



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 15 March 2016

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, 23 MARCH 2016, at 7.00 P.M.** 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 17 February 2016 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 2016/17 | |
| To consider a report of the Acting Director of Human Resources following a referral from Employment Committee on 7 March 2016. | 9 - 16 |

5. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Northern Rail Franchise

To consider the following Motion deferred from the Council meeting held on 20 January 2015:

This Council welcomes the Government's announcement on 9 December 2015 that the new Northern and TransPennine Express Franchises have been awarded, in a massive boost to rail services bringing the Northern Powerhouse to life.

Council further welcomes the news that the franchises will make a real difference to passengers bringing benefits including:

- The introduction of 500 brand new carriages
- Removal of the outdated and unpopular Pacer trains across the North
- Space for over 40,000 more passengers at the busiest of times
- Thousands of extra services a week
- Roll out of free Wi-Fi on trains and at stations
- Over £55 million invested in station improvements, including new ticket machines and the introduction of staffing at 45 currently unstaffed stations
- Improving compensation arrangements, including automatic compensation for delays for registered season and advanced purchase tickets.

The Council is pleased by the decision that the franchises will be jointly managed in the North, from Leeds, by the Department for Transport and Rail North Limited - which represents 29 Local Authorities across the North. This shows the Government's continued commitment to devolution and to closing the economic gap between the North and South. The new franchises are expected to create jobs, opportunity and growth and – coupled with electrifying the vital trans-Pennine route – will help our region realise its full economic potential by ensuring it has a modern, 21st Century transport system.

Council notes that the award of the new rail franchises has been roundly welcomed by business organisations and others including the Confederation of British Industry, Manchester Airport and UK Trade and Investment as well as by the Institute for Public Policy Research North.

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Council therefore fully supports the award of the rail franchises and resolves to continue to make the case for the provision of a world class rail service across the North and the contribution this can make to rebalancing the UK economy, with Greater Manchester at the heart of a Northern Powerhouse.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Enhancing Social Mobility

The Council recognises and applauds the work done by Council staff and the teaching profession, across a number of areas, which has resulted in Trafford being ranked, nationally, as the 20th best performing Local Authority in the recently published report by the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission. Whilst the focus is often on the very high educational achievements of Trafford schoolchildren and young people, this significant national position clearly shows that Trafford is also an excellent place for promoting social mobility, encouraging all disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential through our truly comprehensive educational offer.

The Social Mobility Index, which forms the basis for the ranking of Local Authorities, is based on comparing the chance that a child from a disadvantaged background will do well at school and then will go on to secure a good job, thus escaping from poverty. For many years, Trafford has prided itself in having both an excellent education offer, in its widest sense, and an impressive economic environment which then provides a whole range of high quality job opportunities, at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse.

The Council further recognises that our success in enabling all Trafford children to fulfil their potential is built upon the quality of our total educational offer, with 93.5% of pupils attending 'good or better' schools and 56.2% attending 'outstanding' schools. The Council is pleased to note that non-Grammar Schools in Trafford perform at a level above the national average and so Trafford's high ranking in the Social Mobility Index demonstrates that social mobility is positively enhanced through both the selective education system and this Council's continued investment in economic growth activity.

Consequently, this Council supports

- (i) Trafford's role at the heart of the Conservative Government's Northern Powerhouse; and
- (ii) our Grammar and High school system

both of which are driving increased social mobility and world class opportunity for all children in our borough.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Trafford's Economy

The Council welcomes the achievements in the improvement in the local economy over the last five years, and the significant amount of investment secured from major development schemes. The Council also recognises the work of the Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure Directorate (EGEI) in supporting jobs and business growth, and this Conservative administration's continued focus on ensuring that Trafford is recognised regionally, nationally and internationally as open for business, is a great location to invest in and is able to attract inward investment.

The Council notes:

1. From 2010-2015 the number of residents in employment increased by over 6%, compared to 3% in Greater Manchester.
2. Number of jobs grew by 9% to 139,000, 5% points higher than Greater Manchester.
3. Those with NVQ level 4 and above increased by 19%, compared to 14% in Greater Manchester between 2010-2015.
4. Those on main out of work benefits fell by 29% from 2010-2015.
5. GVA increased from £6.3 billion to £6.8 billion over the last five years.
6. About £1 billion in inward investment in the borough from a range of development projects including Saica Paper Mill, Carrington Power Station, Hotel Football, Altrincham Hospital, Altrincham Interchange and White City Retail Park.
7. In 2014/2015 EGEI handled over 240 business enquiries (referring 70% for additional support), awarded c£110,000 through the Town Centres Loan scheme to lever c£750,000 of business investment, and supported 100 residents into employment through the Trafford Pledge.
8. The success of Altrincham Forward in rejuvenating the Town Centre.

Therefore, the Council recognises that Trafford's economy is robust, has performed well over the last five years and plays a vital role in the economic growth of Greater Manchester.

(d) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Housing Benefit Payments

This Council is disappointed in the Government decision to limit housing benefit payments to new residents of supported housing from April 2017. This includes the 1550 Sheltered and Extra Care homes and the 143 units of supported accommodation in Trafford. This Council understands that no housing providers will build the much

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needed extra homes for older people in the borough if this policy is enacted and the ability for this Council to meet its aspirations in the future of allowing older people to live safe and well at home is at risk.

This Council understands that the risks to current and future homes cannot be managed by discretionary housing payments. This Council therefore commits to writing to the Chancellor of Exchequer, George Osborne, to argue for him to immediately exempt supported accommodation (including that for older people) from the new housing benefit regulations. This will allow certainty for housing providers to be able to manage current homes and to develop future schemes to benefit the residents of this borough.

(e) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Road Safety

In light of the large number of complaints raised by residents regarding the state and safety of Trafford's roads, this Council reaffirms its commitment to making Trafford's streets as safe as possible. To this end, the Council will revisit the promises it made in July 2013 and, working with Amey where necessary, will, by the end of April 2016:

- present a report regarding the timescales involved for the completion of works relating to the following:
 - all identified traffic calming, road safety measures and casualty reduction schemes;
 - all required parking restrictions and car parking schemes
 - all necessary road and pavement repairs
- The Council will, as promised in July 2013, draw up a list of residential roads and roads near schools which will benefit from 20 mph speed limits and will now commit to taking action on this within 6 months.

This Council recognises that the safety of residents using Trafford's roads, pavements and pathways is a priority and as such will resolve to ensure that any outstanding works are completed within as short a timeframe as possible.

(f) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Public Participation at Council Meetings

This Council believes that it is crucially important that all the residents of Trafford play a full part in the democracy of Local Government and the decision making process.

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Council further notes that in many other Local Authorities across the country, such as Cheshire East, the active participation of residents is encouraged by allowing them to speak at full Council and other designated meetings.

It is therefore proposed that this right is extended to Trafford citizens, based on certain agreed principles and conditions. These are broadly based on the Cheshire East model, which enables members of the public to make statements and ask questions at Council meetings, excluding Planning, Licencing and Scrutiny.

Under these guidelines:

- A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to speak at Council meetings.
- A total period of 10 minutes will be allocated for members of the public to speak at meetings of the Executive, committees and sub-committees.
- Members of the public may speak on any matter relating to the work of the Council.
- Members of the public will normally be allowed up to 5 minutes each to speak, but the Mayor or Chair will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.
- Where a member of the public wishes to ask a question of an Executive member, or of the Chair of a committee or sub-committee, at least 3 clear working days' notice must be given in writing to Democratic Services, in order that an informed answer may be given.

Council are therefore asked to agree these broad proposals, and ask Officers to set up procedures in the near future for the implementation of this initiative, which will encourage active public participation.

Yours sincerely,



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THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

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Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 15 March 2016** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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