



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Tuesday, 18 September 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, 26 SEPTEMBER 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:

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| 1. Minutes | |
| To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 July 2018 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, Chairs 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 Chairs of any Committee or Sub-Committee a question on notice under Procedure Rule 10.2. | |
| 4. Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) Governance Arrangements | |
| To consider a report of the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy. | 19 - 22 |
| 5. Recruitment of Head of Paid Service / Chief Executive | |
| To consider a report of the Corporate Director of People, further to the recommendations of Employment Committee on 10 September 2018. | To Follow |

6. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Women Against State Pension Inequality Campaign

Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6 April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with lack of appropriate notification. Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Government Cuts to Police Budgets

This Council:

- notes the increasing pressures facing Greater Manchester Police (GMP)
- supports the warnings of a multitude of agencies, that nationally police forces are reaching a breaking point as a result of the wide ranging cuts initiated by the Conservative Government. This has left forces across the country and here in Trafford depleted to critical levels. This is against a background of a continued rise in

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reported crime across the city region. Recent statistics show a 27 per cent increase in total recorded crime in Greater Manchester, with a rise across the majority of crime types, including sexual offences and robbery.

- welcomes the announcement by GM Deputy Mayor with responsibility for Police, Bev Hughes for 100 additional officers; but recognises that this will not fill the gap that has been created following eight years of real term cuts imposed on Greater Manchester Police.
- believes that the Government should rethink their strategy for policing and adopt Labour's 2017 manifesto commitment, pledging to put 10,000 additional police on to the streets of England and Wales.
- welcomes GMP's commitment to neighbourhood policing, with its key emphasis on tackling crime and antisocial behaviour, as well as a focus on problem solving and crime prevention through enhancing local intelligence gathering. It is noted that police officers work collaboratively with partner agencies in Greater Manchester and particularly in Trafford to provide a bespoke service that best meets the needs of each community, with an increased focus on utilising early partnership based intervention. This progressive approach is however being severely hampered by the Government cuts to the police service which weakens community cohesion and puts the safety of our residents at increasing risk.

Council therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Home Secretary condemning the scale of government cuts to the police since 2010 and calling for a properly funded police force.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Education Results

This year, yet again, an excellent set of results from Trafford pupils in the face of a toughening and changing examination landscape and will see Trafford amongst the very highest performing authorities and its pupils amongst the highest achievers in the country.

This Council puts on record our congratulations to all our children and young people who have achieved so highly in the key stage 2 attainment outcomes and also the GCSE results and A level results all of which were way above the national average.

It is important that we recognise also the dedication and commitment of our Local Education Authority staff, head teachers and teaching staff plus support given by parents, guardians and school governors and our early years staff as education starts before birth.

However we must never be complacent and this Council believes that a local authority be judged not only on its academic but also on the achievements of its most vulnerable children, and the education outcomes of our special needs children.

We are determined that all our children across the borough will receive the very best education and opportunities in life.

(d) Motion Submitted by the Green Party Group with the support of a Liberal Democrat Member - Passivhaus Standards

This Council notes:

- The government cancelling the introduction of Zero Carbon Home Standards in 2016;
- The negative impact this will have on householders at risk of fuel poverty in new housing;
- The missed opportunity to reduce carbon emissions in new developments;
- The loss of income to the local economy as a result of these lower energy efficiency standards, as householders' income is spent paying energy bills rather than in local shops and on local services.

This Council believes:

- That under the principle of 'localism' councils can determine their own standards on land that they own if those standards comply with UK Building Regulations;
- That the internationally recognised 'Passivhaus Standard' offers an alternative to the UK's diminished energy efficiency ambitions for new-build housing;
- That the Passivhaus standard complies with UK Building Regulations and can deliver heating bills of less than £100/year for the average three bedroom terrace.

This Council agrees to specify Passivhaus Standards on all buildings on Council-owned land or as a condition of sale on any council land within 3 years.

Timescale:

- To produce exemplar projects in the first year and produce a feasibility study with the Passivhaus Trust;
- In the 2nd year move to a 20% commitment to provide Passivhaus developments;
- Move to 100% commitment to Passivhaus Standards on all council land and a condition of land sold-on.

(e) Joint Motion Submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group and Green Party Group - Campaign for a People's Vote

Council notes that two years have passed since the European Union (EU) Referendum and little concrete progress has been made in negotiating the terms of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU.

Trafford Council:

- a) recognises the significant support it has received through EU funding over many years;
- b) recognises nearly six in every ten Trafford residents (58%) voted to remain in the EU;
- c) notes the stark warnings from companies such as Airbus, Vauxhall Motors, Jaguar Land Rover and BMW about the impact of Brexit on British manufacturing;
- d) recognises the mounting popular concern at the prospect of leaving the EU with either a bad deal or no deal at all;
- e) notes the reports from 1st August highlighting the serious concerns local authorities have over delivery of public services post-Brexit including potential civil unrest;
- f) notes the participation of over 100,000 people in the march for a People's Vote in London on 23 June;
- g) understands that the EU Withdrawal Bill threatens the rights of citizens as well as environmental protections;
- h) shares the anxiety of EU citizens living in the Trafford who feel unwelcome in the place they have made home, and uncertain about their future.

Many councils have adopted a motion supporting the calls for a People's Vote on the final Brexit Deal.

The People's Vote campaign has worked hard to develop cross-party support at the highest level, with signatories including the following MPs:

- Justine Greening and Anna Soubry from the Conservatives
- Caroline Lucas from the Green Party
- Chuka Umunna, David Lammy, Stella Creasy and Ben Bradshaw from the Labour Party
- Plus Vince Cable and all Liberal Democrat MPs

Many parts of Greater Manchester have already produced Brexit Impact studies, including:

- Oldham Council
- Manchester City Council
- The Local Enterprise Partnership Board of the Combined Authority

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Accordingly, Trafford Council resolves to:

- 1) Conduct and publish without delay a Brexit Impact study for Trafford.
- 2) Support a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU.
- 3) Urge Trafford's MPs to join the campaign for a People's Vote in the interests of the residents and businesses in Trafford.

(f) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Royal Bank of Scotland**

This Council notes with deep concern the recent announcement by the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to close a further 54 branches across the country. The Council further notes that 3 of these closures are to be in Trafford - Partington, Altrincham and Urmston.

The Council believes that these proposed closures will massively inconvenience local residents and small businesses who continue to prefer to conduct their banking arrangements through a high street branch and rejects the increasing assumption that internet banking is the right choice for everyone. Experience shows that certain groups, including older people, will be especially inconvenienced by the proposed branch closures.

The Council condemns the proposal to close the RBS branch in Partington, which will mean the loss of the last remaining banking facility in this community, and also notes that NatWest branches in Stretford, Hale and Timperley have been closed in recent years.

The Council resolves to write to the Chief Executive of RBS to express its deep concern at these proposals and call for a pause to be placed on the proposals until such time that effective dialogue has been undertaken with the local authority on ensuring our communities continue to have access to the banking facilities that will help businesses and communities to thrive.

(g) **Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Barton Renewable Energy Plant**

This Council welcomes recent reports that the sustained campaign against the construction of the Barton Renewal Energy Plant appears to be drawing to a favourable outcome after Peel Energy indicated construction will not be forthcoming.


In particular, Council would like to pay tribute to campaigners in the Davyhulme, Urmston and Flixton communities, alongside the well organised Breathe Clean Air Group whose efforts have been nothing short of outstanding.

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Council notes the decision of the previous administration, with cross party support, to commit significant sums of taxpayers' money to fight this biomass plant which demonstrates the materially positive impact decisions in this town hall hold for our communities.

The Council commits to continue to pursue a cleaner, greener environment for all of its communities.

Yours sincerely,



JIM TAYLOR

Interim Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

Councillors T. Ross (Mayor), R. Chilton (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, T. Carey, M. Cawdrey, G. Coggins, M. Cordingley, J. Coupe, J. Dillon, A. Duffield, Mrs. L. Evans, N. Evans, M. Freeman, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, J. Harding, J. Holden, D. Hopps, M. Hyman, C. Hynes, D. Jarman, D. Jerrome, P. Lally, J. Lamb, J. Lloyd, S. Longden, E. Malik, A. Mitchell, P. Myers, A. New, E. Patel, K. Procter, J.R. Reilly, B. Rigby, B. Sharp, B. Shaw, J. Slater, E.W. Stennett, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, L. Walsh, A. Western, D. Western, M. Whetton, G. Whitham, A.M. Whyte, A.J. Williams, J.A. Wright, M. Young and Mrs. P. Young

Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 18 September 2018** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

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