



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

15th January 2013

Quay West,
Trafford Wharf Road,
Trafford Park, M17 1HH

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Trafford on **WEDNESDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2013**, at **7.00 PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, SALE TOWN HALL, SALE WATERSIDE, SALE, M33 7ZF**, for the transaction of the business set out below:

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| 1. Minutes | 1 - 12 |
| <p>To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th November 2012 and the Minutes of the Urgent Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 17th December 2012, for signature by the Mayor as Chairman.</p> | |
| 2. Announcements | |
| <p>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.</p> | |
| 3. Questions By Members | |
| <p>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.</p> | |
| 4. Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester | |
| <p>To receive a presentation from Greater Manchester's new Police and Crime Commissioner, Tony Lloyd.</p> | |
| 5. Report on Special Urgency Decisions | |
| <p>To note any decisions taken under special urgency provisions (if any).</p> | |

6. Proposed Changes to Council Tax and Council Tax Benefits

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To consider a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Acting Corporate Director Transformation and Resources which is expected to be referred from the Executive meeting on 21st January 2013.

(Members are requested to refer to the report circulated in respect of Agenda Item 5 for the Executive meeting on 21st January 2013.)

7. Motions

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

(a) Motion submitted by the Conservative Group

Following the co-location of the CCTV Control Room to Stretford Police station in September 2011, Council staff have been instrumental in assisting Greater Manchester Police attain arrests, prevent anti-social behaviour and protect residents and police officers themselves.

From December 2011, when the team were given access to the Police Airwaves and direct access to patrols, they have assisted, monitored, or created over 120 arrests. In addition they have also dealt with over 2000 incidents relating either directly to calls from the police over airwaves or viewing requests for footage.

Latest figures (December 2011 to November 2012) show that Trafford has 48.9 crimes per 1,000 residents compared to a GM average of 70.3. Trafford has the lowest crime rates per resident within Greater Manchester.

Indeed the Council recognises and applauds the significant achievement that has made in reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour across the Borough over the past 4 years, culminating in Trafford becoming the safest place in Greater Manchester, as shown by the figures above. These achievements show that positive outcomes can be achieved through innovation, working in partnership and engaging with local people, whilst also providing exceptional value for money.

(b) Motion submitted by the Conservative Group

Following the resolution (supported by all parties) at the Council meeting on 14th November 2012, this Council is pleased to note that the Government has now accepted much of the case put by the ten Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) for a fairer funding settlement for regional cities and urban areas outside of London.

This Council now renews its call for fairness within AGMA given the scale of cuts proposed by the Labour controlled Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) to our Fire Service here in Trafford

(significantly more than for neighbouring Labour controlled councils).

This Council remains concerned that the proposed loss of fire engines and fire crews in Trafford's Fire Stations will have an adverse impact on emergency response times. The Council, therefore, calls upon GMFRS to change its proposals so that Trafford residents are treated fairly in comparison to those in other AGMA boroughs.

(c) Motion submitted by the Labour Group

This Council is very disappointed by the refusal of the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt to intervene personally and halt proposals to downgrade Accident and Emergency services at Trafford General Hospital. Trafford Council has been opposed to the plans from the outset; and it our strong view that any potential changes to services at Trafford General must not be considered in isolation given the wider review of hospital services across Greater Manchester, Healthier Together. We therefore condemn the decision of the Secretary of State in refusing to become directly involved to halt the proposals pending this regional review, and call upon him to reconsider his lack of involvement urgently in the best interests of Trafford residents.

(d) Motion submitted by the Labour Group

We call on the Council to support, in principle, the Ethical Care Charter as set out below, and over the coming months to develop measures to implement the Charter.

Ethical Care Charter for the Commissioning of Homecare Services

Stage 1

The starting point for commissioning of visits will be client need and not minutes or tasks. Workers will have the freedom to provide appropriate care and will be given time to talk to their clients.

The time allocated to visits will match the needs of the clients. In general, 15-minute visits will not be used as they undermine the dignity of the clients.

Homecare workers will be paid for their travel time, their travel costs and other necessary expenses such as mobile phones.

Visits will be scheduled so that homecare workers are not forced to rush their time with clients or leave their clients early to get to the next one on time.

Those homecare workers who are eligible must be paid statutory sick pay.

Stage 2

Clients will be allocated the same homecare worker(s) wherever possible.

Zero hour contracts will not be used in place of permanent contracts.

Providers will have a clear and accountable procedure for following up staff concerns about their clients' wellbeing.

All homecare workers will be regularly trained to the necessary standard to provide a good service (at no cost to themselves and in work time). Homecare workers will be given the opportunity to regularly meet co-workers to share best practice and limit their isolation.

Stage 3

All homecare workers will be paid at least the Living Wage. This is currently £7.45 an hour for the whole of the UK apart from London. For London it is £8.55 an hour. The Living Wage will be calculated again each subsequent November. If Council employed homecare workers paid above this rate are outsourced it should be on the basis that the provider is required, and is funded, to maintain these pay levels throughout the contract.

All homecare workers will be covered by an occupational sick pay scheme to ensure that staff do not feel pressurised to work when they are ill in order to protect the welfare of their vulnerable clients.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT

Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

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

Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 15th January 2013** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Quay West, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1HH.