

Tuesday, 23 January 2018

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, 31 JANUARY 2018, at 7.00 P.M. in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD, for the transaction of the business set out below:

Pages 1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 29 November 2017, for signature by the Mayor as Chairman.

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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. Stretford Masterplan Consultation Feedback

To be informed of the feedback from the Stretford Masterplan Consultation and note a report the Executive Member for Housing and Strategic Planning presented to the Executive on 29 January 2018.

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(**Please Note:** The 3 appendices to the report have been published in full with this agenda on the Council's website, however, due to their extensive nature they are not being circulated in hard copy.)

5. Sport and Leisure Proposals - Update

To receive a verbal update from the Leader of the Council.

6. Trafford Council and NHS Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group Integration: Proposed Governance Arrangements

To consider a report of the Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources.

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7. 6-month Corporate Report on Health and Safety - 1 April to 30 September 2017

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Corporate Resources.

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8. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Recycling and a Greener Environment

Recent data released confirms that Trafford remains the highest performing metropolitan authority for recycling in the country with a recycling rate of 61.3% for 2016/17. This makes the borough the only local authority in Greater Manchester and the wider North West region to be placed in the top ten nationally and is a vindication of the policies pursued by Trafford Conservatives to enhance recycling options, retain non-statutory collection of other recyclable waste and improve education and understanding of the benefits of recycling with our local population.

In a further commitment to enhancing our town centre environment and parks, this administration is investing in 300 new trio-recycling bins for installation across the borough and is seeking to further increase the number of green flag parks in Trafford this year.

Council places on record its thanks and appreciation to One Trafford Partnership staff, volunteers and council officers for their ongoing efforts to help keep Trafford clean, green and enjoyable for all of our residents.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Trafford Libraries

Council welcomes proposals of the Conservative administration to abolish library fines for all ages across Trafford from April 2018.

Trafford will become the first public library authority in the country to adopt this policy which sends a welcome message to our residents in Trafford that they will have access to a completely free library service. This decision will overcome evidence that suggests that this charge is off-putting for customers and help to see a further increase in usage of libraries across the borough.

This change also aligns with the Vision 2031 ambition of 'no one held back, no one left behind' as there would be no barriers, either actual or perceived, of people accessing libraries and all they had to offer.

Council notes that most learning of literacy happens in the first 11 years of a child's life, as does the development of a person's love of reading and therefore supports a further policy change that WILL result in every child whose birth is registered in Trafford receiving a library card and a book start pack.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Social Care Funding

This Council welcomes the addition of Social Care to the role of the Secretary of State for Health. Council has long been aware of not only the national crisis across social care but the one we face here in Trafford.

The lack of social care continues to have a major impact on the winter crisis across the NHS. There are stories of many people left in hospital beds and not able to get home due to the lack of provision of adequate social care packages. Delayed Transfers of Care many of which are due to social care have meant an increase in delayed beds days of 109,000 since 2010.

This Council recognises that in October 2017 there was a 10% reduction in delayed transfers (59,943) on the year before (65,888) but they are still 13% higher than at the same time in 2015 (52,791). The number of people spending the Christmas period in hospital due to Delayed Transfers of Care almost doubled between 2010 and 2016 (from 1,995 people on December 30th 2010 to 3,929 on 29 December 2016).

This Council recognises that the care sector remains deeply unstable -according to the Association for the Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) Autumn survey 50 councils had experienced handbacks of care contracts. 92% (46 Councils) had experienced handbacks in home care, 24% (12) in residential care and 52% (3 Councils) in nursing care.

Here in Trafford as recently as last month there have been issues with care homes rated as inadequate and home care providers unable to meet the demand for social care. Indeed the St. Marks Centre in Sale has been found to be in such difficulty that they have been prevented from admitting new residents.

Nationally, budget funding cuts are having a detrimental impact upon the quality of care. Almost a quarter of all adult social care services had the poorest ratings for safety from the Care Quality Commission – 22% of care facilities require improvement and 2% are inadequate. Trafford's figures are higher than this national average.

The funding situation remains precarious with no extra money identified for social care as per the Local Government Finance settlement. The Social care gap is projected to rise to £2.5 billion by 2020 according to the Kings Fund.

With these stark statistics in mind this Council calls on the Government to:

- Provide an immediate injection of cash to properly fund social care (The Local Government Association state that an immediate cash injection of £1.3 billion is required to stabilise social care).
- Assist local government with a national 10 year workforce strategy – investing in staff alongside increased financing is critical to ensure the sustainability of adult social care.
- To develop and implement a fair funding scheme as part of the Green Paper to be initiated in the summer.
- To provide councils with adequate funding for a Fair Price for Care – here in Trafford local providers state that they cannot continue to provide a service with the latest offer from this Council.
- Develop more robust regulation frameworks in order to monitor the financial health of larger providers.
- To deal with the issue of back pay which is due to care staff for sleep-ins. The sector estimates the costs of this back pay to be £400 million which places services for learning disability and children's' social care providers under serious threat.

In addition, this Council resolves to:

 Review the 2018/19 draft budget proposals to ensure that the revenue funding allocated to adult social care services in the budget is sufficient, and increase the level of proposed spending if required in light of this ongoing crisis.

Yours sincerely.

THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday**, **23 January 2018** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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