

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

19 JUNE 2013

PRESENT

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Dylan Butt), in the Chair.

E.H. Malik	J. Coupe	B. Sharp
D. Acton	Mrs. P. Dixon	B. Shaw
S. Adshead	Mrs. L. Evans	J. Smith
S. Anstee	M. Freeman	E.W. Stennett
Dr. K. Barclay	P. Gratrix	N. Taylor
J. Bennett	J. Holden	S. Taylor
Miss L. Blackburn	M. Hyman	Mrs. V. Ward
R. Bowker	C. Hynes	A. Western
C. Boyes	D. Jarman	D. Western
Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris	P. Lally	K. Weston
J. Brophy	D. O'Sullivan	M. Whetton
D. Bunting	K. Procter	Mrs. J. Wilkinson
R Chilton	D. Quayle	A. Williams
M. Colledge	J.R. Reilly	M. Young
Mrs. L. Cooke	Mrs. J. Reilly	Mrs. P. Young
M. Cordingley	B. Rigby	
M. Cornes	T. Ross	

In attendance

Corporate Director Transformation and Resources	Mrs. W. Marston
Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Ms. J. Le Fevre
Head of Public Protection	Mr. I. Veitch
Democratic Services Manager	Mr. P. Forrester
Democratic Services Officer	Miss M. Cody
Democratic Services Officer	Mr. I. Cockill

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Baugh, B Brotherton, C. Candish, A. Duffield, T. Fishwick, J. Harding, D. Higgins, J. Lamb, J. Lloyd, A. Mitchell, P. Myers, I. Platt and L. Walsh.

14. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENT - QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Mayor congratulated the Counselling and Family Centre, Hale and the Friends of Walkden Gardens, Sale on being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and remarked that it was a marvellous achievement which provided recognition of the excellent voluntary work undertaken in our Borough by many unsung heroes. The Council joined with the Mayor in thanking all concerned.

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15. MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE LABOUR GROUP

It was moved and seconded that:

“The Council condemns the decision made by the Conservative Government Secretary of State in overruling this Council's unanimous decision to refuse planning permission for the development of a Biomass Incineration Plant in Davyhulme.

This Conservative Government decision flies in the face of the thousands of local people who have campaigned against and opposed this Incineration Plant. The decision runs contrary to the definition of "Localism" and belies any notion of local democracy and the strong wishes of our community.

In light of the above Trafford Council is right to appeal through the Courts the Secretary of States ruling, and pledges to continue the fight to overturn this appalling decision.”

It was moved and seconded as an amendment that:

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In light of the above, this Council welcomes the decision of the ruling Conservative Group to put Party allegiances aside, and based on the legal advice they received, instructed the Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services to appeal through the Courts the Secretary of States ruling, and through this action Trafford Council pledges to continue the fight to overturn this decision.”

The mover of the Motion signified acceptance of the amendment, subject to an addition to the third paragraph of “and with all party support” following the text “based on the legal advice”. With this understanding and with the consent of the mover and seconder of the amendment, the amendment was debated by the Council before being put to the vote and being agreed unanimously. Accordingly, the substantive Motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED: That the Council condemns the decision made by the Conservative Government Secretary of State in overruling this Council's unanimous decision to refuse planning permission for the development of a Biomass Incineration Plant in Davyhulme.

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The meeting commenced at 7.18 p.m. and finished at 8.05 p.m.