

Tuesday, 15 March 2022

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, 23 MARCH 2022, at 7.00 P.M. (OR AT THE RISING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING) in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD, for the transaction of the business set out below:

NOTE: PRIOR TO THIS MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE ALSO INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER:

(i) 5.30 P.M. GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE BRIEFING ON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

(ii) 6.30 P.M. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 February 2022 for signature by the Mayor as Chair of the Council.

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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.

High Speed 2 Phase 2b Western Leg (Crewe-Manchester) Hybrid Bill Petitioning

To consider a report of the Leader of the Council.

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5. Trafford Council's Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

To consider a report of the Corporate Director of Strategy and Resources following a recommendation by Employment Committee on 28 February 2022.

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6. Councillor Code of Conduct

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer recommended by the Executive on 28 February 2022.

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7. Contract Procedure Rules

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance which is anticipated to be recommended to Council by the Executive on 21 March 2022.

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8. Scrutiny Review Outcomes Report

To consider a report of the Scrutiny Committee.

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9. Draft Timetable of Council and Committee Meetings - 2022/23

To consider a report of the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy.

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10. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Russian Invasion of Ukraine

This Council wholeheartedly condemns the barbaric and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. As a democratic chamber, we are appalled by what we have seen unfold over recent weeks – horrors which we all hoped we would never see on our continent again. All our thoughts are for the men, women and children who are currently suffering immeasurably, whether it be in the cities under bombardment, those occupied by Russian forces, or those who have fled their homes.

There is no justification for the actions of the Russian Government, and we offer our backing to the Ukrainian people, Ukrainian Government and President Zelenskyy as they continue to fight for Ukrainian freedom, democracy and independence.

We applaud countries across the world who have come out to condemn and sanction the Russian regime and President Putin's leadership.

We are proud that our country has been one of the leaders in condemning Russia and has implemented the most severe economic sanctions in history. We are also proud of the millions of pounds the UK has sent to Ukraine in humanitarian aid, both from the government and ordinary people.

We welcome the government's plans to offer sanctuary to Ukrainians fleeing danger and are ready to help support those who comes to live in Trafford.

We recognise these actions are not the actions of the Russian people, but the Russian Government. We reject any attacks on Russian people in the UK, and offer our moral support to the Russian opposition groups bravely opposing the Putin regime.

Finally, this Council extends its thoughts and prayers to members of the Trafford Ukrainian community and pays tribute to the incredible generosity the people of Trafford have shown in their personal efforts to support the humanitarian response to this crisis.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Situation in Ukraine

This Council asks the Leader and Chief Executive to express the following sentiments on behalf of the Council and the people of Trafford urgently and in writing:

- To the Russian Ambassador in the UK, asking that he requests his Government to withdraw troops from Ukraine immediately.
- To the Ukrainian Ambassador in the UK, expressing the Council's support and solidarity, and respect for his nation's sovereignty and freedom.
- To the Prime Minister of the UK, asking that all efforts are made to welcome refugees coming from Ukraine to the UK without the need for a visa, and advise of our willingness to help in any way we can as a council to settle individuals and families whose lives have so sadly and suddenly been affected by the military action in Ukraine.

- To Ukrainians and those of Ukrainian heritage living in Trafford, that we stand with you and the people of Ukraine and offer our support in these unsettling times.
- To Russians living in Trafford, that whilst we profoundly condemn the actions of the Russian President we know this is Putin's war and that Russophobia has no place in Trafford.

(c) Motion Submitted by the Labour Group - Procurement Linked to Human Rights Abuses

This Council notes:

- The evidence collected and verified by a range of international non-governmental organisations that the People's Republic of China (PRC) is carrying out alleged crimes of Genocide and crimes against Humanity with regards to Uyghur, Kazakh and other Turkic Muslim populations.
- 2. On 9th of December 2021, Sir Geoffrey Nice QC delivered in London an independent tribunal's judgement that:
 - "Crimes against humanity attributable to the PRC is established beyond reasonable doubt by acts of: deportation or forcible transfer; imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty; torture; rape and other sexual violence; enforced sterilisation; persecution; enforced disappearance; and other inhumane acts."
 - "As to genocide ... all elements of an intended genocide to be accomplished by a Convention-listed act imposing measures to prevent births within the group are established"

This Council believes:

It has a responsibility to act when crimes against humanity take place anywhere in the world. This responsibility extends to using all legal, political and economic powers it has at its disposal to challenge, disrupt and ultimately contribute to ending these crimes.

This Council agrees to:

 Ask our procurement managers to develop, as quickly as possible, a revised procurement policy establishing a boycott of any product or service that has links to companies, individuals or bodies that are directly or indirectly involved in the crimes of humanity currently taking place in China.

- 2. To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chair of the Local Government Association and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities asking that binding procurement rules are brought forward introducing this position across local government as soon as possible.
- 3. To share this motion with our fellow Greater Manchester councils and the Greater Manchester Mayor inviting them to adopt the same approach at forthcoming council meetings.

(d) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- 1. This Council notes that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take place in 2022;
- 2. This Council notes that the 2022 May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate the Jubilee the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone; and
- This Council recognises the esteem in which the Queen is held by the British public and considers it highly likely that residents in Trafford would wish to see the authority mark the Jubilee in a significant way.

Council therefore:

4. Requests that the Chief Executive of the Council takes steps to explore the feasibility of renaming a road, property asset or landmark in Trafford after Queen Elizabeth II to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

Yours sincerely,

SARA TODD

Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

Councillors L. Walsh (Mayor), C. Boyes (Deputy Mayor), D. Acton, S. Adshead, A. Akinola, J.M. Axford, J. Bennett, Miss L. Blackburn, J. E. Brophy, B. Brotherton, D. Bunting, D. Butt, T. Carey, Dr. S. Carr, G. Carter, K.G. Carter, D.N. Chalkin, R. Chilton, G. Coggins, M. Cordingley, L. Dagnall, J. Dillon, N. Evans, M. Freeman, S.J. Gilbert, J. Harding, B. Hartley, W. Hassan, S. J. Haughey, J. Holden, C. Hynes, D. Jarman, D. Jerrome, J. Lamb, J. Lloyd, S. Longden, S. Maitland, M. Minnis, M. Mirza, A. Mitchell, D. Morgan, P. Myers, A. New, J.D. Newgrosh, D.C. O'Sullivan, E. Patel, K. Procter, T. Ross, J. Slater, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, R. Thompson, M.J. Welton, A. Western, D. Western, M.P. Whetton, G. Whitham, A.M. Whyte, A.J. Williams, B.G. Winstanley, J.A. Wright and Mrs. P. Young.

Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday**, **15 March 2022** by the Governance Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH

Please note that the meeting will also be streamed live via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjwbIOW5x0NSe38sgFU8bKg in line with the principles of openness and transparency in local government.

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