

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

18 FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Ejaz Malik), in the Chair.

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

In attendance

Chief Executive	Ms. T. Grant
Corporate Director Children, Families and Wellbeing	Mrs. D. Brownlee
Corporate Director Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure	Mrs. H. Jones
Acting Corporate Director Transformation and Resources	Ms. J. Hyde
Director of Finance	Mr. I. Duncan
Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Ms. J. Le Fevre
Acting Director of Human Resources	Ms. L. Hooley
Head of Human Resources Business Partnering	Ms. D. Lucas
Head of Legal (Community)	Mr. H. Khan
Interim Head of Financial Management	Mr. G. Bentley
Democratic and Performance Services Manager	Mr. P. Forrester
Marketing and Communications Team Leader	Mrs. K. Dooley
Democratic Services Officer	Mr. I. Cockill

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I. Platt, J.R. Reilly and Mrs. P. Young.

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70. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21 January 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

72. REVISED CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM (CMT) AND SENIOR MANAGER ARRANGEMENTS

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking to review Corporate and Senior Management Team arrangements following the resignation of the Corporate Director Transformation and Resources. The proposals had been considered and recommended to the Council by the Employment Committee at its meeting on 11 February 2015.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the content of the report in the context of the revised Corporate and Senior Management arrangements and the arrangements for salaries, as outlined in the Pay Policy, be approved and the proposals set out in Section 3 of the report be endorsed.
- (2) That, noting the disestablishment of the post under the proposals, the Council places on record it's thanks to Ian Duncan, Director of Finance for all his hard work on behalf of the Council over many years.

73. BUDGET 2015/16

(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 finish 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 wind up on behalf of their respective Groups. The Mayor also outlined the approach for dealing with amendments, should any be made to the main motion, and indicated that the mover of an amendment would have 5 minutes, whilst the time for all other speeches would be restricted to 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, subject to the revisions to page 26 of the 2015/16 Schedule of Fees, Charges and Allowances, also

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circulated, in respect of the fees for renewal of a Hackney Vehicle Licence and Hackney Carriage Driver.

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.

(Note: Councillor Mrs. Brophy declared a personal interest in the item, insofar as it relates to the Adult Social Care proposals, since a member of her family accesses the services.)

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 Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Bowker, Boyes, Mrs. Bruer-Morris, Bunting, Butt, Candish, Chilton, Mrs. Cooke, Cornes, Coupe, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Evans, N. Evans, Fishwick, Higgins, Holden, Hyman, Lally, Lamb, Mitchell, Myers, Mrs. Reilly, Rigby, Sephton, Sharp, Shaw, Mrs. Ward, Whetton, Williams and M. Young.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Acton, Adshead, Baugh, Bennett, Boyle, Brotherton, Carter, Cordingley, Dagnall, Duffield, Freeman, Gratrix, Harding, Hynes, Jarman, Lloyd, Malik, O'Sullivan, Procter, Ross, Smith, Stennett, Taylor, Walsh, A. Western and D. Western.

Those abstaining from voting: Councillor Mrs. Brophy.

With the result of the vote being 33 in favour and 26 against, with 1 abstention, the Motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

(A) That the Council approves:

- (1) The net Revenue Budget for 2015/16 at £148.914 million, a decrease of £(5.638) million, or (3.6)%, when compared to the 2014/15 base budget of £154.552 million.
- (2) The calculation of the Council Tax Requirement as detailed in Section 10 of the budget report and summarised in the Appendix A of the Executive's recommendations circulated at the meeting.
- (3) The formal Council Tax Resolution, as required under statute and set out in (D) below.

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- (4) That there is no increase in the proposed Council Tax level for Trafford related services in 2015/16 (valuation bands are detailed at Annex E of the budget report);
- (5) The Fees and Charges for 2015/16, as set out in the booklet available on the Council's web site, including specifically:
- delegation to the Corporate Director, Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure jointly with the Director of Finance of authority to amend fees and charges in line with commercial negotiations with the Joint Venture Partner(s) (if approved);
 - delegation to Corporate Directors jointly with the Director of Finance of authority to amend fees and charges during 2015/16 in the event of any change in the rate of VAT, as appropriate

subject to the following amendment to Page 26, 1. Taxis – Private Hire & Hackney:

	VAT (V) /Code	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	% change
<u>Taxi Licences – Vehicles & Drivers</u>				
Hackney Vehicle Licence (Renewal)*	D/D	236.00	297.40	26.0%
Renewal (Hackney Carriage Driver)*	D/D	81.00	101.55	25.4%
* Includes charge to cover the cost of unmet demand survey				

- (6) That the minimum level of General Reserve for 2015/16 be set at £6 million, the same as in 2014/15, Section 5 of the budget report.
- (7) The overall Capital Investment Programme level of £79.7 million be approved (as detailed in the Capital Investment Programme 2015/18 report) of which £41.8 million relates to 2015/16.
- (8) The Prudential Borrowing Indicators as set out in Appendix 3, page 14, of the Treasury Management Strategy.
- (B) That, in approving the above, it is noted that the Council has taken into consideration:
- (1) The objective assessment by the Director of Finance of the robustness of budget estimates and adequacy of the General Reserve (Section 5 and Annex M).
 - (2) The Executive's response to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations to the budget proposals.
 - (3) The detailed report on the outcomes of the Staff and Trade Union Consultation which were submitted to the Executive on 26 January 2015.

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- (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 30 January 2015 under delegated powers by the Director of Finance of the Council Tax Base for 2015/16 at 72,669 Band D equivalents. Along with the calculation of the estimated Council Tax surplus, sufficient to release £(300) thousand to support the Council's 2015/2016 revenue budget and a distribution of £(41.3) thousand and £(15.6) thousand representing the respective shares of the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority.
 - (2) That the Capital Investment Programme for 2016/17 and 2017/18 is to be set at an indicative £23.5 million and £14.4 million respectively.
 - (3) The Treasury Management Strategy 2015/18.
 - (4) The writing down of the Learning Disability pool deficit of £3.0 million.
 - (5) The base budget assumptions as set out in the Medium Term Financial Outlook as detailed in Annex A of the Executive's Revenue Budget Proposals 2015/2016.
 - (6) That final decisions with regard to some services will not be taken until March 2015. As a result, the allocation of resources set out in the budget report may vary, including the use of reserves. All reports will be presented at the appropriate time.
- (D) That, as referred to in A3 above, the Council calculates the formal Council Tax Resolution as follows:
1. It be noted that on 30 January 2015 the Council calculated:
 - (a) the Council Tax Base 2015/16 for the whole Council area as 72,669 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and;
 - (b) 1,422 for dwellings in the Parish of Partington to which Parish Precepts relates.
 2. That the Council approve the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts) is £80,315,959.
 3. That the Council agrees the calculation of the Aggregate Amounts for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

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- (a) £423,358,968 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) £342,982,574 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £80,376,394 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) £1,106.06 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) £60,435 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, as detailed below:

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT

Parish/Town Council	2014/15			2015/16			Council Increase
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Band D (£)	
Partington	1,354	57,545	42.50	1,422	60,435	42.50	0.0%
TOTAL / AVERAGE	1,354	57,545	42.50	1,422	60,435	42.50	0.0%

- (f) £1,105.23 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) £1,147.73 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.

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4. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16 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.
5. 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 2015/16 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Bands

Council Tax Schedule 2015/16	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Trafford Council	736.82	859.62	982.43	1,105.23	1,350.84	1,596.44	1,842.05	2,210.46
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for GM	101.53	118.46	135.38	152.30	186.14	219.99	253.83	304.60
GM Fire & Rescue Authority	38.42	44.83	51.23	57.64	70.44	83.25	96.06	115.28
Sub total	876.77	1,022.91	1,169.04	1,315.17	1,607.42	1,899.68	2,191.94	2,630.34
Partington								
Parish only	28.33	33.06	37.78	42.50	51.94	61.39	70.83	85.00
Parish & District only	765.15	892.68	1,020.21	1,147.73	1,402.78	1,657.83	1,912.88	2,295.46
Aggregate of Council Tax requirements (incl. Police & Fire)	905.10	1,055.97	1,206.82	1,357.67	1,659.36	1,961.07	2,262.77	2,715.34

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 9.22 p.m.

74. 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 John Holden to be the Mayor of the Borough of Trafford for 2015/16;

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Councillor Judith Lloyd to be the Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Trafford for 2015/16.

The informal meeting concluded at 9.26 p.m.)