



# TRAFFORD COUNCIL

5 November 2013

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, 13 NOVEMBER 2013, at 7.00 PM** 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 correct records the Minutes of the following meetings for signature by the Mayor as Chairman:  |              |
| (a) Meeting of the Council held on 18 September 2013; and  | 1 - 10       |
| (b) Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 14 October 2013.  | 11 - 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. Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>  |              |
| To consider a report referred from the Executive on 23 September 2013 and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 1 October 2013.  | 13 - 96      |

**5. Year End Corporate Report on Health and Safety - 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013**

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Transformation and Resources as recommended to Council by the Executive at its meeting held on 23 September 2013.

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**6. Motions**

To consider the following motions submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:

**(a) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Spending Review**

This Council:

Fully supports the open letter signed by 151 Council Leaders (43%) from all political parties to the Chancellor of the Exchequer expressing concerns that further cuts to local government in the next spending review would have a devastating impact on services.

Notes that this letter was written before other Government announcements that the cut in Council core budgets would be £1 billion higher than assumed in the Spending Review for 2015/16, bringing the overall cut in Local Government core funding around £5.5 billion in the next two years, which is a cash cut of 21% and a real term cut of 25%.

Agrees with the letter that local government bore the brunt of cuts in previous spending reviews and for the sake of the public services understands that this cannot continue. For many Councils, new funding cuts in 2015/16 will lead to a significant reduction in, and in some cases even loss of, important local services while noting that in comparison Whitehall departments will have faced average reductions of just 12%. The resilience of Local Government cannot be stretched much further.

Urges the Government to listen to the Local Government Association letter and also to reconsider the distribution of cuts which has resulted in heavy cuts to many Local Authorities whilst some Councils in the wealthiest parts of the Country receive almost no cuts at all.

And will therefore, add its name to this letter as a late signatory to show the people of Trafford that the Council can tolerate no further cuts to funding and demands that local government finance must be put on a more sustainable footing.

**(b) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Urmston Post Office**

This Council notes the plan to close and franchise the existing Crown Post Office in Urmston. This will mean:-

- The downgrading of vital services to the community.
- The loss of dedicated highly skilled, knowledgeable workers.
- A detrimental impact on local businesses.

These plans run contrary to the wishes of local people and will be seriously detrimental for the community and especially elderly residents. Along with the privatisation of the postal service, this will have a negative effect upon the current excellent provision provided to the Urmston population.

Therefore this Council calls on the Government to listen to people of Urmston and the surrounding area and reverse plans to close and franchise the current Urmston Post office.

**(c) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Robin Hood Tax**

This Council notes with dismay the Government agreed Austerity Measures which will result in the Council cutting its budget by around £140 million between the years 2010/2015. Already the cuts have resulted in devastating many services in Trafford which has led to the closure of Children Centres, Day Care Centre , Elderly People Homes, Mobile Library, and massive cuts to Libraries, Youth and Children services, Care for the Elderly and People with Disabilities, Road repairs, street cleaning and much more.

The blame for the global financial crash and economic crisis lies largely at the door of the banks, therefore they must be part of the solution.

The Council calls on the Government to:-

Follow the lead of the 11 European Nations including Germany, France, Italy and Spain who are moving ahead with a " Financial Transaction Tax" on shares, bonds, foreign currency and derivatives. This is estimated to raise in the region of £20 billion a year for Britain; and

For the revenue to be used to help pay off the National debt and to help Councils to provide improved services, particularly for Elderly People and People with Disabilities, Children and Young People, Libraries, the maintenance of our roads and to create jobs and prosperity for our Towns and Communities.

**(d) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Legal Aid**

The Council is concerned that since 2010 Trafford Legal Aid (TLA is a not for profit legal advice service based in Trafford) has had its budget cut by the Government from £200,000 to £50,000.

The £200,000 funding enabled TLA to provide free legal advice and representation services in Trafford and surrounding areas in Housing and Homelessness, Immigration, Asylum and Employment.

However, since April 2013 the following is not funded and out of scope, Employment, Discrimination, Housing and all Immigration except where it relates to detention, violence and trafficking.

There is an increased need for legal advice and representation, particularly because of the Welfare Reforms taking place this year. No other organisation in Trafford provides legal advice and representation to residents of Trafford on the matters that are now out of scope.

Clearly there is a real need in Trafford for the TLC services to be able to advise and represent some of the most vulnerable people.

In light of the above we call on the Council Executive to consider carefully the "Spot Purchasing" proposals submitted by TLC to Trafford Council, with a view to consulting TLC and bringing a report back to Council which outlines a way forward to provide vulnerable Trafford residents with advice services which have recently been taken out of scope.

**(e) Motion submitted by the Conservative Group - An Improving Economy in Greater Manchester**

The Council welcomes the overall positive news contained within the October 2013 Manchester Monitor Quarterly Report published by New Economy Manchester, in particular that unemployment and crime is falling and levels of business activity increasing.

The Council notes:

1. The number of Job Seekers Allowance claimants fell by 9.9% on the same period last year.
2. That airport passengers increased by 4.3% since May 2012.
3. That 47% of Greater Manchester firms reported higher levels of activity in Quarter 2 2013 when compared to Quarter 1.
4. That overall crime fell by 8.8% since August 2012.

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Therefore, the Council considers that the report evidences that the policy pursued by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Conservative led Coalition Government to deal with the deficit and control public spending is working, and that as the national economy continues to recover from Labour's appalling financial mismanagement, Greater Manchester too is able to feel the benefit.

(f) **Motion submitted by the Conservative Group - Annual Audit Letter 2012/13**

The Council welcomes the content of the Annual Audit Letter 2012/13.

In particular, the Council is pleased to receive a Value for Money sign off from Grant Thornton that indicates that proper arrangements were in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2013.

Further, the Council is pleased with the comments received from the Auditor that it has strong aspects of financial resilience, and applies a disciplined and structured approach to identifying savings. In providing the letter, the Auditor praised the Council's approach to transformation identifying that it grasped the nettle about the need for transformation before many others, recognising that traditional efficiency measures on their own would not be enough.

Consequently, the Council wishes to place on record its gratitude to all members of staff who contribute to the successful financial management of the Council.

(g) **Motion submitted by the Conservative Group - Domestic Abuse**

Council notes that domestic abuse affects every community in Trafford: rich or poor, white or black, old or young, gay or straight.

Over the past 12 months, Greater Manchester Police dealt with 3,097 cases of domestic abuse in Trafford.

This represents the tip of the iceberg. It is estimated that one in four women will experience domestic abuse at some point in their life. It doesn't just affect women – 13% of the victims who report domestic abuse to police in Trafford are men. Domestic violence isn't just physical – many people suffer serious emotional turmoil at the hands of abusive partners.

Council notes that help and advice is available to victims of domestic abuse – and those who fear their friends or loved ones may be victims – at the [www.endthefear.co.uk](http://www.endthefear.co.uk) website.

This Council resolves:

- to make a stand against domestic abuse.

- to work with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Greater Manchester Police, the NHS, housing associations, other agencies and – most importantly of all – local communities across Trafford to make clear that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable.
- to do all we can to encourage people to report domestic abuse to the police.
- to instruct the chief executive to report back by April 2014 on progress made by this local authority and partner agencies to improve and enhance services provided to victims of domestic abuse.

The Council agrees to sign up to the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner's promise to "say no to domestic abuse" at [www.gmpcc.org.uk/endthefear](http://www.gmpcc.org.uk/endthefear) and encourage as many Trafford residents as possible to do the same.

Yours sincerely,



**THERESA GRANT**  
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 5 November 2013** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH