

Questions Received for Council – 17 July 2019

Question 1 - Submitted by Councillor Bunting

I have recently had concerns raised by a Trafford resident that the care package for her adult son was delayed due to lack of action by Trafford. The resident complained about “a lack of clear communication and some very mixed messages given, which has left both me and my son upset and confused.” Given the recent Ofsted Report into children’s social care, will the Labour Administration state what it is doing to ensure adult social care does suffer the same fate?

Question 2 - Submitted by Councillor Boyes

The 2018 Labour Group Manifesto suggested that there was to be a Borough wide Road Safety Survey. Please could the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change indicate whether this survey is now complete and if not when it will be and that when complete its full results will be fed back to residents and members?

Question 3 - Submitted by Councillor Boyes

There is often very negative publicity about the amount of rejected waste placed into Trafford recycling bins, particularly black bins. Knowing that a 1% increase in recycling across Greater Manchester would result in savings of £1 million please could the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change advise, separately for each colour of bin, what percentage of waste in each of the black and green bins is currently rejected within Trafford?

Question 4 - Submitted by Councillor Boyes

The Trafford Highway Inspection Policy, available to residents on the Council’s website, gives details of the criteria for repair of highways, including potholes, on each of an immediate, medium and long term basis and is dated as approved on October 29th 2012. Given that this was before the instigation of the Amey contract, it is clearly right to carry out a review and to make the resulting revised policy widely known to all residents. I am pleased to learn from the Executive meeting Agenda for 15th July that a revision has taken place but am disappointed to note that the revisions seem only to concern the frequency of inspections of roads, albeit by ward in reverse alphabetical order, whilst there is no current revision to the parameters to be met to instigate repair.

Might I request that the existence of this document be widely advertised to all residents which thereby, in respect of noting its parameters for repairs, will explain to many of them why, when they report potholes nothing is done, yet the entry via Access Trafford is marked completed because the particular pothole fails to meet the designated criteria for immediate or even medium term repair?

Question 5 - Submitted by Councillor Jerome

A petition of 619 signatures was brought to Council in March 2019 by Eleanor Horner a Year 8 pupil at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls and requested improvements to the crossing outside St. Margaret’s Church on Dunham Road in Altrincham. The Council Leader assured us that a traffic survey, avoiding the Easter period, would be undertaken. Can I ask what progress has been made?

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Question 6 - Submitted by Councillor Brophy

Please can I ask the Executive Member what is Trafford Council doing to support and resource schools, prevention groups and relevant organisations (such as the police) to prevent crime, particular the carrying of knives and knife crime that is currently impacting our children and young people?

Question 7 - Submitted by Councillor Coggins

With the news that Manchester has made only a 2.5% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the last year, compared to its minimum target of 13%, can Trafford confirm the total reduction in emissions we have had since our climate emergency declaration in November 2018?