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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

10 September 2013

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, 18 SEPTEMBER 2013, at 7.00 PM** 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 correct records the Minutes of the following meetings for signature by the Mayor as Chairman: | |
| (a) Meeting of the Council held on 10 July 2013; and | 1 - 14 |
| (b) Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 31 July 2013. | 15 - 18 |
| 2. Announcements | |
| 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. | |
| 3. Questions By Members | |
| 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. | |
| 4. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Impact Report: 2012/13 | |
| To consider a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services. | 19 - 34 |
| 5. Establishment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Manchester City Council | |
| To consider a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services. | 35 - 36 |
- (Note: Appendix A – Terms of Reference will be to follow)

6. Motions

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

(a) Motion submitted by the Conservative Group

This Council welcomes the recent developments in library services implemented by the ruling Conservative Group. These include:

- A new lending library in the Town Hall, increasing provision in the north of the Borough.
- A brand new library planned for Altrincham, in the heart of the market quarter, increasing accessibility.
- Improved library provision in Stretford envisaged in the new Masterplan.
- The introduction of e-readers for loan (the first Council in the country to do so).
- Opening up our libraries to volunteers with a huge response from local residents.
- The planned introduction of WiFi in all libraries (the first Council in AGMA to do so).
- Introduction of Teletalk to allow face to face communication via video with plans to increase this service further.

This Council would like to thank our residents for their continuing support of our library service.

(b) Motion submitted by the Conservative Group

This Council welcomes the Department for Transport's announcement of £20million of funding towards cycling infrastructure in Greater Manchester, and congratulates all those involved in securing this funding, including Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), Sustrans and the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA).

The infrastructure improvements this brings will benefit existing cyclists and encourage new riders. In our Borough, the 'Cycle and Ride' facility at Flixton railway station and the completion of the Bridgewater Way route into Manchester will improve the experience for those cycling within Trafford and into Manchester.

In line with the All-Party Cycling Group's report, 'Get Britain Cycling', which recently received cross-party support in the House of Commons, this Council calls on the Government to ensure that on-going funding and resource is made available to local transport authorities, to ensure that continuous improvement in cycling infrastructure is made possible.

(c) Motion submitted by the Labour Group

Trafford Council resolves to:

Continue to support its music service to ensure that every child in Trafford has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument regardless of their family's economic circumstances;

and that it continues to financially support the running of our three music centres at:

- Partington - Partington Primary School
- Old Trafford Community Centre
- Flixton - Acre Hall Primary School

and continues to support youth orchestras, so that all Trafford children who wish to, can take up instrumental lessons and play in high quality ensembles.

(d) Motion submitted by the Labour Group

Trafford Council notes the request from 'Local Works' to consider submitting the following proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act:

'That the Secretary of State gives Local Authorities the power to introduce a local levy of 8.5% of the rate on large retail outlets in their area with a rateable annual value not less than £500,000 and requires that the revenue from this levy be retained by the Local Authority in order to be used to improve local communities in their areas by promoting local economic activity, local services and facilities, social and community wellbeing and environmental protection.'

The Council notes that if this power was acquired it would present the opportunity to raise further revenue if the Council wished to use it at any point in the future.

The Council resolves to submit the proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act and to work together with Local Works in order to gain support for the proposal from other councils in the region and across the country.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

Councillors D. Butt (Mayor), E.H. Malik (Deputy Mayor), D. Acton, S. Adshead, S. Anstee, Dr. K. Barclay, J. 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, 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, M. Young and Mrs. P. Young

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 10 September 2013** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

Agenda Item 1a

COUNCIL MEETING

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

10 JULY 2013

PRESENT

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Dylan Butt), in the Chair.

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

In attendance

Chief Executive	Ms. T. Grant
Corporate Director Children and Young People's Service	Mrs. D. Brownlee
Corporate Director Economic Growth & Prosperity	Mrs. H. Jones
Corporate Director Environment Transport and Operations	Mr. P. Molyneux
Corporate Director Transformation and Resources	Mrs. W. Marston
Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Ms. J. Le Fevre
Head of Financial Management	Mr. I. Kershaw
Democratic Services Manager	Mr. P. Forrester
Democratic Services Officer	Mr. I. Cockill

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Fishwick, M. Hyman, I. Platt, D. Quayle, B. Shaw, E.W. Stennett, N. Taylor and K. Weston.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 22 May 2013 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 June 2013, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Councillors Hyman and Weston

Joining with the Mayor, the Council conveyed good wishes to Councillors Hyman and Weston who had recently been admitted to hospital.

(b) Armed Forces Parade

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor had conveyed condolences to the family of Eric Poole, the standard bearer for the Trafford Branch of the Royal Naval Association, who collapsed in Eden Square and later died. Mr. Poole would be remembered for holding up high the standard of his well respected and beloved Royal Naval Association.

The Mayor thanked everyone who had assisted Mr. Poole and provided emergency care and the Council stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

(c) Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours

The Council joined with the Mayor in congratulating those who reside or have a close connection with Trafford who were named in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours List, namely:

Dana Ross-Wawrzynski of Bowden, Executive Head Teacher, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, awarded a damehood for services to Education;

Victoria Beer, Executive Principal, Ashton upon Mersey School, awarded the citation of Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to Education;

Joseph Fogg of Sale, awarded the citation of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to Valuation.

Poet Basir Sultan Kazmi of Sale, awarded the citation of Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to Literature;

Abubakar Chunara of Old Trafford, awarded the MBE for services to the Muslim Community in Trafford;

Mary Blackburn of Bowdon, awarded the citation of Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) for services to the community;

Frank Stanley Tolley of Sale, awarded the BEM for services to museums and the community; and

Noel White of Hale, awarded the BEM for services to football.

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The Mayor indicated he had written to convey congratulations to the recipients for their achievements and richly deserved recognition.

18. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The Mayor reported that 2 questions had been received under Procedure Rule 10.2.

- (a) Councillor Duffield asked the following question for which she had given notice:

"How many social housing tenants in Trafford are affected by the bedroom tax and how many of these are currently behind with rent payments?"

In response, Councillor Anstee the Executive Member for Finance reported that 2,354 working age tenants were affected by the Government's rules on under-occupancy, however, figures for those in arrears were not currently available. The Executive Member assured the Council that officers would raise the issue at the Strategic Housing Partnership Meeting being held the following week.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Duffield asked how many of those affected by the rules need a one bedroom property and how long those that were unsuccessful with their application for a discretionary housing payment would have to wait. Councillor Anstee advised that this matter would also be followed up and reaffirmed the Council's collaborative approach with partners to housing in the borough.

- (b) Councillor Mrs. Brophy asked the following question for which she had given notice:

"It has been reported recently in the press that permission has been granted for an energy firm to invest in exploring for shale gas near Barton Aerodrome, which borders Trafford. If successful it is expected that the firm will then seek permission to start fracking to extract the gas as an energy resource.

The fracking technique when unregulated has been blamed for significant environmental damage in the US and minor earthquakes from exploratory fracking operations near Blackpool. However, fracking has the potential to generate significant income and job opportunities to local communities."

What is the view of the Trafford Executive member?"

Councillor Mitchell, Executive Member for Highways and Environment responded to the question, advising that Trafford was not currently an active area for Shale gas extraction, although unknown locations in the borough may provide opportunities in the future. Any exploratory and extraction activity would require planning permission and compliance with Trafford's Local Development Framework and associated policies. The Executive Member was confident that these would provide the necessary ~~Page 3~~ **Page 3** and in addition, would ask officers

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and the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit to monitor the situation.

Councillor Mrs. Brophy referred to compensation for people living near to fracking sites and asked as a supplementary question whether the Council was exploring these payment packages. In response, Councillor Mitchell indicated that until such a time the matter was an unknown, however, the Council would look to realise all benefits should the issue arise.

19. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer submitted a report advising on the appointment of a Co-opted Member of Standards Committee and a process to be undertaken to fill the Independent Member vacancy.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the appointment of Councillor Tony Rudden as a Parish Co-opted Member of Standards Committee with immediate effect, be endorsed.
- (2) That approval be given for advertisement of the vacant Independent Member post, and that the Chairman of Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer bring forward a recommended appointment for Council's consideration in due course.

20. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing submitted a report proposing changes to the membership of the Trafford Health and Wellbeing Board. The report outlined the rationale for inviting Providers to join the Board as well as outlining the potential Providers who had been identified as key members.

RESOLVED: That the proposed changes to the membership of the Trafford Health and Wellbeing Board be approved and that its membership now comprise:

Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing (Chairman)
 Executive Member for Adult Social Services
 Executive Member for Supporting Children and Families
 Shadow Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing
 Accountable Officer Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group (Vice-Chairman)
 Trafford Representative, NHS England Area Team
 Corporate Director of Children, Families and Wellbeing*
 Director of Public Health*
 Chair of Health Watch Trafford*
 Director of Commissioning, Clinical Commissioning Group
 Representative, Central Manchester Foundation Trust
 Representative, University Hospital of South Manchester
 Representative, Pennine Community Care Foundation Trust

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Representative, Greater Manchester West Mental Health Foundation Trust
Representative, Trafford's Third Sector

* Denotes that this position must be represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board as per the Health and Social Care Act 2012

21. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Council considered a report referred from the Planning Development Control Committee held on 13 June 2013 seeking to extend the Chief Planning Officer's Scheme of Delegation.

RESOLVED: That the proposed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation be approved to allow the Chief Planning Officer to determine all prior approval applications submitted following the recent changes to permitted development rights following the introduction of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2013.

22. FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES

The Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer submitted a report recommending a number of changes to the Financial Procedure Rules which form part of the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the amended Financial Procedure Rules be approved.
- (2) That the Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to amend the Constitution of the Council in accordance with and as a consequence of this decision.

23. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2012/13

The Council received a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance reviewing treasury activities for the past financial year, in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice. The report had been considered by the Executive on 24 June 2013 and the Accounts and Audit Committee on 27 June 2013.

RESOLVED: That the Council notes:

- (i) the Treasury Management activities undertaken in 2012/13;
- (ii) that no prudential limits were breached during 2012/13; and
- (iii) that both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance were fully complied with.

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**24. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL
2012/13**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Accounts and Audit Committee submitted a report summarising the work undertaken by the Committee during the year and its impact. The report also provided assurance to the Council on the fulfilment of the Committee's responsibilities.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

25. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Chief Executive submitted a report and appendix presenting the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to amendments to the Scheme of Members' Allowances.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Panel's recommendations, as set out below, to amend the Council's existing Members' Allowances Scheme, be approved:

Paragraph 1 be amended to read:

- 1 *This Scheme may be cited as the Trafford Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme and shall take effect on 1 July 2013.*

And that paragraph 10 be amended to read:

Annual Adjustment

- 10 (1) *The Members' Allowance scheme, including the Dependants' Carers' Allowance, will be adjusted annually each year and the allowances (excluding travelling and subsistence allowance) will be increased by the amount of the annual pay award by the National Joint Council for Local Government Service for that year.*

- (2) *The annual adjustment in 10(1) shall take place for the years commencing 1 April 2014, 2015 and 2016.*

- (2) That the Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to revise Part 6 of the Constitution (Members Allowances Scheme), as appended to the report, as a consequence of this decision.

26. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP

It was moved and seconded that:

"this Council affirms its commitment to making our roads as safe as possible for all road users. It notes wide public interest in the issue, and the

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concerns of the public documented by Kate Green MP as part of her Safer Trafford Streets campaign. The Council commits to taking action to: work with the police to tackle dangerous and inconsiderate parking; present, within two months, a timetable for dealing with the road repairs and improvements acknowledged to be necessary in its response to the dossier prepared by Kate Green MP; implement as a first stage 20 mph speed limit outside all schools and draw up a list of residential areas which would benefit from 20 mph limit which will have positive road safety benefits for residents; adopt road calming measures on selected roads where deemed to be dangerous; and work with the police to install cameras and speed warning signs where it is recognised they are appropriate; develop improved safety schemes for cyclist who use our roads , and will work with schools, community groups, the emergency services, Kate Green MP and others to promote road safety.”

It was moved and seconded as an amendment that:

“this Council affirms its commitment to making our roads as safe as possible for all road users.

It notes widespread public interest in the issue, and the concerns of the recent Safer Trafford Streets campaign.

The Council commits to taking action to:

- work with the police to tackle dangerous and inconsiderate parking;
- present, within a reasonable timescale, a timetable for dealing with the road repairs and improvements outlined in its response to the report of the Safer Trafford Streets Campaign;
- draw up a list of residential areas which may include schools and which would benefit from 20 mph limit which will have positive road safety benefits for residents;
- adopt road calming measures on selected roads where analysis indicates they are appropriate;
- work with the police to install cameras and speed warning signs where it is recognised they are appropriate;
- develop improved safety schemes for cyclist who use our roads; and
- work with schools, community groups, the emergency services, MP’s and others to promote road safety.”

Following a debate on the matter, the amendment was agreed by general consent. Accordingly, the substantive Motion was declared carried.

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RESOLVED: That this Council affirms its commitment to making our roads as safe as possible for all road users.

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- work with the police to tackle dangerous and inconsiderate parking;
- present, within a reasonable timescale, a timetable for dealing with the road repairs and improvements outlined in its response to the report of the Safer Trafford Streets Campaign;
- draw up a list of residential areas which may include schools and which would benefit from 20 mph limit which will have positive road safety benefits for residents;
- adopt road calming measures on selected roads where analysis indicates they are appropriate;
- work with the police to install cameras and speed warning signs where it is recognised they are appropriate;
- develop improved safety schemes for cyclist who use our roads; and
- work with schools, community groups, the emergency services, MP's and others to promote road safety.

27. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP

It was moved and seconded that:

“this Council supports Trafford teaching staff who we recognise as highly skilled and dedicated in their work in producing excellent results in our Trafford schools.

However we are concerned about the damaging affects to teachers pay and conditions of service and pensions which is stretching their goodwill and leading to a crisis in morale, teacher recruitment and retention.

For the benefit of our school children it is essential that teacher goodwill is maintained and their morale lifted to ensure that we improve recruitment and retention which in turn will maintain the high level of achievement and results in our Trafford schools. We therefore call on the Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove to agree to hold meaningful discussions with teachers and teacher unions to avoid damaging industrial action by teachers

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which will be detrimental to our Trafford schools and Trafford school children.”

Following a debate on the matter, the Motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

28. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP

[Note: As this item related to a matter currently under review by the Scrutiny Committee, Members of that Committee were advised not to participate in the discussion and to abstain from voting on this matter.]

It was moved and seconded that:

“the Council condemns the Council Conservative Executive decision to axe the environmental enforcement operation delivered by the environmental team. This environmental team carries out a critical role in enforcing unacceptable behaviours some people exhibit, which contributes greatly in damaging our environment.

The environmental team tackle offenders who litter our streets, allow their dogs to foul the pavements, parks and open spaces, deal with abandoned cars and shopping trolleys, fly tipping and much more. The axing of this team will remove an essential deterrent and result in a deterioration of our environment within our communities. The work they also carry out such as street champions, Tidy Business awards, community tool chest and community events are vital and much needed part of the service we provide working with our local communities and businesses.

In light of the above the Council agrees to review the decision of the Executive and instructs the review examines a viable strategy to deliver environmental enforcement across Trafford. This review will look at a new reconfigured environmental team and how this will be funded. The review will be carried out over the next two months and a report brought back to this Council for decision in September with a clear recommendation on how this will be achieved.”

[Note: During the debate on the Motion, the time being 8.30 p.m., the Mayor indicated that speeches would now be restricted to a maximum of one minute each.]

Following the debate, the Motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

29. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP

[Note: Prior to the debate on this item, the time being 8.43 p.m., the Mayor indicated that the proposer and seconder of the Motion would each be permitted two minutes, whereas all other speeches on this matter would be limited to a maximum of one minute per speaker.]

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It was moved and seconded that:

“the Council calls upon the Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt to halt any decisions regarding the future of Trafford General Hospital threatened Accident and Emergency department.

There is a deepening national crisis across urgent care which indicates that more and more patients are forced to wait over 4 hours in A&E departments; this number has reached a 9 year high. Many more patients are left waiting on trolleys for treatment again for over 4 hours; this number has doubled since the election.

In our own local area between the week of 30 September 2012 and the week of 26 May 2013 University Hospital of South Manchester breached the 95% 4 hour target 31 weeks out of 35. For the same timescale Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust breached 30 out of 35 weeks. These NHS England figures clearly show that hospitals are struggling to cope with the flow of patients through A&E. To downgrade Trafford A&E will most certainly create further pressures on these hospitals.”

It was moved and seconded as an amendment that:

“the Council calls upon the Secretary of State to reject the proposed closure of the A&E facilities at Trafford General Hospital.”

Following a debate on the matter, the amendment was agreed with the general consent of the Council. Accordingly, the substantive Motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED: That the Council calls upon the Secretary of State to reject the proposed closure of the A&E facilities at Trafford General Hospital.

30. VARIATION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor agreed to vary the order of business, as set out on in the Summons, to allow consideration of Agenda Item 11 (g) (Motion submitted by the Conservative Group) prior to 2 other Motions submitted by the Group.

31. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

It was moved and seconded that:

“this Council welcomes the forthcoming Ashes Test Match to be held this August at the prestigious new facilities of Lancashire County Cricket Club. This has only been possible thanks to the foresight of Trafford Conservatives whose actions ensured the club could lever in substantial private sector investment thereby securing its future in Trafford. Had this Council followed the Labour Group view, this facility would have been lost to Trafford forever, thereby forsaking tens of millions of pounds worth of investment and thousands of jobs not just in Trafford, but beyond, for many decades to come. This Council thereby ~~Page 10~~ Page 10 all partners and groups who had the

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vision and conviction to safeguard our local economy by securing the future of the club.”

It was moved and seconded as an amendment that:

“this Council welcomes the forthcoming Ashes Test Match to be held this August at the prestigious new facilities of Lancashire County Cricket Club. This has only been possible thanks to the foresight of Trafford Conservatives supported by Trafford Liberal Democrats, whose actions ensured the club could lever in substantial private sector investment thereby securing its future in Trafford. Had this Council followed the Labour Group view, this facility would have been lost to Trafford forever, thereby forsaking tens of millions of pounds worth of investment and thousands of jobs not just in Trafford, but beyond, for many decades to come. This Council thereby recognises all partners and groups who had the vision and conviction to safeguard our local economy by securing the future of the club.”

Council debated the matter and received notice of a second amendment. Following the discussion on the amendment it was put to the vote and declared carried.

It was moved and seconded as a second amendment that:

“this Council welcomes the forthcoming Ashes Test Match to be held this August at the prestigious new facilities of Lancashire County Cricket Club. This has only been made possible by the Conservative led Council who handed over £21 million from the sale of Council owned land to Tesco. This was done without consultation on whether Trafford residents wanted the Council to utilise, what is in effect, Council Tax payers’ money being spent on LCCC, which is a private members club, to redevelop their ground and members facilities. This at a time of austerity where Council have significantly cut frontline services and made their own staff redundant. It is the Labour Group view that this capital receipt should have been spent more wisely by investing directly into Trafford services, communities and town centres.”

The second amendment was put to the vote and declared lost. Subsequently, the substantive Motion was then declared carried.

RESOLVED: That this Council welcomes the forthcoming Ashes Test Match to be held this August at the prestigious new facilities of Lancashire County Cricket Club. This has only been possible thanks to the foresight of Trafford Conservatives supported by Trafford Liberal Democrats, whose actions ensured the club could lever in substantial private sector investment thereby securing its future in Trafford. Had this Council followed the Labour Group view, this facility would have been lost to Trafford forever, thereby forsaking tens of millions of pounds worth of investment and thousands of jobs not just in Trafford, but beyond, for many decades to come. This Council thereby recognises all partners and groups who had the vision and conviction to safeguard our local economy by securing the future of the club.

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32. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

It was moved and seconded that:

“this Council continues to be delighted with outcomes for Trafford’s school leavers aged 16-18 years. As at the end of May the Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) for Trafford was 4.38% compared to 5.26% at the same time last year. We have seen an increase in the percentage of young people participating in learning to 85.22% this May compared to 83.33% last May. The percentage of young people whose destination is not known has fallen to 5.90% this May compared to 6.69% last May. In addition to this DFE has just published data showing the average NEET for Nov 12, Dec 12 and Jan 13 showing that during this period Trafford's NEET was 4.3% which was the lowest in the North West. This Council therefore offers thanks to Trafford’s Connexions staff for all their efforts thereby giving all youngsters the opportunity of better outcomes.”

Following speeches of support, the Motion was unanimously agreed by the Council.

RESOLVED: That this Council continues to be delighted with outcomes for Trafford’s school leavers aged 16-18 years. As at the end of May the Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) for Trafford was 4.38% compared to 5.26% at the same time last year. We have seen an increase in the percentage of young people participating in learning to 85.22% this May compared to 83.33% last May. The percentage of young people whose destination is not known has fallen to 5.90% this May compared to 6.69% last May. In addition to this DFE has just published data showing the average NEET for Nov 12, Dec 12 and Jan 13 showing that during this period Trafford's NEET was 4.3% which was the lowest in the North West. This Council therefore offers thanks to Trafford’s Connexions staff for all their efforts thereby giving all youngsters the opportunity of better outcomes.

33. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

[Note: Prior to the debate on this item, the time being 9.21 p.m., the Mayor indicated that all speeches would be limited to a maximum of one minute per speaker.]

It was moved and seconded that:

“this Council is pleased that the Government's recent spending announcement formally incorporates the funding model that will facilitate the delivery of a brand new Trafford Park Metrolink line. This line is essential to maximise connectivity between the vast numbers of businesses in Trafford Park with Greater Manchester’s workforce through a modern light rail transport network, thereby ensuring future economic growth and associated employment for Trafford and beyond. This Council now calls on the

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development of Metrolink line plans and the final financial adjustments within the announced model to ensure an early commencement of delivery.”

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The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m. and finished at 9.26 p.m.

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PRESENT

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Dylan Butt), in the Chair.

E.H. Malik	M. Cornes	D. Quayle
D. Acton	J. Coupe	J.R. Reilly
S. Adshead	Mrs. P. Dixon	Mrs. J. Reilly
S. Anstee	Mrs. L. Evans	B. Rigby
Dr. K. Barclay	T. Fishwick	T. Ross
J. Baugh	M. Freeman	B. Sharp
J. Bennett	P. Gratrix	B. Shaw
Miss L. Blackburn	J. Harding	J. Smith
R. Bowker	D. Higgins	E.W. Stennett
C. Boyes	J. Holden	N. Taylor
Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris	C. Hynes	S. Taylor
J. Brophy	P. Lally	L. Walsh
B Brotherton	J. Lamb	A. Western
D. Bunting	J. Lloyd	D. Western
C. Candish	A. Mitchell	M. Whetton
R Chilton	P. Myers	Mrs. J. Wilkinson
Mrs. L. Cooke	I. Platt	M. Young
M. Cordingley	K. Procter	

In attendance

Corporate Director Children, Families and Wellbeing
Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Senior Democratic Services Officer
Democratic Services Officer

Mrs. D. Brownlee
Ms. J. Le Fevre
Mrs. M. Luongo
Miss H. Mitchell

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Colledge, A. Duffield, M. Hyman, D. Jarman, D. O'Sullivan, Mrs. V. Ward, K. Weston, A. Williams and Mrs. P. Young.

34. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP

[Note: Councillors Adshead, Brophy, Mrs. Bruer-Morris, S. Taylor and D. Western each declared a personal interest in this item as NHS employees and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Lloyd declared a personal interest as an employee of the Stroke Association and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Harding declared a personal interest insofar as it related to her involvement in the Save Trafford General Campaign and remained in the meeting.

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Councillor Myers also declared a personal interest since his business was contracted to provide services for the Primary Care Trust and remained in the meeting.]

It was moved and seconded that:

“The Council condemns the decision made by the Conservative Government Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt in downgrading A&E and other services at Trafford General.

This Conservative Government decision comes at a time when Manchester Hospital A&Es are stretched to the limit and are not able to reach their prescribed waiting times. To close Trafford General A&E will result in increasing those pressures and waiting times in those hospitals which will be expected to take in the 37,000 a year Trafford Hospital A&E patients.

In light of the deficiencies in the Secretary of State's decision, Council instructs the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to seek Counsel's advice with a view to appealing the decision.”

Following a debate on the matter, the Motion was agreed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Council condemns the decision made by the Conservative Government Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt in downgrading A&E and other services at Trafford General.

This Conservative Government decision comes at a time when Manchester Hospital A&Es are stretched to the limit and are not able to reach their prescribed waiting times. To close Trafford General A&E will result in increasing those pressures and waiting times in those hospitals which will be expected to take in the 37,000 a year Trafford Hospital A&E patients.

In light of the deficiencies in the Secretary of State's decision, Council instructs the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to seek Counsel's advice with a view to appealing the decision.

35. APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WITH MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report concerning appointments to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Manchester City Council. Members were advised that further to the earlier establishment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Manchester City Council on 19th September 2012, to respond to the consultation relating to the New Health Deal for Trafford, a referral had been made to the Secretary of State for Health. In order for the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee to consider the response received from the Secretary of State for Health it was now necessary for Council to agree the Trafford membership.

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RESOLVED:

- (1) That Council note the report and the proposed membership of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as follows:

Manchester - 4 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat Members
Trafford - 3 Conservative and 2 Labour Members

- (2) That Council agree the proposed Trafford membership of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as follows:

Members - Councillors Mrs. Bruer-Morris, Holden, Lamb, Lloyd and Procter.

Substitute Members – Councillors Harding and Mrs. Wilkinson.

- (3) That Council agree to suspend political balance requirements.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 8.05 p.m.

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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 18 September 2013
Report for: Information
Report author: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Report Title

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT: 2012/13

Summary

The enclosed report documents the achievements of the Overview and Scrutiny function during the 2012/13 municipal year.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council note the enclosed Annual Impact Report.**

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TRAFFORD
COUNCIL

Overview and Scrutiny
Annual Impact Report
2012/13

Chairmen and Vice Chairman's Introduction

This year has proved to be another successful one for Overview and Scrutiny, which is especially pleasing considering it is our first full year under the new format. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Scrutiny Committee Members, with special consideration to Topic Group Chairmen, for their efforts and dedication to scrutiny. The reviews undertaken in relation to doorstep crime and community asset framework have added a valuable contribution to improving the services delivered by the Council and partners.

During the period under review the Health Scrutiny Committee has been heavily involved in the scrutiny of the New Health Deal proposals for Trafford, an aspect of which was the downgrading of the A&E Department at Trafford General Hospital. Inevitably this aspect of the proposals attracted considerable public interest not only in the NHS proposals but the role and work of the Health Scrutiny Committee. Members of the Committee fully participated in the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee established with the City of Manchester which rejected the NHS New Health Deal for Trafford proposals and made a referral to the Secretary of State for Health.

The two topic groups established under the new arrangements have been working on two very important issues relating to health and social care in Trafford: dignity of older residents in the care of NHS hospitals and personalisation of care in the community. Both these topics are reported upon more fully elsewhere in this report.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Democratic Services team, Council Officers and partners for their continued hard work, which without we would not have achieved what is set out within this Annual Impact Report.



Councillors Brian Shaw and Mike Cordingley & Councillors Judith Lloyd and John Lamb

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Scrutiny & Health Scrutiny Committees

Statutory Scrutiny Officer Introduction

I'm pleased to fully support the comments made by the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Scrutiny and Health Scrutiny Committees as well as those made by the Topic Group Chairmen. In my first year as Statutory Scrutiny Officer, officers and Members have worked together to bring about a positive improvement to the ways in which scrutiny operates at Trafford. We are more focussed in delivering outcomes which are at the heart of what Members wish to achieve. Scrutiny Members' work programme was challenging in parts and included some excellent examples of pre-scrutiny such as the development of proposals to establish the local scheme for Council Tax, Trafford Assist (Local Welfare Assistance Scheme) and the Community Asset Framework.

I very much look forward to working with Members and Officers in the coming years to further enhance the impact that the function has on the Council and its partners.



Peter Molyneux

Trafford Council
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13

Introduction

Overview and Scrutiny exists to assist in the improvement of governance and public services. It ensures the Council's Executive and partners are publicly held to account for their decisions and actions, and to promote open and transparent decision-making and democratic accountability. It also has a wide remit to explore how the Council and its partner organisations could improve services for the people of Trafford by:

1. Reviewing existing policy and contributing to the development of new policy.
2. Acting as a 'critical friend' to those making decisions.
3. Holding decision-makers to account for their decisions and actions.
4. Challenging performance to ensure that services are meeting the needs of local communities.

This annual report looks at how the Overview and Scrutiny function performed its role in 2012-13 and provides a snapshot of the contribution it has made.

Review of Scrutiny

In 2012/13, and following a review led by the former Overview and Scrutiny Core Committee, the Council changed the structure of Scrutiny. The principal change was that standing overview and scrutiny committees with broad remits were discontinued in favour of more outcome focussed topic groups with varying size and membership. The new structure for Overview and Scrutiny comprises:-

1. A Scrutiny Committee to determine and co-ordinate a prioritised work programme and to carry out scrutiny of key strategic issues.
2. A Health Scrutiny Committee to determine and co-ordinate a prioritised work programme focussing solely on key health and social care issues.
3. Four Topic Groups to undertake focussed reviews agreed by the Scrutiny and Health Scrutiny Committees in order to support the delivery of the overall Scrutiny work programmes. The Topic Groups are self-selecting and the membership changes depending on Members' preferences for participating in a specific project.

These radical changes have taken time to embed in terms of how Members and Officers engage with Overview and Scrutiny, and also within the wider democratic framework of the Council.

To be successful, Overview and Scrutiny needs active participation, not only from Scrutiny councillors, but also the input of many others – Executive Councillors, officers, representatives of external organisations, the voluntary sector, interest groups and individual citizens. In 2012/13, we involved a number of participants from these groups and we are very grateful for their input and time.

Key Activities of Scrutiny Committee

Membership 2012/13



Councillors from top left to top right – Cllrs Brian Shaw, Mike Cordingley, Steve Adshead, Ray Bowker, Chris Candish and Rob Chilton

Councillors from bottom left to bottom right – Cllr Mrs Pam Dixon, Anne Duffield, David Higgins, John Reilly, Denise Western and Judith Lloyd

Welfare Reform – As a result of the significant national changes to welfare provision, the Executive Member for Finance asked Scrutiny Committee to review the Executive’s approach to a localised scheme of administering Council Tax Benefit. After a series of meetings Scrutiny Members provided a number of comments and issues for the Executive Member to consider which enhanced the final report which was taken to the Executive. The process also enabled Scrutiny Members to have an overview of the scheme’s development and subsequent public consultation.

Executive’s Response to the Review of Domestic Violence – Following the review undertaken by the former Community Wellbeing Select Committee, the response to the review was presented to Scrutiny Members for their consideration. Members welcomed the progress made but were concerned that some of the recommendations which focussed on prevention, early intervention and funding were not agreed. The Committee has agreed to follow these up in due course. A further recommendation was made in respect of a co-ordinating Executive Member for Domestic Violence issues which was agreed by the Executive.

Trafford Assist - The Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing provided Scrutiny Committee with a report detailing the establishment of Trafford Assist. Scrutiny Members provided 'critical friend' challenge to the Executive Member and requested that a risk assessment be put in place prior to the Executive deciding on the matter.

Children's Centres Call In – The Executive's decision to reconfigure the provision of services and number of children's centres across the Borough was called-in in March this year. After a detailed discussion, the Committee felt decided that it was not necessary to refer the matter back to the Executive.

Budget Scrutiny – Following the redesign of the overall approach to budget scrutiny, Scrutiny Members, the Executive and Corporate Management Team felt that the process was more focussed and meaningful than in previous years. As a result of this process, Members have agreed to follow up a number of key recommendations such as the impact of business rates retention, changes to waste management and the review of Human Resources. These will be followed up through the year.

Town Centres – Scrutiny Members received a comprehensive report from the Executive Member for Economic Growth and Prosperity on activity, both past and planned, in relation to the economic development of the Borough's town centres. After careful consideration, Scrutiny Members noted that they wished to see a bigger focus on supporting town centre partnerships, enhanced town centre master-planning and that further consideration be given to the development of a method or mechanisms to objectively assess the success of interventions. The Committee will be receiving an update on progress later this year.

Key Activities of Health Scrutiny Committee

Membership 2012/13



Councillors from top left to top right – Judith Lloyd, John Lamb, Jane Brophy, Mrs Bruer-Morris, Joanne Harding and John Holden
Councillors from bottom left to bottom right - Kevin Procter, Sophie Taylor, Mrs Viv Ward, Mrs Jacki Wilkinson, Dylan Butt and Brian Shaw

North West Ambulance Service – The suggested closure of Stretford Ambulance Station caused community concern in Spring 2012 and Members met to discuss the implications of the decision with the Ambulance Trust. At this meeting, Members assured themselves that performance would not be adversely affected by the decision and that the sale of land would release savings for the Trust.

New Health Deal for Trafford – The acquisition of Trafford Healthcare Trust and the subsequent proposal to transform services was a significant piece of work for Members of the Committee over the entire year. Members were involved at every stage of the process and provided comments to NHS Greater Manchester on a number of occasions. Once formal consultation had commenced, both Manchester and Trafford Councils established a Joint Committee for the commissioner to consult with and, as agreement was not reached, the matter was referred to the Secretary of State for Health in February 2013. At the time of writing, the Joint Committee still awaits a response.

Executive’s Response to the Ageing Well Review – Following the review undertaken by the former Health and Wellbeing Select Committee, Members monitored the recommendations to ensure that those which were accepted by the Executive were being progressed.

Executive’s Response to Review of Dentistry in Care and Residential Homes – A short piece of independent scrutiny was undertaken by Councillor Dr Karen Barclay, former Member of the Health and Wellbeing Select Committee, following concerns from residents in relation to

the absence of a prompt dental service for those in care and residential homes. Members reviewed the actions arising from the recommendations and are keen to keep a close eye on the commissioning of the new service by NHS England.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update - Members welcomed the progress made by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board in its first year and questioned the Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing and the Director of Public Health on the transfer of public health duties. The work of the Board will form a key part in the Committee's work programme for next and future years.

Francis Report – Arising from the comprehensive review of the failings of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust to ensure patient care and safety, Members received a brief report on the impact of the review on Overview and Scrutiny. Members were very keen to ensure that the scrutiny function was able to discharge its duties effectively and, in the spirit of the review's outcome, Members requested a future report on the ways in which the Health Scrutiny Committee should look to improve.

Health Scrutiny Engagement Event – The Committee along with Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group, hosted an information and engagement event in April 2013 involving the Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch, Care Quality Commission, NHS England and Council Commissioners. This collaborative event brought together partners in order to share an understanding of each other's unique roles in the new health landscape. The event also provided an enhanced basis of future working relationships.

Work of The Topic Groups

Topic Group A: Review of Doorstep Crime



Councillors from top left to top right - Rob Chilton, Ray Bowker and Brian Shaw

Councillors from bottom left to bottom right – Chris Candish, Mrs Jacki Wilkinson and Mike Cordingley

Topic Group A's review during the municipal year 2012/13 involved an in-depth review of the issue of doorstep crime within the Borough, and the multi-agency approach to tackling the problem. After meeting with Council Departments, the Police, voluntary groups and victims of doorstep crime, we were able to put forward a number of recommendations aimed at sharpening our response to this growing problem, and ensuring that more vulnerable residents feel as supported as possible.

The Topic Group's report was presented formally to the Executive on 24 June 2013 and a response is awaited.

Councillor Rob Chilton, Chairman of Topic Group A

Topic Group B: Review of Community Asset Framework



Councillors from top left to top right – John Reilly, Ray Bowker and Mike Cordingley

Councillors from bottom left to bottom right – Mrs Pam Dixon and David Higgins

The major work of Scrutiny topic group B has centred on scrutinising Economic Growth and Prosperity's development of a Community Asset Framework. This included a detailed study of the Asset Management approach to Community lettings, Community Right to Bid & Community Asset Transfer. This review allowed for Scrutiny to examine a wide range of issues across all aspects of the management of our let estate.

We were delighted that the Executive Member and his Corporate Director valued our input, and took measures to include our comments and address our concerns in their report to Executive on 24th June 2013.

Whilst Topic Group B view our involvement in this review as "work in progress", we feel confident that by working with the EGP Directorate, the best outcome for both Trafford Council and our user groups are within reach.

Councillor John Reilly, Chairman of Topic Group B

Topic Group C: Care of Elderly Trafford Residents in NHS Hospitals



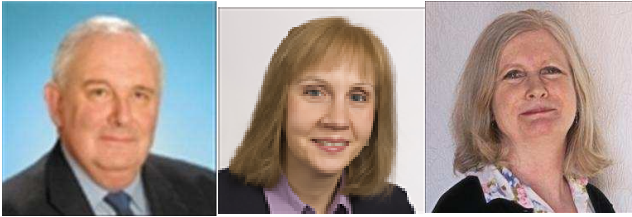
**Councillors from top left to top right – Dylan Butt, Joanne Harding and John Lamb
Councillors from bottom left to bottom right – Kevin Procter and Sophie Taylor**

As part of the Health Scrutiny work programme, Topic Group C focussed on 'Care of Elderly Trafford Residents in NHS Hospitals' i.e Dignity in Care agenda. It was linked to the corporate priority of positive Health and Wellbeing. Members were explicit that this piece of work should be undertaken with no limitations on when it should report to the Executive owing to timescales for planned visits. The first stage of the review took place during 2012/13 with a review of Hospital practices for discharge, medication/pain relief, nutrition and hydration, hospital associated infections, nursing quality and complaints procedures with a visit to Wythenshawe Hospital. Evidence was also taken from a sample of in-patients.

Stage 2 of the review which will progress through 2013/14 features two visits to Trafford General Hospital and Salford Royal Hospital. To understand the views of residents, Topic Group Members have invited and received evidence from citizens on the quality of their care at the three hospitals which are the focus of this piece of work. The combined final report will make recommendations to NHS Trusts which will be shared with the Executive on compliance with dignity practices. My thanks to all the members of Topic group C and the assigned officer for their extensive input during Stage 1.

Councillor Dylan Butt, Chairman of Topic Group C

Topic Group D: Review of Personalisation



Councillors from top left to top right – John Holden, Jane Brophy and Judith Lloyd.

The Topic Group has been tasked to look at the implementation of Personalised Budgets as they affect social care within the borough.

Members of the Topic Group have visited LMCP Care Link, Trafford Centre for Independent Living and Away Days in order to speak with service users and providers in order to understand their experience of the personalisation process.

The next stage of the review is to visit a home care service and, amongst other issues, to explore the process of applying for Personal Budget. A final look at the way individuals experience the use of their budgets in various care environments is under way and a first report is expected in August.

Cllr John Holden, Chairman of Topic Group D

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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 18 September 2013
Report for: Decision
Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Report Title

ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WITH MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Summary

On 19 September 2012, Council agreed the establishment of a statutory Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) comprising of Members from Trafford and the City of Manchester Councils in order to respond to the consultation relating to the New Health Deal for Trafford.

In February this year, that Committee made a referral to the Secretary of State for Health and on 11 July 2013, the Secretary of State responded to that referral. The referral was considered by the JHOSC on 1 August 2013.

In his letter to the Committee, the Secretary of State for Health, the Rt. Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, made reference to the role of the JHOSC in overseeing the implementation of the New Health Deal for Trafford. As the role of the statutory JHOSC has ended, it is necessary for both Trafford and the City of Manchester Council's to agree to the establishment of a JHOSC to undertake this role.

If the Council agrees to the establishment of the JHOSC it is also necessary for Council to agree a revised terms of reference which clearly sets out the Committee's remit.

Recommendation(s)

1. That Council note the report;
2. That Council agrees to the establishment of a JHOSC;
3. That Council agrees the revised terms of reference to be proposed to the JHOSC;
4. That, Council agrees to suspend political balance requirements in relation to the JHOSC.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Helen Mitchell
Extension: 1229
Background Papers: None

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	All
Financial	None directly associated with this report
Legal Implications:	Both statutory provision and the Council's Constitution allows for the establishment of a JHOSC.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None associated with this report
Sustainability Implications	None associated with this report
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None directly associated with this report
Risk Management Implications	None associated with this report
Health and Safety Implications	None associated with this report

Background:

Since the acquisition of the former Trafford Healthcare NHS Trust by Central Manchester University Hospitals Foundation Trust (CMFT) in April 2012, commissioners and clinicians were involved in re-designing local health services.

Following a period of pre-engagement work, led by the former NHS Greater Manchester, an option for the redesign of services had been arrived at for public consultation. This consultation on changes to health services within the Borough, known locally as the New Health Deal for Trafford, commenced on 26 July 2012 and concluded on 31 October 2012.

In order to fulfil its statutory duties, the Council established a JHOSC with Manchester City Council to respond to the consultation. Since this time, the Committee responded to the consultation and made a referral to the Secretary of State for Health as the Committee resolved that the proposals were not in the interests of the health service or its users.

The Joint Committee received the outcome of the referral on 1 August 2013 which agreed that the proposals should be progressed subject to meeting the conditions made by the Strategic Programme Board and the Secretary of State. Additionally, the Secretary of State made explicit reference to an on-going role for the JHOSC, principally in relation to overseeing the implementation of the agreed proposals.

At their meeting on 1 August, in which the Chairman and Vice Chairman were appointed, Members recognised that there could be a role for the Joint Committee in relation to securing the assurances identified by the Secretary of State. In addition, Members further recognised that the Committee's terms of reference would require amendment in order to reflect its potential, future role. As a result, a revised terms of reference is attached to this report as Appendix A.