

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 22 February 2021	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/22.2.21/5	Executive (Virtual Meeting) (Councillors Participating: A. Western, Adshead, Freeman, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Ross, Slater, Whitham and Wright)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

ALL AGE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY 2021/22

1. That the report be noted, including the methodology and approach used for the consultation process, the feedback received and the equality impact assessment.
2. That the revised policy be approved for implementation with effect from 1 June 2021 for travel in the academic year 2021/22.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Trafford is proud of all its children, regardless of their level of ability, and strongly believes in equality and fairness in the provision of its services. The current policy benefits one group of children above others and it is not equitable. The revised policy promotes equality and fairness. It better meets the strategic objectives of supporting those most in need and providing the most cost effective travel assistance so we make best use of our resources, ensuring travel assistance is targeted at those who need it the most.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Do nothing; phase out the discretionary criterion so that grammar school pupils currently in receipt of travel assistance continue to benefit from this until they either complete year 11 at that school or choose to move to another school; or expand the definition of low income families, specifically in relation to pupils attending grammar school, so that travel assistance is offered to families with the 40% lowest incomes rather than the current 20% lowest incomes. Detailed consideration of these options is set out at section 5 of the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION**Fair Price for Care for Older Peoples' Residential and Nursing Homes 2021-2022 : Consultation Update**

1. That the outcome of the consultation be considered and noted.
2. That the response to the consultation be considered and noted.
3. That the EIA be considered and noted.
4. That the following bed rates be approved for 2021/2:
 1. New bed rates from 1st April 2021.
 - **£571.76** for all residential beds
 - **£639.15** for all nursing beds
 2. An inflationary uplift of **2.1%** for all other existing beds, including block purchased beds.
5. That it be confirmed that, in approving the above, the Executive has taken into consideration the Council's Public Sector Equality duty.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Having taken into account the full EIA and the consultation responses, officers recommend Option 3, as set out in the decision record above. This will enable providers to meet the requirements of both the National Living Wage, and additional inflationary pressures together with further embedding the Ethical Care Charter, whilst still remaining within the approved budget. It will give Trafford a bed rate that is acceptable to providers and enables residents to have more choice. The FPFC approach together with all the other components, including block contract arrangements, will enable more choice locally for Trafford residents.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Do nothing; or apply an inflationary uplift of 2.1% to all beds. Full detail of consideration of these options is set out at section 4 of the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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RECORD OF THE DECISION**Fair Price for Care - Homecare 2021 - 2022 : Consultation Update**

1. That the outcome of the consultation be noted.
2. That the response to the consultation be noted.
3. That the outcome of the Equality Impact Assessment be noted.
4. That an inflationary uplift be approved of 2.50% to the hourly rate for standard homecare which will be an increase from £15.99 per hour to £16.39 per hour for 2021/21.
5. That an additional £0.91 per hour be approved to framework homecare providers which reflects the transformation work to reach an hourly rate of £17.30. This does not include non-framework providers, supported living providers or direct payment packages.
6. That it be confirmed that in approving the above, the Executive has taken into consideration the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The responses to the consultation have been considered together with the analysis from the Equalities Impact Assessment, and officers are recommending that an increase of £1.31 per hour is approved to deliver the embedded transformation model – this equates to an increase from £15.99 to £17.30 per hour for homecare providers who are on the Council's Homecare Framework. Supported living providers, non-framework homecare providers and direct payments providers will receive an increase of 2.5%. The uplift proposed for 2021 to 2022 combines the transformation aspiration together with the pressures from the RPI and the NLW, and will not only support the providers to further implement UNISON's Ethical Care Charter but will also further embed new ways of working.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

A number of options were considered: do not apply an annual uplift; apply a lower uplift; or apply a higher uplift. Full details of these options are set out at section 5 of the report.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

TRAFFORD INCLUSIVE ECONOMY RECOVERY PLAN AND TRANSITION PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

1. That the Trafford Inclusive Economy Recovery Plan be approved.
2. That the Transition Preparedness Plan Update be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide the strategy for the delivery of economic recovery and a more inclusive economy in Trafford.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to progress the Trafford Inclusive Economy Recovery Plan or to prepare a different strategy. The continued absence of a clear plan for the delivery of economic recovery in Trafford will not provide the Council with a strategic approach within which to make decisions on future activity to support its objectives, prioritise resources and deliver a more inclusive economy.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

CORPORATE OPERATIONAL ESTATE STRATEGY

That the Corporate Operational Estate Strategy be adopted by the Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide a clear vision, principles and objectives from which the organisation can work to create action plans for the more effective management of its operational estate.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

It is regular for a local authority to have an active estate management strategy and action plan. The Council does not have this at present. The alternative option is to do nothing and continue with the current management arrangements which result in a reactive approach to the management of our assets. To continue with the status quo will continue with a 'building first' rather than 'service first' approach to delivery. For example, currently if a service has an idea to improve service delivery it looks to what we have and can manage with, rather than the ideal place and situation for that service. Current processes and procedures are less than ideal in supporting service managers to make improvements and changes. To continue in the reactive state means that the Council finds it hard to make decisions about change in relation to operational assets. Therefore, it spends funds on maintaining a current estate that it does not know is required or redundant.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

GREATER MANCHESTER CLEAN AIR PLAN UPDATE AND CONSULTATION REVIEW

1. That the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan be noted.
2. That the next steps for the development of the Clean Air Plan and Minimum Licensing Standards, listed at Section 12 of the report, be noted.
3. That it be noted that the distribution of Bus Retrofit funding commenced in December 2020.
4. That it be noted that Government ministers have agreed to consider extending Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) charges to the sections of the A628/A57 which form part of the Strategic Road Network, within the proposed CAZ boundary, subject to the outcomes of an assessment, which is expected to be completed by early 2021;
5. That it be noted that the GM Clean Air Plan is required to take action tackle nitrogen dioxide exceedances until compliance with the legal limits has been demonstrated and that the nearer term influence of COVID-19 on air quality is not expected to lead to sufficiently long term reductions in pollution such that the exceedances of the legal limits of nitrogen dioxide will not occur without implementing a Clean Air Zone.
6. That it be noted that the GM CAP final plan will be brought forward for decision makers as soon as is reasonably practicable and no later than summer 2021.
7. That it be noted that the outputs of the MLS will be reported alongside the GM CAP as soon as is

reasonably practicable and no later than summer 2021.

8. That the establishment be agreed of joint committees for the purposes as set out in the report at paragraph 9.5 with specific terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 6.
9. That the Executive Member for Environmental and Regulatory Services be appointed to sit on both committees for purposes as set out in the report at paragraph 9.5 with specific terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 6.
10. That it be agreed to enter into a collaboration agreement with the other 9 GM local authorities and GMCA/TfGM to clarify the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the authorities in relation to those contracts set out in Appendix 2 to the report that are required to maintain delivery momentum in line with JAQU funding agreements.
11. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy, to agree the final form of the collaboration agreement.
12. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place to approve the award of the contracts set out in Appendix 2 to the report (subject to government funding) that are required to implement a charging Clean Air Zone in Spring 2022 to ensure the achievement of Nitrogen Dioxide compliance in the shortest possible time and by 2024 at the latest as required by the Ministerial Direction.
13. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy to enter into the agreement and contracts referred to in 11. and 12 on the terms set out in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The recommendations will help ensure that the authority complies with the Directions served by the Government in 2017, 2019 and 2020, requiring the authority to deliver compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the “shortest possible time”.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Secretary of State has directed that a Clean Air Zone be instigated – consequently there are no alternatives on the key principles other than to be breach of this requirement. If a Clean Air Zone is to be implemented then necessary steps around governance and administration need to be taken.

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