



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 7 July 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, 15 JULY 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 Annual Meeting of the Council held on 28 May 2015 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman. | 1 - 12 |
| 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. Review and Consideration of Harmonised Contract Procedure Rules for Stockport, Trafford and Rochdale | |
| To consider a report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services. | 13 - 46 |

Note: Since the report is recommending changes to the Council's Constitution, in accordance with procedure rules, the report has been considered by Scrutiny Committee: 17 June 2015; Standards Committee: 24 June 2015; and the Executive: 29 June 2015 before recommendation to the Council.

5. **The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015**
- To consider a report of the Acting Director of Human Resources. 47 - 50
6. **Treasury Management Annual Performance 2014/15 Report**
- To consider a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance, which has been recommended to the Council by the Executive on 29 June 2015 and the Accounts and Audit Committee on 30 June 2015. 51 - 64
7. **Treasury Management Strategy: The Local Authority Property Investment Fund**
- To consider a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance, which has been recommended to the Council by the Executive on 29 June 2015 and the Accounts and Audit Committee on 30 June 2015. 65 - 74
8. **Annual Scrutiny Report**
- To receive the Annual Scrutiny Report from the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee. 75 - 78
9. **Accounts and Audit Committee Annual Report to Council 2014/15**
- To consider a report of the 2014/15 Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Accounts and Audit Committee. 79 - 94
10. **Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel**
- To consider a report of the Chief Executive. 95 - 98
11. **Motions**
- To consider the following motions submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:
- (a) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Children's Services**
- This Council acknowledges the hard and dedicated work routinely undertaken by the Children's Services Directorate which has resulted in the following OFSTED evaluations:-
- Children's Safeguarding Services judged joint highest in the country, with 'Good with Outstanding Features'.

- Services for Care Leavers judged as 'Outstanding' (the first Outstanding rating in the country).
- Leadership and management of these services judged as 'Outstanding', the only local authority in the North West to receive this rating.
- Children's Services supporting Children in Need of Protection, services for Looked After Children, and Adoption services judged as 'Good'.
- Effectiveness of Trafford's Safeguarding Children Board judged as 'Good' (highest across Greater Manchester and in top 28% nationally).
- Strong recognition of the positive impact of Trafford's unique integrated service for children and families.

Following closely on the highest national scoring for Trafford's Youth Offending Service (the first Local Authority to achieve a 4* rating in three inspected criteria), the Council can be justifiably proud of its Children's Services and the efforts of all to ensure that every child and young person in Trafford gets off to the best start in life.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Healthier Together Proposals

This Council welcomes the Government's ground-breaking decision in February to devolve healthcare to Greater Manchester ("GM") and, as a result, the announcement (amongst other proposals) of plans to introduce 7 day GP access across the whole of GM.

The Council notes the decision of the Committees in Common ("CiC") on 17 June (as a part of the 'Healthier Together' proposals) to commission 4 rather than 5 hospitals in Greater Manchester that will specialise in general surgery and emergency medicine for patients with life threatening conditions. It also notes (i) that Salford Royal, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS FT ("CMFT") and Royal Oldham have already been earmarked as specialist providers in this regard; and (ii) that a new partnership working arrangement has been entered into between University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM) and CMFT.

Doubt now remains in relation to future service provision at UHSM, albeit it is understood that a further decision of the CiC is due on 15th July (the date of tonight's Council meeting) in this regard.

It is vital that residents continue to have close access to emergency, high-risk services and this Council is concerned that this continues for everyone who lives in Trafford.

This Council therefore calls upon NHS commissioners to:

- i. fully explain how changes under Healthier Together will benefit Trafford residents; and
- ii. to meaningfully engage with Trafford Council and Health Scrutiny in this regard.

This Council in return pledges to consider, debate and respond to the Healthier Together proposals in a constructive and collaborative manner reflecting considered, evidence based decision making in the new devolved health and social care environment.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Trafford Community Leisure Trust

This Council notes the positive and strong working relationship that continues between Trafford Community Leisure Trust (TCLT) and the Council in regards to the continuation of leisure provision in Trafford.

In April, TCLT and the Council released a joint statement announcing the end of the contract between the two organisations. However, to ensure a seamless transition for staff and residents whilst work was undertaken on future next steps, a six-month extension was agreed.

The Council notes the next steps in this regard:

- The 6-month extension to the contract with TCLT will come to a natural end on 30 September 2015;
- That work is underway to secure the provision of leisure facilities within the borough from September 2015, including the transfer-in of the operation to the Council in a seamless and transparent manner which will protect staff and services;
- It continues to be business as usual at all TCLT facilities in Trafford now and until a new provider is found;
- The Council reiterates the comments made in the April statement that 'Sport is a huge part of Trafford's heritage and features heavily in everyday lives therefore it is a key priority for the Council, as we continue to work closely with the Trafford Partnership and its Sports & Physical Activity Partnership, to ensure that Trafford develops a modern and fit-for-purpose leisure provision that meets current and future demands of residents.'

The Council agrees to work collectively with all partners to support the continued provision of leisure facilities across the borough and is committed to achieving a sustainable and high quality service.

(d) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Public Health Cuts

On 5 June 2015, the Government announced further spending cuts for the current financial year.

£200 million is set to be taken from Local Authority Public Health grants. Trafford has already had to make cuts of £850,000 to this budget as part of the last budget setting exercise.

Trafford Council has a Health and Wellbeing Strategy in place “that is based upon the principles of prevention and early intervention”. The priority outcomes being:

Every child has the best start in life.
A reduced gap in life expectancy.
Improved mental health and wellbeing.

The foreword of the strategy states “the only way we can achieve our vision is by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our services, diverting more resources into prevention.”

To stand by this vision and commitment this Council must invest to save and in the longer term reduce the demand on the NHS and social care.

This Council calls upon the Government to reconsider this short sighted approach to the proposed cuts to the public health budget when in reality greater investment is needed in early intervention and prevention and to stand by its previous commitments as set out in the local government finance settlement in March 2015.

(e) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - HIV Testing Services

Trafford Council,

- i. Recognises the importance of local action in coordinating and commissioning accessible and effective HIV testing to reach the undiagnosed and reduce late HIV diagnosis
- ii. Recognises that Trafford’s HIV prevalence is 1.9 diagnosed per 1000 residents, just short of being categorised as high (over 2 diagnosed per 1,000 residents). Council therefore commits to strengthening its own provision of HIV testing services through working with local NHS partners, HIV charities and patient groups
- iii. Recognises that late HIV diagnosis is a Public Health Outcomes Indicator in the Public Health Outcomes Framework
- iv. Recognises the volume and quality of public health and local government guidelines and performance indicators designed to support local authority implementation and monitoring of appropriate and effective testing guidelines.

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The Council further notes,

- i. That an estimated 100,000 people were living in England with HIV in 2012; 22% were unaware of their status
- ii. That there is an impact of late diagnosis on individual health, public health and health budgets. Late diagnosis increases the likelihood of the need for complex and expensive treatment and the risk of onward transmission to others. 47% of people diagnosed with HIV in 2012 were diagnosed late (with a CD4 count <350mm3)
- iii. That if diagnosed early, put on a clear treatment pathway and guaranteed access to antiretroviral therapy (ART), people living with HIV can expect to have a near-normal life expectancy and live healthy and active lives.

Recognising the weight of evidence in favour of expanding local HIV testing services, Trafford Council:

- i. Resolves to:
 - Act to halve the proportion of people diagnosed late with HIV (CD4 count <350mm3) in Trafford by 2020
 - Act to halve the proportion of people living with undiagnosed HIV Trafford by 2020
- ii. Further resolves to:
 - Ensure that rates of late diagnosed HIV are included as an indicator in its Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
 - Ask the Director of Public Health to provide a report outlining what needs to be done locally in commissioning and provision of services in order to halve late diagnosed and undiagnosed HIV by 2020
 - Become a supporter of the Halve It Coalition by contacting the Halve It secretariat (info@halveit.org.uk) informing them of this resolution and by agreeing to be listed as a Halve It coalition supporter.

(f) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Bus Franchising

This Council recognises that clean and modern public transport is a vital component of a prosperous local economy and vital to a clean environment. It notes that bus travel remains the dominant public transport provision. However, Council also recognises that the lack of integration of bus services in Greater Manchester has hindered the provision compared to other major world renowned cities including London.

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This Council therefore welcomes the proposed new responsibilities granted to the incoming elected mayor for franchising bus services across Greater Manchester.

In making this welcome, Council holds that there is potential for growing the bus provision across Trafford and affirms its commitment to work with transport authorities and operators to make this a reality. Council recognises however that there is deficiency of bus infrastructure in Trafford, particularly in our town centres, and it continues to be ambitious in seeking to improve these interchanges as opportunities arise.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

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