



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 12 January 2016

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, 20 JANUARY 2016, 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 11 November 2015 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman. | 1 - 14 |
| 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. New Revised Terms of Reference for the Trafford Health and Wellbeing Board | |
| To consider a report of the Acting Corporate Director Children, Families and Wellbeing. | To Follow |

5. Treasury Management - Minimum Revenue Provision

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 16 November 2015 and the Accounts and Audit Committee on 25 November 2015.

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6. Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/17

To consider a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance that is anticipated to be referred from the Executive meeting on 20 January 2016.

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7. Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill 2015/16

To receive an oral update by the Leader of the Council.

8. 6-month Corporate Report on Health and Safety - 1 April to 30 September 2015

To consider a report of the Corporate Director Resources.

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9. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Post-16 Home to School Transport - Brentwood School

This Council notes the Home to School Transport Policy for Special Needs Children and in particular Annex A; Transport Guidance for young people aged 16-18 in Further Education and Continuing Students aged 19 – May 2011.

Council notes the withdrawal of School Transport to some of the 16 plus special needs teenage cohort attending Brentwood School in September this year, and further notes under the existing policy that this is the first year that the parents and carers of 16 plus teenagers attending Brentwood have had to apply for continuing transport. Indeed up until the Review of Transport Provision undertaken in May 2015 the parents and carers of pupils reaching the age of 16 were not asked to re-apply for travel assistance as long as they had been deemed eligible when starting school. This measure has caused considerable distress to the teenagers and families concerned, who are the parents of some of our most vulnerable children.

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This Council notes the lack of meaningful consultation that has taken place with those affected by this policy change and therefore resolves with immediate effect to reinstate Transport to all the teenagers from whom the service has been withdrawn, and enter into meaningful consultation with Parents and Carers over future provision in a wholly open and transparent manner.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Fracking in Trafford

This Council is deeply concerned by the announcement on the 17 December 2015 that the Conservative Government's Oil and Gas Authority has awarded a Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL) to the company Ineos covering an area incorporating much of the south of Trafford. This is the first stage in a process that could ultimately lead to 'fracking' taking place in Trafford.

Council condemns the decision to award this licence and reaffirms its previous statement, as agreed by all parties on the 12 November 2014, that "The Council is opposed to 'fracking' until such time as it can be proved to be safe." In light of this statement of opposition to hydraulic fracturing in Trafford, Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, and to the Oil and Gas Authority directly, outlining our concerns and asking that the decision to award this licence be reconsidered.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

The recent severe weather conditions and floods across Greater Manchester, in Salford, Rochdale, Littleborough, Bury, Manchester, and across the North West and elsewhere has highlighted the frontline role Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) plays in times of severe local and national crises.

GMFRS budgets have been cut by £28 million over the last five years resulting in the loss of 450 firefighter posts and 10 fire engines being taken off the run, as well as significantly cutting "back office" and management. This has left Greater Manchester stretched to the limit in terms of its resilience to be able to tackle local and national crises such as those which have taken place recently and to keep our communities safe.

The recent Comprehensive Spending Review announcement has meant a further cut to GMFRS of £15.8 million over the next 4 years which will seriously reduce further the resilience of GMFRS to be able to respond effectively to such crises in the future, which inevitably will put Greater Manchester residents, including Trafford residents, at further risk.

As the country's second largest fire and rescue service GMFRS plays a pivotal role in our local and national security and resilience, protecting homes and businesses, saving lives, and helping those in times of crises.

In light of the above Trafford MBC calls on the Government to reconsider their announcement to cut further GMFRS' budget at the level they propose, and consider offering similar protection to that rightly granted to the Police in the recent spending review, in recognition of the key role in local and national resilience provided by our superb fire and rescue service in Greater Manchester.

(d) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Political Education in Schools

This Council recognises the concerns raised by the young people of Trafford and supports their campaign and the petition to introduce basic political education in to the education system. They believe that there is still a large proportion of young people who do not hold the basic knowledge of politics and that if we want to engage more people and address the disengagement we need to appropriately educate them.

(e) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Northern Rail Franchise

This Council welcomes the Government's announcement on 9 December 2015 that the new Northern and TransPennine Express Franchises have been awarded, in a massive boost to rail services bringing the Northern Powerhouse to life.

Council further welcomes the news that the franchises will make a real difference to passengers bringing benefits including:

- The introduction of 500 brand new carriages
- Removal of the outdated and unpopular Pacer trains across the North
- Space for over 40,000 more passengers at the busiest of times
- Thousands of extra services a week
- Roll out of free Wi-Fi on trains and at stations
- Over £55 million invested in station improvements, including new ticket machines and the introduction of staffing at 45 currently unstaffed stations
- Improving compensation arrangements, including automatic compensation for delays for registered season and advanced purchase tickets.

The Council is pleased by the decision that the franchises will be jointly managed in the North, from Leeds, by the Department for Transport and Rail North Limited - which represents 29 Local Authorities across the North. This shows the Government's continued commitment to devolution and to closing the economic gap between the North and South. The new franchises are expected to create jobs, opportunity and growth and – coupled with electrifying the vital trans-Pennine route – will help our region realise its full economic potential by ensuring it has a modern, 21st Century transport system.

Council notes that the award of the new rail franchises has been roundly welcomed by business organisations and others including the Confederation of British Industry, Manchester Airport and UK Trade and Investment as well as by the Institute for Public Policy Research North.

Council therefore fully supports the award of the rail franchises and resolves to continue to make the case for the provision of a world class rail service across the North and the contribution this can make to rebalancing the UK economy, with Greater Manchester at the heart of a Northern Powerhouse.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

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Further Information

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