



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 3 October 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, 11 OCTOBER 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 26 July 2017 for signature by the Mayor as Chairman. | 1 - 18 |
| 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. Result of By-election for Bucklow St Martins Ward and Political Group Composition | |
| To note the result of the Poll held on 14 September 2017 for the Bucklow St Martins Ward of the Borough and the new political make-up of the Council. | 19 - 22 |

5. Membership of Committees

To note the following changes to the Membership of Committees, as agreed by the Chief Executive under delegated authority:

Councillor Mrs. Bruer-Morris appointed, with effect from 14 September 2017, as a replacement for former Councillor Smith on the Licensing Committee, Public Protection Sub-Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee.

6. University Academy 92, Old Trafford and the Stretford Masterplan

To inform Council of the proposals for a new University in Trafford and the strategy for securing the revitalisation of Stretford Town Centre and to note the associated decisions of the Executive on 2 October 2017.

(For further background, Members are requested to refer to the reports of the Executive Member for investment and the Executive Member for Housing and Strategic Planning which were presented to the Executive Meeting on 2 October 2017, items 3 and 4 respectively.)

7. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism

This Council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using antisemitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism. This Council therefore welcomes the UK Government's announcement on December 11th 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

This Council notes that: Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities. To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations: Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister

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stereotypes and negative character traits. Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries). Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews. Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.

This Council hereby resolves to adopt the above definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism. This Council also condemns all forms of racism, islamophobia, homophobia and sexism and we commit to fighting against them.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Business Rates Retention

This Council recognises that there are merits in local authorities retaining the business rates they collect in their area.

However, Council also recognises:

- That as this shift in Local Government Finance progresses, it is becoming increasingly clear that the full benefit in terms of long term stability of revenue, is being undermined by the need to set aside a significant sum year on year to 'insure' against business rate appeals.
- That whilst Government is addressing imbalances between authorities through tariffs and top-ups so that business rate retention does not create unfair windfalls or losses, it is not addressing the fact that Councils with a large business rate base are having to set aside such large amounts that could otherwise be spent on services and supporting extra economic growth.
- That Trafford is currently setting aside £40 million for this purpose.

Council therefore believes that since the nature of successful business rate appeals are most commonly based on issues outside the council's control but are often highly local in their impact, it would be appropriate for national government to carry more of this risk.

Council therefore calls upon the Chief Executive to make representation to DCLG detailing the amount that Trafford is currently setting aside for Business Rate Appeals and calling upon the Secretary of State to make changes to relieve Trafford of this burden either through using revenue from the 'central list' or other sources.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Air Quality in Trafford

This Council notes the government's new air quality framework, which requires local authorities to submit their initial schemes for tackling dangerously high levels of air pollution. This will require Trafford to produce an action plan by the end of March 2018.

As we are aware, the World Health Organisation has said that air in the Greater Manchester area contains levels of dangerous particles which are above the legally safe level to breathe. Air pollution increases the risk of lung cancer, it can worsen existing lung conditions and stunt the growth of children's' lungs.

The government plan has highlighted that local authorities like Trafford will need to identify Clean Air Zones for local air quality to be improved. In the borough there are two areas which are of particular concern, the A56 and M60 Motorway. The A56 traffic air pollution has attracted

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concern from residents for a long time, and the increasing traffic volume on the M60 and nearby Biomass plant is a worry in terms of the negative impact to the health and wellbeing of nearby residents, and especially to young children.

There is a £255 million Implementation fund to support this process, and Authorities can then bid for further money from a competitive Clean Air Fund. This could support interventions such as improving concessionary travel, supporting cyclists and rethinking road infrastructure.

Council therefore agrees to:

- Note the importance of this initiative to reduce air pollution levels to a minimum, and how it fits in with the wider Greater Manchester strategy and the objectives of the new Mayor.
- Ensure that Trafford vigorously and quickly develops a local air quality framework, which involves extensive consultation and involvement of local people, to gain ideas on steps they would like to take to clean up the air in our areas.
- Continue to monitor and develop other strategies to tackle dangerous levels of air pollution in Trafford.
- Ensure that regular reports are provided to members and residents on the progress of the action plan and levels of air pollution in our Borough.

(d) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Free After Three

Seeing our towns and villages thrive, and be attractive welcoming places to be is important to Trafford Council. Council therefore encourages Trafford residents to support local businesses as we head into the festive period by shopping local. To support this, Council welcomes the decision of this administration to introduce 'Free After Three' parking in Council maintained car parks across the borough this winter.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Council - Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Membership of the Council

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Further Information

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