



# TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Trafford Town Hall  
Talbot Road  
Stretford  
M32 0TH

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Trafford on **WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2015, at 7.00 P.M.** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD**, for the transaction of the business set out below:

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| <b>1. Minutes</b>  |              |
| To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 September 2015 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman.   | 1 - 12       |
| <b>2. Announcements</b>  |              |
| To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Members of the Executive, Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees and the Head of Paid Service.                                |              |
| <b>3. Questions By Members</b>   |              |
| This is an opportunity for Members of Council to ask the Mayor, Members of the Executive or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee a question on notice under Procedure Rule 10.2. |              |
| <b>4. Delegation to China</b>  |              |
| To receive an oral report of the Leader of the Council.  |              |
| <b>5. Composition of Political Groups</b>  |              |
| To note a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.   | 13 - 16      |

6. **Scrutiny Committee Membership - Appointment of Parent Governor Representatives as Co-Opted Members**
- To consider a joint report of the Chairman of Scrutiny Committee and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services. 17 - 22
7. **Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021**
- To consider a report of the Corporate Director Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure. 23 - 112
8. **Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Gambling Policy Statement 2016-2019**
- To consider a report of the Corporate Director Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure. 113 - 152
9. **Year End Corporate Report on Health and Safety - 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015**
- To note a report of the Executive Member for Transformation and Resources. 153 - 168
10. **Motions**
- To consider the following motions submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:
- (a) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Education**
- This Council welcomes the Conservative Government's recent decision to allow a new Grammar School site in Sevenoaks in Kent, reflecting the desire of local parents for increased provision.
- Thanks to our school system and the efforts of pupils, teachers, parents and governors, Trafford not only produces some of the best education results in the country but also provides increased social mobility within our communities. Our selective system provides all children in the Borough with the best possible start in life and the ability to achieve their potential.
- In light of the Government's decision, this Council:
- i. reaffirms its support for Trafford's selective education system and for our Grammar and High schools, which provide a world class education for all Trafford children, irrespective of their background or parental wealth; and
  - ii. condemns the recent comments of the Shadow Secretary of State for Education, Lucy Powell MP, opposing selection and stating that "the Government will be actively encouraging inequality in our education system".

**(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Voter Registration and Transition to Individual Electoral Registration**

Council welcomes:

- The Electoral Commission's warning that there is "a risk that a considerable number of eligible voters could be removed from the registers before the significant set of polls scheduled for May 2016 if the transition to IER is brought forward."
- The Electoral Commission's recommendation that the end of these transitional arrangements before IER is fully implemented "should remain December 2016 as stated in law and should not be brought forward to December 2015".

Council resolves:

To take every possible step to ensure that as many local residents as possible are registered to vote including, but not limited to, the following:

- Fully analysing the last annual household canvass and comparing the results on a ward by ward basis to the previous year's canvass.
- Maintaining a database of electors who have confirmed their electoral registration details via the "No Change" method and using this database to ensure people who have been previously registered but haven't been re-registered are contacted.
- Using all available council-held databases to ensure that as many electors as possible are data-matched for electoral registration purposes.
- Using all available methods of communication to explain the transition to IER to local residents.
- Prompting local residents with electoral registration reminders at other points of contact with the council, such as when residents apply for Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and other council services.
- Liaising with local private sector landlords to ensure electoral registration information is included in tenancy packs and other communications they have with their tenants.
- Having council officers attend citizenship ceremonies and local schools and colleges to encourage newly eligible electors to register to vote at the earliest opportunity.

**(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Trade Union Bill**

That this Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. This Council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.

This Council notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the Government and which would affect this Council's relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. This Council rejects this Bill's attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.

This Council is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by Government in London.

This Council is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy to administer system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and should not be interfered with by the UK Government.

This Council resolves to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.

This Council further resolves to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and will take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off.

**(d) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Fair Deal for Devo Campaign**

This Council notes the campaign 'Fair Deal for Devo' launched by a partnership of local newspaper organisations.

Council supports the Fair Deal for Devo campaign in calling for the funding necessary to be certain of making devolution a success in Greater Manchester.

In particular, Council notes and endorses the call from the Fair Deal for Devo campaign for fair police and local authority funding, and the resources necessary to manage health and social care at a local level.

**(e) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Business Rates**

The Council welcomes the announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the Conservative party conference that business rates will be retained locally, and is committed to working with the Local Government Association, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Department for Communities and Local Government to represent its interests as the scheme detail is devised.

In particular, this announcement:

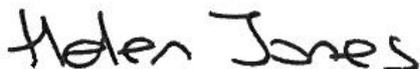
- will remove reliance on the government revenue support grant
- will allow local authorities to retain upside of growth in business rates
- provides local authorities with incentives to attract new business and seek inward investment
- will benefit local authorities like Trafford that support local employers and job creation
- removes uncertainty in the annual settlement process for local government

Trafford is the most competitive place for business in the North West with unrivalled assets such as great transport infrastructure and good superfast broadband coverage, a highly skilled population, a dedicated inward investment team and excellent education attainment.

Under the Conservative administration, Trafford has fostered an environment that is business friendly, helping to enhance local communities across the Borough.

The Council reaffirms its commitment to be a pro-growth, open for business authority with the political resolve to support the view that the Borough is 'First for Business'.

Yours sincerely,



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**THERESA GRANT**  
Chief Executive

## Council - Wednesday, 11 November 2015

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### Membership of the Council

Councillors J. Holden (Mayor), J. Lloyd (Deputy Mayor), D. Acton, S. Adshead, S.B. Anstee, S.K. Anstee, Dr. K. Barclay, J. Baugh, J. Bennett, Miss L. Blackburn, R. Bowker, C. Boyes, Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, Mrs. J.E. Brophy, B. Brotherton, D. Bunting, D. Butt, C. Candish, K. Carter, M. Cawdrey, R. Chilton, M. Cordingley, M. Cornes, J. Coupe, L. Dagnall, Mrs. P. Dixon, A. Duffield, Mrs. L. Evans, N. Evans, T. Fishwick, M. Freeman, P. Gratrix, J. Harding, D. Hopps, M. Hyman, C. Hynes, D. Jarman, P. Lally, J. Lamb, E. Malik, A. Mitchell, P. Myers, D. O'Sullivan, I. Platt, K. Procter, J.R. Reilly, Mrs J. Reilly, B. Rigby, T. Ross, M. Sephton, B. Sharp, B. Shaw, J. Smith, E.W. Stennett, S. Taylor, L. Walsh, Mrs. V. Ward, A. Western, D. Western, M. Whetton, A. Williams, M. Young and Mrs. P. Young

### Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 3 November 2015** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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