



**TRAFFORD  
COUNCIL**

**AMENDMENTS FOR  
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**Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2024**

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## Council – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Labour Party Amendment to motion 7a – Focus on Trafford

1. This Council has often found itself debating issues which it has no operational responsibility for, or influence over. It is noted that the residents we are elected to represent will often contact us about issues that require some national leadership for example national policy on vaping and leasehold properties. As elected members we should always want what is best for our residents and they would expect us to advocate and amplify their issues at a national level.
2. As Councillors, we are elected to represent residents within the Borough on matters which this Council has control over. ~~We are not elected to be members of a sixth form debating society.~~
3. ~~The lack of focus hasn't gone unnoticed by~~ Residents, ~~who,~~ quite rightly, expect those they elect to focus on Trafford ~~and nothing else.~~
4. This very simple Motion provides residents with comfort that is all what we are focused on ~~and I hope all Members see no need for a prolonged debate wasting even more time on this and support this Motion.~~

### Proposed Motion

This Council resolves to convene a meeting of the Constitutional Working Group (cross party) to review the Council's Constitution in relation to the format of Council meetings, with a focus on the scope of admissible motions, ahead of the next Council AGM ~~to amend section 11.3 of Council Procedure Rules, contained within this Council's Constitution to include:-~~

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~~'Any motion submitted to the Council shall be about matters for which the Council has statutory powers, duties or functions or address the built or natural environment of the Borough of Trafford or address a matter of local, or regional policy that affects the lives of people in the Borough of Trafford. The ruling of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Mayor shall be final as to the relevance of the motion.'~~

~~(NOTE – If the Motion is approved, section 11.3 will subsequently read :-~~

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## Council – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Conservative Party Amendment to motion 7b – Getting the basics right: Road maintenance.

This Council notes that: 1. Pothole repairs by Amey and micro-surfacing treatments are often sub-standard, with uneven finishes, obvious potholes extremely close by left un-repaired, or grids blocked by microsurfacing.

2. Amey do not seal the perimeter of freshly repaired potholes with bitumen tape, to join the new surface to the old surface – leading to rapid breakdown. **There are modern methods of road repair that have been adopted by our partner Amey in other Council areas these methods should be adopted here.**

3. Residents of all ages, from young people with pushchairs to Council, older people who find walking more difficult, can feel unsafe walking on extremely uneven deteriorating pavements, hampering Trafford's Active Travel strategy.

This Council resolves to:

1. Conduct **systematic random spot** inspections of pothole repairs and microsurfacing treatments to ensure that work is carried out to higher standard – to ensure that **snagging** issues around grids and junctions are quickly addressed

2. **Ask Ensure** Trafford's **One Trafford Partnership & Amey's** contractors to improve the quality of their pothole repairs, including the use of bitumen tape, heat sealed around the perimeter of the repair, to seal the join between the old surface and the new surface to prevent rapid deterioration of repairs. **Utilise Trafford's share of the Greater Manchester's allocation of the 'Local Roads Resurfacing Funding' to procure modern methods of pothole treatment which has been demonstrated to increase both productivity and reduce cost per repair by up to 50%.**

3. Ensure that, when a road receives capital expenditure for significant re-surfacing work, the adjacent pavements either side are also assessed and, if necessary, resurfaced at the same time.

4. **Put in place a pro active road maintenance program utilising the 'Local Road Resurfacing Funding'.**

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## Council – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Conservative Party Amendment to motion 7b – Getting the basics right: Drainage.

This Council notes that:

1. Reports of surface water flooding escalate in the autumn when leaf-fall blocks grids and gullies across the Borough and it is acknowledged it is a year round occurrence in the South of the borough, following any rain even main roads such as the A56 fail to drain, as Trafford does not have enough capacity for a pro-active drain clearance program.
2. Trafford has a limited number of machines for clearing street drains and gullies, but purchasing and maintaining another machine is hugely expensive. However, the current gully team –working a full week –would only able to use the machinery for 5 in every 7 days.

This Council resolves to:

4. Implement a programme of street drainage inspections immediately following the completion of the annual leaf clearance programme to ensure that blocked drains are identified and scheduled for clearance, helping to combat surface water flooding.
5. Create a plan to use the gully clearing machinery Trafford already has, beyond the days the existing team is able use it, by hiring or training other staff to use the machines when the current team are not using it.

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## Council – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Labour Party Amendment to motion 7g – Israel and Gaza

This Council:

- Expresses deep sympathy for all those affected by the situation in Israel and Gaza .
- Offers our support to those in Trafford who have been affected by the ongoing violence in the region.
- Condemns the murder of Israeli civilians, the taking of hostages by Hamas and the death and destruction.
- Condemns the sexual violence perpetrated by Hamas on 7 October and on female hostages still held in captivity.
- Condemns the impact on the Palestinian people of the Israeli government's military action that has resulted in a catastrophic number of deaths, injuries and displacement among the population of Gaza.
- Expresses a deep concern that the UN has stated that a large proportion of Gaza is now uninhabitable, and much of the population is facing hunger and insanitary conditions.
- Believes that the urgent priority must be to stop the deaths and suffering of any more civilians in Israel and Gaza.
- Hopes for an immediate further release of all hostages and an immediate end to the holding of release of Palestinian prisoners in custody held without charge; and an immediate, permanent bilateral ceasefire.
- Believes that the only credible basis for long-term peace is the delivery of a Palestinian state alongside a safe and secure Israel.
- Believes people of all faiths and none should feel safe in our borough.
- Condemns the increase in antisemitic and Islamophobic violence and abuse in the UK and believes all forms of racism have no place in Trafford.

The Council resolves to:

- (i) continue to explore how the council can better support and facilitates events for people of all faiths and none, where they can come together and express solidarity and sadness in response to these events.
- (ii) stand ready to provide support and open our arms to innocent people displaced and affected by these events in line with our recent Borough of Sanctuary motion.

The council also resolves to ask the Leader of the council to write to the relevant UK Government ministers:

(1) calling on the UK Government to press all parties:

- to agree to an urgent permanent bilateral ceasefire in Israel and Gaza and to make every effort to resume the peace process;
- to guarantee that international humanitarian law is upheld and that civilians are protected in accordance with those laws;
- to ensure that civilians have access to humanitarian support, including unfettered access to medical supplies, food, electricity, other fuel and water. And to request an urgent update on UK Government action being taken to ensure this.
- Calls on the UK Government to do all in its powers to support those that are committed to a permanent peace and a 2-state solution

(2) Sharing the content of the motion agreed at council this evening, which reflects our concern.

(3) Acknowledging the recent national funding provided to help tackle antisemitism and islamophobia, but also requesting additional funding for local authorities to help support community cohesion projects.