

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 11 March 2020  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** Chair of the Scrutiny Committee

### Report Title

Overview Report

### Purpose

This report provides information on the following:

- Work Programme
- Task & Finish Groups
- Recommendation Tracker
- Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Meeting Updates

### Recommendations

That the report be noted.

### Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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## 1. Work Programme

<b>Wednesday 3 July 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 &amp; 3 Trafford Town Hall</b>				
<i>Report submission deadline – midday Tuesday 25 June 2019</i>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks	To receive a further update on safety in high rise tower blocks in Trafford.	Councillor Wright - Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration	Richard Roe	The Committee received an update on this topic at their meeting in October 2018. It was agreed that a further report be brought to a future meeting to provide an update on progress.
Presentation by GMFRS on Retrofitting Sprinklers	To receive a presentation on the options available for retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings	Councillor Wright - Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration	N/A	At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 3 October 2018, the Chair requested that Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) provide a presentation to the Committee on how retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings could be done. The Chair will contact the relevant people to schedule this.
Annual Scrutiny Report	To receive the annual report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer on the work of all three Scrutiny Committees during the 2018/19 municipal year.	N/A	Statutory Scrutiny Officer	The Annual Scrutiny Report comes to the Committee for Comment and sign off prior to being submitted at full Council in July 2019.
Work Programme	The Committee are to discuss and agree the proposed work programme for the 2019/20 municipal year. Members have the opportunity to	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Alexander Murray	

	propose any items of business to be added to the Committee's Work programme.			
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**Wednesday 13 November 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall**

*Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 5 November 2019*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2020/21 Budget Gap and Assumptions / Progress against the financial risks Identified as part of the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny process	An update on the 2020/21 Budget Gap and the assumptions behind this to be provided to the Committee.  As part of the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny process, the Committee were provided a list of the proposed savings / income generation and the risks associated with achieving these. The Committee would like an update on progress against these.	Cllr Tom Ross - Finance	Nikki Bishop	
2020/21 Budget Presentation by the Leader of the Council	The Committee will receive the 2019/20 draft budget proposals, accompanied by a presentation to be delivered by the Leader of the Council.	Cllr A Western – Leader of the Council Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	The presentation (considered in conjunction with the update on the Investment Strategy) was presented to the Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair would confirm the arrangements for the Budget Scrutiny sessions scheduled for 4 and 6 December 2018 in due course.

2019/20 Corporate Plan	To receive the Corporate Plan Q1 Performance report	Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	
Social Investment Framework – Trafford Housing Trust	A report providing a further update on the arrangements for Trafford Housing Trust's Social Investment Framework.	N/A	THT Social Investment Fund Manager	Following an update at the Scrutiny Committee meeting in March 2018, it was agreed that a further update be brought to the Committee to provide a progress update.
High rise cladding task and finish group report	A report of the Task and finish group which looked into the replacement of cladding on high rise tower blocks within Trafford	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Alexander Murray	
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Alexander Murray	

### **Budget Scrutiny**

There are two Budget Scrutiny sessions scheduled for the 3 and 5 December 2019. Discussions at these sessions, along with the presentation scheduled to be delivered at the Committee's meeting 3 October 2019 meeting will help formulate the Scrutiny Committee's Budget Scrutiny report to the Executive (To be presented to Scrutiny at the 15 January 2020 meeting).

<b>Wednesday 15 January 2020 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 &amp; 3 Trafford Town Hall</b>				
<i>Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 7 January 2020</i>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report produced by the Scrutiny Committee providing its recommendations on the 2020/21 Budget Proposals.	N/A – Report of the Scrutiny Committee	Jane Le Fevre	
Corporate Plan Quarter 2 Performance Report	To receive the second quarter corporate plan performance report.	Cllr Freeman – Public Safety, Governance, and Reform	Sara Saleh	
High Rise Cladding update	Following meeting 13 November this is to be a standing item until the Cladding replacement is completed		Ian Wallace and Tony McMahon	
2018/19 Ombudsman Report	The Committee receives the annual report on Ombudsman complaints for information.	Cllr Freeman – Public Safety, Governance, and Reform	Jane Le Fevre	
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Jane Le Fevre	
<b>Wednesday 11 March 2020 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 &amp; 3 Trafford Town Hall</b>				
<i>Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 3 March 2020</i>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Executive Member(s)</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Executive Response to the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report providing a response to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee as part of the	Cllr T. Ross – Finance and Investment	Nikki Bishop	

	2019/20 Budget Scrutiny process.			
TRO List and Prioritisation Process	To receive an exhaustive list of all TROs ongoing. To receive a report detailing the process by which TROs are added to the list and how they are prioritised. The Committee would also like to receive information explaining how often the list is reviewed and what actions are taken regarding low priority TROs which will not be fulfilled.	Councillor Adshead - Executive Member Environment, Clean Air, and Climate Change.		
Further update on the Implementation of the CRM Services Programme	To receive a report providing an update on the implementation of the CRM Service Programme.	Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	At the meeting in October 2018, the Committee received the Executive's response to the Task & Finish Group review conducted by the Committee. It was agreed that a further update on implementation be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
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<b>Items to be scheduled</b>				
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## 2. Task & Finish Groups

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Status</b>
Affordable Housing in Trafford	This has been identified as a possible area of focus for a Task & Finish Group review.	Cllrs A. Williams (Chair), D. Acton, R. Thompson	The Group met with providers in February 2020 and the Chair of the Group will update the Committee on the next steps at their meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.
Disability Access	Proposed by Councillor Winstanley and agreed by the Committee at their meeting July 2019.	Councillors Winstanley (Chair), Acton, Akinola, Lloyd, Haddad, Holden, Lamb, Minnis, Shirley Procter, Welton, Williams	The work of the group has culminated in an Interim report going to the Scrutiny Committee 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.



### 3. Recommendation Tracker

There are no formal Scrutiny Committee recommendations awaiting an Executive response.

Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
<p>One Trafford Partnership            Recommendation 1 - That the Executive conduct an assessment of the feasibility of the following 3 options;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider alternative models of service delivery, including the development of an In-House Service model, with a view to ending the contract with Amey.</li> <li>2. Review the contract with Amey with a clear intent that there should be a wholesale reshaping of the contract and partnership between Amey and the Council.</li> <li>3. Continue the Amey Contract and seek significant improvements to the delivery of existing services.</li> </ol> <p>If it is determined that all options are feasible then option 1 is the preferred option of the Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Recommendation 2 – That an update be provided to Scrutiny once the Executive has considered the report.            Executive consideration is ongoing</p>	<p>Executive consideration is ongoing</p>
<p>Recommendation 2 – That an update be provided to Scrutiny once the Executive has considered the report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a Committee be established to coordinate the Council’s work relating to Climate Emergency.</li> </ol>	<p>Recommendations presented to Executive 30 September 2019. Executive response to be delivered to Council.</p>

2. That the Committee complete activity one through four with the support of external experts and partners.
3. That the Committee have executive membership as well as lead officers from Public Health, Licensing, Procurement, Amey, Highways, Planning, and any other key areas identified.
4. That there be a lead Executive member dedicated to the Climate Emergency.
5. That a dedicated officer role, reporting to the Corporate Director of Place, be created to drive the Climate Emergency Agenda forward.
6. That the Committee will oversee the action plan and monitor Trafford's performance against carbon reduction targets.
7. That the Councils Carbon Budget be published annually alongside the Financial Budget.
8. That an additional Scrutiny Committee or Sub Committee be established with the sole purpose of Scrutinising the Council and their partners in relation to the Climate Emergency.
9. That Climate Emergency Implications and sustainability be listed as an area to be considered in reports and that the guidance to officers be updated to bring it in line with the Council's current targets as per appendix 1.
10. That Climate Emergency be added to the Corporate Plan an additional priority forming part of the annual report and performance monitoring.

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| <p>11. That the Council roll out Carbon literacy training across the workforce and Councillors.</p> <p>12. That Climate Emergency champions be recognised within the organisation.</p> <p>13. That a comprehensive Communication and Engagement Strategy be developed and considers the following methods;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dedicated Climate Emergency Section of the Council's Website</li><li>• Wide distribution of the Public Health Annual Plan</li><li>• Internal communications (sections on the intranet)</li><li>• Have Climate Emergency resources available at Council Buildings</li><li>• Hold Climate Emergency events or sessions at libraries</li><li>• Hold Climate Emergency challenge among Trafford schools</li><li>• Support of existing Climate Emergency VCSE groups within Trafford</li><li>• Utilising Citizens Juries (Dr Malcolm Oswald)</li><li>• Support the creation of a citizen's assembly</li><li>• Community energy projects</li><li>• Advertise and champion the resources created by Greater Manchester on tackling Climate Emergency</li></ul> <p>14. That the Executive consider the 33 Actions for Local Authorities laid out by Friends of the Earth and implement as many as possible.</p> <p>15. That the Executive consider immediate implementation of the following actions as quick wins;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Buy Green Energy</li><li>• Adjust the Council Social Value weighting in procurement so that reducing carbon footprint, planting trees etc. are counted as elements of social value</li></ul> |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase number of EV Charging points in Trafford</li><li>• Stop promoting measures that increase greenhouse gasses</li><li>• Install food waste collection bins in all Council buildings (including in kitchens for employees)</li></ul> |  |
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16. That the Executive ask officers to complete the Trafford position column of appendix 2.

#### **4. Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Updates**

Greater Manchester Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Ann Duffield, Councillor Dave Morgan

[11<sup>th</sup> February 2020,](#)

Greater Manchester Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councilor Barry Brotherton,

Next meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> March

Greater Manchester Housing Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny – Kevin Procter

[13<sup>th</sup> February 2020](#)