

Party	Motion	Update for January Council
Independent NOM	<p>The UK Government's Pride in Place programme, launched on 25 September 2025, provides up to £5 billion to 339 disadvantaged communities to restore local pride, revitalise high streets, and empower residents through Neighbourhood Boards.</p> <p>Radcliffe (which covers both Parliamentary constituencies), has been awarded £20 million over 10 years under Phase 1, which is to be welcomed but other areas in the Borough of Bury for example Bury East and Besses Wards face ongoing challenges including high deprivation, declining economic opportunity and low community cohesion, as evidenced by the Index of Multiple Deprivation.</p> <p>1. The programme's Phase 2 Impact Fund offers £1.5 million quick-win grants for 95 additional places, and future phases could expand to more neighbourhoods based on local need.</p> <p>2. Bury Council's "Let's Do It!" strategy and commitment to community-led growth align perfectly with Pride in Place, but equitable coverage across the borough is essential to avoid leaving communities behind.</p> <p><b>This Council Believes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All residents of the Borough of Bury deserve access to this transformative funding to build safer, healthier, and more vibrant neighbourhoods.</li> <li>2. Lobbying through both our MP's is a key mechanism to influence government allocations, ensuring other Borough areas are prioritised for any further phases or expansions.</li> </ol> <p><b>This Council Resolves:</b></p>	<p>1. The UK Government has been distributing money for Pride of Place based on a deprivation formula. There is no application process for a Local Authority to follow, which would allow us to assess a proposal against objective criteria and set deadlines around submitting proposals. Whilst the level of resources applied to the designated area within Radcliffe would be transformational if replicated across the rest of the Borough, the reality is that the UK Government can only afford to direct these funds to the most deprived neighbourhoods in the country.</p> <p>2. There is a potential case for parts of East Bury and Whitefield to be considered by HM Government should there be a future round, and we are happy to write to the relevant MP's covering Bury North and Besses to encourage this to be looked into.</p>

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	<p>1. To write immediately to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Christian Wakeford MP and James Frith MP, urging the inclusion of additional Bury areas (for example Bury East and Besses Wards) in the Pride in Place Impact Fund or future programme phases, supported by local deprivation data and resident feedback.</p>	
<b>Radcliffe First NOM</b>	<p>Andy Burnham has recently admitted that setting targets for private developers to build or pay for affordable housing does not work. The number of council homes is falling in 8/10 boroughs in Greater Manchester. Only Salford and Trafford built more than they lost in the last year.</p> <p>Manchester City Council are collaborating with Manchester Housing Providers Partnership (MHPP) to provide much needed affordable housing – more than 700 - on surplus council land, (i.e. in their land disposals programme). They are expecting revenue savings in maintenance and insurance in addition to some proposed developments creating savings (or cost avoidance relating to temporary accommodation provision).</p> <p>Bury's Housing Needs and Demand Assessment identifies an “affordable imbalance” in areas such as Ramsbottom and Prestwich when compared to parts of Bury and Radcliffe. Some, especially younger people are having to move out of these areas to find more affordable housing.</p> <p>This Council needs to follow Manchester's lead and either build their own housing or work with social housing providers to offer genuinely affordable housing ie 50-60% of market rent, rather than the 80% market rents currently talked about as “affordable”.</p> <p>Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that a council cannot sell land for less than the best price reasonably obtainable, unless it has</p>	<p>The Council is willing to look at the viability of promoting social rent products in the Borough. We accept that there may be a loss of land receipts should the Council put its own land into a development appraisal. The Council has helped unlock significant new affordable housing product in the Borough, in particular at Green Street in Radcliffe. The challenge of constructing new social housing is more challenging, but we think because of changes made by the new Government around right to buy and a new social housing grant fund that it may be possible to create some viable social housing development.</p>

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	<p>the consent of the Secretary of State. However, The Secretary of State has issued general consents that allow councils to dispose of land for less than its market value if the purpose is to promote or improve the economic, social, or environmental well-being of the local area.</p> <p>It is recognised that where sites are disposed of for less than best consideration, the Council may receive reduced capital receipts. However, this would facilitate the provision of genuinely affordable housing and reduced expenditure in temporary housing and associated costs.</p> <p>This proposal requires complex discussion and analysis. This motion proposes the Council undertakes a thorough costed analysis in terms of both monetary costs and socio-economic advantage to determine the viability of building its own or collaborating with social housing providers using council owned land to provide genuinely affordable housing to address the current dependence on developers to provide so called “affordable” housing.</p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include a required consideration of land being used for the provision of genuinely affordable housing before making a decision on whether Council owned land can be sold on the open market</li> <li>Evaluate all sites on the accelerated land and property disposals register to determine its suitability for provision of genuinely affordable housing</li> <li>Look at the possibility of using Council owned land to address “affordable imbalance” in relation to some areas of Bury MBC</li> </ul>	
<b>Labour motion</b>	<p>This Council wishes to express its solidarity and deepest sympathy with our Jewish community following the horrific terrorist attack at Heaton Park Synagogue. In particular, our thoughts go out to the families of Adrian</p>	<p>The Council has continued to work closely through the Community Safety Partnership, in particular with partners at Greater</p>

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	<p>Daulby and Melvin Cravitz, who tragically lost their lives, and those who are still recovering from in the attack.</p> <p>This Council also wishes to thank the public and emergency services who responded on the day and in the weeks following. The response was swift and comprehensive, giving much needed reassurance to our Jewish community, as well as providing wider support to all communities affected by the attack.</p> <p>Bury is a proudly tolerant and diverse place but we must recognise that over the past few years the country has seen an alarming rise in antisemitism, Islamophobia and other hate crimes. In addition, there are increased fears that community cohesion is declining and, in some cases, being deliberately undermined.</p> <p>It is clear we need to prioritise efforts to tackle this trend and strengthen our work around inclusion, cohesion and public safety.</p> <p>This Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use our recently refreshed 'Stronger Together' community safety strategy as the guidance for our response, as part of the wider work under the Community Safety Partnership's priority "Supporting and safeguarding cohesive communities"</li> <li>• Use our Bury Faith Forum to work with faith and community leaders to agree a comprehensive action plan to engage local communities about how we promote cohesion and tackle hate</li> <li>• Collaborate across other Greater Manchester authorities around cohesion activities, recognising the reality of communities living across administrative borders, whilst reflecting specifics of Bury's neighbourhoods</li> </ul>	<p>Manchester Police, alongside Community Security Trust, Shomrim and community leads, including via the Bury Voluntary &amp; Community Faith Alliance. This has included since the last Council more targeted engagement with the Board of Deputies, Shomrim Prestwich and Chabad Prestwich, in addition to further reassurance and support following the antisemitic terror attack at Bondi Beach in Sydney at the start of Hanukkah.</p> <p>The Council has been working with the Jewel Foundation to increasingly tailor communication approaches, with initiatives including a bespoke broadcast group; synagogue key liaison contacts; and utilising access to synagogue notice boards.</p> <p>The Council has also been working with the Bury VCFA on supporting cohesion related funding opportunities for local groups, including through Standing Together funding, Common Ground activity and targeted funding through the Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>Bury Faith leaders were invited into the Peel Room to discuss the development of a</p>

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		Together We Stand Against Hate input at Parrenthorn High; Bury Adult Learning Centre; and Maccabi Centre in Prestwich Preparation is ongoing for the Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness week in early February which will be a key time of co-production of a new Hate crime strategy for Bury, a key CSP deliverable. This will be further discussed at the CSP meeting of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> January and plenary of Team Bury leadership group on 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Conservative Motion</b>	<p>This Council notes:</p> <p>This Council recognises the immense contribution and sacrifice made by our Armed Forces veterans and their families, who have selflessly served our country in the defence of our freedoms. As we mark Remembrance Sunday, we honour the fallen and reaffirm our enduring duty to support those who have served and continue to serve today.</p> <p>The Council Further Notes that:</p> <p>Many veterans continue to face challenges when transitioning to civilian life, including access to housing, employment, and mental health support.</p> <p>This Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen its partnership with local Armed Forces charities and reaffirm its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.</li> <li>2. Review how the Council can better support veterans in housing allocations, job opportunities, and wellbeing services.</li> </ol>	<p>The Council continues to seek to strengthen support to Armed Forces and Veterans communities, a demographic identified specifically within the Council's Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>Following the inaugural Bury Armed Forces Conference in September, the first of its kind in Greater Manchester, the key strands featured in that session continue to be built upon.</p> <p>The Council is exploring opportunities of the national VALOUR programme through the Office of Veterans Affairs. Working with colleagues in the Greater Manchester Combined Authority discussions are ongoing on the means to maximise the chances of some</p>

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	<p>3. Promote awareness of the support available to veterans and their families through Council communication channels, community partners, and local events around Remembrance.</p> <p>4. Explore opportunities to visibly recognise veterans' contributions within our borough for example through community projects, recognition schemes, or veteran friendly initiatives</p>	<p>form of VALOUR investment into Bury and the wider region.</p> <p>Cross-reference to VALOUR has been included within the Live Well Steering Group, to strengthen the opportunity for Live Well spaces to be 'VALOUR friendly' in approach, maximising neighbourhood based connections – and through the Covenant Steering Group will be looking to support two way connectivity of Veterans groups into these, including opportunities to utilise space in such Live Well spaces and centres.</p> <p>Specific work has been taking place around access to support on mental health, through bringing together expertise in Public Health and via Healthwatch Bury, alongside the lived experience of Armed Forces personnel and Veterans. This is seeking to take a more joined up approach to develop a menu of options, recognising different approaches work best with different individuals.</p> <p>Work is taking place with a Deputy Lieutenant who is working with the Council and local Veterans Groups to support the development of events for 2026 to ensure these are community-led and that each provides an opportunity to highlight support offers to the wider veterans community. This work will explore opportunities for lived experience to directly inform wider materials about, and for,</p>

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