

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

17TH DECEMBER 2008

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Stephen Adshead), in the Chair.

D. Acton	D.A. Fishwick	B. Shaw
S.B. Anstee	R.O. Griffin	J.G. Smith
Mrs. C.E. Bailey	D.R. Higgins	E.W. Stennett
J.E. Baugh	J.C. Holden	K.G. Summerfield
Miss L.L. Blackburn	Mrs. B.M. Houraghan	N.A. Taylor
Mrs. H. Bowker	D.P. Jarman	S.R. Taylor
G. Brockbanks	E.J. Kelson	J. Tolhurst
B. Brotherton	P.A. Lane	Mrs. C. Turner
Mrs. K. Bullock	J.A. Lloyd	L.J. Walsh
D.E. Bunting	A.R. Mitchell	Mrs. E.V. Ward
D.H. Butt	P.J. Myers	K.I. Weston
C.J. Candish	Mrs. P.E. Pearson	M.P. Whetton
K.G. Carter	I.J. Platt	J.C. Wibberley
M.R. Colledge	Mrs. S. Poole	A.P. Williams
M. Cordingley	B.D. Rigby	Mrs. S.F.M. Williams
M.D. Cornes	T. Ross	M.D.P. Young
J.R. Coupe	B. Sharp	Mrs. P.B. Young

In attendance:

Chief Executive	Mr. D. McNulty
Deputy Chief Executive	Dr. G. Pickering
Corporate Director Children and Young People's Service	Mr. C. Pratt
Director of Adult Social Services	Ms. A. Higgins
Director of Finance	Mr. I. Duncan
Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Mrs. B. Dunn
Head of Area Services	Mrs. S. Cubrilo
Project Director Long Term Accommodation	Mr. I. Persechino
Democratic Services Officer	Miss M. Cody
Senior Democratic Services Officer	Mr. I. Cockill

PRAYERS

Prayers were offered by Parkash Singh from the Sikh Temple on Upper Chorlton Road, Manchester.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Bennett, R. Bowker, Mrs. J.E. Brophy, Mrs. P.A. Dixon, N.W. Hooley, J.T. Lamb, E.H. Malik, J.J. Pearson, D.A. Quayle, J.R. Reilly, and Mrs. J.I. Reilly.

52. MINUTES

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RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 8th October 2008 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19th November 2008, both be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. FORMER COUNCILLOR HARRY FAULKNER AND MR. IAN DIXON

It was with regret that the Mayor referred to the death on 23rd November of Harry Faulkner, Mayor of Trafford in 2001/02. Former Councillor Faulker was a committed representative of Partington and the Bucklow Ward from 1992-2004 and would be remembered for his good humour.

The Mayor also invited the Council to remember Ian Dixon, husband of Councillor Mrs. Dixon, who had also passed away recently. As Consort during Councillor Mrs. Dixon's Mayoral Year in 2004/05, Mr. Dixon conducted himself with a great deal of honour and dignity. The Council's thoughts were of course with Councillor Mrs. Dixon.

The Leader of the Council and Councillor Acton conveyed their condolences and the Council stood in silence to pay its respects to two former ambassadors of the Borough.

54. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The Mayor reported that no questions had been received under Procedure Rule 10.2.

55. TRAFFORD HOUSING TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

(Note: Councillor Lane, a Board Member of the Tenant Services Authority declared a personal interest in this item).

The Council received a presentation from Matthew Gardiner, Chief Executive of Trafford Housing Trust regarding the Trust's 2008 Annual Report, summarising improved levels of performance, activity and the challenges facing the Trust in the forthcoming year, given the current economic climate. Responding to Member's specific points, Mr. Gardiner acknowledged that enhancements could be made to the Assisted Gardening Service as part of the renewal contract for grounds maintenance and that the Trust would assess its links with Ward Councillors when dealing with cases of anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED: That Trafford Housing Trust's 2008 Annual Report be noted.

56. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2009-2012

The Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance submitted a joint report detailing the outcome of the annual review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, which had been recommended to the Council by the Executive on 15th December 2008.

RESOLVED: That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2009-12, be approved.

57. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008-11

The Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance submitted a joint report on the findings of the Review Group set up to identify options for meeting the current shortfall in capital resources, which had been considered by the Executive on 15th December 2008.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Council notes that:
 - (i) the scheme changes detailed in Appendix A to the report will allow the embargo on new capital commitments to be lifted for all remaining schemes in 2008/09; and
 - (ii) no further changes are to be made to the capital programme at this stage but the position will be kept under regular review by the recently established Capital Review Panel to ensure that expenditure is kept within available resources.
- (2) That the creation of a facility of £6 million for counter-cyclical investment, as outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report, be approved.

58. STREET TRADING – REGULATIONS, FEES AND CHARGES: CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

The Executive Member for Highways and Transportation submitted a report advising Members of the responses received following consultation on proposals to introduce new regulations, fees and charges for street trading, which had been recommended to the Council by the Executive on 26th November 2008.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the responses received following the consultation exercise and summarised in Appendix B to the report, be noted.
- (2) That the proposed regulations, fees and charges, as detailed in the report, be approved for introduction with effect from 2nd February 2009.
- (3) That the effect of the introduction of the proposals be monitored and measures introduced to control unlicensed trading activity and reduce hawker and pedlar activity in the area.

59. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES FOR ADULTS 2008

The Council received a report of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care on the outcome of the Commission for Social Care Inspection's (CSCI) annual performance assessment of social care services for adults, which had been presented to the Executive on 15th December 2008.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Council notes that Trafford has been awarded the highest 'three star' rating for the second consecutive year and that the CSCI judged that the Council provides good outcomes for its service users and has excellent prospects for improvement.

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- (2) That the Director of Adult Social Services and her team be congratulated for their continued success in achieving this three star rating.

60. LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Deputy Leader of the Council submitted a report providing an update on the progress of the Long Term Accommodation Project and highlighting key decisions to be addressed by the Council before proceeding to formal advertisement.

RESOLVED: That the Council confirms:

- (i) the requirement for bidders proposing a new build to submit two mandatory bids, with the core bid identifying all costs including access to the civic and ceremonial parts of the building and a second bid excluding this requirement;
- (ii) that the preferred solution will be based on considerations of which approach meets the Council's requirements in the most economically advantageous manner (i.e. the most economically advantageous tender), whilst remaining affordable; and
- (iii) the requirement for the Project Director to work in conjunction with the Council's Director of Finance to identify a realistic financial envelope for the scheme.

61. THE TRANSPORT INNOVATION FUND AND CONGESTION CHARGE PROPOSALS BY THE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES AND THE GREATER MANCHESTER PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive submitted a report outlining the results of the consultations with residents and businesses in respect of the above proposals and of the referendum. The report sought the views of the Council with a view to informing the decision of the Executive as to how to guide the Leader of the Council on whether or not to support the implementation of the Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) and Congestion Charge proposals in Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Executive be recommended to advise the Leader of the Council not to support the progression of the Transport Innovation Fund and Congestion Charge Proposals at the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities meeting being held on 19th December 2008.
- (2) That the Council's thanks be conveyed to the Head of Area Services and her team for the organisation of the public consultation exercise regarding the TIF proposals.

62. SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Mayor wished the Council a very happy Christmas and Members and officers shared his good wishes.

The meeting commenced at 5.35 p.m. and finished at 6.38 p.m.