



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

18 March 2014

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 MARCH 2014, 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 following meetings for signature by the Mayor as Chairman: | |
| (a) Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 January 2014; and | 1 - 12 |
| (b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 13 March 2014. | 13 - 16 |
| 2. Announcements | |
| To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Members of the Executive, Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees and the Head of Paid Service. | |
| 3. Greater Manchester Police Performance | |
| To receive a presentation from Superintendent Jim Liggett, Greater Manchester Police. | |
| 4. Questions By Members | |
| This is an opportunity for Members of Council to ask the Mayor, Members of the Executive or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee a question on notice under Procedure Rule 10.2. | |

5. Membership of Committees

To note that the appointment of Councillor Boyes as a member of Standards Committee, with effect from 27 November 2013 as a replacement for former Councillor Weston, has been agreed by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

6. Outside Body Appointments

To note that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, has agreed to amend the Council's representation on outside bodies, as follows:

- a) AGMA Executive Board - Councillor Anstee
Councillor Michael Young (Substitute)
Councillor Hyman (Substitute)
- b) GM Combined Authority - Councillor Anstee
Councillor Michael Young (Substitute)
- c) GMCA Leaders Portfolio:
Lead Leader for Transport - Councillor Anstee
- d) AGMA/GMCA Standards
Committee - Councillor Michael Young
- e) AGMA/GMCA Regional
Leaders Board - Councillor Anstee
- f) GM Police and Crime Panel - Councillor Anstee
- g) Transport for Greater
Manchester Committee - Councillor Anstee (with effect from
1 April 2014)
Councillor Mrs. Reilly
- h) GM Local Transport Body - Councillor Anstee
- i) Local Enterprise Partnership - Councillor Anstee
- j) GM European Programmes
Local Management
Committee - Councillor Anstee
- k) Local Government Assoc.
General Assembly - Councillor Anstee
Councillor Michael Young
Councillor Mrs. Evans
Councillor Acton

7. Greater Manchester Police Representation on Trafford Health and Wellbeing Board

To consider a report of the Corporate Director Children, Families and Wellbeing.

8. Officer Scheme of Delegation

To consider the delegation of Environment, Transport and Operations functions to the Corporate Director Economic Growth and Prosperity.

9. Trafford Community Infrastructure Levy: Adoption

To consider a report of the Corporate Director Economic Growth and Prosperity, which is expected to be referred from the Executive meeting on 24 March 2014.

(Members are requested to refer to the report circulated in respect of Agenda Item 7 for the Executive meeting on 24 March 2014.)

10. 6 Month Corporate Report on Health and Safety - 1 April - 30 September 2013

To consider a report of the Executive Member for Transformation and Resources, recommended to the Council by the Executive at its meeting held on 24 February 2014.

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11. Motions

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

(a) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Biomass Plant, Davyhulme

Trafford Council and the residents of Trafford continue to be extremely concerned about the health hazards posed by the proposed biomass incinerator in Davyhulme and surrounding areas, where the levels of nitrogen oxides are very high and will worsen with the completion of the incinerator.

The Council notes the failure of Peel Energy to take into account the clearly expressed opposition of Trafford residents and their elected representatives over the building of this plant, due to their valid concerns over air quality and requests that Peel Energy reconsiders its decision to proceed with the biomass plant and take no steps to commence construction.

The Council will continue to support our local community to the best of its ability.

(b) Motion Submitted by the Conservative Group - Reshaping Trafford

The Council welcomes the steps taken to explore the continued provision of services and sustainability of jobs through a potential development of partnership arrangements within waste, highways and asset management services.

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By exploring all options for the protection and continued provision of key front line services, the Council recognises the pro-active approach of the Conservative administration to ensure the Borough is resilient as it can be in facing future financial challenges.

Council notes the failure of the opposition Labour party to suggest any alternatives demonstrating they have no idea, no clue and no plan for the residents of this Borough.

(c) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Air Pollution

This Council is extremely disappointed that its Appeal against the Barton Renewable Energy Plant (Davyhulme Incinerator) was rejected last month. For the Government to allow such a development against unanimous public, Council and Planning Committee opposition flies in the face of democracy and the Localism Act.

This has taken place against the background of a recent European Commission decision to prosecute the UK for infringements of air quality standards which includes areas such as Greater Manchester.

Council recognises that the Environment Agency is not able to protect the air we breathe, because they are unable to refuse Environmental Permits to incinerators, do not undertake unannounced monitoring visits to polluting processes, and allow companies with polluting process to carry out their own air pollution measurements.

We believe that in Trafford air pollution is getting worse, particularly in Davyhulme, and we have to take steps to prevent the consequential health risks to the local population, especially the children.

Therefore this Council resolves to:

- Extensively measure and monitor air quality throughout the borough to establish how big the problem is. This requires investment beyond the Government's guidelines, so that we can monitor nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, PM10 particulates, PM2.5 particulates, PM1 particulates, dioxins, 12 heavy metals including arsenic, 1,3 butadiene, etc.
- Ensure that Trafford Council's planning policy protects the people of Trafford from further air pollution and does not favour companies that will pollute Trafford's air.
- seek out companies/processes that already pollute Trafford's air and take the necessary steps to clean up or close down those processes.
- put forward a proposal to the Secretary of State under the 2007 Sustainable Communities Act, to give Trafford Council the authority to prevent the construction and operation of a power

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plant, incinerator or Part A process, that reduces the air quality in areas subject to regular air quality monitoring. This would include schemes such as the Barton Renewable Energy Plant in Davyhulme.

- Engage with Peel Energy and its parent company in a strong stance to deliver an unambiguous message that the residents of Trafford remain of the steadfast view that the plant should not be built now, or at any time in the future, and it is a message that Peel should heed.

(d) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Accident and Emergency Services

This Council is deeply concerned about the A&E services for Trafford residents following the recent downgrading of vital services at Trafford General. This has resulted in significant A&E waiting times and pressure at Wythenshawe hospital, which is creating a great deal of problems for patients. It is clear that these problems are as a direct result of the decision of Government Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt to downgrade A&E and other services at Trafford General.

Therefore we call on the Council to write directly to the Secretary of State for Health outlining our concerns, and ask him to intervene and get a grip of this growing problem.

(e) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Clean Streets

The recent decisions by the Council Executive to remove the Environment Enforcement team, charge people for the cost of a replacement wheelie bins, and the proposal to remove most of the recycling centres across the Borough does absolutely nothing to improve the general cleanliness of our Borough, and contributes significantly to the decline.

This Council is concerned about the increase in fly-tipping and in some areas dirty streets and rubbish strewn in alleyways and the general decline in cleanliness of the Borough.

We therefore call on the Council to review the recent decisions with a view to ensuring that services across the street-scene, open spaces, alleyways and parks are improved for the well-being of our residents.

(f) Motion submitted by the Labour Group - Service Privatisation

The Council is deeply concerned by the Council Executive's race to privatise whole sections of Council services in Trafford. Not only Waste collection, which is already privatised, they propose, Grounds Maintenance, Street Cleaning, Highways, Street Lighting, Asset Management and much more in Technical Services.

It is clear that the Conservatives have an ideological desire to privatise as much as they can. They have already sold off all the Council Elderly Persons Homes and put the care of our elderly people into the private sector.

This latest privatisation proposal will affect over 300 Trafford Staff, which puts their jobs and terms of conditions and pay at risk. We have seen time and time again when the private sector has taken over public services they fail, for example G4s, SERCO. Even when the privatisation has not failed operationally, we have seen too many instances of extra hidden costs and burdens being placed on the public purse.

We call on the Council to consider reshaping the Highway Services, Grounds Maintenance, Street Cleaning, street Furniture and those Technical Services in LOT 3, with a view to providing these services in-house.

Yours sincerely,



THERESA GRANT
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council

Councillors D. Butt (Mayor), E.H. Malik (Deputy Mayor), D. Acton, S. Adshead, S. Anstee, Dr. K. Barclay, J. Baugh, J. Bennett, Miss L. Blackburn, R. Bowker, C. Boyes, H. Boyle, Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, J. Brophy, B Brotherton, D. Bunting, C. Candish, R Chilton, M. Colledge, Mrs. L. Cooke, M. Cordingley, M. Cornes, J. Coupe, Mrs. P. Dixon, A. Duffield, Mrs. L. Evans, T. Fishwick, M. Freeman, P. Gratrix, J. Harding, D. Higgins, J. Holden, M. Hyman, C. Hynes, D. Jarman, P. Lally, J. Lamb, J. Lloyd, A. Mitchell, P. Myers, D. O'Sullivan, I. Platt, K. Procter, D. Quayle, J.R. Reilly, Mrs. J. Reilly, B. Rigby, T. Ross, B. Sharp, B. Shaw, J. Smith, E.W. Stennett, N. Taylor, S. Taylor, L. Walsh, Mrs. V. Ward, A. Western, D. Western, M. Whetton, Mrs. J. Wilkinson, A. Williams, M. Young and Mrs. P. Young

Further Information

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This Summons was issued on **Tuesday, 18 March 2014** by the Legal and Democratic Services Section, Trafford Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH