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1	Labour	As part of Mayor Craig's manifesto, there was a commitment to build 50,000 new social and affordable homes across the city. Can the GMCA provide an update on how this commitment is being progressed and what the potential implications and opportunities are for Bury?	Councillor D Quinn
	Councillor A Arif	We welcome Mayor Craig's ambition to build 50,000 new council, social and genuinely affordable homes by 2039 in every borough with 10,000 delivered, under construction or in the pipeline by May 2028. This is being progressed as Greater Manchester delivery partners develop their pipelines and access funding from the Labour Government's £39 billion Social and Affordable Homes Programme, of which the GMCA set a minimum threshold of 60% social rent. Separate but complementary GMCA funding is set to be deployed from the c£2 billion Good Growth Fund to further support partners with delivering council and social homes. Bury's draft Local Plan was published in June and the Council sought views on its contents for an eight-week period up to 11 September. The Local Plan sets out a long-term framework to manage future growth and development in the Borough up to 2043. The Local Plan sets out a vision for a Borough home to strong, vibrant and healthy communities with access to good quality and affordable housing that meets all needs. The Plan shows the Council's strong support for delivery of social rented homes and outlines a requirement on developers to demonstrate all opportunities for their delivery have been explored. 67 social rented units were completed in 2024-2025, with delivery expected to accelerate given the emphasis on social rent within the Local Plan.	
2	Labour	The Mayor has announced plans for a £20 million Good Growth High Street Fund to support town centre regeneration. How can towns across Bury position themselves to benefit from this investment?	Councillor Pilkington
	Councillor Morris	The Mayor's £20 million Good Growth High Street Fund is designed to support the regeneration and long-term resilience of town centres across Greater Manchester. Towns in Bury can position themselves to benefit by	

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		developing ambitious, locally supported proposals that align with community priorities and demonstrate how investment could strengthen local high streets, support economic growth and improve places for residents and businesses. Alongside the Fund, GMCA is establishing a High Streets Taskforce, which will bring together expertise and best practice to support local areas. There will be opportunities for local authorities, businesses and residents to contribute to this work and help shape future activity. We have already received a few expressions of interest from local residents in Bury for the Taskforce, alongside wider interest from organisations, demonstrating a strong appetite to play an active role in the future of local high streets. The Taskforce will be brought together shortly and will help inform the next phase of engagement and support for town centres across Greater Manchester.	
3	Together for Bury	What is the total cost to Greater Manchester Police of providing security at No.10 North and how much of this cost is ultimately borne by the council tax payers of Greater Manchester, particularly Bury residents? Whether GMP considers that the deployment of specialist officers to guard a council-owned building has any impact on the availability of those officers for frontline policing, responding to incidents and tackling crime in Bury and across Greater Manchester."	Councillor Vernon
	Councillor O'Brien	For national security reasons we are not able to disclose further information regarding this other than to state that there is positive and ongoing dialogue with the Home Office on protective security arrangements for Number 10 North including regarding costs.	
4	Radcliffe First	Please can you provide a list of all major TfGM CRSTS schemes planned to start in Bury MBC for council years 26/27 and 27/28 and how will these projects be funded?	Councillor Birchmore
	Councillor Lucy Smith	There are many major TfGM schemes planned or underway in Bury across the 2026/27 and 2027/28 council years. These include the Bury Interchange redevelopment, Metrolink improvements on the Bury line, the Bury to Rochdale Quality Bus Transit scheme, the Hollins Brow/Manchester Road junction improvements, and the Streets for All programmes in Bury, Radcliffe and Ramsbottom.	

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		Funding is being provided through a combination of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), the Transport for City Regions (TCR) settlement and, where applicable, the Active Travel Fund. Given the number of schemes involved, I do not want to take up too much time reading these out, but I would be happy to provide the Member with a full list and detailed funding breakdown if required. <u>The schemes are listed as follows:</u> Interchange Portfolio: Bury Interchange Phase 1 – Metrolink Access & Platform Improvement Works commences end of 2026 (CRSTS funding) Bury Interchange Phase 2 – Interchange Redevelopment commences early 2028 (CRSTS/TCR funding) Metrolink Portfolio: Heaton Park Stop Lift Renewal (CRSTS funding) Prestwich Stop Lighting Renewal (CRSTS funding) Heaton Park Stop Improvements (CRSTS and TCR funding) Track renewals at various locations along the Bury Line (CRSTS + TCR funding) Highways Portfolio: Radcliffe Metrolink Access Ramp (ATF4 and CRSTS funding) Fishpool & Pimhole: Parkhills Road to Heywood Street Junctions (ATF4 and CRSTS funding) Radcliffe Streets for All Phase 1: Town Centre Links (CRSTS funding) Bury Streets for All Phase 1: Town Centre Outer Links (CRSTS funding) Ramsbottom Streets for All (CRSTS funding) Bury to Rochdale Quality Bus Transit (CRSTS funding) Hollins Brow/Manchester Rd (A56) Junction Improvement (CRSTS funding)	
5	Reform	It has now been confirmed that Bury is set to receive the lowest return by some way on the Greater Manchester mayor's £60m pothole fund. Please can the Cabinet Member confirm if they see this to be proportionate with our standing as a Borough in Greater Manchester?	Councillor Rydeheard

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	Councillor L Smith	It's great news that newly elected Mayor Bev Craig as launched a new £60m pothole fund- and welcomed I'm sure by everyone in Bury. The funding allocations to each Local Authority from the mayor's pothole fund has been calculated in line with existing criteria. This criteria reflects the size of the highways network within each Local Authority area, as well the number of bridges and street lighting columns as a proportion of the overall total within Greater Manchester. This criteria is consistent with that used by central Government to determine highways maintenance funding allocations	
6	Radcliffe First	Given the investment in the Bee Network and the security installed on the Tram stops. Should TFGM not now be looking at installing similar measures at our bus stations to combat the increase in anti social behaviour that is being reported in these locations?	Councillor M Smith
	Councillor Lucy Smith	Safety on our public transport has long been an issue and its great so much has done already to address this- an opportunity through greater devolution and franchising our buses. There is a consistent security offer across both bus and Metrolink, including at bus stations and interchanges. There are currently 115 TravelSafe Support and Enforcement Officers (TSEOs) deployed across the bus network to address and deter crime and anti-social behaviour, provide customer reassurance and conduct revenue inspection on Bee Network Buses. In addition to this, CCTV on buses and in bus stations is monitored via TfGM's 24/7 Control Centre. All Bee Network bus operators are members of the Greater Manchester TravelSafe Partnership which is jointly-led by TfGM and Greater Manchester Police. This works to prevent and deter crime and anti-social behaviour, improve customer perceptions of safety and promote safe travel behaviours. TFGM have also introduced TravelSafe LiveChat allows passengers to report incidents in real time and allows	

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		communication between GMP and TfGM to expedite a response. But there is still more to do- I know this issue was raised two weeks ago with the all member meeting with the deputy mayor where she promised to look into this as the next steps- and I will make sure that it is pursued.	
7	Reform	The new Mayor has confirmed that she will be proceeding to front the building of 50,000 additional homes, and has confirmed that she “will be asking public bodies in Greater Manchester to carry out a public land review and identify sites that could be brought forward to deliver homes.” Please can the Cabinet Member reassure Members that we will not see any further greenbelt building on top of their existing Places for Everyone plan, which is set to wipe away large swathes of countryside?	Councillor Hill
	Councillor A Arif	The Mayor’s Manifesto commits to building 50,000 new council and genuinely affordable homes by 2039 in every borough with 10,000 delivered, under construction or in the pipeline by May 2028. This reflects the ambitions in the Greater Manchester Strategy published in 2025. Places for Everyone requires development plans to make the most effective use of land to limit the extent of Green Belt release. Bury’s draft Local Plan, which was published in June with the Council seeking views on its context until 11 September, sets out that the Borough’s urban land supply is largely made up of brownfield sites within the existing urban areas of Bury and Radcliffe. The Council has a successful track record in securing the regeneration of brownfield sites and the Plan’s strategy reflects the Borough’s continued commitment to this. Places for Everyone identifies several strategic housing allocations on land that was previously designated as Green Belt. These were selected against robust criteria and on the basis they are in sustainable locations in terms of being well connected to the existing urban area and infrastructure. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission are determined in accordance with development plans, such as the Bury Local Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.	