



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

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, 28 JULY 2021**, at **7.00 PM** in the ***AUDITORIUM, AT UNIVERSITY ACADEMY 92 (UA92) CAMPUS, BRIAN STATHAM WAY, OLD TRAFFORD, MANCHESTER M16 0PU**, for the transaction of the business set out below:

* Note: Public attendance at this meeting is limited at the venue and anyone wishing to attend is asked to contact democratic.services@trafford.gov.uk to register in advance as the Council continues to manage the risk of Covid-19. The Council has a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of staff and others from Covid transmission risks so far as is reasonably practicable and all attendees are reminded of the need for self-isolation where positive cases and contacts have been identified.

Please note that the meeting will also be streamed live via the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjwbIOW5x0NSe38sgFU8bKg> in line with the principles of openness and transparency in local government.

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| 1. Minutes | |
| To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2021 for signature by the Mayor as Chair of the Council. | 1 - 14 |
| 2. Announcements | |
| To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Members of the Executive, Chairs 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 Chairs of any Committee or Sub-Committee a question on notice under Procedure Rule 10.2. | |

4. Petition - A 20mph Zone for Safer Streets in North Altrincham

To consider the following petition requiring debate:

“We the undersigned (513 signatories) petition the Council to create a 20mph zone, comprising all the residential streets north of Altrincham Town Centre, between the Bridgewater Canal, A56 and the railway (including Bridgewater Road, Brunswick Road, Navigation Road, Grosvenor Road, Gaskell Road, Hazel Road and Sandiway Road, and the roads off them). Install warning signs asking vehicles to slow down, where children are likely to be crossing or playing.”

Note: In accordance with the Council’s Petition Scheme, a petition containing more than 500 signatures will be debated by the Council. The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and then it will be discussed by the Council for a maximum of 15 minutes.

5. Petition - STOP signage on Woodbourne Road, Sale

To consider the following petition requiring debate:

“We the undersigned (597 signatories) petition the Council to place clear and prominent STOP signage on Woodbourne Road, at the junction with Framingham Road.”

Note: In accordance with the Council’s Petition Scheme, a petition containing more than 500 signatures will be debated by the Council. The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and then it will be discussed by the Council for a maximum of 15 minutes.

6. Places for Everyone Plan (2021): Approval of Places for Everyone 2021 for submission to the Secretary of State

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration seeking approval of the Places for Everyone: Publication Draft 2021 for submission to the Secretary of State for examination following the period for representations.

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7. Greater Manchester Clean Air Final Plan

To consider a report of the Leader of the Council following recommendation from the Executive Meeting held on 26 July 2021.

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[PLEASE NOTE: The appendices to this report are especially extensive and have been published in full on the Council’s website, together with the rest of the agenda papers for the meeting, however, they are not included in the circulated paper version.]

8. Revenue Budget Increase

Further to a recommendation set out in the Period 2 (April to May 2021) Budget Monitoring 2021/22 report to the Executive on 26 July 2021, the Council is requested to approve an increase to the net Revenue Budget of £168,000 to £179,472,000, as a result of a minor late change in the financial settlement relating to resources to support the Public Health budget.

The Council is required to formally approve any change to the Revenue Budget.

9. Treasury Management Annual Performance 2020/21 Report

To note a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Director of Finance and Systems referred from the Executive Meeting held on 26 July 2021. 1057 - 1080

10. Year End Corporate Report on Health, Safety and Wellbeing 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

To note a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance. 1081 - 1096

11. Accounts and Audit Committee Annual Report to Council 2020/21

To note a report of the 2020/21 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Accounts and Audit Committee referred from the Accounts and Audit Committee meeting held on 22 July 2021. 1097 - 1114

12. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Proposed cut to Universal Credit

To maintain the income of low and middle income households and single people, the Council notes that:

From the end of September the UK Government plans to cut benefits for millions of in-work and out- of-work claimants by cutting the basic rate of Universal Credit by £20 per week.

This will reverse the £20 a week increase to Universal Credit made in March 2020. This increase reflected the reality that the level of benefits in the UK does not sufficiently support low and middle income households. The increase was a very significant and welcome move to bolster low and middle-income living standards, and cutting it will be a huge loss to the many people who have already suffered hardship during the pandemic.

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The £20 increase was welcome given the backdrop of ten years' worth of cuts to working age benefits that have driven up child and working age poverty.

The cut will significantly damage local efforts to tackle poverty, undermining the work of Trafford council and partners being delivered through our local poverty strategy.

The £20 increase in Universal Credit has had a positive effect on the lives of thousands of local claimants who are better able to pay for life's essentials such as food, clothing and utilities. The financial pressures facing these households will still be there after September.

The cut will hit the local economy in Trafford, taking £1000s out of the pockets of residents. This is money that will no longer be spent in local shops and businesses.

There has been no such increase in Carers Allowance, with many unpaid carers facing extreme financial hardship. Rather than cutting Universal Credit, the government should be focussed on boosting disability and legacy benefits to ensure that the basic needs of households can be met.

The Council resolves to:

Write to the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, and to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, demanding that the £20 increase to Universal Credit is made permanent and extended to claimants on all legacy benefits including Carers Allowance.

(b) **Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Labour's Children's Recovery Plan**

The impact of the pandemic on children and young people has been significant and far-reaching.

Ofsted reported that children hardest hit by school closures and restrictions have regressed in some basic skills and learning. Whilst a survey conducted earlier this year by Young Minds revealed that many young people are anxious the pandemic will have a long term negative effect on their mental health.

Although concerns are widespread, the impact of the pandemic has not been the same for all children. Nationally, professionals have reported apprehension about the impact of the virus on the lives of children who were already vulnerable. Additionally, children in Greater Manchester and the North West have been further impacted by higher rates of coronavirus, leading to increased periods of missed education as children have been required to self-isolate.

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The Government support package for children and young people has been widely criticized, with the Government appointed UK Education Tsar resigning over the lack of sufficient catch-up funding, stating on his resignation that “without a comprehensive and urgent response”, the Government “risk failing hundreds of thousands of pupils”.

This Council is proud of the hard work and dedication of our Social Workers, teachers and all those working in services that support children and young people in Trafford. The Council will continue to provide a high level of support to children, young people and their families but also calls upon the Government to provide a properly funded, comprehensive package of support that will meet the needs of those impacted by the pandemic.

The Council welcomes the measures announced by the Shadow Education Secretary, Kate Green MP as part of the Labour’s Children’s Recovery Plan.

The Council calls upon the Government to implement the measures below, as outlined in the plan;

- Breakfast clubs and new activities for every child: from breakfast clubs to sport, drama, book clubs and debating societies, a fully funded expanded range of extracurricular clubs and activities to boost time for children to play and socialise after months away from their friends;
- Quality mental health support in every school: give every child the support they need to transition back to school and manage personal challenges, with access to qualified in-school counselling staff alongside boosting wellbeing through extra activities;
- Small group tutoring for all who need it, not just 1%: make small group teaching available to all children who need it not just 1%, by reforming the Government’s failing tutoring programme to make sure no child falls behind because of pandemic disruption;
- Continued development for teachers: Teachers have had one of the toughest years of their careers – it is only by supporting them with training to stay on top of the latest knowledge and techniques that we can give every child a brilliant classroom experience;
- An Education Recovery Premium: support every child to reach their potential by investing in children who have faced the greatest disruption during the pandemic.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Sewell Report

This Council notes the publication in March this year of the Report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities, chaired by Dr. Tony Sewell.

Council is concerned by the analysis provided within the Report and rejects several of its key findings.

Trafford Council believes that:

- This Report is add odds with almost every other report ever completed looking at issues of race in the UK
- That much of the evidence submitted by key contributors to the Report has been ignored or in some cases manipulated to drive the eventual conclusion of the Report to a specific predetermined outcome
- That socio-economic status is a critical driver in life chances, but that addressing class inequalities must not mean denying structural racism exists
- That structural racism in and of itself is a key barrier to life chances
- That some communities faring well in parts of the education system is not evidence that structural racism cannot exist
- That selective use of evidence has led to demonstrably incorrect conclusions in findings, for example in suggesting inequalities in the labour market have narrowed

Trafford Council calls upon Government to:

- Reject the findings of the Sewell Report
- Legislate for a Race Equality Act at the earliest opportunity
- Publish the ethnicity pay gap of all government departments
- Require organisations and businesses to publish their ethnicity pay gap as they do their gender pay gap

(d) Motion Submitted by the Green Party Group - Universal Basic Income Trial

This Council notes:

Many argue a Universal Basic Income (UBI) is the fairest, most effective way to mitigate the effects of coronavirus on people's incomes. A network of Universal Basic Income Labs has been set up and works with local authorities across the UK developing UBI proposals to address problems such as poverty, inequality, discrimination and environmental damage, long-term and immediately, in relation to coronavirus.

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GM Poverty Action: "The rise of in-work poverty in the UK has been a growing trend over the last decade and suggests that employment alone is often not an effective means of escaping poverty."

UBI is a non-means-tested sum paid by the state to cover the basic cost of living, which is paid to all citizens individually, regardless of employment status, wealth, or marital status, and which has been more widely debated in recent months than ever before. It replaces a complex panoply of means-tested benefits of which £10 billion remains unclaimed each year.

Trafford Council is ideally placed to pilot a UBI, given its economic and demographic diversity.

This Council believes:

That with UBI so many other benefits exist:

- More flexible workforce and greater freedom to change jobs
- Supporting a caring economy to value unpaid work
- Removing the negative impacts of benefit sanctions and conditionality
- Breaking the link between work and consumption, thus helping reduce strain on the environment
- Enabling greater opportunities for people to work in community and cultural activities or to train or reskill in areas that will be needed to transition to a lower carbon economy

That Andy Burnham, GM Mayor, is right when he says:

- UBI should be 'seriously considered'
- Essential workers and those on insecure contracts need this vital support
- "All people should be paid enough at work so they have a decent amount to live on"

This Council resolves to:

- Write to the Government calling for a fully evaluated basic income trial in Trafford with reference to the benefits listed

Yours sincerely,



SARA SALEH
Deputy Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

Councillors L. Walsh (Mayor), C. Boyes (Deputy Mayor), D. Acton, S. Adshead, A. Akinola, J.M. Axford, Dr. K. Barclay, J. Bennett, Miss L. Blackburn, J. E. Brophy, B. Brotherton, D. Bunting, D. Butt, T. Carey, Dr. S. Carr, G. Carter, K.G. Carter, D.N. Chalkin, R. Chilton, G. Coggins, M. Cordingley, L. Dagnall, J. Dillon, N. Evans, M. Freeman, S.J. Gilbert, J. Harding, B. Hartley, W. Hassan, S. J. Haughey, J. Holden, C. Hynes, D. Jarman, D. Jerrome, J. Lamb, J. Lloyd, S. Longden, S. Maitland, M. Minnis, M. Mirza, A. Mitchell, D. Morgan, P. Myers, A. New, J.D. Newgrosh, D.C. O'Sullivan, E. Patel, K. Procter, T. Ross, J. Slater, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, R. Thompson, M.J. Welton, A. Western, D. Western, M.P. Whetton, G. Whitham, A.M. Whyte, A.J. Williams, B.G. Winstanley, J.A. Wright and Mrs. P. Young.

Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 20 July 2021** by the Governance Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH.

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