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1	**Radcliffe First**	Given the recent changes to the application of the casework system, does it not digitally exclude those residents who have no access to internet/smartphones?	**Councillor M Smith**
	Councillor Thorpe	To clarify, the recent communication related to the reporting of first-time service requests, e.g. to report a pothole, as opposed to casework itself. To continue the council's drive to enable residents to interact with services in the most convenient and cost-effective way possible, where residents have the means and ability to report first time requests digitally this would always be the preferred and encouraged method of contact. The latest published data (July 2025) tells us that 91% of premises in Bury have access to a fixed broadband service. The council does fully understand that some of our residents are subject to digital exclusion and therefore do also provide the means for residents to self-serve digitally in a face-to-face environment within both the borough's libraries as well as our Resident Support Hubs at Bury and Radcliffe. Where residents may not be able to attend in person at one of these sites, our Customer Contact Centre is available for residents to make first time reports via telephone. The ability to reach a high level of cost-effective digital interaction is a key driver in maintaining the council's ability to provide alternative but more resource intensive access methods for our more vulnerable residents.	
2	**Reform**	Please may the Cabinet member confirm what processes are in place to keep market traders up to date on progress as to the repair and regeneration projects to Bury Market?	**Councillor Roith**
	Councillor McGill	The indoor market is an extremely complicated building and the Council has been working hard over recent months to secure its future. There is no easy and quick fix for the issues identified with RAAC. Bury Council's Markets manager is the appropriate officer to contact with any queries, although we would accept that we have not done detailed consultation on this matter for some time. Officers will look into opportunities to improve communication with market traders in relation to the Indoor Market.	

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		There is good communication with traders regarding the Market Canopies (now complete) and the up-coming Casewell's development. The Market's team, Regeneration team and contractor Vinci are in regular contact regarding the project and the building work has not disrupted any trade whatsoever. The Casewell's building will shortly be completed and handed over to the operator, Midland Events. There will be more detailed communication once the remaining details of their operation are finalised which will culminate in a full launch. There is regular comms via the council's channels to celebrate and update the public on construction milestones.	
3	**Conservative**	Further to the update I recently received from the casework team regarding the completion of the necessary drainage works at the temporary lights on Turton road, can the cabinet member please reassure residents that given this long-running saga, the work will be completed in a matter of weeks and not months?	**Councillor Gartside**
	Councillor L Smith	Turton Road has suffered a land slip, undermining the stability of the highway. Construction of a retaining structure in the adjacent farmland is required to repair the highway and return it into full use. Officers are liaising closely with the adjacent landowner and are actively exploring potential funding opportunities to support the necessary repair works. A significant amount of preparatory work has already been undertaken, including the completion of feasibility design work to identify the most appropriate engineering solution. In addition, early contractor engagement has been carried out to help inform the scope, delivery approach and potential costs associated with the required works. The Council remains committed to progressing this matter and continues to work with all relevant stakeholders to move the project forward. However, due to the complexity of the site, the need to secure appropriate funding, and the various technical, legal and procurement processes that must be completed before works can commence, this remains a lengthy and involved process. At this stage, whilst progress is continuing behind the scenes, I am unfortunately unable to provide a definitive timescale for the commencement or completion of the required works.	

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4	**Labour**	With Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week reiterating the need for strong action against anti-social behaviour in all its forms - Can the Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion update Council on the action being taken across the borough, and the work being undertaken with partners, to tackle anti-social behaviour and improve community safety?	**Councillor Ibrahim**
	Councillor Gold	Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week provides an important opportunity to highlight the impact that ASB has on residents and communities, as well as the significant work taking place across the borough to address it. The Council works closely with Greater Manchester Police, housing services and other registered social housing providers, schools, colleges, businesses and community partners to deliver a proactive, intelligence-led approach to preventing and responding to ASB. Key activity includes targeted operations and patrols in identified hotspot locations, ensuring resources are focused where issues are having the greatest impact. Partnership working remains central to this approach through initiatives such as the B-SAFE Project, planned for October 2026 and targeted at Year 8 pupils across most secondary schools in Bury. The project brings together Council services, Greater Manchester Police, housing providers and other agencies to tackle ASB, crime and environmental issues through education and engagement. In addition, bi-weekly town centre patrols involving Council officers, police, colleges and community partners provide reassurance, engage with young people and identify emerging issues at an early stage. During the school summer holidays, the Council will introduce bi-weekly ASB Surgeries in Bury Town Centre, providing residents, businesses and community groups with direct access to officers to discuss concerns, receive advice and support, and share local intelligence. Information gathered will help inform targeted enforcement, prevention and engagement activity. Focused activity continues in locations such as Radcliffe Town Centre and Prestwich, where joint patrols, youth engagement and targeted interventions are helping to address concerns and prevent escalation. Where necessary, the Council uses a range of enforcement tools, including Community Protection	

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		Warnings, Community Protection Notices and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. Despite having a small dedicated ASB team, excellent outcomes continue to be delivered through strong partnership working. Through Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week and ongoing year-round activity, the Council remains committed to making neighbourhoods, parks and town centres safer for everyone.	
5	**Labour**	Inclusive growth remains a key priority for both this Council and the Labour Group. Can the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth outline how the Council is delivering good, inclusive growth across the borough, ensuring that regeneration benefits residents, businesses and communities in all our towns?	**Councillor Hayes**
	Councillor Morris	Inclusive growth is central to the Council's LET'S Do It strategy and it is our mission to deliver faster economic growth than the national average, whilst reducing deprivation and inequality. Despite our size, Bury Council is delivering one of the largest regeneration programmes in Greater Manchester. One of our focus areas has been to develop our town centres with significant investment in Radcliffe, Bury and Prestwich over recent years. We are also working hard to implement a strong Local Plan to provide a clear framework for sustainable development in the future, releasing significant opportunities for employment and housing development. This includes the prominent Northern Gateway employment site, providing 1.2 million square metres of employment land and 20,000 jobs. This site was recently made a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC). The Council punches well above its weight in terms of regeneration and many of the projects will be complete this year. In Radcliffe alone, we have delivered a new library, new leisure centre, community facilities, an Enterprise Centre, a pocket park, unlocked 700+ homes and we were central to the delivery of a new high school. In Bury, the Council has delivered two new market canopies to safeguard our world-famous market and will open the new	

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		Casewell's development later in the year. All the work has been delivered without any disruption to market traders. This year we worked with local Company, Crown Oil to secure their investment in the Chamber Hall site in Bury Town Centre. This development will provide 250+ jobs and will shortly start construction. The Council jointly owns the Mill Gate Shopping Centre which is trading well, and we are developing significant plans to implement a strategic regeneration framework for the Mill Gate Estate. We are also working closely with TfGM and GMCA to ensure the new Bury interchange comes forward. This development is central to our evolving regeneration programme in the town and we'll work to capitalise on this investment to unlock homes and employment opportunities. The Council is delivering work and skills programmes to facilitate local employment. It regularly connects with local businesses and the Bury Business Leadership Group celebrated its 10 year anniversary this year. Our economic development and skills teams work closely with our physical regeneration teams to ensure social value outcomes are realised within our communities and we have received national recognition in this regard. We have also linked our housing schemes with our corporate parenting agenda to ensure young people leaving care have the opportunity to live in brand new housing developments as they come forward. Inclusive growth isn't just about regeneration however. The Council continues to implement neighbourhood based initiatives to ensure communities have access to services. It supports the voluntary and community sector and works to provide equal access in terms of health and economic opportunities.	
6	**Together for Bury**	Budget Council in February approved an amendment from Together for Bury, for £50k to be allocated to Investment in a pilot scheme to encourage resident participation of wards not directly in the scope of regeneration or town plan initiatives of the Borough. It is planned that residents be consulted on issues/improvements in identified wards. What is the status of this scheme and when consultation and allocation of funding will start	**Councillor Vernon**

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	Councillor Gold	Work has been taking place to scope proposals for a scheme to target community investment in a means that is complimentary to wider community funding opportunities (both Council derived funds and external investment). Further work is currently ongoing to refine this and the intention is for information to be shared with respective ward Councillor by the end of this month, with a view for allocations by the late summer.	
7	**Radcliffe First**	At the Cabinet meeting on 11 February 2026, Councillor Quinn dismissed what he described as the "myth" that the Green Belt is full of nature, stating that "edible farmland is dead; the soil is dead." Does Councillor Lucy Smith agree with Councillor Quinn's assessment that productive farmland and its soils are effectively "dead"? If not, will she publicly reject those comments and confirm that the fields surrounding Elton Reservoir support valuable habitats, wildlife, flora and fauna, and that these environmental assets will be fully recognised and protected in any decisions relating to development in this area? If the Cabinet does share Councillor Quinn's view, what scientific evidence has it relied upon to conclude that the farmland, soils and biodiversity around Elton Reservoir are of insufficient environmental value to warrant protection?	**Councillor Sheppard**
	Councillor L Smith	Councillor Quinn's comments were made in the context of a wider discussion about land use and development pressures. The Council recognises that farmland can make an important contribution not only to food production, but also to biodiversity, landscape character, water management and wider ecological connectivity. The environmental value of any particular area will vary depending on its characteristics and will continue to be assessed on the basis of site-specific evidence. With regard to the land surrounding Elton Reservoir, the Council acknowledges that the area contains environmental assets that includes habitats, wildlife, flora and fauna. Any	

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		proposals affecting the area would be considered against the relevant planning policies and informed by the necessary environmental assessments, ecological surveys and technical evidence. Through this process, the Council will ensure that environmental considerations are properly identified, understood and taken into account in decision-making. Decisions relating to future development proposals will continue to be evidence-led and subject to the relevant statutory and planning requirements. Where issues relating to agricultural land quality, soil resources, biodiversity, habitats or species are relevant, they will be assessed through the appropriate technical studies at the planning application stage. The Council remains committed to ensuring that environmental assets are properly recognised and considered alongside all other material planning considerations.	
8	**Reform**	Please may the Leader confirm what quality control procedures are in place for reports presented to scrutiny Committees?	**Councillor Rydeheard**
	Councillor O'Brien	Officers across the council are responsible for drafting papers for Scrutiny and other Committees. These are then reviewed by Executive Directors and/or Directors for accuracy before being submitted to Democratic Services for inclusion in agenda packs. Some papers require Legal, Finance and Procurement comments before being submitted.	
9	**Conservative**	Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the proposed Puffin crossing on Ainsworth Road near Mile Lane, including when the public consultation will begin and when residents can expect construction to start, if the scheme is approved?	**Councillor S Arif**
	Councillor L Smith	The formal notice for the proposed Puffin Crossing will be advertised on the 16th July. This formal advertisement period will last for 4 weeks. Running parallel, with this, an informal leaflet drop will also be undertaken with residents who live near the proposed Puffin crossing informing them of the proposals. Councillors will be notified of the proposals just before the scheme is formally advertised.	

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		Should there be no significant objections to the proposals, construction of the new crossing would be anticipated to commence on site in the autumn.	
10	**Labour**	Recent reports show that Bury ranks amongst the top 10 councils in the country for action against fly-tippers. Can the Cabinet Member for Operations tell us how the council aims to build on this success - further cracking down on flytipping and improving the cleanliness of our borough?	**Councillor Bayley**
	Councillor L Smith	I am pleased to confirm that Bury Council remains fully committed to tackling fly-tipping and improving the cleanliness of our borough. Recent figures placing Bury amongst the leading authorities in the country for enforcement action against fly-tippers demonstrate the proactive approach we are taking and the hard work of our officers. The Council maintains two dedicated Fly Tipping Enforcement Officers whose primary role is to investigate fly-tipping and environmental crime across the borough. These officers work closely with our CCTV Control Room, Housing Services, Environmental Services and neighbourhood teams to gather intelligence, identify offenders and, wherever possible, take appropriate enforcement action. Including Fixed Penalty Notices, cautions and prosecutions where the available evidence meets the legal tests required by the courts. We are determined to hold perpetrators to account, but it is important to recognise that enforcement action must always be undertaken within the confines of the legal framework and evidential requirements that apply to all local authorities. The Council's enforcement activity remains strong. During 2025/26, 29 environmental Fixed Penalty Notices were issued, and since April this year a further 16 notices have already been issued for fly-tipping and littering offences, demonstrating that enforcement activity continues at pace. Over the coming months our dedicated officers will also be taking part in a programme of proactive community engagement, including supporting community clean-up days, attending local events, undertaking hotspot visits and working with residents, community groups and elected members to raise awareness of the impact of environmental crime. We know that cleaner neighbourhoods are best achieved when enforcement, education and community pride work hand in hand.	

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		Alongside this, we will continue to strengthen our partnership approach across council services, make effective use of CCTV and intelligence-led investigations, publicise successful enforcement outcomes and encourage residents to report incidents and dispose of waste responsibly. Our message is clear: fly-tipping is not a victimless crime. It blights communities, costs taxpayers money and damages the local environment. Bury Council will continue to take robust action against offenders whilst working with our communities to keep the borough clean, safe and welcoming for everyone	
11	**Labour**	Recent reports show that Bury's adult services are seeing significant improvement. Killelea was rated as 'outstanding', and Adult Social Care as a whole being rated 'Good'. Can the cabinet member for Adult Care outline the improvements made, and how the council plans to sustain this excellent performance in the future	**Councillor Pilkington**
	Councillor Tariq	Tonight, yes we should take a moment to recognise something of real importance for our borough: the recent independent inspection findings across adult social care in Bury. The Care Quality Commission has rated Bury's local authority adult social care functions as **Good**, recognising a good standard overall, with particular improvements and strengths in leadership, safeguarding, partnership working, equity, co-production and learning culture. Inspectors described our senior leaders and staff as **passionate, committed and focused on improving people's support, care and outcomes**. They recognised clear governance, strong use of data, and a supportive workplace culture. That matters because adult social care is not abstract. It is about people's lives: being safe, being heard, getting the right support, staying independent, and being treated with dignity. The report recognises that people in Bury receive person-centred and strengths-based assessments from skilled and committed staff, and that our work with diverse communities, carers and partners is helping people to live better, more independent lives. We should also celebrate our regulated services. Falcon and Griffin Extra Care Scheme has been rated **Good overall**, and	

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		Good in every key question: Safe, Effective, Caring, Responsive and Well-led. Inspectors heard from people who said they felt safe, liked living there, and valued staff who were respectful, caring and compassionate. One person said, "I feel happy and safe with the carers," while relatives said staff "go out of their way." And at last but no means least Choices for Living Well at Killelea, the CQC awarded an **Outstanding overall rating**. Inspectors described Killelea's multi-disciplinary model as a "shining example" of integrated adult social care and NHS professionals working together to deliver exceptional rehabilitation and support. One professional called it "one of the best examples of intermediate care" they knew and its the only care home in the country that we can find delivering intermediate care that is rated outstanding These reports tell a powerful story: Bury is building a care system based on collaboration, compassion and ambition. We are seeing the impact of integrated neighbourhood teams, strong safeguarding arrangements, intermediate care, technology-enabled care, co-production with people with lived experience, and close working with our voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector. Of course, celebration does not mean complacency. The local authority report is clear that there are areas where we must go further: reducing waits, strengthening advocacy referrals, improving access to respite for unpaid carers, improving consistency in transitions, and continuing to develop local provision for complex needs and dementia care. We have already built these requirements into our next set of improvement plans. But tonight, we should be proud. Proud of our frontline care workers, social workers, occupational therapists, managers, commissioners, safeguarding staff, providers, NHS colleagues, voluntary sector partners, carers and people with lived experience who have shaped this work. These inspection outcomes show that Bury has strong foundations, real momentum and services that are changing lives. Our task now is to build on that success, address the areas for improvement with honesty and pace, and continue working together so that every resident can live well, safely, independently and with dignity in the place they call home.	

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		On behalf of the Council, I want to say thank you to our workforce and all those working in social care across our borough. Thank you for your professionalism, your compassion and your commitment to Bury residents.	
12	**Together for Bury**	Residents have been requesting some repairs/additional equipment for the children's play area on Dow Lane Park. Despite being promised that some repairs will be done several months ago, to date these have not been completed. A lack of funding has been cited. Are there any plans to improve the facilities and when will this be done?	**Councillor Vernon**
	Councillor L Smith	New materials required to repair the redundant play equipment within Dow Lane Play area have been ordered from the supplier and are due into stock Next week and will be installed soon thereafter. Unfortunately play equipment tends to be manufactured to order, with delivery timeframes typically counted in months, not weeks.	
13	**Radcliffe First**	The longsuffering residents of Dumers Lane have been subject to several roadworks in recent months, which are continuing. Residents have had planned repairs postponed three times now. As a result, residents have been put to continual disruption, consisting of houses being continually shaken by heavy lorries and disabled residents given approximately 14 hours to move their cars by developers who had no permit to carry out the roadworks and leaving residents, who require their cars, with nowhere else to park. Casework in respect of off-road parking has never been answered. Casework in respect of the constant danger and disruption by very large lorries, has similarly not been dealt with. As a result, a request was submitted for Highways to meet with the residents. To date, no response has been received and questions asked has not been answered. Would the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Director of Highways meet with Councillor Walsh and residents to discuss this matter?	**Councillor Walsh**

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	Councillor L Smith	I would be happy to meet to discuss this with you and relevant officers.	
14	**Reform**	Accurate information is essential if councillors are to represent residents effectively and hold the Council to account. Over recent months, there have been a number of occasions where Members have been provided with inaccurate information by Council services. In my own case, I was initially given incorrect information regarding proposed highway works before the Council later apologised and corrected its response. I am also aware of other instances where incorrect information has been provided to Members in relation to highways matters. I have also witnessed delays on a high number of reported pieces of casework, as have my Reform UK colleagues. Can the Cabinet Member outline what quality assurance processes are currently in place to ensure that information and action on casework provided to councillors is timely and accurate, and what steps are taken when incorrect information is identified to prevent similar errors occurring in the future?	**Councillor Zaman**
	Councillor Thorpe	Processes regarding dissatisfaction following the initial online reporting are currently being reviewed. This includes Cllr Casework, MP Casework and Complaints. We are looking to improve the systems used here and align them to create efficiencies in the process and clearer sharing of information. Automating these processes will support services in reducing any delayed casework. Monthly reports are taken internally to review any action any backlogs.	
15	**Conservative**	Can the Cabinet Member explain what the Council's policy is on maintaining children's parks across the borough, I have recently been contacted by residents about the condition of Dow Lane Children's Park, where the grass around the play area has become overgrown. While residents appreciate the importance of supporting biodiversity, they also want children's play areas to be safe, tidy and well	Cllr S Arif

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		maintained. Can the Cabinet Member confirm how the Council is balancing these priorities?	
	Councillor L Smith	Bury Council has a proud record of providing high quality parks for our residents, with 13 of our Parks holding Green Flag status, along with 2 of our cemeteries. The grass within the play area at Dow Lane has been cut, strimmed and weed killed on 3rd July. Only very minimal maintenance is carried out to the wider areas of surrounding Dow Lane Park as it is a designated Countryside site, with the emphasis on maintaining a natural environment.	
16	**Labour**	Like Adults, Children's Services are also seeing strong improvement. Recent news highlights that Bury's SEND provision is progressing across all six of its priority areas. There is strong confidence in leadership, better assessment capacity, more multi-agency working, "notably improved" EHCP plans, and improved confidence in supporting our children and young people with SEND. Following this positive news, how will the council continue to support the boroughs children with SEND? Ensuring that we retain and build on these achievements.	**Councillor John Southworth**
	Councillor Pilkington	The positive findings from the SEND Monitoring Inspection provided important reassurance that the actions taken by the partnership since the inspection are having a positive impact and that we are moving in the right direction. However, we recognise that there is more to do and that our focus must now be on embedding, sustaining and building on these improvements across the whole SEND system. The SEND Partnership remains fully committed to delivering the actions identified through our improvement journey and ensuring that children and young people with SEND receive the right support at the right time and achieve the best possible outcomes. Following the monitoring inspection, we are refreshing our governance arrangements and maintaining a strong focus on continuous improvement as we progress towards full inspection readiness.	

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		In addition, Bury has submitted its three-year SEND and Alternative Provision Reform Plan to the Department for Education. This forms part of the national SEND and AP Reform Programme and sets out how we will continue to strengthen inclusion, early identification, co-production, preparation for adulthood and support within mainstream schools. Many of the improvements recognised through the monitoring inspection are now reflected within this longer-term reform programme, providing a clear framework for sustaining progress, embedding successful practice and delivering improved outcomes for children and young people with SEND and their families.	
17	**Labour**	Can the Cabinet Member update Council on the current position regarding disabled parking bays, including how the Council is supporting residents who require accessible parking, the impact of the temporary suspension of new applications, and the approach being taken to ensure resources are targeted effectively while continuing to meet the needs of disabled residents?	**Councillor Green**
	Councillor Tariq	Disabled parking permit applications are currently paused as noted, however a new process is currently being developed for implementation in the Autumn period. In principal a disabled bay application form will be accessible via the Councils website; once submitted a validation process encompassing Adult Social Services / Community Commissioning and Engineers / Street Scene would determine application outcome. Once approved the Engineering Service would implement on site with appropriate lining and signing, then Parking Services would monitor future authorised permit use of the bay. The outstanding actions towards confirming new policy is understanding the standard unit cost of providing new disabled bays, including implications of cross pavement trailing cables associated with Electric Vehicle infrastructure.	
18	**Together for Bury**	Can the Cabinet member or the Leader explain how Bury Council satisfies itself that Children's Services is acting promptly and effectively in cases where there are repeated safeguarding reports over many months, yet the risks to both the child concerned and the wider community appear to continue escalating? And what assurance elected members can give	**Councillor Lancaster**

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		residents that repeated reports of escalating risk do not simply result in children remaining in harmful situations without timely intervention?	
	Councillor Pilkington	All contacts in relation to children are reviewed and considered carefully. The MASSH will for new contacts and consider previous contacts which would help us to determine with the referrer what level of need the child and family has and how their needs can be met and by whom. Children's Services operate within the continuum of need published by Bury Safeguarding Partnership; the continuum of need sets out our response framework. In terms of children currently open all new information and past information is carefully considered and the Social Worker with their manager will determine if the plan that is in place needs to be updated or whether further assessment is required. If we receive information that suggests a child(ren) are at risk of or experiencing significant harm a multi-agency strategy discussion will be convened. This strategy discussion will involve all partners sharing information and determine what response is required to safeguard and protect children. We receive a number of regular performance reports that help us to understand the level of repeat contacts and referrals, and we would review and consider any emerging trends. The Bury Safeguarding Partnership oversees the effectiveness of Multi Agency Child Protection activity.	
19	**Radcliffe First**	Recently, there appeared to have been an increase in the number of responses to caseworks that are going beyond expected the ten working days. Was this due to any particular reason and is it likely that councillors can now expect to see a reduction in the number of cases that are not responded to in the expected time frame?	**Councillor Birchmore**
	Councillor Thorpe	There has been a recent upturn in the level of incoming requests within the casework system, which in turn will mean an increased volume for services to respond to. However, services do always work hard to complete casework queries within set timescales. Service leads also receive weekly	

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		reminders of any that are overdue and are therefore urgent and high priority for completion. Work is due to begin on driving improvements for casework completion, with the intended aim of this leading to a reduction in overdue queries.	
20	**Reform**	Residents in Tottington, Elton, Bury West, Radcliffe North and Unsworth this year, and over a number of years in most cases, returned councillors who stood explicitly on the platform of protecting the borough's Green Belt, and those communities have voiced sustained opposition to the Elton Reservoir, Walshaw and Simister & Bowlee allocations through the consultations and well beyond them. Places for Everyone commits these sites to around 6,250 homes, and the council's own evidence base acknowledges that the existing transport network cannot absorb that growth without major mitigation, including a new Metrolink stop and investment in the strategic road network around the M60 and M66. Will the Leader give a firm commitment that no phase of these allocations will be occupied until the transport and highways mitigation identified in the council's Transport Locality Assessments, including strategic road network capacity agreed with National Highways and the public transport infrastructure required under Policy JPA7, is funded and physically delivered rather than merely promised at outline stage; and will he publish the specific infrastructure milestones that must be met before each phase proceeds?	**Councillor Martin**
	Councillor O'Brien	The strength of feeling expressed by residents in Tottington, Elton, Bury West, Radcliffe North and Unsworth regarding the allocations identified through the Places for Everyone plan is recognised - as well as the importance of ensuring that the necessary infrastructure is delivered to support new development. The Council's evidence base, including the Transport Locality Assessments, identifies a range of transport and highways interventions required to accommodate growth associated with these allocations. These include improvements to the local and	

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		strategic highway networks, measures to promote sustainable travel and public transport enhancements, alongside longer-term strategic infrastructure that will involve partnership working with organisations such as National Highways, Transport for Greater Manchester and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. However, the Council cannot give an unconditional commitment that no occupation will take place until every element of transport mitigation identified across the lifetime of an allocation has been fully funded and physically delivered. The delivery of large-scale developments is typically phased over many years, with infrastructure requirements secured and triggered at different stages through planning conditions, Section 106 agreements and, where appropriate, wider public-sector investment programmes. What the Council can commit to is ensuring that development proposals are assessed against the adopted development plan and all relevant planning policies, including the Places for Everyone policies relating to infrastructure provision (and the recently adopted Development Frameworks). Developers will be required to demonstrate that the impacts of development can be appropriately mitigated and that the necessary infrastructure is delivered in step with development through suitably phased implementation programmes. The timing and delivery of individual infrastructure schemes will be considered through the planning application process for each allocation and informed by detailed transport assessments, discussions with statutory consultees, including National Highways where relevant, and the requirements of the highway and transport authorities. Where specific infrastructure is required to make a development acceptable in planning terms, appropriate mechanisms will be put in place to secure its delivery at the necessary stage of development. The Council will continue to work with its partners to identify funding opportunities and delivery mechanisms for the transport infrastructure needed to support growth. As planning applications for the allocations come forward, the infrastructure requirements, delivery triggers and phasing arrangements associated with those proposals will be set out through the planning process and made available as part of the public decision-making process.	

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		Therefore, the infrastructure milestones that would apply across the strategic sites will continue to evolve and they will be shaped by updated evidence and future transport assessments.	
21	**Conservative**	What additional road safety schemes are planned across the borough, particularly near schools and busy junctions?	**Councillor Hussain**
	Councillor L Smith	A number of schemes are proposed to improve road safety near schools as part of the 2026/27 Integrated Transport Block Road Safety programme. These include the introduction of a 20mph zone with traffic-calming measures on Cecil Street, which serves both Holy Trinity Primary School and St Marie's Primary School. The existing zebra crossing on the B6213 Market Street is proposed to be upgraded to a puffin crossing, further improving safety for pupils travelling to and from Tottington High School on Laurel Street. A new interactive safety sign is also proposed for southbound traffic on the A665 Bury Old Road, near St Monica's School, and a replacement interactive safety sign will be installed on the B6215 Holcombe Road, in advance of Greenmount Primary School. Officers are also progressing two new School Streets schemes within the borough. One is proposed for East Bank Road, outside Woodhey High School in Ramsbottom, and the other for School Street in Pimhole, serving St Thomas C of E Primary School. Larger-scale projects that promote walking, wheeling and cycling are also being delivered through the Council's extensive CRSTS-funded Active Travel Programme. This programme will improve safety for all road users at key junctions across the borough, including the A56 Manchester Road/Parkhills Road junction, which is due to be upgraded to provide safer crossing facilities for both pedestrians and cyclists.	
22	**Radcliffe First**	For approximately 3 years I have been trying to deal with a particular matter on a particular street in Radcliffe. It is clear that the same requires a coordinated input by multiple agency cooperation. Therefore, in casework that requires multiagency input, why is it	**Councillor Walsh**

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		placed upon the councillor for the area, who has limited resources to try to affect such multiagency cooperation and working, which is the duties assigned to the council? Would this not be for the officers at the Council to facilitate and organise and take the vast amount of evidence in order to bring the situation to a satisfactory conclusion? Therefore, would the Cabinet Member and the Director of Operations meet with Councillor Walsh to discuss this matter and forge a way forward?	
	Councillor L Smith	The Director for Place Operations would be happy to meet and review the detail of this matter.	
23	**Reform**	Chesham Fold Community Centre has been closed for a significant period of time, with significant issues preventing its reopening. Can the Cabinet member outline what plans are in place to secure the funding required to reopen the Centre and the timescale for completion of the same?	**Councillor Davies**
	Councillor Gold	Since the community meeting on 18 March and the subsequent closure of the TRA due to a lack of engagement in the area, we have been engaging with alternative community groups and services, including the Bury Sudanese Community, to identify whether there is an organisation willing to operate from this venue on behalf of the local community. Whilst this engagement work has been ongoing, we have also undertaken a structural inspection of the building to identify any repairs required. This inspection highlighted a number of issues, including the replacement of the current flooring and external works such as repointing to both buildings. The repair programme is currently underway, with works expected to be completed by the end of August, subject to weather conditions. We also need to understand the longer-term viability of the space. Whilst the venue is located within one of the borough's most deprived communities, it also benefits from an established and well-used Family Hub, demonstrating the importance of the site as a local community asset. Historically, use of the centre has relied heavily on volunteers and their availability to deliver activities and services, which has not	

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		always provided a sustainable long-term model for community use. In addition, the current condition and accessibility of the building present challenges to ensuring it is fully inclusive and accessible for all residents. In its current configuration, the layout is not necessarily best suited to community group activities and, as such, an options appraisal would need to be undertaken to explore future uses and any adaptations that may be required to maximise its potential. The appraisal will help us identify viable options for the future use of the building, taking account of community need, accessibility requirements, sustainability, and opportunities to maximise the benefit of this important local asset. We will continue to engage with interested parties and work with partners to understand whether there is wider interest in utilising the facility. Historically, the space was well used when managed directly by the community; however, at present there has been no firm interest from community groups in taking on the management or operation of the centre. While alternative provision is currently available through the Family Hub and Topping Fold, we recognise and understand why residents would prefer to access services and community activities closer to home. This will be an important consideration as we continue discussions regarding the future use of the building.	