



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

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, 29 MARCH 2017, 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 22 February 2017 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman. | 1 - 10 |
| 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. Membership of Council | |
| To note that, due to an on-going illness, Councillor Dagnall resigned, with effect from 15 March 2017, from her role as Ward Councillor for Broadheath and that a by-election has been called for 4 May 2017. | |
| 5. Trafford Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 | |
| To consider a report of the Acting Director of Human Resources, referred from Employment Committee on 6 March 2017. | 11 - 18 |

6. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

To consider a report of the Chief Executive.

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7. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Dubs Amendment

This Council notes the recent decision of the Conservative Government to end the Dubs Scheme which sought to bring 3000 unaccompanied child refugees displaced in Europe to the UK. Council recognises that last year alone, more than 30,000 unaccompanied children landed in mainland Europe in the midst of a huge humanitarian crisis. These children are in considerable danger, with no familial support whatsoever, and at risk of people trafficking, sexual exploitation and abuse.

Trafford Council places on record its continuing willingness to support refugees, and makes clear its explicit commitment to supporting unaccompanied refugee children in Europe. Council notes the specialist expertise of a number of Trafford foster families in managing the specific needs of refugee children and thanks them for the work that they do.

Council therefore agrees to:

- Write to the Home Secretary and the Immigration Minister making clear Trafford's readiness to accept unaccompanied children displaced in Europe under the terms of the Dubs Scheme.
- State in this letter Trafford's disappointment at the abolition of the programme, and call for the reinstatement of the Dubs Scheme at the earliest opportunity.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Green Bin Collection Service

This Council notes the concern of local residents at plans to commence charging for the collection of green garden waste. It is clear that there are a number of practical issues with this scheme including the potential for neighbour disputes around the fall of leaves, and the practicalities of the collection process. Council also recognises the injustice of imposing an additional 14% charge on residents choosing to register for the scheme by telephone rather than online.

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In light of these issues Council agrees to abandon proposals to charge for green waste collection, recognising that to introduce this charge at the same time as increasing Council Tax by 4.99% would represent a financial double-whammy for residents at a time of continue sluggish wage growth.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Outsourcing of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

Council notes the many questions that have been raised in this chamber with the Executive Member for Children's Services with regard to Education, Health and Care Plans, surrounding their timeliness and accuracy.

Council notes the very detailed responses given by the Executive Member and the reassurances given that service failings are being addressed.

Clearly there have been historical difficulties in addressing service delivery in this key area and the information provided of the changes that have and are being made to improve the delivery of accurate and timely EHCPs is very welcome.

That said never once has the Executive Member admitted that it was the common practice of this Council from 2008 to 2016 to outsource the writing of Statements of Educational Need and latterly Education and HealthCare Plans for our Special Needs Children to a private company IndDepenDent Business Services latterly known as Enhance EHC Services and that this practice was pursued by the CFW Directorate without the consent of the parents and carers of our Special Needs Children being sought and without any formal Data Protection Protocols being put in place in respect of the data being shared with this company.

In light of this Council requires the parents and carers of our Special Needs Children, whose Statements and EHCPs were outsourced without their knowledge, to receive a public apology from the Executive Member on behalf of the Children, Families and Wellbeing Directorate and a specific undertaking that appropriate governance and data protection protocols will be approved and followed if in the future the need to outsource such work ever arises again.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

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, 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, 21 March 2017** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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