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Labour Party Group Amendment to motion 8a – Greater Manchester Pension Fund and Trafford's involvement: Arms, Human Rights and International Law

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Greater Manchester Pension Fund ~~and Trafford's involvement~~: Arms, Human Rights and International Law

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Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to motion 8b – Affordable Housing

A thriving economy and homes for all is one of Trafford Council's new priorities.

Trafford Council recognises the acute need for affordable housing in the borough and has already secured a pipeline of affordable homes as part of current and future housing developments.

The 2024 Labour Party Manifesto set out the new Labour Government's aspirations for social and affordable housebuilding:

“Labour will deliver the biggest increase in social and affordable housebuilding in a generation. We will strengthen planning obligations to ensure new developments provide more affordable homes; make changes to the Affordable Homes Programme to ensure that it delivers more homes from existing funding; and support councils and housing associations to build their capacity and make a greater contribution to affordable housing supply. Labour will prioritise the building of new social rented homes and better protect our existing stock by reviewing the increased right to buy discounts introduced in 2012 and increasing protections on newly-built social housing.”

In addition, GM Mayor Andy Burnham has set out his Greater Manchester Vision for Housing, within which a new Greater Manchester Housing First unit will develop a plan it will submit to Government to build a new generation of council and social housing. The aim is to build 10,000 of those homes, equating to 1000 in every Greater Manchester borough, by 2028 and within the next Mayoral term.

This Labour Council, working in partnership with GM Mayor Andy Burnham and the new Labour Government, is committed to building more affordable housing.

The Council therefore resolves to:

1. Work closely with Greater Manchester Combined Authority to maximise the delivery of affordable housing in Borough;
2. Explore opportunities for Truly Affordable Net Zero Homes;
3. **Incorporate a requirement for 1000 new social homes into the recently approved Places for Everyone allocations in Trafford, enabling the delivery of further social homes through future projects;**
34. Work with the Labour Government to explore any future grant funding opportunities to help deliver more affordable housing and social rented homes.

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Green Party Group Amendment to motion 8c – Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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The GMCA has now launched a public consultation on its draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which will set out the action we all need to take over the next decade to respond to the biodiversity emergency.

Trafford Council has worked with the GMCA and nine other local authorities to produce the draft strategy, which will act as a road map setting out how and where everyone can work together to help nature recover across Greater Manchester.

In addition to this, the Council is fulfilling its biodiversity duty under the Environment Act 2021 in the following ways:

- Collaboration with GMCA and Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU): The Council collaborates on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) preparation and implementation, supported by Defra funding, GMEU surveys and reports on the condition of Sites of Biological Importance in Trafford.
- Trafford Countryside and Nature Partnership: This partnership involves organisations like City of Trees and The Conservation Volunteers, identifying improvements at key sites across The Mersey Valley. Recent funding has supported projects at Sale Water Park, Wellacre Country Park, and Urmston Meadows.
- Strategic Funding Bids: The Council has submitted funding bids with biodiversity components, such as the Longford Brook de-culverting project and the 'Lost Wetlands' study at the former William Wroe Golf Course.
- Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS): SuDS manage surface water and provide biodiversity and amenity benefits. The Council is incorporating SuDS into the public realm, including at Kingsway in Stretford.
- Land Management: The Council manages its land to enhance biodiversity by reducing herbicide and pesticide use. Community groups are also supported in accessing grants for biodiversity projects such as bee corridors and rewilding.
- Tree Planting Programmes: Tree planting initiatives across Trafford are supported by the Northern Forest and Nature for Climate funding, in conjunction with City of Trees.

The Council resolves to:

1. Promote the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation to residents and consider ways to maximise feedback.
2. Recognise and incorporate the importance of biodiversity into the development of our Local Plan.
3. Provide an annual update to members on our local response to the biodiversity emergency.
4. Write to the relevant minister, asking the Government to pass a Rights of Nature Bill. This should give Nature legal personhood meaning that it cannot be exploited for financial gain, protecting our biodiversity here in Trafford in an ongoing way.

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to motion 8c – Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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This Council Notes that:

There is a need for the Council to improve the geographic balance of projects across the whole borough it serves.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) are essential if the Council presses ahead with the development of Davenport Green. This autumn has already seen Beech Fields in Timperley flooded, with floodwater coming within a few meters of residents' homes. Urban development of Davenport Green that increases the speed at which rainwater enters the river system will push that floodwater closer to homes.

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3. Provide an annual update to members on our local response to the biodiversity emergency.
4. Investigate additional drainage solutions that could be brought forward to cope with the increased rainwater run-off into Fairywell Brook following Davenport Green development, in the event that the development itself cannot provide sufficient SuDS.
5. Develop strategies to ensure that locations in the South of the borough play their part in delivering the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

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Joint Labour Party Group and Green Party Group Amendment to motion 8d – Transparency, Accountability, and Community Engagement in Asylum Seeker Housing Decisions

This Council notes:

1. The recent decision to house ~~up to an additional~~ 296 ~~people seeking~~ asylum ~~seekers~~ in Altrincham's Cresta Court Hotel without prior consultation with local residents or ~~opposition~~ councillors, whilst also noting the backlog in the processing of asylum claims created by the last Conservative government which means the Home Office is still having to use hotels as part of the temporary accommodation solution.
2. The lack of ~~transparency surrounding this~~ information provided ahead of the decision, including the absence of a ~~clear shared~~ impact assessment on local services and communities.
3. The potential ~~strain for there to be an impact on~~ local resources, including healthcare, ~~education~~, and housing, which are already under pressure.
4. ~~The heightened public concerns due to the lack of consultation and short notice given to residents.~~ Acknowledges there have been questions raised by some local residents about this arrangement, given the lack of prior notice and information and recognises the need for proactive communication to address community concerns constructively and reduce tension around the arrival of people seeking asylum.
5. ~~The proximity of Cresta Court Hotel to several schools in Altrincham, raising safeguarding concerns.~~
6. 5. Trafford Council's ~~repeated statements that they had no knowledge of the use of Cresta Court as accommodation for asylum seekers until days prior to their arrival~~ has a duty to support people seeking asylum, many of whom have had arduous experiences and the authority has previously given a warm welcome to refugees, recognising the contribution that migrants and refugees make to our communities.

This Council believes:

1. That decisions of this ~~magnitude~~ nature should be made ~~with full transparency and in consultation with all~~ in a transparent way, providing appropriate information to stakeholders, including local residents and ~~opposition~~ councillors.
2. That ~~the current administration has failed to provide adequate information about the long-term plans and potential impacts of this decision~~ national and local

bodies should collaborate as closely as possible, to ensure there is clear communication and preparedness for future plans for asylum accommodation.

3. That there is a need for a comprehensive strategy to manage the integration of people seeking asylum, ~~seekers while safeguarding the interests of~~ ensuring their needs are met, alongside a communication plan to alleviate public concerns and to support local residents.
4. That the rapid manner in which this situation has arisen has ~~increased tensions~~ and the potential for ~~tension discriminatory and prejudicial~~ and negative responses, which may also impact people already settled here.
5. That ~~the~~ there is potential for additional ~~strain~~ calls on Council resources during a time of financial difficulty ~~cannot be overstated~~.

This Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for the Home Office, Yvette Cooper MP, asking her to:
 - a. Ensure that local authorities are given ~~at least a month's~~ adequate notice before future ~~asylum seeker~~ hotel deals of this kind are agreed, ~~and certainly before asylum seekers are placed in the area~~.
 - b. Ensure that ~~in future a full~~ appropriate risk assessments, including, for example the ~~particulars of the~~ surrounding environment of any hotel, ~~is undertaken~~ are considered.
 - c. ~~Ensure that asylum seeker accommodation deals are subject to a public consultation process that seeks out the opinions of potential stakeholders,~~ Provide councils with timely, factual information, including, where possible, the age, gender and languages spoken by people seeking asylum to allow local authorities to work in partnership with organisations such as the NHS, the police, ~~local authorities, local businesses, and~~ local charitable organisations and faith groups, to provide support to those seeking asylum and to prepare and mitigate the potential impact on local services.
 - d. ~~Consider including ordinary members of the public in the consultation process to address any anxiety and concerns.~~
2. ~~Call on the administration to provide a full and detailed report on the decision-making process that led to the housing of asylum seekers in Altrincham, including any risk assessments conducted~~ Work with the Home Office to establish a standardised information-sharing process, so that councils receive information on the rationale, duration, and support provisions for asylum accommodation placements, and the potential time scale for assessing asylum applications.
3. ~~Demand the immediate establishment~~ Explore the possibility of a cross-party working group to ~~oversee the implementation of asylum seeker housing policies and to ensure ongoing transparency and accountability~~ coordinate support resources and facilitate the sharing of information with the local community, in partnership with relevant local organisations.

4. Request ~~that the Council~~ support from central government to conduct ~~and publish a comprehensive~~ an impact assessment on local services, including healthcare, education, and housing ~~and where identified, request additional funding.~~
5. ~~Urge the administration to develop and present a clear strategy for community integration and support,~~ Continue to communicate with the community and to support integration with input from all councillors and local community groups, where possible.
6. ~~Insist on regular updates to the Council and the public on the progress and challenges of housing asylum seekers, including any additional costs incurred by the local authority~~ Request that the Home Office provide councils with regular updates on the costs and duration of accommodation for those seeking asylum, so that councils may communicate accurately with residents.
7. ~~Call for a review of the Council's consultation processes to ensure that significant decisions are made with proper engagement of all affected parties in the future.~~
8. 7. ~~Develop a~~ Comply with the Council's communication strategy which focuses on factual, transparent information to address residents' concerns ~~and provide factual information about the situation,~~ aiming to reduce tensions and ~~prevent discriminatory responses~~ encourage a welcoming, inclusive response for people who are fleeing from danger.

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Labour Party Group Amendment to motion 8e – Timperley Local Place Plan

This Council welcomes:

The significant capital investment seen across Trafford in recent years, including Town Centre projects in Altrincham, Stretford, and Partington. Further place planning work has been completed in Hale and Sale Moor, Sale Town Centre and is ongoing in Urmston. ~~the forthcoming projects in Sale and Urmston, as well as a Village Centre Place Plan for Hale and the redevelopment of Partington.~~

This Council recognises that:

Timperley is one of the most densely populated places in Trafford, with a varied and thriving high-street offer and a first-rate local business community.

~~Due to the absence of significant~~ Like other district centre settings Timperley would benefit from public realm investment of the kind undertaken elsewhere in Trafford; ~~Timperley is at a disadvantage compared to the other urban centres in the borough.~~

~~We recognise the value that a place Plan can bring – as shown by those plans completed in Sale Moor and Hale, and currently underway in Urmston. There is a pressing need for a~~ A community-led Timperley Local Place Plan to be developed in anticipation of future opportunities to bid for urban regeneration funding.

The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration has previously acknowledged that it is time for a Timperley Local Place Plan when responding to questions from the Liberal Democrat Group at a meeting of the Council Executive (27 November 2023).

This Council believes that:

Timperley is a fantastic place to live, shop and do business. Just like other localities in Trafford, a Local Place Plan would ensure Timperley can thrive and continue to contribute vital business revenue to Trafford and jobs for the local economy.

Working in consultation with residents and businesses, a new Timperley Local Place Plan should:

1. focus on growing the local economy, supporting local businesses to thrive through accessibility and Active Travel.
2. focus on increasing local residents' sense of pride in place, with an enhanced public realm and a focus on how regeneration can benefit the environment.

3. encompass a streetscape that properly caters for the needs of the modern local economy, reflecting the desires of local businesses who want to grow by providing space for the high-street offer and night-time economy that residents want to see, including pavements suitable for outdoor dining, cafes and bars.
- ~~4. recognise that the local area is characterised by shopping parades which exist beyond the centre of Timperley Village and a Place Plan must support these areas too.~~

This Council resolves to:

~~Commence work on its Local Plan in 2025 which will have a place-based focus that seeks to enhance the development of localities across Trafford including Timperley.~~

~~Instruct the Place Directorate to begin~~ When resources are available, commit to the development of a Timperley Local Place Plan ~~in the municipal year 2025/26~~ in consultation with residents, businesses and elected councillors from Timperley.

Hold public consultations to inform the development of the Timperley Local Place Plan ~~in the municipal year 2025/26~~.

Proactively identify and bid on government funding streams that will enable timely delivery of the Timperley Local Place Plan as the development of the plan progresses.