

# TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

22 MAY 2024

## PRESENT

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Dolores O'Sullivan), in the Chair.

A.M. Whyte	S. G. Ennis	M. Minnis
D. Acton	N. Evans	J.D. Newgrosh
S. Adshead	W. Frass	T. O'Brien
J.M. Axford	S.J. Gilbert	E.R. Parker
B. Babar	J. Harding	E. Patel
O.J. Baskerville	B. Hartley	T. Ross
J. Bennett	W. Hassan	J. Slater
J. Brophy	S. J. Haughey	H. K. Spencer
B. Brotherton	E.L. Hirst	O. Sutton
D. Butt	F. Hornby	M.J. Taylor
G. Carter	C. Hynes	S. Taylor
K.G. Carter	D. Jarman	S. Thomas
G. Coggins	D. Jerrome	R. Thompson
M. Cordingley	W. Jones	M.J. Welton
F. Cosby	J. Leicester	D. Western
Z.C. Deakin	S.E. Lepori	A.J. Williams
R. Duncan	J. Lloyd	B.G. Winstanley
P. Eckersley	S. Maitland	J.A. Wright

## In attendance

Chief Executive  
Head of Legal and Governance  
Governance Manager  
Governance Officer

S. Todd  
E. Malpas  
J. Addison  
H. Callaghan

## APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Holden, K. Procter, S. Procter and S. Zhi.

### 1. MAYOR AND CHAIR OF COUNCIL

It was proposed, seconded, supported and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Amy Whyte be and is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Trafford for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

The retiring Mayor invested the Mayor with the Chain and Badge of Office and presented her with a bouquet of flowers before Councillor Whyte took the Chair.

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**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR  
(COUNCILLOR AMY WHYTE) IN THE CHAIR**

The Mayor returned thanks to the Council for her election and announced that Reverend Sarah Hooks would act as her Chaplain for her mayoral year.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

It was proposed, seconded, supported and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jane Brophy be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Trafford for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Mayor invested Councillor Brophy with the Chain and Badge of Office and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF CONSORT**

The Mayor announced that Reverend Sarah Hooks, would act as her Consort during the ensuing year.

The retiring Mayoress invested the Consort with the Chain and Badge of Office and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CONSORT**

The Deputy Mayor informed the Council that Mr John Brophy, would act as her Deputy Consort during the ensuing year.

The Consort invested the Deputy Consort with the Chain and Badge of Office and presented him with a bouquet of flowers.

**5. VOTE OF THANKS**

It was proposed, seconded, supported and

RESOLVED: That the Council hereby place on record their appreciation for the manner in which Councillor O'Sullivan has carried out her duties as Mayor of the Borough of Trafford during her period of office and tender to her their best thanks in that connection. They also express their gratitude to her Consort, Mrs. Smith for the manner in which she has acted as her Consort.

The Consort presented the retiring Consort with a replica of the Badge of Office and a framed photograph.

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The retiring Mayor then responded to the vote of thanks.

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**6. MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st February 2024 and 20 March 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**7. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS OF COUNCILLORS**

The Returning Officer submitted a report on the results of the Poll held on 2 May 2024 for the respective wards of the Borough.

The Mayor congratulated all those who were successfully elected and welcomed Councillors Devlin, Hancock, Savary and Glenton to their first Council Meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the list of newly elected Members and their Terms of Office be noted.

**8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer submitted a report concerning the election of the Leader of the Council and advising on the appointment of the Executive and a Deputy Leader and also the shadow arrangements that the main opposition group was entitled to.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Councillor Tom Ross be elected Leader of the Council for a fixed term of office from this date of election to the first Annual Meeting of the Council after his normal day of retirement as a councillor in 2028.
- (2) That the Council notes that the Leader of Council determines that the Executive shall comprise himself plus 9 Councillors.
- (3) That the Council notes that the Leader of the Council appoints the membership of the Executive and a Deputy Leader for the 2023/24 municipal year, as follows:

Councillor	PORTFOLIO
Tom Ross	Leader of the Council
Catherine Hynes (Deputy Leader)	Leisure, Arts, Culture and Heritage
Karina Carter	Children and Young People
Aidan Williams	Climate Change
Rose Thompson	Communities and Safety
Liz Patel	Economy and Regeneration
Joanne Harding	Finance, Change and Governance

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Jane Slater	Healthy & Independent Lives
Stephen Adshead	Highways, Environmental and Traded Services
James Wright	Housing and Advice

- (4) That the membership of the Shadow Executive for the 2023/24 Municipal Year, as set out below, be noted:

Councillor	SHADOW PORTFOLIO
Nathan Evans	Leader of the Opposition
Lisa Hancock	Children and Young People
Shengke Zhi	Climate Change
	Communities and Safety
Nathan Evans	Economy and Regeneration
Dylan Butt	Finance, Change and Governance
Phil Eckersley (Deputy Leader)	Health and Care
John Holden	Highways, Environmental and Traded Services
Rob Duncan	Housing and Advice
Michael Taylor	Leisure, Arts, Culture and Heritage

- (5) That the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution arising as a result of these arrangements.

## **9. COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

The Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report inviting the Council to agree the Committees of the Council, their size, political composition, membership and terms of reference for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive had been notified of the following political groups on the Council:

Labour Group	- 43 Members
Conservative Group	- 8 Members
Liberal Democrats Group	- 6 Members
Green Party Group	- 6 Members

The regulations provided for the composition of Committees to be in accordance with the political balance of the 63 Members of the Council.

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RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Standing Committees and their composition, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Terms of Reference for each Committee, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.
- (3) That Council approves the membership of Committees for the 2024/25 Municipal Year, as set out below, including the appointment of each Committee Chair (CH) and Vice-Chair (V-CH) and notes the nominated Opposition Spokesperson (OS), where appropriate:

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Jill Axford Olly Baskerville Barry Brotherton <b>CH</b> Ged Carter Keleigh Glenton Judith Lloyd <b>V-CH</b>	Shengke Zhi <b>OS</b>	Jane Brophy	Michael Welton

NON-VOTING CO-OPTEE (1) – Mrs. Jeannie Platt

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
David Acton <b>V-CH</b> Bilal Babar Joanne Bennett <b>CH</b> Ged Carter George Devlin Dolores O’Sullivan	Shengke Zhi <b>OS</b>	Cllr Lepori	Jane Leicester

Substitute Members of Employment Committee:

1 vacancy

1 vacancy

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Barry Brotherton David Jarman Francis Cosby Sarah Haughey <b>CH</b> Dolores O'Sullivan Kevin Proctor Ulrich Savary Sophie Taylor Emma Hirst <b>V-CH</b>	John Holden <b>OS</b> Michael Taylor	Cllr Lepori Julian Newgrosh	Hannah Spencer Michael Welton

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Bilal Babar Mike Cordingley Zak Deakin Waseem Hassan Sue Maitland <b>V-CH</b> Tony O'Brien Shirley Procter Simon Thomas Barry Winstanley <b>CH</b>	Phil Eckersley <b>OS</b> Michael Taylor	Meena Minnis	Dan Jerrome

Substitute Members of the Planning Development Control Committee:

1 Ben Hartley	Cllr Newgrosh	Jane Leicester
2 Emma Hirst		
3 Kevin Procter		
4 Ulrich Savary		

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Shona Gilbert David Acton	Phil Eckersley Shengke Zhi <b>V-CH</b>	Will Frass	Hannah Spencer

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Mike Cordingley  
Eve Parker  
Denise Western  
Kevin Procter **CH**  
Barry Winstanley  
Vacancy  
Non-Voting Co-optees (5)

2 Parish Representatives: Mr. A. Rudden and 1 *vacancy*  
3 Independent Members: Mr. D. Goodman, Mr. C. Griffiths and  
Mr. R. Brown

Independent Persons of the Hearing Panel (2)  
(under Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011): Ms. N. Jackson and  
Mr. M. Whiting

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Fianna Hornby <b>CH</b> Jill Axford Francis Cosby Keleigh Glenton David Jarman Will Jones Simon Thomas	Michael Taylor <b>V-CH</b>	Will Frass	Geraldine Coggins

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member (2)

Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Dylan Butt  
Chair of Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee – Councillor  
Denise Western

**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Ben Hartley Shona Gilbert Wassem Hassan Emma Hirst Will Jones	Dylan Butt <b>CH</b>	Simon Lepori	Jane Leicester

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Judith Lloyd  
Sophie Taylor **V-CH**  
Vacancy  
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member (2)

Chair of Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Fianna Hornby  
Chair of Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee – Councillor  
Denise Western

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Joanne Bennett Zak Deakin George Devlin Sue Maitland Eve Parker Shirley Proctor Denise Western CH Vacancy	Rob Duncan <b>V-CH</b>	Shaun Ennis	Owain Sutton

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member (2)

Chair of Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Fianna Hornby  
Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Dylan Butt

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION MATTERS:**

Church Representatives (Voting Members) (2)

Church of England: *vacancy*  
Roman Catholic: *vacancy*

Parent-Governor Representatives (Voting Members) (3)

Primary: *vacancy*  
Secondary: *vacancy*  
Special: *vacancy*

Teacher Representatives (Non-Voting Members) (3)

Primary: *vacancy*  
Secondary: *vacancy*  
Special: *vacancy*



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- (4) That the Council approves the terms of reference of the Licensing Sub-Committees and appoints their membership, as follows:

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Barry Brotherton Dave Jarman Ulrich Savary Sophie Taylor Sarah Haughey <b>CH</b> Emma Hirst <b>V-CH</b>	John Holden <b>OS</b>	Julian Newgrosh	Hannah Spencer

[6 Substitutes: Councillors Kev Procter, Frances Cosby, Dolores O’Sullivan Michael Welton, 2 vacancies]

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Membership to be drawn from all members of the Licensing Committee.

Order of priority for Chairing a meeting applies when more than one of the appointed chairs is a member of the same Sub-Committee.

**CHAIRS**

**ORDER OF  
PRIORITY**

Councillors:

Cllr Sarah Haughey	1	Chair of Licensing
Cllr Emma Hirst	2	Vice-Chair of Licensing
Cllr John Holden	3	Opposition Spokesperson
Cllr Barry Brotherton	4	Member of Licensing
Cllr Sophie Taylor	5	Member of Licensing

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Simon Thomas <b>CH</b> Olly Baskerville <b>V-CH</b>	John Holden	-	-

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- (5) That the Appointments and Appeals Panel be formally appointed and its membership be drawn from all Members of the Council.
- (6) That the Council appoints to the Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out below and the Board be recommended to endorse the Council's Membership:

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN PARTY GROUP</b>
Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:	Councillors:
Executive Member for Health and Care	Shadow Executive Member for Health and Care	Jane Brophy	-
Executive Member for Children and Young People			
Executive Member for Communities and Safety			

Officer(s) and External Partners:

- Corporate Director of Children's Services
- Corporate Director of Adult Services
- Director of Public Health
- NHS Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group (3 representatives: Chair, Chief Operating Officer and Clinical Director/Representative)
- Chair of Health Watch
- Third Sector (2 representatives)
- Independent Chair Local Safeguarding Board
- Chair of the Safer Trafford Partnership – Greater Manchester Police
- Chair of the Trafford Sports and Physical Activity Partnership
- Chief Executive Officers of health care providers (2): (Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust)
- Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Representative
- Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partner Representative

- (7) That the Council delegates to the Chief Executive, in accordance with the written request of the relevant Group Leader, the power and authority to change the membership of committees and sub-committees as may be needed from time to time.

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## **10. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE AND INDEPENDENT BODIES**

The Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report detailing the proposed appointment of representatives to outside and independent bodies relating to the service areas and functions of the Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

The report also requested the Council to note the representatives on those outside and independent bodies whose activities relate to Executive functions which had been confirmed by the Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That approval be given to the appointment of representatives to those outside and independent bodies set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (2) That the Council notes the representatives appointed by the Leader of the Council to those outside, independent and Executive bodies set out in Appendix 2 to the report.
- (3) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Group Leader(s), be delegated authority to appoint members to any outside body vacancy that remains or arises after this Annual Meeting and to any other bodies to which the Council is required to make appointments (and when such appointments specifically relate to Council functions, to report back to Council on any changes or new appointments so made).
- (4) That the persons named in Appendix 3, to the report, be authorised to sit on the Statutory School Appeals Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year and that the Director of Legal and Governance be delegated authority to make changes to this list and to set up School Admission Appeals Committees including the appointment of Chairs.

## **(11) TIMETABLE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report presenting for adoption a timetable of Council and Committee meetings for the ensuing Municipal Years 2024/25 and 2025/26.

RESOLVED: That the timetable of Council and Committee meetings for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Municipal Years be approved.

## **12. DELEGATED DECISIONS AND URGENT ACTION FOR COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

- (1) That where, under the approved Scheme of Delegation, decisions may be taken by officers in consultation with non-Executive Members, then in the absence of any specific arrangements having been made, the officer shall consult the appropriate Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson.

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- (2) That, in situations which require emergency action, the Chief Executive or the appropriate officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee concerned and the Opposition Spokesperson where appropriate (or their respective nominees), be authorised to deal from this date until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024, with any matters of urgency or any other matter that cannot conveniently be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee, subject to later report, for information, to the Committee in question.

### **13. DELEGATED FUNCTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report confirming the arrangements for the delegation of Council (non-Executive) and Executive functions and to obtain Council's agreement to amend the Constitution of the Council to incorporate these arrangements and those others identified in the report deemed to be necessary.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Council notes that Executive functions not covered by the Officers' Scheme of Delegation are delegated by the Leader of the Council as follows:
- (a) functions are delegated to all individual Executive Members in accordance with the Executive Members' Scheme of Delegation, set out at Appendix 1 to the report;
  - (b) all other functions are delegated to the Executive.
- (2) That the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.
- (3) That the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution of the Council in accordance with and as a consequence of this report and other decisions made by Council at this Annual Meeting.
- (4) That Council notes that further changes may be required to the Officer Scheme of Delegation during the year and that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive.

### **(14) REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS**

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report detailing Executive Key Decisions which had been taken under Special Urgency provisions set out in Regulation 11, since the previous Annual Meeting held on 24 May 2023.

RESOLVED: That the content of the report be noted.

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**15. CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

The Monitoring Officer and Director of Legal and Governance submitted a report seeking to amend the Council's Constitution with a proposed new contract procedure rules.

RESOLVED: That Council notes the report of the STAR Joint Committee attached as appendix 1 and approves the changes to the contract procedure rules as per appendix 2.

**16. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP - HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TRAFFORD COUNCIL**

The Motion set out on the Summons regarding Happy 50th Birthday Trafford Council was moved and seconded. Following a debate on the matter, the Motion was put to the vote and was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:

Trafford Council was formed on 1 April 1974 following the merger of Altrincham, Sale and Stretford Municipal Boroughs; Bowdon, Hale and Urmston District Councils; and the parishes of Carrington, Partington, Dunham Massey and Warburton. A rich and diverse range of places that continues to influence of the Trafford of today.

Over the last 50 years has had 50 mayors, 13 different leaders, Labour and Conservative administrations and periods of no overall control. Many memorable people have served this Borough since 1974.

Local Government remains a keystone in society and there's a lot Trafford Council can celebrate. From attracting national venues such as the Imperial War Museum North and working in partnership with our big sporting arenas to building thousands of new homes for people to live in, meaning that our young people can remain close to the place they grew up. From investing millions into regenerating our town centres, revitalising our leisure services and transforming Trafford's biggest park to working with our incredible schools, colleges and now UA92. From providing support and reassurance to people in our communities through the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis to taking the necessary steps to tackle our climate crisis through active travel, reducing carbon in public buildings and progressing new ideas like district heat networks and greening Trafford Park whilst celebrating Trafford's mighty industrial heritage.

As we celebrate our first 50 years we must also look to how we shape the future. We must aim to give every child the best start; ensure people live healthy and independent lives; provide a thriving economy and homes for all; address our climate crisis; and ensure culture, sport and heritage are accessible to all.

Local Government services are integral to our communities and those services are nothing without the workforce providing them- from librarians to social workers,

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street cleaners to waste collectors, teaching staff to registrars, planners to bereavement service staff. Those are just a few with many, many more besides.

This council therefore resolves to:

- Note and celebrate Trafford Council's achievement on our 50th anniversary;
- Thank every council employee, past and present, for their service to this Borough.