



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

13 January 2015

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, 21 JANUARY 2015**, at **7.00 P.M.** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD**, for the transaction of the business set out below:

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| 1. Minutes | |
| To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 November 2014 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2014, for signature by the Mayor as Chairman. | 1 - 18 |
| 2. Announcements | |
| 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. | |
| 3. Questions By Members | |
| 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. | |
| 4. Changes to the Membership of Committees | |
| To note that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council agreed the following changes to the Membership of Committees, with effect from 6 January 2015: | |
| (a) Councillor Mrs. Reilly replaced Councillor Sharp on Planning Development Control Committee; and | |
| (b) Councillor Sharp replaced Councillor Mrs. Reilly on Scrutiny Committee. | |

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5. Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2015/16

To consider a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance referred from the Executive meeting held on 21 January 2015.

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6. Appointment of the Independent Member to the Standards Committee

To consider a joint report of the Chairman of Standards Committee and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services / Monitoring Officer.

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7. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Impact of Children, Families and Wellbeing Cuts

This Council calls on the government to recognise the damaging effects of the austerity cuts to councils. In particular in Trafford we note with concern three service areas which have now been identified as high risk:

- Failure of safeguarding services - risk has increased from medium to high
- Major event leading to inability to deliver critical services to vulnerable people - risk has increased from medium to high
- Adult social care is at high risk because of the inability to implement a wide range of savings proposals in the current economic climate

In light of the fact that this Council faces huge budget pressures over the next three years with further cuts of £57 million (£25 million in 2015/2016), this Council calls on the government to halt the cuts which if implemented will seriously affect the health and wellbeing of Trafford's most vulnerable children and adults.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - School Crossing Patrols

This Council calls on the Executive to reconsider the proposals to scrap thirty-one school crossing patrols, and notes:

- these patrols operate on busy and dangerous roads, and have actually been instrumental in preventing accidents over many years;
- that many of these patrols were actually put in place onto an existing light controlled crossing following dangerous or fatal incidents;

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- Council is concerned that the scrapping of these patrols will have a detrimental effect on road safety across the Borough.

In light of the huge public outcry/response to the published proposals to abolish the thirty-one crossing patrols, Council believes it is right and proper that the Executive is asked to reconsider the proposal with a view to reversing its previous decision.

(c) **Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Local Government Funding**

This Council notes the letter signed by more than 100 Council Leaders across the country calling for an improved funding settlement for Local Government in the 2014 Autumn Statement (Observer, 30 November 2014). Given the sustained and severe cuts to local government enacted throughout this Parliament – over and above any other government department – Council is supportive of the content of this letter and therefore extremely disappointed that the Leader of the Council did not choose to add his signature. Council also notes with regret that the continued reductions in local government budgets will leave Trafford services at breaking point, and calls on the Leader of the Council to support any further cross-party letters from local government leaders expressing concern about the impact of more cuts to council funding.

(d) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Small Business Rate Relief**

The Council welcomes the decision of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to offer business rates support for 30,000 small businesses based on the high street.

The Chancellor announced in the Autumn Statement an additional £500 business rate discount for retail and food and drink business, offering additional support to Trafford's town centres.

This takes the total discount from the current £1,000 to £1,500 in 2015 to 2016 and reduces the cost of business rates on the high street.

Council notes the importance of business rate growth as a revenue stream to overcome future fiscal challenges and resolves to encourage take up of the discount and to continue supporting small businesses in Trafford.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

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Membership of the Council

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

Further Information

For help, advice and information about this meeting please contact:

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 13 January 2015** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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