



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

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, 27 JULY 2022, 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 25 May 2022 for signature by the Mayor as Chair of the Council. | 1 - 16 |
| 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 - Create a 20 mph Zone in New Street, Altrincham | |
| To consider the following petition requiring debate: | |
| We the undersigned (519 signatories) petition the council to create a 20 mph zone for the whole of New Street, between the junctions with Regent Road and The Downs. | |

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Residents and pedestrian users of New Street (including visitors to the town centre and Altrincham Grammar School girls) feel strongly that the speed limit needs to be reduced on New Street to keep children and adults safe.

There is likely to be an increase of traffic at the bottom of New Street when the new carpark on the corner of Regent Road / New Street will open next year and the two housing schemes either side of New Street will be occupied.

The upper part of New Street is a very narrow residential street with houses on both sides. Pedestrians use both sides of the street (and often walk in the centre of the road), though a raised pavement exists on only one side, and the Council has recognised this special nature by installing speed restriction measures (bollards, and speed hump). A 20 mph zone is a logical extension to this restriction to enforce the intent of the measures already taken – which continue to be ignored by drivers who use New Street as a rat run through to The Downs and towards Hale. 30 mph, as per the current speed limit, is too fast for a road of this nature, and more often than not drivers go at a higher speed. Over the years there have been multiple near collisions between cars and pedestrians, and leaving the driveways of the houses on the left in the upper part where cars regularly drive on the pavement at speed is extremely dangerous.

Please reduce the speed limit and implement appropriate signage warning drivers.

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 - New Trafford Cycle Route

To consider the following petition requiring debate:

We the undersigned (637 signatories) petition the council to investigate and create with TfGM a new cycle route using the redundant rail tracks 3 and 4 between Sale Britannia Road and Trafford Bar Talbot Road.

The current transport routes from Sale to Trafford Bar capacity would be increased by creating a new dedicated cycle way using the redundant rail tracks. A new route for cyclists would ease the pressure on the A56 and the canal towpath creating a safer environment for all users including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

The additional traffic created by the housing and business expansion forming part of Places For Everyone will increase the pressure on existing transport routes.

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Upcycling a piece of redundant Victorian transport infrastructure which has been disused since 1963 would provide a 4.6km cycle highway. Access ramps would be needed at each of the crossing points. The North end would merge into Talbot Road. The South end could lead into Hope Road.

The project would require fencing, lighting, access ramps, management at the Old Trafford station, CCTV and other items. However, there is a firm trackbed (after 60 years of running heavy trains) and little more than a top surface would be required to provide a cycle quality route.

Please create this new cycle route.

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6. **Asset Investment Strategy - 2022 Update**

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration.

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7. **Updated Planning Committee Code of Practice**

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration, recommended to Council by the Planning and Development Management Committee on 14 July 2022.

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8. **Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan - July 2022 Update**

To note a report of the Executive Member for Climate Change and Transport Strategy submitted to the Executive Meeting on 25 July 2022.

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9. **Accounts and Audit Committee Annual Report to Council 2021/22**

To note a report of the 2021/22 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Accounts and Audit Committee which is expected to be referred from the Accounts and Audit Committee meeting held on 20 July 2022.

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10. **Year End Corporate Report on Health, Safety and Wellbeing - 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

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

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11. **Motions**

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

(a) **Motion Submitted by the Liberal Democrats Group - Save Our Rivers**

Our local rivers, brooks and watercourses are invaluable assets to our borough. They make up a vital part of our natural ecosystem, providing habitat for bird, fish and insect life as well as being sites for recreation for Trafford residents. Flash flooding is an increasingly prevalent issue in Trafford and this is likely to continue in the years ahead as a direct result of the climate emergency.

This Council gives thanks to its officers and environment agency workers who go above and beyond the call of duty, to offer support to our residents during instances of severe weather.

Local waterways are also subject to harmful sewage dumping practices, which damage ecosystems and pose a significant public health risk, especially in the context of flash flooding.

This Council notes that:

- Every river in England is now polluted beyond legal limits; with the Environment Agency rating only 14% as Good in 2019.
- This chemical pollution is mostly caused by sewage discharges from water companies and the run-offs of nutrients from farms.
- Government funding to the Environment Agency to monitor river quality and regulate farms and water companies has dropped 75% over the last 10 years and as a result, farms are now almost never inspected, water quality is rarely tested, and water companies can pump raw sewage into rivers with virtual impunity.
- In recent years, flash flooding has been a growing issue across Trafford, with many residents facing risks to their homes during severe weather.
- That councillors, residents and the Environment Agency are required to work together towards flooding resilience goals, in line with resolutions passed by this Council.

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- That whilst residents wait for long-term flood mitigation schemes, the issue of contaminated water from sewage dumping poses a potentially serious health and environmental risk – especially if homes flood during severe weather.
- At a local taskforce meeting, The Environment Agency only committed to clearing the brooks that flow through Timperley twice a year, which repeated late-night emergency call outs have shown to be insufficient to avoid flooding.
- That in October 2021, 265 Conservative MPs - including Altrincham and Sale West MP Sir Graham Brady – voted against provisions in Lords Amendment 45 to the Environment Bill which would have curtailed sewage dumping, removing proposals that would have placed a legal duty on water companies to “take all reasonable steps to ensure untreated sewage is not discharged from storm overflows.”

This Council believes that the UK Government should commit to:

- Restoring Environment Agency budgets for river quality monitoring.
- Increasing inspections of water companies and farms, and prosecuting offenders.
- Funding local and highways authorities to introduce treatment systems to prevent road pollutants from entering our water courses.
- Implementing a ‘Sewage Tax’ on water companies and other industries who persist in knowingly polluting our rivers and waterways

This Council resolves to:

- Ask the Flood Resilience Working Group created in March 2021 to support the Environment Agency to inspect and clear Fairywell Brook more frequently. Reducing the build-up of debris that causes the Brook to flood and sewage-contaminated water to enter residents’ homes during flash floods.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council and the Executive Member for the Environment to write to:

- The Environment Minister calling for the Government to adopt the four commitments outlined above.

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- The Chief Executive of United Utilities calling for further urgent action to address the impact of waste-water discharges on our local rivers.
- The charity 'River Action' expressing this Council's support for their campaign to restore the health of Britain's rivers.

This Council also calls upon the three Members of Parliament who represent Trafford to support the resolutions of this motion and advocate for a 'Sewage Tax' in Parliament.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Local Government Pay: A Fully Funded, Proper Pay Rise for Council and School Workers

This Council notes:

Local government has endured central government funding cuts of more than 50% since 2010. Between 2010 and 2020, councils lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government. UNISON research found that councils in England had to fill a combined funding gap of £3 billion when setting budgets for 2022/23.

Over the last two years, councils have led the way in efforts against the Covid-19 pandemic, providing a huge range of services and support for our communities. Local government has shown more than ever how indispensable it is. But Covid has led to a massive increase in expenditure and loss of income, and as we emerge from the pandemic, local authorities and schools need far more support from Westminster.

Council and school workers kept our communities safe through the pandemic, often putting themselves at considerable risk as they work to protect public health, provide quality housing, ensure our children continue to be educated, and look after older and vulnerable people.

Since 2010, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing at least 25 per cent of their value since 2009/10. Staff are now facing the worst cost of living crisis in a generation, with inflation hitting 9% and many having to make impossible choices between food, heating and other essentials. This is a terrible situation for anyone to find themselves in.

At the same time, workers have experienced ever-increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity. Across the UK, 900,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of more than 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.

There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three-quarters of the local government workforce.

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Recent research shows that if the Government were to fully fund the unions' 2022 pay claim, around half of the money would be recouped thanks to increased tax revenue, reduced expenditure on benefits and tax credits, and increased consumer spending in the local economy.

This Council believes:

Our workers are public service super-heroes. They keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running.

Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.

Local government workers deserve a proper real-terms pay increase. The Government needs to take responsibility and fully fund this increase; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone and who were not offered adequate support through the Covid-19 pandemic.

This Council resolves to:

Support the pay claim submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers, for an increase of £2,000 or the current RPI rate, whichever is the greater (along with the various conditions claims proposed).

Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim.

Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.

Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and consider practical ways in which the Council can support the campaign.

(c) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Manchester Airport Passenger Experience**

This Council notes that:

- Situated adjacent to Trafford, Manchester Airport is a major international airport. It was the fourth busiest airport in the UK in 2021 in terms of terminal passengers and is the global gateway to and from the North of England;

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- Trafford Council is a shareholder in the airport, along with the 9 other Greater Manchester districts and Australian investment fund IFM Investors. The holding has regularly returned a dividend which has been used to support the council's Revenue Budget;
- Since the airport started to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, travellers including Trafford residents have experienced delays, large queues and abandoned flights. Airlines have been offering refunds on flights or offering alternative flights, which may be in term time;
- Civil Aviation Authority data shows that in the first three months of 2022 Manchester Airport had 72.3% of its flights leave on time. This was the lowest percentage across the 26 airports in the UK which are included in the statistics; and
- Manchester Airport has commenced an extensive staff recruitment campaign, supported by partners including Trafford Council. The government has passed legislation as part of its 22-point plan to tackle aviation disruption which means certain new recruit training can be undertaken at the same time as background checks, speeding up the process. Ministers have also agreed that HMRC employment history letters can be used as reference checks.

This Council believes that:

- The current situation at Manchester Airport is of great concern to the borough, especially as the council has a financial holding in the airport and many Trafford citizens work at the airport and rely on it on a regular basis; and
- Some parents may choose to book holidays in term time to avoid peak season delays at the airport or may only be offered a re-scheduled holiday in term time. Taking a child out of class in term time will have a detrimental impact on the child's education.

This Council resolves:

- To ask the Chief Executive to write to Chris Woodroffe the new Managing Director of Manchester Airport to invite him to meet with Trafford Elected Members to set out the airport's plan to improve the airport's performance.

Yours sincerely,



SARA TODD
Chief Executive

Council - Wednesday, 27 July 2022

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 19 July 2022** by the Governance Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH.