July 2026 Council Motion tracker

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Radcliffe First	This Council Notes: • Giant hogweed is a dangerous plant and is non native to the UK ecology makeup. • The plant is now growing completely out of control in several areas especially our river valleys where the movement of water carries seed further down waterways to inhabit new areas. • Hogweed is now in public areas to which the general public have easy access. • The council must make use of powers to eradicate this species whenever possible on its own land and enable powers to make the treatment and eradication on private lands more enforceable. • Provide advertising and enable the public to clearly recognise the dangers this plant holds. • The Council is aware that work is beginning to look at the regulatory issues to resolve the root cause of this issue with the Council as a partner alongside local MPs, community groups, and other organisations. This Council further recognises: • Giant hogweed carries extremely toxic chemicals that presents a danger to humans and some animal species. • Most residents are still not aware of the serious consequences of any form of contact with this plant which can include serious blistering and burn like wounds when skin is exposed to sunlight • Eradication of this plant can be achieved not only by spraying with the correct chemicals but also by root cutting and seed head removal before germination	We survey sites in our ownership where we have identified or had reports of infestations. Bury Council staff are trained to treat and remove giant hogweed. Bury Council staff coordinate treatment programmes with local environmental groups and other voluntary sector groups. We have updated our website to include a dedicated page on Hogweed: Giant Hogweed: protect yourself and help protect Bury - Bury Council We have also updated our existing webpage in invasive plants, which includes details on Hogweed and provides a means to report Hogweed on public land: Invasive plants - Bury Council Bury Council staff prioritise treatment of Giant Hogweed on publicly accessible areas of council land. Treatment and removal of Giant Hogweed is only carried out where it is safe to do so.

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	• This plant is an imported nonnative species and adds nothing to the ecology of our landscape. • The long-term effects of exposure to this plant can be life altering and disfiguring in humans. Therefore, this council resolves to continue the work it does in this area to; • Carry out regular surveys and work with community groups to survey council owned land, parks, river corridors and public rights of way to identify infestations. • Ensure that giant hogweed on council land is removed safely by trained professionals using recognised control methods. • Continue to work in partnership with neighbouring authorities, local environmental groups and private landowners to coordinate eradication efforts across boundaries, noting that this may be in a supportive role as this requires legislative change. • Launch a public awareness campaign so residents know how to identify giant hogweed, understand the health risks and know how to report sightings. • Establish an easy-to-use reporting system that enables residents to notify the council quickly when new infestations are discovered. • Prioritise the removal of Giant Hogweed on publicly accessible areas of council land and agree this in advance. Supporting Statement: The toxicity and Dangers are well recognised by councils in the UK, and the severe consequences of exposure should not be understated and must be well publicised to the general public. There has been clear and documented proof both visual in photographs and from statements and evidence of people affected. These can include blindness when contact	

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	has been made with the eyes of the unfortunate person involved. Control of Giant Hogweed is not only desirable but necessary to protect our residents.	
Labour	This Council notes: 1. Social Care is one of the biggest issues of our time and the system, in its current state, is unsustainable - for patients, their families, communities and councils. 2. The Prime Minister has committed to fixing the broken social care system by finding common ground across party lines, setting out a new approach to politics based on problem-solving rather than point scoring, and drawing a line under decades of governments leaving this issue unaddressed. 3. That we welcome the cross-party approach to fixing adult social care, and that we here in Bury have a long history of working across party lines to deliver the best for our residents. 4. Baroness Louise Casey, who chairs the Independent Commission on Adult Social Care, has launched the Big Conversation on Care, a new online platform giving the public the chance to share their views and help shape the future of adult social care in England, starting with what values and principles a care system should be built on. 5. The scale of the challenge is significant: there are an estimated 1.46 million adult social care workers and 5.8 million unpaid carers in England, mostly women, proving care worth £184bn to the economy; in June 2026 an average of 13,600 people a day were medically fit to leave hospital but unable to do so, partly due to the availability of social care; and around 3,000 instances of corridor care are occurring daily as a result of pressures on hospital capacity. 6. The number of A&E attendances by people aged 65 and over has risen from 3.3 million in 2011/12 to 5.8 million in 2024/25, growth far	The big conversation was promoted widely across the council's media channels and its network of partners The big conversation has now paused until next year. An update will be provided to all Councillors in due course.

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	outstripping the increase in the older population, and cuts to social care funding between 2010 and 2018 are estimated to have driven around half a million additional A&E attendances a year among people aged 65 and over. 7. In Bury, despite our strong performance in adult social care - where our recent inspections have revealed Outstanding care at Killelea and overall Good care across the system, we still face challenges in delivering the best possible care to our residents, following over a decade of cuts to funding from central government, combined with increases in demand, complexity and cost. 8. In Bury we have over 16,000 carers and in some areas of the borough the number of people providing unpaid care is as high as 10.5%. These carers perform an invaluable role but are faced with navigating an antiquated social care system that is not fit for purpose. Bury Council welcomes: 9. The pace and drive shown by the Independent Commission on Adult Social Care in working to bring forward its reporting timetable by a year, recognising the urgency felt by residents, carers, care workers, Unions and councils who cannot afford to wait for lasting reform. 10. The Prime Minister's willingness to reach across party lines, and the engagement of the opposition parties with this process, in the belief that a problem of this scale and longevity can only be solved through a settlement built to outlast any single Parliament. Bury Council resolves to: 11. Promote the Big Conversation on Care to residents, staff, carers, providers, Unions and local partners, and encourage the fullest possible local participation in it.	

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	12. Offer this Council's full support and participation in the Big Conversation in whatever way is most useful to the Independent Commission - whether that is through local engagement events, sharing local data and case studies, or any other means the Independent Commission considers helpful.	