



# TRAFFORD COUNCIL

14 January 2014

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, 22 JANUARY 2014, 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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| <b>1. Minutes</b>  |              |
| To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 November 2013 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman.  | 1 - 12       |
| <b>2. Announcements</b>  |              |
| 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.  |              |
| <b>3. Questions By Members</b>   |              |
| 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.         |              |
| <b>4. Petition - Trafford Water Sports Centre</b>  |              |
| To consider the following petition requiring debate:   |              |
| “Trafford Council confirmed it is terminating its contract, in agreement with Deckers, for water sports provision at the park and as such, Trafford Water Sports Centre will close on December 31. |              |
| We are asking Trafford Borough Council not to close this excellent, unique facility once considered the jewel of Trafford.”  |              |

*Note: In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, a petition containing more than 3,000 signatures will be debated by the full Council. The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and then it will be discussed by the Council for a maximum of 15 minutes.*

*The full protocol for the debate of petitions at Council, as agreed by the Constitutional Review Group on 18 October 2010, is enclosed with the Summons for information.*

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**5. Result of By-election**

To note the result of the Poll held on 16 January 2014 for the Broadheath ward of the Borough.

**6. Membership of Committees**

To note the following changes to the membership of Council Committees agreed by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council:

- (a) Councillor Myers appointed as a member of Planning Development Control Committee as a replacement for former Councillor Weston, with effect from 14 November 2013: and
- (b) Councillor Sharp replaced Councillor Mrs. Cooke as a member of Employment Committee for the period 28 November 2013 to 2 January 2014.

**7. Designation of Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

To consider a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

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**8. Polling District and Polling Places Review**

To consider a report of the Chief Executive.

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**9. Elections 2014**

To note a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

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**10. Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15**

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance which is expected to be referred from the Executive Meeting held earlier on 22 January 2014.

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**11. Trafford Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2012-13**

To note a report of the Executive Member for Supporting Children and Families, referred from the Executive Meeting held on 23 September 2013.

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12. **Motions**

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

(a) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Sale Water Park**

This Council notes that Sale Water Park is to remain open and accessible and that the Council continues to maintain this important local asset. Under the previous contract arrangements Council tax payers subsidised to the tune of 73% a limited number of activities on the water, an arrangement that needed to change.

This Council welcomes the continued attempts by the Conservative administration, started early last year, to find an alternative provider to manage the water sports activities. This Council has received a significant number of expressions of interest in running the facility at no cost to the Council which will be actively pursued through a procurement process.

This Council has also enabled Sale Water Ski Club, Cheshire Jet Ski Club, the Senior Citizens Sailing Club, Sale Waterpark Angling Club and Trafford Youth Service to continue to use and enjoy the facilities available at Trafford Water Sports Centre whilst an alternative provider is being sought.

(b) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - STaR Joint Procurement Service**

This Council welcomes the new STaR joint procurement service (unique in the North West) between Trafford, Stockport and Rochdale Councils which is due to go live in February and will deliver saving over £2 million.

It will build on the Council's previous work leading the Procurement Hub for AGMA which has already achieved saving of £3 million, providing a return on investment of over 800%.

This Council:

- (i) welcomes this further example of delivering more for less in times of austerity; and
- (ii) condemns the Labour Group's shorted sighted approach in previous budgets that would have put these savings at risk, ultimately resulting in increased cuts to front line services.

**(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Air Quality**

This Council notes;

- The importance of clean air to the health of local residents in Trafford.
- That the Committee on Medical Effects of Air Pollutants has estimated that up to 29,000 deaths per year are linked to poor air quality and a loss of life expectancy from birth of 6 months.
- The recent decision of the World Health Organisation to classify outdoor air pollution as carcinogenic to humans.
- That Asthma UK believes that pollution plays a role in causing asthma in children and adults, as well as being a trigger that can make peoples asthma worse.
- That the British Heart Foundation states that evidence shows that air pollution can make existing heart conditions worse and can affect our cardiovascular system, causing heart attacks amongst vulnerable people.
- That according to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Greater Manchester will not be in compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide levels until 2020.

This Council further notes the DEFRA consultation on the future of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) carried out in July and August 2013 which offered four options for consideration, including the Governments preferred option which would remove the requirement for local authorities to monitor air quality.

This Council further believes that the effective monitoring of air quality is an important part of creating evidence-based policies to address air quality issues.

Therefore, in light of the above this Council agrees to write to the Government condemning their preferred option and urge them to maintain the legal obligation for Local Authorities to monitor air quality.

**(d) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Trafford Assist**

We strongly condemn the Government's decision to withdraw funding from schemes such as Trafford Assist from 2015. These schemes provide vital assistance for those who find themselves in crisis or face unexpected emergency. It is the very poorest and most vulnerable that will be impacted by this and we therefore call on Council to make urgent representation to Government to rethink this policy. We would also ask that the Council detail what initiatives they plan to put in place to ensure that support will be available for those who find themselves in greatest need.

**(e) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Energy Price Freeze**

Under this Government, Britain has paid too much in energy bills rising by almost £300 over the last couple of years. This has added greatly to the cost of living crises faced by most families here in Trafford and across the Country. The big energy companies are now raising their prices even more.

We, therefore, call on the Council to stand up for Trafford residents by calling on the Government to immediately adopt Labour's policy commitment to freeze gas and electric bills for a period of 20 months. This freeze would be worth £120 to average Trafford Household. This would also allow the time to reset the energy market with the long term reform to help tackle the cost of living crises, and introduce a tough new energy regulator to ensure fairness in the future.

**(f) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Mental Health Provision**

This Council notes the levels of mental illness are on the increase. This Council also notes that the number of elderly people is on the increase and with this larger numbers of people facing diagnosis of dementia and related mental health issues.

Against this backdrop we call upon Trafford Mental Health providers, Greater Manchester West and Trafford Commissioners to halt the proposals to remove the 21 older people's mental health beds at Trafford General Hospital. The proposal to relocate these beds to Woodlands Hospital with a depletion of 26 beds across Bolton, Salford, and Trafford would mean patients and families having to travel miles to access services which could prolong recovery and reduce contact with family and friends.

This Council notes that the consultation on the loss of these services is now live but is concerned by the lack of public engagement for patients and carers. This consultation is due to close on 31 March 2014 yet there appears to be no evidence of genuinely informing the public of Trafford what these changes mean for them.

Trafford residents have already suffered a significant loss of service in their locality, this Council demands no more.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

## Council - Wednesday, 22 January 2014

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### 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, M. Whetton, Mrs. J. Wilkinson, A. Williams, M. Young and Mrs. P. Young

### Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 14 January 2014** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH