



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

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 NOVEMBER 2024, at 7.00 P.M.** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD**, for the transaction of the business set out below:

	Pages
1. Minutes	
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 October 2024, for signature by the Mayor as Chair of the Council.	1 - 12
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. Review of Trafford Council's Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act 2005	
To consider a report of the Executive Member for Communities and Safety, recommended to Council by the Executive on 21 October 2024.	13 - 90
5. Authorisation of Street Collections, Regulations and Policy	
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6. **Amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**
- To consider a report of the Executive Member for Communities and Safety, recommended to Council by the Executive on 21 October 2024. 127 - 134
7. **Treasury Management Annual Performance 2023/24 Report**
- To note a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance, Change and Governance and the Director of Finance and Systems which has also been presented to the Accounts and Audit Committee on 25 September 2024 and the Executive on 21 October 2024. 135 - 158
8. **Motions**
- To consider the following motions submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:
- (a) **Motion Submitted by the Green Party Group - Greater Manchester Pension Fund and Trafford's involvement: Arms, Human Rights and International Law**
- This Council notes:
- That the UK is one of the world's biggest defence equipment exporters, selling £86 billion of arms between 2010 and 2019.
 - That the Saudi Arabian military is the biggest single purchaser of UK arms, despite being accused of war crimes in Yemen.
 - The Governments of Sweden and Germany have banned the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia, whilst the UK government continues to permit such exports and has repeatedly failed to stop selling weapons to rule breaking regimes.
 - That over half a billion pounds of council pension funds across the country have been invested in the arms trade, and more is supporting companies and states that breach international law and carry out human rights abuses.
 - This all seems in contravention of this claim in the Responsible Investment Policy of GMPF: *"Embedded within GMPF's approach to investment lies its responsibility to respect human rights..."*
 - GMPF holdings end of year 2023 include:

BAE SYSTEMS 9,117,418
HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL 1,027,511
TEXTRON 5,431,648
RTX CORPORATION 540,768
RTX CORPORATION 20,830,718

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CATERPILLAR 2,719,342
BOEING 844,205
LEONARDO 1,356,445
THALES 22,543,801
DASSAULT 4,668,445
RHEINMETALL 6,111,897
Total: 75,192,198

- That councils like Waltham Forrest, Islington, Liverpool City Council and Inverclyde Council have backed motions calling on pension funds to divest from the arms trade.

This Council resolves that the Leader should write to the GMPF asking them to submit a report to as soon as practically possible to:

- Name investments in companies who are (i) associated with breaches of international law or human rights abuses, (ii) part of the arms industry, or (iii) operate within 'occupied territory' as defined by International law.
- Outline the engagement history by the fund or its partners with these companies and sectors.
- Explain how the fund's Responsible Investment Policy should be applied to these companies with a view to potential divestment.
- Outline the impact of potential divestment from this sector.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Affordable Housing

A thriving economy and homes for all is one of Trafford Council's new priorities.

Trafford Council recognises the acute need for affordable housing in the borough and has already secured a pipeline of affordable homes as part of current and future housing developments.

The 2024 Labour Party Manifesto set out the new Labour Government's aspirations for social and affordable housebuilding:

"Labour will deliver the biggest increase in social and affordable housebuilding in a generation. We will strengthen planning obligations to ensure new developments provide more affordable homes; make changes to the Affordable Homes Programme to ensure that it delivers more homes from existing funding; and support councils and housing associations to build their capacity and make a greater contribution to affordable housing supply. Labour will prioritise the building of new social rented homes and better protect our existing stock by reviewing the increased right to buy discounts introduced in 2012 and increasing protections on newly-built social housing."

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In addition, GM Mayor Andy Burnham has set out his Greater Manchester Vision for Housing, within which a new Greater Manchester Housing First unit will develop a plan it will submit to Government to build a new generation of council and social housing. The aim is to build 10,000 of those homes, equating to 1000 in every Greater Manchester borough, by 2028 and within the next Mayoral term.

This Labour Council, working in partnership with GM Mayor Andy Burnham and the new Labour Government, is committed to building more affordable housing.

The Council therefore resolves to:

1. Work closely with Greater Manchester Combined Authority to maximise the delivery of affordable housing in Borough;
2. Explore opportunities for Truly Affordable Net Zero Homes;
3. Work with the Labour Government to explore any future grant funding opportunities to help deliver more affordable housing and social rented homes.

(c) **Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

In March 2022 Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) declared a biodiversity emergency, which was followed up by the publication of the *State of Nature in Greater Manchester* report in March 2024.

The GMCA has now launched a public consultation on its draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which will set out the action we all need to take over the next decade to respond to the biodiversity emergency.

Trafford Council has worked with the GMCA and nine other local authorities to produce the draft strategy, which will act as a road map setting out how and where everyone can work together to help nature recover across Greater Manchester.

In addition to this, the Council is fulfilling its biodiversity duty under the Environment Act 2021 in the following ways:

- Collaboration with GMCA and Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU): The Council collaborates on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) preparation and implementation, supported by Defra funding, GMEU surveys and reports on the condition of Sites of Biological Importance in Trafford.

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- **Trafford Countryside and Nature Partnership:** This partnership involves organisations like City of Trees and The Conservation Volunteers, identifying improvements at key sites across The Mersey Valley. Recent funding has supported projects at Sale Water Park, Wellacre Country Park, and Urmston Meadows.
- **Strategic Funding Bids:** The Council has submitted funding bids with biodiversity components, such as the Longford Brook de-culverting project and the 'Lost Wetlands' study at the former William Wroe Golf Course.
- **Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS):** SuDS manage surface water and provide biodiversity and amenity benefits. The Council is incorporating SuDS into the public realm, including at Kingsway in Stretford.
- **Land Management:** The Council manages its land to enhance biodiversity by reducing herbicide and pesticide use. Community groups are also supported in accessing grants for biodiversity projects such as bee corridors and rewilding.
- **Tree Planting Programmes:** Tree planting initiatives across Trafford are supported by the Northern Forest and Nature for Climate funding, in conjunction with City of Trees.

The Council resolves to:

1. Promote the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation to residents and consider ways to maximise feedback.
2. Recognise and incorporate the importance of biodiversity into the development of our Local Plan.
3. Provide an annual update to members on our local response to the biodiversity emergency.

(d) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Transparency, Accountability, and Community Engagement in Asylum Seeker Housing Decisions**

This Council notes:

1. The recent decision to house an additional 296 asylum seekers in Altrincham's Cresta Court Hotel without prior consultation with local residents or opposition councillors.
2. The lack of transparency surrounding this decision, including the absence of a clear impact assessment on local services and communities.

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3. The potential strain on local resources, including healthcare, education, and housing, which are already under pressure.
4. The heightened public concerns due to the lack of consultation and short notice given to residents.
5. The proximity of Cresta Court Hotel to several schools in Altrincham, raising safeguarding concerns.
6. Trafford Council's repeated statements that they had no knowledge of the use of Cresta Court as accommodation for asylum seekers until days prior to their arrival.

This Council believes:

1. That decisions of this magnitude should be made with full transparency and in consultation with all stakeholders, including local residents and opposition councillors.
2. That the current administration has failed to provide adequate information about the long-term plans and potential impacts of this decision.
3. That there is a need for a comprehensive strategy to manage the integration of asylum seekers while safeguarding the interests of local residents.
4. That the rapid manner in which this situation has arisen has increased tensions and the potential for discriminatory and prejudicial responses.
5. That the additional strain on Council resources during a time of financial difficulty cannot be overstated.

This Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for the Home Office, Yvette Cooper MP, asking her to:
 - a. Ensure that local authorities are given at least a month's notice before future asylum seeker hotel deals are agreed, and certainly before asylum seekers are placed in the area.
 - b. Ensure that in future a full risk assessment, including the particulars of the surrounding environment of any hotel, is undertaken.
 - c. Ensure that asylum seeker accommodation deals are subject to a public consultation process that seeks out the opinions of potential stakeholders, such as the NHS, the police, local authorities, local businesses, and local charitable organisations.
 - d. Consider including ordinary members of the public in the consultation process to address any anxiety and concerns.

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2. Call on the administration to provide a full and detailed report on the decision-making process that led to the housing of asylum seekers in Altrincham, including any risk assessments conducted.
3. Demand the immediate establishment of a cross-party working group to oversee the implementation of asylum seeker housing policies and to ensure ongoing transparency and accountability.
4. Request that the Council conduct and publish a comprehensive impact assessment on local services, including healthcare, education, and housing.
5. Urge the administration to develop and present a clear strategy for community integration and support, with input from all councillors and local community groups.
6. Insist on regular updates to the Council and the public on the progress and challenges of housing asylum seekers, including any additional costs incurred by the local authority.
7. Call for a review of the Council's consultation processes to ensure that significant decisions are made with proper engagement of all affected parties in the future.
8. Develop a communication strategy to address residents' concerns and provide factual information about the situation, aiming to reduce tensions and prevent discriminatory responses.

(e) **Motion Submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group - Timperley Local Place Plan**

This Council welcomes:

The significant capital investment seen across Trafford in recent years, including Town Centre projects in Altrincham, Stretford and the forthcoming projects in Sale and Urmston, as well as a Village Centre Place Plan for Hale and the redevelopment of Partington.

This Council recognises that:

Timperley is one of the most densely populated places in Trafford, with a varied high-street offer and a first-rate local business community.

Due to the absence of significant public realm investment of the kind undertaken elsewhere in Trafford, Timperley is at a disadvantage compared to the other urban centres in the borough.

There is a pressing need for a community-led Timperley Local Place Plan to be developed in anticipation of future opportunities to bid for urban regeneration funding.

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The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration has previously acknowledged that it is time for a Timperley Local Place Plan when responding to questions from the Liberal Democrat Group at a meeting of the Council Executive (27 November 2023).

This Council believes that:

Timperley is a fantastic place to live, shop and do business. Just like other localities in Trafford, a Local Place Plan would ensure Timperley can thrive and continue to contribute vital business revenue to Trafford and jobs for the local economy.

Working in consultation with residents and businesses, a new Timperley Local Place Plan should:

1. focus on growing the local economy, supporting local businesses to thrive through accessibility and Active Travel.
2. focus on increasing local residents' sense of pride in place, with an enhanced public realm and a focus on how regeneration can benefit the environment.
3. encompass a streetscape that properly caters for the needs of the modern local economy, reflecting the desires of local businesses who want to grow by providing space for the high-street offer and night-time economy that residents want to see, including pavements suitable for outdoor dining, cafes and bars.
4. recognise that the local area is characterised by shopping parades which exist beyond the centre of Timperley Village and a Place Plan must support those areas too.

This Council resolves to:

Instruct the Place Directorate to begin the development of a Timperley Local Place Plan in the municipal year 2025/26 in consultation with residents, businesses and elected councillors from Timperley.

Hold public consultations to inform the development of the Timperley Local Place Plan in the municipal year 2025/26.

Proactively identify and bid on government funding streams that will enable timely delivery of the Timperley Local Place Plan as the development of the plan progresses.

Yours sincerely,



SARA TODD
Chief Executive

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This Summons was issued on **Wednesday, 6 November 2024** by the Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH.