



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 22 November 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, 30 NOVEMBER 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:

NOTE: PRESENTATION FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL - 6.30 P.M.

Prior to Council, all Members of Council are invited to attend at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to receive a presentation from pupils of Stretford High and Stretford Grammar Schools entitled 'Dunkirk and Beyond'.

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| 1. Minutes | |
| To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 September 2016 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman. | 1 - 12 |
| 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. Greater Manchester Devolution | |
| To receive a verbal update from the Leader of the Council. | |

5. Appointment to Outside Bodies

To note that under delegated authority, Councillor Mrs. Evans was appointed on 11 October 2016, as the Council's representative on the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) Asylum Seekers Board for 2016/17. AGMA had sought nominations so that all 10 of the Greater Manchester Councils were represented.

6. Appointment of Co-opted Parish Member to Standards Committee

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

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7. Office of Surveillance Commissioners - Outcome of Inspection 2016

To note a report of the Executive Member for Transformation and Resources. Reports have also been presented to the Accounts and Audit Committee on 29 September 2016 and the Executive on 31 October 2016.

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8. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Domestic Abuse

The Interim Mayor of Greater Manchester Tony Lloyd last month launched a new campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse in Greater Manchester, entitled Sitting Right With You. As councillors we were all notified of this directly and we know this Council responded with a press release. This Council recognises the importance of raising awareness of domestic abuse and pledges to ensure it will be recognised as a priority for all councillors, as many residents in our borough will experience abuse and we need to support and help them in any way possible.

Domestic abuse affects 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men nationally and Council therefore formally agrees to sign up to this campaign and to do our utmost to raise awareness and challenge stigma by getting the message out that domestic abuse is more common than people generally think, whilst ensuring that our residents know where and how to access help.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Pharmacies

Trafford Council recognises and values local pharmacies as a vital primary care health service and as an integral part of the fabric of local communities throughout our borough.

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Council notes that:

- Pharmacies in Trafford offer a range of services such as dispensing prescriptions, disposal of unwanted medicines and supporting self-care
- Pharmacies play an important role in promoting wellbeing such as healthy eating, smoking cessation, exercise, flu vaccination, sexual health and more
- Advice and support services are also available to care homes

Trafford Council is greatly concerned about Government imposed threats to pharmacies as a result of cuts in the budget of £170 million nationally from October 2016. This is a 6% cut in cash terms but could mean a cut of 12% during the financial year which may potentially close up to a quarter of pharmacies with an increased focus on warehousing dispensary and online services. Service cuts in pharmacies put more residents at risk as well as putting pressure on GPs and on hospital services and therefore increasing NHS costs. A fully funded community pharmacy service is cost effective and is in the interest of patients and carers.

Trafford Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Health, NHS England and our local Clinical Commissioning Group detailing our concerns and demanding an immediate reversal of this funding cut.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Sky Lanterns

The Council recognises the hazards caused by Sky Lanterns (also known as Chinese Lanterns).

Sky Lanterns have given rise to a number of serious concerns including:

- The risk to human life.
- Risk to pets, livestock, birds, wildlife and marine life.
- Fire and damage to property and vehicles.
- The impact on the environment, including littering.

Sky Lanterns have been responsible for the fire at the Smethwick Recycling Plant in June 2013, which resulted in damage totalling around £6 million. They have been responsible for 62 fires within Greater Manchester.

Deaths and injury has been inflicted on livestock, birds, wildlife and marine life mainly through ingestion and entrapment caused by the lanterns wire frame. The RSPCA, Fire and Rescue Authorities, Farmers and Vets have all warned of the dangers of Sky Lanterns. They have also been banned in several other Countries including Australia, Spain and Germany.

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This Council therefore resolves to ban the sale and use of Sky Lanterns on any of its property or premises.

In addition the Council calls on Government to introduce legislation to ban the sale and use of Sky Lanterns in the UK.

(d) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Bus Services Bill

This Council notes:

That the Bus Services Bill, which is currently passing through Parliament, includes many measures vital to Greater Manchester's ambition for a modern 21st century transport system. The most significant of these measures is enabling via an Elected Mayor, the franchising of bus services. This long called for measure will at last, remove a major structural obstacle to both a properly integrated smart ticketing regime across operators and indeed, across modes, as well as opening up new possibilities in real time passenger information.

That Local Authority-run bus companies, such as Reading Buses and Nottingham City Transport, have a successful award winning track record of increasing the number of journeys, gaining high passenger satisfaction ratings and improving quality.

That the proposed Clause 21 of this Bill would "prohibit a local authority from forming a company for the purposes of providing a local bus service" and that this prohibition would apply even if such a publicly owned bus company was shown to be either the most cost effective means of delivering the service, or in fact the only means of delivering the service.

Council welcomes:

That Clause 21 was removed through an amendment in the House of Lords report stage on the 24th October but remains alert to the danger of its reinsertion by the government when it reaches the House of Commons.

Council concludes:

That, consequently, and in accordance with the cross-party Local Government Association view, Clause 21 should remain omitted from the Bus Services Bill.

This Council therefore resolves:

To write to Lord Ahmad (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Transport), who is responsible for this Bill, calling on the Department for Transport not to resubmit Clause 21 to the Bill.

(e) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Trafford Park Metrolink

The Council welcomes the recent confirmation that the Secretary of State for Transport has given final approval to enable construction to commence on the Trafford Park Metrolink Line.

This has been a long standing commitment of Trafford Council and demonstrates how Greater Manchester devolution and planned development can secure significant investment in major transport infrastructure.

The Council looks forward with anticipation to completion of the scheme and resolves to continue to work closely with Transport for Greater Manchester and contractors to ensure the successful delivery of the scheme.

(f) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Apprenticeships

The Council welcomes the introduction of the apprenticeship levy as a means of increasing business productivity and profitability whilst simultaneously increasing the supply and quality of apprenticeship training for our population including higher and degree level apprenticeships.

The Economic Growth team have been working directly with Trafford businesses (both levy paying and not) to ensure the potential benefits are realised to help support and strengthen our local economy and improve skills of the existing workforce.

The levy is an important component to secure future training of our apprentices and enhance the broad educational offer that our residents enjoy and the Council pledges to continue to support employers, schools and residents through the introduction of the levy next year.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Council - Wednesday, 30 November 2016

Membership of the Council

Councillors J. Lloyd (Mayor), J. Coupe (Deputy Mayor), D. Acton, S. Adshead, S.B. Anstee, S.K. Anstee, Dr. K. Barclay, J. Baugh, J. Bennett, Miss L. Blackburn, R. Bowker, C. Boyes, Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, Mrs. J.E. Brophy, B. Brotherton, D. Bunting, D. Butt, K. Carter, M. Cawdrey, R. Chilton, M. Cordingley, M. Cornes, L. Dagnall, Mrs. P. Dixon, A. Duffield, Mrs. L. Evans, N. Evans, T. Fishwick, M. Freeman, P. Gratrix, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, J. Harding, J. Holden, D. Hopps, M. Hyman, C. Hynes, D. Jarman, P. Lally, J. Lamb, E. Malik, A. Mitchell, P. Myers, D. O'Sullivan, K. Procter, J.R. Reilly, Mrs J. Reilly, B. Rigby, T. Ross, M. Sephton, B. Sharp, B. Shaw, J. Smith, E.W. Stennett, S. Taylor, L. Walsh, Mrs. V. Ward, A. Western, D. Western, M. Whetton, A. Williams, J.A. Wright, M. Young and Mrs. P. Young

Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 22 November 2016** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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