

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

22 FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs. Judith Ann Lloyd), in the Chair.

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

In attendance

Chief Executive	Ms. T. Grant
Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure	Mrs. H. Jones
Corporate Director Transformation and Resources	Ms. J. Hyde
Interim Corporate Director Children, Families and Wellbeing	Ms. J. Colbert
Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Ms. J. Le Fevre
Interim Director of Human Resources	Ms. D. Lucas
Chief Finance Officer	Ms. N. Bishop
Head of Financial Management	Mr. G. Bentley
Head of Governance	Mr. P. Forrester
Public Relations Manager	Mrs. K. Dooley
Interim Senior Solicitor	Ms. D. Adcock
Special Assistant to the Chief Executive	Mrs. D. Geary
Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer	Mr. I. Cockill

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Bennett, K. Carter, L. Dagnall, P. Gratrix, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, Mrs. J. Reilly, M. Sephton and Mrs. V. Ward.

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61. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 January 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that she had recently held two receptions for local Faith Leaders and for the recent recipients of Her Majesty the Queen's Honours, as recognition for their community work and achievements.

63. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The Mayor reported that no questions had been received under Procedure Rule 10.2.

64. PROCUREMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report recommending a process for the appointment of the external auditor, to commence for an agreed period from the audit year 2018/19. The report detailed the options available and provided the recommendation from the Accounts and Audit Committee held on 7 February 2017, in terms of the proposed way forward.

RESOLVED: That, further to the recommendation made by the Accounts and Audit Committee, the Council approves the option of opting in to the national arrangement for appointing the External Auditor, managed by Public Sector Appointments Limited.

**65. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AT COMBINED AUTHORITY
MAYORAL ELECTIONS**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report requesting the appointment of an officer of the Council to be the Local Returning Officer for the election of a Combined Authority Mayor, as required by the Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Chief Executive be appointed as the Returning Officer for the Trafford Council area at Combined Authority Mayoral elections.

66. BUDGET 2017/18

(Note: PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS - In respect of the main item of business on the agenda, the Mayor announced that the Leader of the Council (or his nominee) would have a maximum of 15 minutes to make the initial speech and a further maximum of 15 minutes to summarise the debate. The Leaders of the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups (or their respective nominees) would each have a maximum of 15 minutes to make their initial speeches and a further maximum of 5 minutes to summarise on behalf of their respective Groups. The Mayor also outlined the approach for dealing with amendments. Members were

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instructed that, should an amendment be made to the main motion, the mover of that amendment would have a maximum of 5 minutes to make their speech. The Mayor further confirmed that, the time for all other speeches would be restricted to a maximum of 3 minutes.)

The Executive Member for Finance presented a number of reports setting out the proposed budget for the forthcoming year, together with the recommendations from the Executive meeting held earlier that evening.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive's recommendations for the budget, circulated to Members at the meeting, be approved.

Councillors Ross and Bowker responded to the Motion on behalf of the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups respectively, after which the budget proposals were then debated by the Council.

In accordance with procedures agreed at the outset of the debate, the Political Group Leaders summarised the essential views of their respective group and responded to some of the issues that had arisen from the debate.

The Motion was then put to a recorded vote, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014. The result was as follows:

Those in favour of the Motion: Councillors S.A. Anstee, S.K. Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Boyes, Mrs. Bruer-Morris, Bunting, Butt, Cawdrey, Chilton, Cornes, Coupe, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Evans, N. Evans, Holden, Hopps, Hyman, Lally, Lamb, Mitchell, Myers, J.R. Reilly, Rigby, Sharp, Shaw, Smith, Whetton, Williams, M. Young and Mrs. Young.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Acton, Adshead, Baugh, Bowker, Mrs. Brophy, Brotherton, Cordingley, Duffield, Fishwick, Freeman, Harding, Hynes, Jarman, Malik, O'Sullivan, Procter, Ross, Stennett, Taylor, Walsh, A. Western, D. Western and Wright.

With the result of the vote being 31 in favour and 23 against, with the Mayor not voting, the Motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

- (A) That the Council approves:
- (1) The net Revenue Budget for 2017/18 at £160.83 million.
 - (2) The 2018/19 to 2019/20 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) including the income and savings proposals.
 - (3) The calculation of the Council Tax Requirement as detailed in Section 9.1 of the budget report and summarised in the Appendix A of the Executive's recommendations circulated at the meeting.

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- (4) The formal Council Tax Resolution, as required under statute and set out in (D) below.
 - (5) A Council Tax increased by 4.99%:
 - 1.99% general increase in the 'relevant basic amount' in each of the three years 2017/18 to 2019/20, and
 - 3.0% for the 'Adult Social Care' precept in each of the two years 2017/18 and 2018/19.
 - (6) The Fees and Charges for 2017/18, as set out in the booklet available on the Council's web site.
 - (7) The delegation of authority to each Corporate Director, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to amend fees and charges during 2017/18 in the event of any change in the rate of VAT, as appropriate.
 - (8) The minimum level of General Reserve for 2017/18 being retained at £6.0 million, the same as in 2016/17, Section 7.2 of the budget report.
 - (9) The overall Capital Investment Programme level of £109.16 million (as detailed in the Capital Investment Programme and Prudential Indicators report) of which £65.73 million relates to 2017/18.
 - (10) The Prudential Borrowing Indicators, as set out in Appendix 3, of both the Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators reports.
 - (11) The distribution of Dedicated Schools Grant, as recommended by the School Funding Forum and Executive, as summarised in Section 8 and detailed in Annex H of the budget report.
 - (12) The publication of the Council's updated Efficiency Plan in Annex I of the budget report.
 - (13) Due to the late publication of the Final 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement, the delegation of authority to the Chief Finance Officer to vary the level of Budget Support Reserve needed to balance the 2017/18 revenue budget in the event of any change at final settlement (as long as this does not impact on the level of general risk reserve retained).
- (B) That, in approving the above, it is noted that the Council has taken into consideration:
- (1) The objective assessment by the Chief Finance Officer of the robustness of budget estimates and adequacy of the financial reserves (Section 7.3 and Annex G of the budget report).

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- (2) The Executive's response to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations to the budget proposals, submitted to the Executive meeting held on 22 February 2017.
 - (3) The 'Budget 2017/18 – Consultation Process and Feedback' report, submitted to the Executive meeting held on 22 February 2017.
 - (4) The Equality Impact Assessments in relation to the budget proposals and the Public Sector Equality duty.
- (C) That in addition, the Council notes the following:
- (1) The approval on 18 January 2017 under delegated powers by the Chief Finance Officer of the Council Tax Base for 2017/18 at 74,883 Band D equivalents.
 - (2) The calculation of the estimated Council Tax surplus, sufficient to release £(1.3) million to support the Council's 2017/2018 revenue budget and a distribution of £(181) thousand and £(68) thousand representing the respective shares of the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority.
 - (3) The base budget assumptions set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy, as detailed in Annex A of the budget report.
 - (4) The budget gap for the two years 2018/19 £13.19 million and 2019/20 of £6.05 million.
 - (5) That the Capital Investment Programme for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 is to be set at an indicative £65.73 million, £25.51 million and £17.92 million respectively.
 - (6) The use of capital receipts to fund a number of transformational savings and income generating projects, as detailed in Annex I of the budget report.
 - (7) That the Council Tax figures included in the report for the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue and Police Authorities are the recommended provisional amounts pending their formal approval.
 - (8) The Treasury Management Strategy 2017-20.
 - (9) That the final decision with regard to school crossing patrols will not be taken until the results of the second phase of consultation are concluded and a report to the Executive will then be presented at the appropriate time.
 - (10) That a 'Budget 2017/18 - Consultation Process and Feedback' report on the outcomes of the public consultation was included on the agenda for the Executive budget meeting held on 22 February 2017.

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(D) That, as referred to in A4 above, the Council calculates the formal Council Tax Resolution as follows:

1. It be noted that on 18 January 2017 the Council calculated:
 - (a) the Council Tax Base 2017/18 for the whole Council area as 74,883 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and;
 - (i) 1,517 for dwellings in the Parish of **Partington**;
 - (ii) 228 for dwellings in the Parish of **Dunham Massey**;
 - (iii) 162 for dwellings in the Parish of **Warburton**,

to which Parish Precepts relate.

2. That the Council approves the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) as £88,630,021.

3. That the Council agrees the calculation of the Aggregate Amounts for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £436,707,466 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) £347,993,472 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £88,713,994 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
 - (d) £1,184.70 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £83,973 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, as detailed below:

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PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPTS

Parish/Town Council	2016/17			2017/18			Council Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Partington	1,555	66,088	42.50	1,517	64,473	42.50	0.0%
Dunham Massey	n/a	n/a		228	11,400	50.00	n/a
Warburton	n/a	n/a		162	8,100	50.00	n/a
TOTAL / AVERAGE	1,555	66,088	42.50	1,907	83,973	44.03	n/a

(f) £1,183.58 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

(g) £1,226.08 **(i) Parish of Partington**
being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

£1,233.58 **(ii) Parish of Dunham Massey**
being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

£1,233.58 **(iii) Parish of Warburton**
being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

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4. That the Council Tax set by Trafford Council includes a 3.0% increase to be spent exclusively on supporting the delivery of adult social care services.
5. That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Bands

Council Tax Schedule 2017/18	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Trafford Council (including Adult Social Care Precept)	789.05	920.56	1,052.07	1,183.58	1,446.60	1,709.62	1,972.63	2,367.16
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for GM	108.20	126.23	144.27	162.30	198.37	234.43	270.50	324.60
GM Fire & Rescue Authority	39.96	46.62	53.28	59.95	73.27	86.59	99.91	119.90
Sub total	937.21	1,093.41	1,249.62	1,405.83	1,718.24	2,030.64	2,343.04	2,811.66

Partington	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Parish only	28.33	33.06	37.78	42.50	51.94	61.39	70.83	85.00
Parish & District only	817.38	953.62	1,089.85	1,226.08	1,498.54	1,771.01	2,043.46	2,452.16
Aggregate of Council Tax requirements (incl. Police & Fire)	965.54	1,126.47	1,287.40	1,448.33	1,770.18	2,092.03	2,413.87	2,896.66

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Dunham Massey	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish only	33.33	38.89	44.44	50.00	61.11	72.22	83.33	100.00
Parish & District only	822.38	959.45	1,096.51	1,233.58	1,507.71	1,781.84	2,055.96	2,467.16
Aggregate of Council Tax requirements (incl. Police & Fire)	970.54	1,132.30	1,294.06	1,455.83	1,779.35	2,102.86	2,426.37	2,911.66

Warburton	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish only	33.33	38.89	44.44	50.00	61.11	72.22	83.33	100.00
Parish & District only	822.38	959.45	1,096.51	1,233.58	1,507.71	1,781.84	2,055.96	2,467.16
Aggregate of Council Tax requirements (incl. Police & Fire)	970.54	1,132.30	1,294.06	1,455.83	1,779.35	2,102.86	2,426.37	2,911.66

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 9.02 p.m.

67. INFORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

(Note: At the conclusion of the formal meeting of the Council, an informal meeting was held to extend an invitation to:

Councillor Jonathan Coupe to be the Mayor of the Borough of Trafford for 2017/18;

and

Councillor Tom Ross to be the Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Trafford for 2017/18.

The informal meeting concluded at 9.09 p.m.)