be considered. Final rates will be issued from late November/early December, with the full valuation report due by 31 March 2026.</p> <p>In summary, GMPF is exploring possible contribution reductions, but decisions will prioritise long-term stability and fairness.</p>	
6	Conservative	Can an update be provided in relation to GMFRS response to Bonfire Night?	Councillor Khalid Hussain
	Councillor Walmsley	<p>Compared to last year there has been a small rise in incidents reported to GMFRS, up from 16 in 2024 to 21 in 2025.</p> <p>However there has been a GM wide drop of 44 incidents reported.</p> <p>There are two caveats to this data,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bonfire period was still ongoing with this data being compiled before the weekend. 2. GMFRS carry out checks on all of our incident records to ensure accuracy of reporting, this is not complete for the night of the 5th nor are all records yet complete in IRS, so these figures are likely to change. <p>A more complete breakdown will be shared in a written response in the future.</p> <p><u>For info</u></p> <p>The initial stats are as below the table shows figures for the night of 5th November 2025, compared to 2024.</p>	

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7	Independent	Was the GMFRS Bonfire night plan a success?					Councillor Luis McBriar														
	Councillor Walmsley	See above response																			
8	Conservative	How does GMCA engage with local communities (including in Bury) to ensure that the strategic work of the combined authority reflects local needs and priorities?					Councillor Roger Brown														
	Councillor Walmsley	<p>GMCA works in close partnership with all 10 Local Authorities across Greater Manchester, including Bury, to ensure that our strategic priorities align with local needs. The development of the Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) was a collaborative process, shaped through extensive engagement with Local Authorities so that GM priorities complement and support local ambitions.</p> <p>The GMS Delivery Plan – which sets out how we turn the vision into action – brings together activities from a range of strategic documents under a unified vision for Greater Manchester, ensuring coherence while respecting and reinforcing individual Local Authority plans, including those in Bury.</p>																			

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9	Independent	Following the recent bee network strikes and potential industrial action to come, what is considered when making the decision to cancel services in Bury?	Councillor Luis McBriar
	Councillor A Quinn	<p>The recent industrial action undertaken by bus drivers working for First, Metrolink and Stagecoach has now concluded following successful pay negotiations. While negotiations are the responsibility of the operators rather than Transport for Greater Manchester, TfGM and the Greater Manchester Mayor engaged with both employers and unions to encourage a fair settlement.</p> <p>In addition, TfGM's focus was to communicate the strikes as effectively as possible to customers, schools and stakeholders, and to work with operators to mitigate the impact of the strike action and provide alternative travel options where possible.</p> <p>During the strikes, TfGM kept customers informed, arranged ticket acceptance with rail operators and across the Metrolink network, and worked with affected operators to prioritise school services on strike days.</p> <p>The impact in Bury varied: services running from depots in the north west of Greater Manchester remained unaffected, while some from north east were disrupted. Notably, with the exception of the 469 Bury-Tottington service, most issues in Bury were resolved when First reached an agreement before the other operators. As a result, their services, including those serving</p>	

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		<p>Bury, were not impacted by the final round of strikes.</p> <p>To date, these strikes have had limited impact on bus and tram services and interchanges remain open. However, some facilities such as Travelshops and toilets have been closed at times.</p>	