



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

17 March 2015

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, 25 MARCH 2015, at 7.00 PM (or at the rising of the Executive meeting)** 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 a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 February 2015 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman. | 1 - 8 |
| 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. Trafford Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 | |
| To consider a report of the Acting Director of Human Resources following a referral from the Employment Committee meeting held on 9 March 2015. | 9 - 16 |
| 5. Old Trafford Lodge Hotel Redevelopment Assistance | |
| To consider a joint report of the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance which is expected to be referred from the Executive Meeting held prior on 25 March 2015. | 17 - 28 |

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6. Greater Manchester Devolution

To consider the following joint reports of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive:

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| (a) | Memorandum of Understanding: A Framework for the Devolution of Health and Social Care Responsibilities to Greater Manchester | 29 - 36 |
| (b) | GM Devolution - Memorandum of Understanding
(for information - report presented to the Executive on 25 March 2015) | 37 - 72 |

7. Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Joint Development Plan Document: Decision Making Process

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Economic Growth and Planning which is expected to be referred from the Executive Meeting held prior on 25 March 2015. 73 - 80

8. Six Month Corporate Report on Health and Safety - 1 April - 30 September 2014

To note a report of the Executive Member for Transformation and Resources following a referral from the Executive Meeting held on 26 January 2015. 81 - 94

9. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Reshaping Trafford Council

This Council recognises and welcomes the Reshaping Trafford initiative that details how services will be sustained in the medium-term in the light the need to secure additional financial savings for the period 2015-2018.

Through having a detailed plan, the Council is clear on its purpose and has outlined how it expects to deliver services, secure greater value for money and become outcome focused for residents and businesses of the Borough.

The Council notes:

- strong public services are only sustainable if they are based on a sound financial footing
- the track record of the Council in meeting its fiscal targets and delivering good services to residents

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- the need for the Council to maximise income to support public services through economic growth and development
- the focus on improving outcomes for residents and businesses across the Borough
- the lack of any viable alternative from the opposition Labour party, which would bring chaos to the Council

The Council therefore endorses the Reshaping Trafford Council blueprint as a clear plan to secure and sustain services for residents and businesses of Trafford.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Supporting Young People

This Council continues to be committed to ensuring every young person in Trafford gets off to the best possible start in life and therefore welcomes continued progress towards that aim.

Consequently, using the latest figures for 2014, the Council notes:

- Trafford outperformed every single Labour-controlled Council in Greater Manchester in ensuring that free early education and childcare is accessed by those two-year olds who are eligible for it.
- 94% of pupils attend Ofsted rated good or outstanding schools in Trafford, compared to 79% nationally, and 57% of pupils attend schools graded outstanding which is approaching three times the national average of 21%.
- at Early Years Foundation Stage 69% children achieved a “Good” level of development which places Trafford 7th out of 150 authorities nationally.
- 87% of year six pupils achieved the expected Key Stage 2 standard of level four or above in Reading, Writing and Maths in 2014, placing Trafford the joint top performing authority in England.
- at Key Stage 4 Trafford was the only Borough in Greater Manchester to show an increase to 71.4% of pupils achieving at least five GCSEs, or equivalent, at A* to C including English and Maths. The national average of 55% demonstrates the value of our selective Grammar and High school system which does so much to improve social mobility.

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- that performance at Key Stage 5 bucked the national trend of slight reductions in top grade A-Levels as Trafford pupils attained increases in categories A*, A*-A, and A*-B grades.
- that Children in Care achieved their best ever GCSE results, with the key indicator of 5 or more A*-C including English and Maths, showing Trafford pupils achieved more than double the national average. In addition to the hard work by the pupils and others this is also testament to the support from the Local Authority in its role as Corporate Parent.
- outcomes for pupils with Special Educational Needs were also very positive at all levels. Trafford pupils at Key Stage 4 were well above the national average at the key indicator of 5 or more A*-C including English and Maths.
- the recent independent inspection of Youth Offending Services, led by the Deputy Chief Inspector of Probation, secured the highest rating provided nationally and Trafford became the first authority to achieve a 4* rating in three of the inspected criteria - Protecting the Public, Ensuring the Sentence is Served, and Interventions.
- the Early Help Delivery Model and establishment of a Youth Trust that will target resources at securing youth service provision across the Borough and providing an integrated service for 0-18 year olds.
- figures for young people Not In Education Employment or Training (NEET) show that Trafford has the lowest rate in Greater Manchester, the third lowest in the North West, and is therefore well below the Greater Manchester, Regional and National averages.

The Council therefore congratulates all pupils, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff, school governors, and Trafford officers for their achievements, and recognises the substantial steps being taken by a Conservative-controlled Council to support the children and young people of our Borough.

(c) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Securing a Strong Economy for Trafford**

The Council recognises the efforts of this Conservative administration to grow and support our economy, to increase employment opportunities and to create wealth across the Borough.

In particular, Council welcomes:

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- the increase in Gross Value Added (GVA) of the Trafford economy from £5.8 billion to £6.6 billion being a 14% increase over the last year, evidencing the strength and importance of the Trafford economy to the rest of Greater Manchester, and the need to maintain the environment for this to continue
- the joint highest employment levels in Greater Manchester with employment at a level of 94.5% in February 2015, outperforming every Labour-controlled Council in the region
- that youth unemployment has fallen by a record 80% over the last 12-months, helping to ensure our young people are economically active and contributing to their community
- the success of the Trafford Pledge that has supported businesses to create 110 apprenticeships and job opportunities for local people over the last year
- the work of the Council in securing apprenticeships for young people with disabilities and children in the care of the local authority
- that the Greater Manchester Agreement secures a £350 million investment to extend the Metrolink Line through Trafford Park and onto the Trafford Centre

The Council commits to being a long term pro-growth, open for business authority, that will use necessary resources to continue to support the economic growth and infrastructure demands of the Borough that ultimately will bring sustained prosperity to the people and businesses of Trafford.

(d) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Value For Money, Business Rates and Low Council Tax**

This Council endorses the approach adopted by this Conservative administration to maintain a low Council Tax and ensure value for money in all that we do as part of our commitment to securing the financial sustainability of the Council and to support the people and businesses of Trafford.

Council notes:

- that Trafford maintains the lowest Council Tax charge in the North West and the 19th lowest in the country
- that the Council's budget will balance for the tenth successive year, a stark contrast to previous Labour overspends

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- that an unqualified value for money statement was received from the district auditor for the last financial year
- that collection rates for Council Tax and Business Rates are the highest in Greater Manchester, supporting public services
- the work of this Conservative-controlled Council to lobby the Government for the sustainable reform of business rates, so critical to the future of local authority funding, and this is lobbying initiative that has the potential for a favourable outcome

Council is aware that the Labour party have committed to the same level of austerity funding reductions for local government should it win the general election, and is critical of the approach adopted by the Labour opposition in Trafford for not presenting viable alternative to the people of this Borough and the ensuing chaos that would bring this Council.

Therefore, Council agrees that it is only a Conservative-controlled Trafford that has a long term plan to ensure value for money and good services for the people of this Borough delivered at low cost to the taxpayer.

(e) **Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Barton Renewable Energy Plant**

In light of the recent extremely misleading and confusing publicity statements issued by the Conservative Group claiming that they had secured a halt to the Barton Renewable Energy Plant, whilst Peel explored the possibility of producing heat as well as electricity. And, in light of the subsequent communication issued by the Breathe Clear Air Group stating that the incinerator is not on hold, that Peel already have planning permission to build a plant which is capable of producing heat as well as electricity and that plans are on schedule with work due to commence on the plant within three years.

This Council now seeks to reaffirm its opposition to the proposed Biomass Incinerator, in a genuine and meaningful way.

Therefore in light of current press statements, where the Peel Group has said that BREP is planning to provide heat as well as electricity, the Council resolves to:

Write to Peel calling for them to permanently scrap plans to build a Biomass Incinerator in Davyhulme and to inform Peel that the Council accepts that burning biomass produces more carbon dioxide than burning coal and much more than burning gas per unit of electricity produced; burning wood produces masses of dangerous Particulate Matter; burning biomass with refuse derived fuel such as plastics, at

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the relatively low temperature of 850 degrees C, as proposed by BREP, is likely to produce deadly dioxins and other organic chemicals as well as masses of nitrogen oxides. Burning wood with preservatives from construction and demolition sites will release heavy metals such as arsenic.

And clearly state to Peel that the proposed plant is out-dated and its emissions are likely to cause ill-health amongst Trafford residents and to affirm that Trafford Council does not want or need a high carbon-based electricity and heat production plant within its boundary.

(f) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Crime and Policing

This Council reaffirms its appreciation of all the work done locally and nationally by Greater Manchester Police and all its employees.

The Greater Manchester Police Budget 2015/16 has been cut by a further £41 million and it is noted that if the current trend of cutting the Police Budget continues, the budget by 2020 will be almost half of what it was in 2010.

This Council notes that over 1100 warranted Police Officers have already been lost to GMP since 2010 with further losses to come in the next 12 months, whilst crime has risen by 8% in the past year, particularly violent crime, domestic violence and hate crime.

Council recognises that partnership working with Greater Manchester Police is a key driver to ensuring Trafford remains the safest place to live in Greater Manchester.

Concern is therefore noted in respect of the March 2015 Safer Trafford Partnership Executive Performance Report and the clear effects of the strain, cuts to the Trafford Council Budget are placing on partnership working.

This Council notes that the rate of hate crime incidents are on the increase, should this current rate continue there will be an increase of 75 more incidents which is 63% up on last year. Yet the Hate Crime post is dis-established.

Greater Manchester Police are trying to cope with the financial challenges they face by transforming how policing is delivered and making sure vulnerable people are to the best of their ability protected. This is being delivered by a dedicated Leadership Team and a Labour Police and Crime Commissioner not afraid to speak the truth about rising crime and the need for policing resources to be better protected.

This Council boasts that Trafford is the safest place to live in Greater Manchester. The continued support for austerity pursued by the Conservatives nationally and locally puts this in jeopardy.

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Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 17 March 2015** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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