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## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

### AGENDA PAPERS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 9 January 2019

Time: 6.30 pm

Place: Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Trafford Town Hall,  
Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

AGENDA	PART I	Pages
1. ATTENDANCES		
To note attendances, including Officers, and any apologies for absence.		
2. MINUTES		
To receive and, if so determined, to agree as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018.		1 - 6
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
Members to give notice of any interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.		
4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC		
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5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2019-20		
To receive the Budget Scrutiny Report for 2019-20, which is to be presented to the Executive on Monday 28 January 2019.		7 - 14

6. **PROCESS FOR MANAGING AND INTRODUCING TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (TRO'S)**
- To receive a report of the Executive Member the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change. 15 - 22
7. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY - TASK & FINISH GROUP**
- To receive and discuss a motion declaring a Climate Emergency, as amended and agreed at Council on 28 November. 23 - 24
8. **OVERVIEW REPORT**
- To receive a report of the Scrutiny Committee Chair. 25 - 42
9. **URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)**
- Any other item or items which, by reason of special circumstances (to be specified), the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

**JIM TAYLOR**

Interim Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors D. Acton (Chair), C. Boyes (Vice-Chair), R. Bowker, J. Coupe, J. Holden, A. New, B. Shaw, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, A.J. Williams, M. Young, R. Chilton (ex-Officio) and D. Western (ex-Officio)

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# Public Document Pack Agenda Item 2

## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 NOVEMBER 2018

### PRESENT

Councillor D. Acton (in the Chair).

Councillors C. Boyes (Vice-Chair), R. Bowker, J. Coupe, J. Holden, A. New, B. Shaw, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, A.J. Williams, M. Young and D. Western (ex-Officio)

#### Also Present

Cllr A. Western - Leader of the Council  
Cllr M. Cordingley - Executive Member for Finance  
Cllr M. Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional Reform & Resident Engagement  
Cllr J. Wright - Executive Member for Investment, Regeneration & Strategic Planning  
Cllr G. Coggins - Leader of the Green Party Group

#### In Attendance

G. Bentley - Head of Financial Management  
P. Forrester - Head of Governance  
C. Gaffey - Democratic & Scrutiny Officer

### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Chilton (Ex-Officio).

## 20. MINUTES

The Chair requested that two alterations be made to the minutes.

The reference to 'the Grenfell Tower enquiry's decision to ban combustible cladding on buildings 18 floor or higher' in paragraph 4 of minute 17 should be amended to reflect that this was in fact a Government decision (not the Grenfell Enquiry's decision).

Also in minute 17, it was requested that the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) be invited to meet with Council Officers and Members to discuss the options available for retrofitting sprinklers in buildings. It was asked that this be listed in the 'resolved' section of the minute.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2018, incorporating the changes listed above, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

## 22. CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy detailing the recommendations of the cross-party Constitution

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Working Group (CWG) setup to review current practice in a number of areas, with the aim of improving openness, transparency and public engagement within the Council. The report was presented by the Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement, and had recently been considered by the Standards Committee. The report would also be considered by the Executive before being presented to full Council on 28 November 2018. The CWG would be meeting again in January 2019 to discuss other areas which remained under review.

Members discussed the changes proposed in the report. It was felt that a process would need to be agreed on the proposals to allow members of the public to ask questions at meetings. How questions were managed at the meeting itself would be at the Chairs' discretion, but it was suggested that any questions raised should be relevant to that Committee and its remit. It was also suggested that questions should be submitted in advance of the meeting to allow for these to be reviewed by the Legal Team to ensure they were relevant and not vexatious. The Head of Governance agreed to incorporate these comments and propose a process on how these questions were considered, which would be included in the final report to full Council. Members agreed with the proposals in principle, but were mindful of the difficulty already faced when trying to complete all business at some busy meetings, and felt that the addition of questions from members of the public could create further time pressures.

Some Members raised their concern about moving all meetings to paperless. Members agreed that an attempt should be made to have paperless meetings, but felt it would be difficult in some instances where large reports which required cross-referencing with previous reports were being considered.

The Committee were advised that proposals on motions at full Council had been presented to the Constitution Working Group, and Members of the Group had been asked to take these proposals back to their respective Political Groups for discussion and comment. Members were asked to provide their feedback to the Head of Governance. The proposals and any comments received on these could then be considered at the next CWG meeting in January 2019. Many Members remained frustrated by the time constraints at some full Council meetings where there was limited time available to speak on motions. It was agreed that something needed to change to improve debate, but whilst ensuring that limitations were not enforced which could dilute the democratic process.

Some Members asked whether the new signature threshold for debating petitions at full Council and Executive meetings were too low. Members were advised that analysis had been conducted against the petitions received by the Council in previous years, and the CWG Members had agreed these thresholds were adequate.

The Committee were generally in favour of the proposals which would improve openness and transparency within the Council.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That a process for considering questions from members of the public at Committee meetings be formulated based on the discussion at the meeting and included in the final report to full Council.
- 2) That the proposals in the report, incorporating the comments raised, be endorsed for referral to full Council.

**23. 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING UPDATE ON THE INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee received a joint presentation of the Leader of the Council and the Executive Member for Investment, Regeneration and Strategic Planning, providing details of the 2019/20 Draft Budget Proposals and Investment Strategy. Following the identification of areas of additional income and receipts, the revised budget gap since the Committee received its update in October now stood at approximately £800k. Further proposals were being considered on how the remaining budget gap would be addressed.

In relation to the Investment Strategy, the Council expected to recover an exit fee following the ending of the No1 One Trafford investment, which should end up being cost neutral. The Council were currently awaiting guidance on whether they could go ahead with investing in the UK Wide Zone (Zone 3 – referred to on page 19 of the agenda).

When discussing the additional income from the green waste fee, Members were advised that the numbers had increased year on year and this was expected to continue. The green waste fee would not be increased.

Questions were also raised around the Adult Social Care Budget, and Members asked how certain the projected savings associated with these proposals were. The Leader acknowledged that these demand led budgets and savings proposals carried a level of uncertainty, but felt that the proposals were not over ambitious. The introduction of new technological equipment would help drive the Right Care For You project, and the Let's Talk model had attracted national attention and been highly successful in some Local Authorities.

Continuing the discussion on the Social Care Budget, Members were advised that additional foster carers had now been recruited, and a significant amount of modelling had been done by Children's Services on child in care placements, which should see the amount of out of borough placements reduced. The Committee were advised that foster carers had been identified to care for two children currently placed out of borough, which could generate a significant net saving when the cost of the fosterers had been taken into account. The Council was also looking into adopting the Mockingbird Model – a fostering model which had been successful in the United States of America, which aimed at creating satellite families to replicate the family unit. A network of foster carers would be created to assist each other with respite opportunities and help underpin placements in the borough. Members were reminded that these potential savings did not entail removing provision from children who had special requirements, and

the Leader was confident that these children's needs and requirements would be met by placing them back in borough.

When discussing car parking charges, Members were advised that the analysis had determined that this would not have an effect on town centre footfall. The 2017/18 proposals had not adversely effected Altrincham Town Centre, and it was noted that the evening element of the parking fees would not be introduced until the following year.

Members were reminded that the general inflation provision was passed onto the individual service areas every year and this process had not changed. In relation to the general contingency budget, the lower level of savings programme compared to previous years gave scope to reduce the overall contingency budget. The level of contingencies required was constantly assessed to ensure the budget was robust.

Members discussed the customer service model and how improving the digitalisation of services could deliver savings whilst enhancing the services for residents. It was agreed that the correct balance was required to ensure everyone could access these services, as not all residents had online access.

The Committee discussed the additional £400k which would be generated from recovering housing benefit overpayment and the potential reasons for this. Although the amount seemed high, it was noted that this was in line with the trend in recent years, but Members could be provided with further information on this if they required. It was noted that the amounts being recovered in future would reduce with the introduction of Universal Credit.

Members requested clarity over the changes to the Council Tax and Social Care Precept for next year's budget. The Council could raise a total of 6% for the Social Care Precept over the 3 year period, with 2019/20 being the final period it could be levied. As the Council had levied 3% and 2% increases in the two previous years, this allowed for a 1% increase in 2019/20. The general increase in basic Council Tax would be 2.99%, giving a total proposed increase of 3.99%.

The Committee discussed the increased costs associated with improving Leisure Centre provision in Altrincham and Stretford, as well as the vision for Sale Leisure Centre. Members were advised that the previous projected costs were based on business cases designed to provide modest improvements to facilities in those areas. New business cases had been put together since these projections, which would provide much better facilities, but at a higher cost. The proposals could be more ambitious now, with UA92 helping to drive these. No business plan was in place for Sale as of yet, but the Leader acknowledged the need to improve provision in this area and hoped a business case would be brought forward in the coming couple of months. The Executive were also looking to provide some interim funds to improve the centre in the meantime, possibly using some of the £1m retained by Trafford Leisure Trust which was ring-fenced for use at the Sale site. When discussing the impending closure of the Trafford Soccerdome, Members were advised that the Council was corresponding with the local Football Association to discuss potential provision. Although it was a regrettable situation



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and would affect a number of residents, the Soccerdome was a private business which meant the Council had little control over the situation.

It was confirmed that the loan provided in respect of the redevelopment in Salford was projected to provide a 6% yield, with a £372k expected return on the investment in the first year, £1.6m in the second year, and £1.86m in the third year.

Members were advised that work was ongoing on scoping how the Broom House building in Seymour Grove could be repaired, and whether this could be added to the capital budget for the coming year.

The Committee asked what assurance could be provided that the Council was safeguarding its investments. Members were advised that the key element considered when investing was security, and that external advisors the CBRE Group, supported by other professional valuation and property condition advisors, provided advice and due diligence support on all proposals. All investment decisions were considered by the Council's Investment Management Board. Also, a proportion of the new income streams were used for setting prudent sums aside for debt repayment and provisions and this would be done on an annual basis in line with national guidance. There was also a risk reserve in place to cover periods of void affecting returns from the investments made. It was also important to have a diverse investment portfolio. The Council has approved a budget of £300m for investment in commercial assets.

The Chairman thanked the Executive Members and Officers for attending the meeting and answering Scrutiny Members' questions. The Chair and Vice-Chair would agree the arrangements for the upcoming Budget Scrutiny Working Group sessions scheduled for 4 and 6 December 2018 in due course, and Democratic Services would contact all the relevant Members and Officers to advise.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update be noted.
2. That the Chair and Vice-Chair agree the arrangements for the upcoming Budget Scrutiny Working Group sessions scheduled for 4 and 6 December 2018, and that Democratic Services contact all the relevant Members and Officers to advise.

**24. OVERVIEW REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Scrutiny Committee Chair providing information on the work programme, Task & Finish group reviews, Scrutiny recommendations, and a summary of recent Executive decisions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.57 pm

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 9 January 2019  
**Report for:** Consideration  
**Report of:** Scrutiny Committee Chairman

### Report Title

#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2019-20**

### Summary

The Executive's Draft Budget Proposals for 2019/20 were agreed at its meeting held on 15 October 2018. The Leader of the Council gave a presentation to the Scrutiny Committee on 7 November 2018 setting out the proposals.

Two Budget Scrutiny Working Group sessions were then held on 4 December 2018 and 6 December 2018 with the relevant Executive Members and Senior Officers in attendance to provide background information on the proposals and to answer Scrutiny Members' questions.

This report reflects the outcome of those discussions and summarises issues for the Executive's further consideration in developing its final proposals and response.

Members welcome the balanced budget proposals for 2019/20, but this report also identifies some key areas of concern where the Executive needs to satisfy itself of the robustness of the proposals. These are:

- **Delayed Transfers of Care**
- **Demand Led Services**
- **Adults and Children's Social Care Budget Saving Proposals**
- **Budget Reserves and Provisions**
- **Budget Monitoring**

Scrutiny Members have identified these areas for follow up as part of its work planning for 2019/20.

### Recommendation(s)

**That the Scrutiny Committee endorse the Budget Scrutiny Report for referral to the Executive for their consideration at their meeting on 28 January 2019.**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Peter Forrester, Head of Governance

Extension: 2019

Background Papers: None

# **BUDGET SCRUTINY REPORT - 2019/20**

## **Foreword by the Chair and Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee**

We welcome the opportunity for Scrutiny Members to review and comment on the budget proposals at an early stage. On behalf of Scrutiny Members, we would like to thank the Executive, Corporate Leadership Team and the Scrutiny, Health Scrutiny and Children and Young People's Scrutiny Members for their patience and contribution to the process.

Members acknowledged that the Council continues to work within an increasingly challenging financial climate, and the focus of Scrutiny input has been on the robustness and deliverability of the current proposals in the light of experience of budget savings already made in previous years, and the potential impact on communities and service users.

We hope that our Budget Scrutiny will contribute to the decision making process and in ensuring that robust processes are in place to manage changes. We have identified areas where we feel that there are risks and we look forward to receiving details of how the Executive will address these. We will be following up a number of areas in our work programmes for the next municipal year.

**Councillors David Acton and Chris Boyes**

Chair and Vice-Chair, Scrutiny Committee.

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## **1.0 Background**

This year the approach to Budget Scrutiny was agreed by the Scrutiny Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, with a programme designed to forward any recommendations / observations to the Executive at the earliest opportunity in response to its consultation.

Two Budget Scrutiny Working Group sessions were held to look at the proposals. Scrutiny Members noted that the approach to eliminating the budget shortfall for 2019/20 and later years has consisted primarily of increased receipts from the council tax base, business rates relief, additional property investment income generated, and some one-off savings from housing benefit overpayment recovery and debt restructure.

The approach this year was to use the sessions to look at the current proposals in two sections:-

- i) Adult and Children's Health and Social Care
- ii) The Remainder of the General Budget

The main findings from the session are set out below.

## **2.0 Key Messages**

Scrutiny is pleased that a balanced budget is now forecast for 2019/20. Members also welcome the fact that there will be no significant new changes to front line services as part of the proposals. Scrutiny would like to thank the Executive and the Officers for the informative presentations and for the hard work put in to produce a balanced budget proposal for the coming year.

However; although the draft proposals show a balanced budget for 2019/20, Scrutiny Members have identified the following issues:

- **Delayed Transfers of Care** – Members welcomed the improved performance in relation to Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) and acknowledged the hard work of Officers in improving performance in this area. However, Scrutiny feels that improvements can still be made and will continue to monitor DToC via the Health Scrutiny Committee work programme during the 2019/20 municipal year.
- **Demand Led Services** – As has been the case in previous years with demand led services, any increase in the projected demand could cause a significant budget shortfall. Scrutiny will continue to monitor the Adults and Social Care services and their budgets via the Health Scrutiny and Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committees, and ask that they be kept informed of any expected demand increases as soon as they become apparent and what mitigating actions are being put in place to address any budget overspends.
- **Adults and Children's Social Care Budget Saving Proposals** – Scrutiny has some concerns around the savings proposals associated with the Adults and Children's Social Care budgets, as most of the proposals are considered to be 'cost avoidance measures' (as opposed to actualised savings), which are difficult to forecast accurately. The Health Scrutiny and Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committees will be monitoring the Let's Talk, Reassessments, and Right Care For You savings targets as part of their 2019/20 work programmes.

- **Budget Reserves and Provisions** – Scrutiny note the general downward trend for budget reserves and provisions over recent years, as well as the projected decrease in future years. Although Scrutiny recognises that in the current financial climate reserves will generally decrease as budget shortfalls are addressed, Scrutiny asks that assurances be provided to ensure that this downward trend is appropriate, and that that future issues are identified and reported to Scrutiny at an early stage. Scrutiny Members are concerned that these reserves and provisions will not be available in perpetuity, and if the Council reached a stage where these reserves and provisions have been exhausted, any unforeseen increases in demand led services could create a budget deficit with no way to remedy it.
- **Budget Monitoring** – Scrutiny would like more information on the decision to change the reporting frequency of the budget monitor from monthly to bi-monthly, and would like to understand the reasons behind the change. Some Scrutiny Members feel that the information being presented and scrutinised at meetings of the Executive is at times out of date, and that the budget needs monitoring more closely in these times of economic uncertainty and funding reductions. Scrutiny asks that the Executive give consideration to producing budget monitors monthly again. However, Scrutiny would not want this to be implemented if it was to have significant staffing capacity and / or financial implications.
- **Future Budget Shortfall** – Scrutiny welcomes the balanced budget proposals for 2019/20 but notes that a potential future shortfall of circa £25m by the end of the 2021/22 financial year remains. Members acknowledge that the current financial climate for Local Authorities remains challenging, but Scrutiny would like assurances that proposals are already being discussed on how the potential shortfall will be addressed. Scrutiny is concerned by some of the major changes coming in 2020/21, in particular the reset of the business rate retention scheme which is likely to impact on the level of resources the Council will have to support its services.

In addition to the above, Scrutiny would ask that the following be considered as part of the final budget proposals:

- **Scrutiny Budget to Seek Expert Advice** – A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. The motion also called for the establishment of a new Task and Finish which should seek advice from experts to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford. The hiring of these experts would generate a cost, so Scrutiny asks that a budget be made available to seek the relevant advice to inform the Task & Finish Group’s work.

The following recommendation and response was made as part of recent review of the Council’s Scrutiny (these recommendations were presented at the same full Council meeting where the aforementioned motion was agreed).

Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
Recommendation 11 – That a budget be made available to Scrutiny for the hiring of external experts when necessary.	This will need to be considered as part of the annual budget making process.

Once again, Scrutiny would like to thank the Executive, Corporate Leadership Team and Scrutiny Councillors for their patience and contribution to this year's Budget Scrutiny process.



## BUDGET SCRUTINY ACTION PLAN

Issue	Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
<p><b>Delayed Transfers of Care</b> – Members still feel that this is an area of concern and has a significant effect on the budget.</p>	<p>Health Scrutiny will be closely monitoring Delayed Transfers of Care as part of its 2019/20 work programme.</p>	
<p><b>Demand led services</b> – As has been the case in previous years with demand led services, any increase in the projected demand could cause a significant budget shortfall.</p>	<p>Scrutiny will continue to monitor the Adults and Social Care services and their budgets via the Health Scrutiny and Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee work programmes in 2019/20, and ask that they be kept informed of any expected demand increases as they become apparent.</p>	
<p><b>Adults and Children’s Social Care Budget Saving Proposals</b> – Scrutiny has some concerns around the savings proposals associated with the Adults and Children’s Social Care budgets, as most of the proposals are considered to be ‘cost avoidance measures’ (as opposed to actualised savings), which are difficult to forecast accurately.</p>	<p>The Health Scrutiny and Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committees will be monitoring the Let’s Talk, Reassessments, and Right Care For You, savings targets as part of their 2019/20 work programmes.</p>	
<p><b>Budget reserves and provisions</b> – Scrutiny note the general downward trend for budget reserves and provisions over recent years, as well as the projected decrease in upcoming years.</p>	<p>Scrutiny asks that assurances be provided to ensure that this downward trend is appropriate, and that that future issues are identified and reported to Scrutiny at an early stage.</p>	
<p><b>Budget Monitoring</b> – Some Scrutiny Members feel that the information being presented and</p>	<p>Scrutiny asks that the Executive provides more information on why the budget monitor changed</p>	

<p>scrutinised at meetings of the Executive is at times out of date, and that the budget needs monitoring more closely in these times of economic uncertainty and funding reductions.</p>	<p>from being produced monthly to bi-monthly to help them understand the reasons behind the change.</p> <p>Scrutiny asks that the Executive give consideration to producing budget monitors monthly again. However, Scrutiny would not want this to be implemented if it was to have significant staffing capacity and / or financial implications.</p>	
<p><b>Scrutiny Budget to Seek Expert Advice</b> – A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. The motion also called for the establishment of a new Task and Finish which should seek advice from experts to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford. The hiring of these experts would generate a cost.</p>	<p>Scrutiny asks that a budget be made available to seek the relevant advice to inform the Task &amp; Finish Group’s work.</p>	
<p><b>Future Budget Shortfall</b> – Scrutiny welcomes the balanced budget proposals for 2019/20 but notes that a potential future shortfall of circa £25m by the end of the 2021/22 financial year remains.</p>	<p>Scrutiny would like assurances that proposals are already being discussed on how the potential shortfall will be addressed.</p>	

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 9 January 2019  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** Executive Member the Executive Member for Environment,  
Air Quality and Climate Change

### Report Title

Process for Managing and Introducing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's)

### Summary

This report identifies the process undertaken to consider the introduction of TRO's within Trafford, identifying the key stages, the legislative process, the development of a matrices and management of the subsequent waiting list.

### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the report be noted.

### Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Andy Hague  
Tel: 07966 249624

## **Background**

- 1. What is a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)?**
  - 1.1 A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is the legal tool that can be used by Highway Authorities to control vehicular movement and waiting along and on the highway. It is designed to ban or limit the use of roads by vehicles or pedestrians. TRO's are introduced by statute Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
- 2 When can a TRO be implemented?**
  - 2.1 A TRO may be implemented for one or more of the following reasons to:
    - for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
    - for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
    - for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or

- for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or
- without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs or
- for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)

2.2 Many parking restrictions aim to resolve particular local issues. However, the highway is intended to help traffic flow and no right of parking exists on the highway. The only rights you have on a highway are to pass and repass. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of traffic flow.

2.3 Most residential estates were not designed for the number of cars using them today. The lack of on-street parking is the main cause of complaints from residents, often resulting in many requests for resident permit parking. It is important to investigate and prioritise each request so that those areas in most need are given greater priority.

2.4 The criteria for determining requests for a resident permit parking scheme are:

- parking by non-residents must be bad enough to cause serious inconvenience to residents
- most residents have no off-street parking facilities
- most residents support such a scheme
- the scheme would not cause unacceptable problems in adjacent roads
- we are confident that we can enforce the new restrictions

### **3 The process for making a TRO?**

3.1 The making of permanent TROs is again the subject of legislation - The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. These regulations identify a series of steps before making an order, including:

- publishing a notice of the proposals in a local newspaper
- allowing potential objectors a minimum of 21 days to comment
- carrying out consultation with various organisations including the stakeholders/residents, police, the highway authority, the fire & rescue service, the road haulage association, the freight transport association, the ambulance service and the bus company

3.2 One Trafford has developed a comprehensive Public Engagement process to ensure every effort is made to engage with individuals and communities.

### **4 Objections to a TRO**

4.1 Anyone may object to a proposed TRO. Objections must be made in writing to the Local Authority.

- 4.2 If there are unresolved objections at the end of the representation period, a report on the reasons for and against the proposed Order is considered by the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change. The Executive Member can approve or reject an order, or request it to be amended.

## **5 How is an Order made?**

- 5.1 If the Order is approved, the TRO is officially sealed. The TRO is then published in a local newspaper with an operational date. Once the provisions of the Order have been introduced by the contractor, the restrictions can be enforced.

## **6 What are contraventions of Traffic Regulation Orders?**

- 6.1 TROs are legally enforceable. If a restriction is not followed, then a contravention occurs. For example, parking in a permit bay without a permit or ignoring a one-way street restriction.
- 6.2 The council can issue Penalty Charge Notices for contraventions of parking and waiting restrictions and in the camera controlled bus lanes (should this be adopted).
- 6.3 The police have responsibility for other 'moving traffic' offences, for example one-way streets and turning bans.
- 6.4 The entire TRO process can take many months to complete especially if objections result in the TRO being changed and re-advertised.

## **7 Experimental Traffic Regulation Order**

- 7.1 An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is similar to a permanent TRO, in that it is a legal document which imposes traffic and parking restrictions such as road closures, controlled parking and other parking regulations indicated by double or single yellow line etc.
- 7.2 The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order can also be used to change the way existing restrictions function
- 7.3 An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is made under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
- 7.4 An experimental order can only stay in force for a maximum of 18 months while the effects are monitored and assessed. Changes can be made during the first six months of the experimental period to any of the restrictions (except charges) if necessary, before the Council decides whether or not to continue with the changes brought in by the experimental order on a permanent basis.

## **8 No right of objection "initially" to an experimental TRO**

- 8.1 Statute does not permit formal objections to be lodged to an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order until it is in force. Once it is in force, objections may be made to the order being made permanent and these must be made within six months of the day that the experimental order comes into force.

- 8.2 If feedback or an objection is received during the period that suggests an immediate change to the experiment, that change can be made and the experiment can then proceed

## **9 The Traffic & Transportation Matrices.**

- 9.1 In July 17 a set of four Matrices were developed to assist in managing the large number of requests for TRO's, and providing a fair and equitable process for managing these. The Matrices also assists staff in providing informative and prompt responses to all correspondence received.
- 9.2 The Matrices are simple to use, providing weighted answers to a range of technical questions, thereby ensuring that those locations in most need are dealt with first. The matrix is made up of three stages:

### **Stage 1: Desk Top Study**

Basic study and answer to pre-defined questions

### **Stage 2: Further examination in preparation for recommendation for inclusion in the Capital Programme (CP)**

Further examination, cost estimates and site visits (schemes may still go down at this stage due to further information becoming apparent following a more in-depth analysis or other locations being added)

### **Stage 3: Final assessment and costing – included within CP**

Feasibility complete, costed and intervention identified – included within CP

- 9.4 Prior to developing the CP only stage 1 is completed, stage 2 & 3 are completed on the build up to compiling the CP.
- 9.5 However, as the Matrices is a sliding scale, the position of schemes can change throughout the year as new requests come in and are prioritised and can potentially be given a higher score than those already within the list. The Matrices assist considerably in managing the large volume of requests received for TRO intervention, resulting all correspondence being responded to.

## **10 Number of TRO's currently underway**

- 10.1 During 2018/19, the One Trafford Partnership is processing or has implemented 33 individual TRO's, of varying sizes and levels of complexity, as shown at Appendix 1. Currently there are around 180 requests for TRO's awaiting consideration.
- 10.2 Additionally, the Partnership is also in the process of designing and consulting on 24 area-wide Residents Parking Schemes (RPS), which if implemented following consultation would reduce the 180 requests as some are included within the potential RPS areas. The locations of the RPS are provided in Appendix 2.

## **11 Summary**

- 11.1 TRO's effectively control vehicular movement and waiting along and on the highway, assisting in limiting the use of roads by vehicles or pedestrians. Considerable use of them has been made in Trafford and demand continues to grow, particularly with the increase in car ownership, residential developments with insufficient parking, arguably and the need to keep the network moving.



## APPENDIX 1

<b>TROs – in progress 2018/19</b>
1. Altrincham Market/Public Realm Works
2. Bowdon Prep School TROs – Phase 2 (Ashley Road)
3. Bowdon Prep School TROs – Phase 2 (Enville Road)
4. TROs around Bowdon C of E school, Bowdon
5. Budworth Road, Sale Moor
6. Warwick Road South, Stretford
7. Oldfield Brow Primary School area, Altrincham
8. Ridgeway Road, Timperley
9. Lyntham Road/Woodsend Crescent /Irlam Road, Urmston
10. Osborne Terrace, Sale
11. Greatstone Road/Northumberland Road, Stretford
12. Green Lane, Ashton on Mersey
13. Timperley Village
14. Melrose Avenue/Poplar Road, Sale
15. Northenden Road/Derbyshire Road
16. Barton Road/The Circle, Stretford
17. Dairyhouse Lane area, Broadheath
18. Seymour Grove, Sale
19. Ryebank Road, Stretford
20. Shrewsbury Street, Old Trafford
21. Etchells Road, Broadheath
22. High Elm Road area, Hale Barns
23. Woodbourne Road, Sale (Framingham Road area)
24. Brook Lane/Moss Lane junction, Timperley
25. Chorlton Road/ Bold Street junction, Old Trafford (Linked to Tamworth Towers)
26. Vicarage Lane, Bowdon (Outside Co-op store)
27. Flixton Road/Western Road junction, Urmston
28. Ayres Road, Old Trafford (Between Northumberland Road and Shrewsbury Street)
29. Hayeswater Road/Davyhulme Road, Davyhulme
30. Turner Drive/Stretford Road, Urmston (linked with Westwood Avenue)
31. Grove Lane, Hale - between Moss Lane and Delahays Road
32. Broad Lane, Hale Barns
33. Heyes Lane / Langham Grove, Timperley and Heyes Lane / Trafford Drive and Heyes Lane / Denson Road



## APPENDIX 2

<b>Proposed Residents Parking Schemes</b>
1. Hale East Extension
2. Borough Road Extension
3. Urmston Town Centre
4. Brooklands Metrolink Station
5. Baxter Road Area
6. Hartington Road / Churchill Road
7. Hale West Extension
8. Lorne Grove / Chapel Grove
9. Event day
10. Navigation Road
11. Link Avenue / Firwood Avenue & Urmston Lane
12. Altrincham Town Centre
13. Stretford Metrolink
14. Sylvan Grove
15. Balfour Road / Carrsvale Road
16. Alice Street
17. Delamere Avenue / Grange Avenue
18. Ashlands
19. Higher Downs / Albert Square
20. Seamons Road
21. Lloyd Gardens
22. Churchfields
23. Winstanley Road Area
24. Clarendon Road

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## **Motion Submitted by the Green Party Group with the support of a Liberal Democrat Member - Climate Emergency**

“Council notes the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report ‘Global warming of 1.5°’ published on 8 October 2018, in particular:

- That human activities are estimated to have already caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels;
- That if we continue at the current rate, we are likely to surpass the Paris Agreement target of 1.5°C as early as 2030;
- That at the current level of commitments, the world is on course for 3°C of warming with irreversible and catastrophic consequences for humans and the natural world.

Council believes that:

- That the impacts of global temperature rise above 1.5°C, are so severe that governments at all levels must work together and make this their top priority.
- As well as large-scale improvements in health and wellbeing around the world, bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.

Therefore, Council agrees:

- To declare a ‘climate emergency’.
- To establish a new task and finish group, with a remit to:
  - (i) Seek advice from experts to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford;
  - (ii) Consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council’s activities;
  - (iii) Make recommendations and set an ambitious timescale for reducing these impacts;
  - (iv) To assess the feasibility of requiring all report risk assessments to include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce emissions wherever possible;
  - (v) Report to full Council with the actions the Council needs to take to address this emergency.
- To task a director level officer with responsibility for reducing as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council’s activities.
- To produce a report to the next Full Council on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have.

- That the Leader will write to the Prime Minister to inform her that Trafford has declared a climate emergency and ask her to provide the resources and powers necessary to deal with it.”

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 9 January 2019  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** Chair of the Scrutiny Committee

### Report Title

Overview Report

### Purpose

This report provides information on the following:

- Work Programme
- Task & Finish Groups
- Recommendation Tracker
- Summary of Executive Decisions
- Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Meeting Updates

### Recommendations

That the report be noted.

### Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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## 1. Work Programme

<b>Wednesday 4 July 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 &amp; 3 Trafford Town Hall</b>				
<i>Report submission deadline – midday Tuesday 26 June 2018</i>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Executive's Response to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Council's Scrutiny Processes	The Executive are to provide a response to the Committee's Task and Finish Group report following a review of the Council's Scrutiny Function, which was presented to the Executive at their meeting on 19 March 2018.	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Peter Forrester	The Majority of recommendations have been accepted and are to be considered for adoption by the Constitutional Working Group.
Public Engagement with Scrutiny	The Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement would lead a discussion on public engagement with Scrutiny.	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Peter Forrester	In principle support for webcasting / broadcasting and will be explored further by the Constitutional Working Group
Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan and Current Performance Dashboard	The Executive Member for Equalities and Partnerships would provide an update on the development of the two year Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan, along with a copy of the GMS performance dashboard.	Cllr C Hynes - The Executive Member for Equalities and Partnerships	N/A	The matter is to be discussed at the Scrutiny Chairs meeting with the Leader of the Council to see how it can be taken forward.
ADP Report (2017/18 Quarter Four)	A report providing a summary of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan, 2017/18,	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional	Peter Forrester	Performance noted and concerns raised about: sickness absence; litter; and delayed

	covering the period 1 January to 31 March 2018.	Reform and Resident Engagement		transfers of care (adult social care).
Work Programme	A report detailing the Committee's proposed work programme for the year.	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Chris Gaffey	Noted the work programme and the prioritisation being given to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Amey Contract.

**Wednesday 3 October 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall**

*Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 25 September 2018*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2019/20 Budget Gap and Assumptions / Progress against the financial risks identified as part of the 2018/19 Budget Scrutiny process	<p>An update on the 2019/20 Budget Gap and the assumptions behind this to be provided to the Committee.</p> <p>As part of the 2018/19 Budget Scrutiny process, the Committee were provided a list of the proposed savings / income generation and the risks associated with achieving these. The Committee would like an update on progress against these.</p>	Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	The Budget Gap and Assumptions were discussed, and the Chair met with the relevant officers following the meeting to discuss budget reserves in more detail. The Leader would present the draft budget proposals at the next meeting in November.
Executive's Response to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Council's CRM System	The Executive are to provide a response to the Committee's Task and Finish Group report following a review of the Council's CRM system, which was presented to the Executive	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	Scrutiny's recommendations were accepted and the report provided an update on the progress made in implementing the CRM service programme. A

	at their meeting on 29 January 2018.			further report would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
2017/18 Ombudsman Report	The Committee receives the annual report on Ombudsman complaints for information.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	The report was noted.
Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks - Update	To provide an update on safety in high rise tower blocks in Trafford. The last update was provided in March 2018.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	The report provided an update on high rise cladding in the borough. Remedial work was due to start soon, and a further update would be brought to the Committee in due course.
Reducing Single Use Plastic Trafford	An amended Council motion relating to reducing single use plastic was agreed at full Council on 25 July. The motion recommended that this proposal be referred to Scrutiny for their input on delivery.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	The Committee welcomed the progress made so far. The report was noted.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Chris Gaffey	The Chair confirmed that a new Task & Finish Group would be formed to conduct a review of aspects of the Council's Housing Strategy.



**Wednesday 7 November 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall***Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 30 October*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2019/20 Budget Presentation by the Leader of the Council	The Committee will receive the 2019/20 draft budget proposals, accompanied by a presentation to be delivered by the Leader of the Council.	Cllr A Western – Leader of the Council Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	The presentation (considered in conjunction with the update on the Investment Strategy) was presented to the Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair would confirm the arrangements for the Budget Scrutiny sessions scheduled for 4 and 6 December 2018 in due course.
<del>Clean Air Plan (GM)</del>	<del>The plan is to be approved by all Greater Manchester Authorities by end of 2018.</del>  <del>Ultimately it is to be approved by Council on 28 November 2018 but before then it's intended to go to Executive on 26 November. It is then proposed that the report and possibly a presentation go to the Scrutiny Committee on 3 October.</del>	<del>Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change</del>	<del>Richard Roe</del>	The Clean Air Plan was presented to Councillors at an all-Member briefing in October. No further input from Scrutiny is required; therefore the item has been removed from the agenda.
Investment Strategy	To receive an update on the Investment Strategy	Councillor James Wright – Investment, Regeneration and Strategic Planning	Jane Le Fevre Richard Roe	This was considered in conjunction with the Leader's 2019/20 draft budget presentation.

Constitution Working Group Report	A report of the Constitution Working Group setting out the proposed changes agreed by the Group. The report will also be referred to the Standards Committee and the Executive, before being considered by full Council on 28 November 2018.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre Peter Forrester	The report was received and some alterations to the proposals around questions from members of the public were suggested. These suggestions were included in the final report to full Council on 28 November 2018.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Chris Gaffey	The report was noted.

### **Budget Scrutiny**

Two Budget Scrutiny sessions were held on 4 and 6 December 2018. Discussions at these sessions, along with the presentation received at the 7 November 2018 meeting, helped formulate the Scrutiny Committee's Budget Scrutiny report to the Executive (which was presented to Scrutiny at the 9 January 2019 meeting).

**Wednesday 9 January 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall***Report submission deadline – midday on Thursday 20 December 2018*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report produced by the Scrutiny Committee providing its recommendations on the 2019/20 Budget Proposals.	N/A – Report of the Scrutiny Committee	Peter Forrester	
Traffic Regulation Orders	A report to provide an update on Traffic Regulation Orders in Trafford.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe Simon Dale	
Climate Emergency – Task & Finish Group Review	A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. A new Task & Finish Group would be established to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford. The Committee will be asked to discuss how they want to proceed with this review.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Peter Forrester	

**Wednesday 13 March 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall***Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 5 March 2019*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Executive Response to the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report providing a response to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee as part of the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny process.	Cllr A Western – Leader of the Council Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	
Social Investment Framework – Trafford Housing Trust	A report providing a further update on the arrangements for Trafford Housing Trust's Social Investment Framework.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	Following an update at the Scrutiny Committee meeting in March 2018, it was agreed that a further update be brought to the Committee to provide a progress update.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Peter Forrester	

<b>Items to be scheduled</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Scrutiny Task & Finish Group Review of the One Trafford Partnership	A report of the Task & Finish Group formed to conduct a review of the One Trafford Partnership. The report will set out the Group's findings along with their recommendations to the Executive.	N/A – Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Peter Forrester	The final report is currently being drafted. The Chair will confirm when the report has been finalised, which will be considered at the next appropriate Scrutiny Committee meeting for referral to the Executive.
2018/19 ADP	To receive the proposed 2018/19 Annual Delivery Plan for any comments	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	The format of the 2018/19 ADP is still under consideration and will be brought to the Committee once it has been agreed.
Further update on the implementation of the CRM Services Programme	To receive a report providing an update on the implementation of the CRM Service Programme.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	At the meeting in October 2018, the Committee received the Executive's response to the Task & Finish Group review conducted by the Committee. It was agreed that a further update on implementation be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks	To receive a further update on safety in high rise tower blocks in Trafford.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	The Committee received an update on this topic at their meeting in October 2018. It was agreed that a further report be brought to a future meeting to provide an update on progress.

Presentation by GMFRS on Retrofitting Sprinklers	To receive a presentation on the options available for retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	N/A	At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 3 October 2018, the Chair requested that Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) provide a presentation to the Committee on how retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings could be done. The Chair will contact the relevant people to schedule this.
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## 2. Task & Finish Groups

Topic	Information	Members	Status
One Trafford Partnership Review	The Committee have agreed to conduct a Task & Finish Group review of the One Trafford Partnership.	Cllrs Acton (Chair), Bowker, Boyes, Coupe, Longden, Shaw, Thomas and Williams.	The Group have held several meetings to gather information. Work is ongoing on producing a report of the Group's findings. A further meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Group's report and recommendations to the Executive.
Affordable Housing in Trafford	This has been identified as a possible area of focus for a Task & Finish Group review.	Cllrs A. Williams (Chair), D. Acton, R. Bowker, J. Coupe and J. Holden.	Initial meetings have taken place to scope the review and further meetings have been scheduled.
Climate Emergency	A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. A new Task & Finish Group would be established to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford.	TBC	Not Started – a discussion will take place at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 January 2019 on how best to proceed.

### 3. Recommendation Tracker

There are no formal Scrutiny Committee recommendations awaiting an Executive response.

<b>Scrutiny Recommendation</b>	<b>Executive Response</b>
None	N/A



#### 4. Executive Decisions

### SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS 29 OCTOBER – 19 DECEMBER 2018

<u>Decision Reference</u>	<u>Subject Area for Decision</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Decision Taker</u>
<a href="#">I034509</a>	Market St., Greenwood St. and Pott St., Altrincham; Railway St., Altrincham - Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders - Pedestrian Zone and associated waiting and loading restrictions; Loading and ambulance bays with associated waiting and loading restrictions	10 Dec 2018	Corporate Director Place
<a href="#">I034505</a>	Application for an Order Modifying the Definitive Rights of Way Map and Statement, to Add a Claimed Public Footpath in Timperley from Timperley Metro Station to Southern End of Footpath No 19, Sale on Canal Offside Ref DMMO 104	4 Dec 2018	Corporate Director Place
<a href="#">I034393</a>	Proposal for Trafford Fab Lab	29 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Investment, Regeneration & Strategic Planning
<a href="#">I034288</a>	Centenary Field Dedication: Newton Park, Timperley	21 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change
<a href="#">I034284</a>	Draft Homelessness Strategy 2019-2024	21 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Communities and Housing

<a href="#">I034286</a>	Revision of Application Validation Checklist	20 Dec 2018	Head of Planning and Development
<a href="#">I034129</a>	Alice Street, Sale - Proposed Advisory Disabled Bay: Consideration of Objections	8 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change
<a href="#">I033943</a>	Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20	29 Oct 2018	Executive
<a href="#">I033940</a>	Establishment of a New Local Government Mutual	29 Oct 2018	Executive
<a href="#">I033939</a>	Trafford Civic Quarter Masterplan: Supplementary Planning Document	29 Oct 2018	Executive
<a href="#">I033919</a>	GM Mayor's Cycling & Walking Challenge Fund - Update	29 Oct 2018	Executive
<a href="#">I033918</a>	Housing Allocations Policy	29 Oct 2018	Executive
<a href="#">I033917</a>	Trafford Youth Services	29 Oct 2018	Executive
<a href="#">I033915</a>	Leisure Centre Investment Strategy	29 Oct 2018	Executive

Information on past Executive decisions can be found at <http://www.trafford.gov.uk/about-your-council/councillors-and-committees/councillors-and-committees.aspx>

## **5. Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Updates**

### Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

No updates

### Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee

No updates

### Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Meeting: 7 December 2018**

#### **Brexit Update**

This is a regular item on the agenda of this committee.

The report outlined the terms of the Brexit principles in the declaration of 25 November 2018. With particular reference to Greater Manchester the report emphasised that the Government should share the regional impact analysis it has undertaken and should ensure that GM has a voice in the final Brexit planning.

It was noted that if the UK leaves without a deal, then the UK GDP would reduce by 8% over 15 years. The comparable figure for the North West is 12% because our area is more dependent on exports to the EU.

#### **GM Internationalisation Strategy**

The aim of the GM Internationalisation Strategy is for GM to become a top 20 global city by 2035.

GM is third most visited destination in UK and visitor economy was worth £8.3bn in 2016.

Manchester Airport passenger numbers have increased significantly over last two years.

However, forward prospects may not be favourable because of Brexit etc.

Investment in cultural venues was important to boost visitor numbers and reference was made to the GM Cultural Strategy. Members mentioned the importance of sport in attracting visitors to the area. Manchester United is an obvious example. I asked about the importance of the area's scientific and engineering heritage. It was confirmed that this is promoted and has resulted on attracting scientific conventions to Manchester.

### **Great Manchester Culture Strategy**

Trafford officers, including Sale Waterside Arts staff, have contributed to the development of this strategy. Apart from anything else, it is an important part of the Internationalisation Strategy previously mentioned.

Some committee members were surprised that there was no mention of sport in the document. Whilst sport is obviously important in attracting visitors, my own view was that this was outside the remit of a report on culture (i.e. the arts, theatre, music etc) and should be the topic of separate report.

It was agreed that there were too many priorities in the Strategy and it was agreed that the final document would have fewer, more focussed priorities, with a clear indications of how they would be implemented and monitored.

I am sure that it will be appreciated that it is difficult to summarise the lengthy and complex reports on the agenda of this Scrutiny Committee.

All the relevant papers can be downloaded from the GMCA website at [https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/info/20016/combined\\_authority/192/meetings](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/info/20016/combined_authority/192/meetings)

Cllr Barry Brotherton

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