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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Friday, 4 July 2014

Trafford Town Hall
Talbot Road
Stretford
M32 0TH

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Trafford on **MONDAY, 14 JULY 2014, at 7.00 PM.** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD**, for the transaction of the business set out below:

1. **Matter for Debate at Council: Budget Shortfall - Request by the Labour Group in accordance with Procedure Rule 3.1**

To note that the Labour Group has requested a meeting and has submitted the following Motion for debate:

"This Council notes the shortfall of £6 million in the Council Budget 2014/15 and regrets the announcement of this by way of a press release, without first preparing an explanation for Elected Members on what is an extremely worrying situation.

It is clear there are very serious questions to be answered in order to properly understand how this catastrophic financial mismanagement has occurred, therefore this Council demands a full explanation from the Leader of the Council in respect of the following:

- What were the reasons for the financial management failings, and who will take responsibility for the failure?
- What are the lessons to be learned and how will they be implemented?
- Bearing in mind savings of up to £6 million have now got to be made in this financial year, what are the service and staffing implications across all budget areas arising from this catastrophic breakdown in budget management?

The Council seeks assurances that it will continue to undertake its statutory duty in relation to the care of the elderly and vulnerable across

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this Borough.

The Council also calls into question the competence of the Leader and Deputy Leader who were the members responsible for finance and adult care services at the time of this management and therefore need to take full responsibility for their actions and consider their positions. Otherwise the Council can have no confidence in the Council Executive to put right these budget failings.”

Yours sincerely,



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THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

Councillors E.H. 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, J. 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

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This Summons was issued on **Friday, 4 July 2014** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH