

Council – 20th March 2024

Conservative Party Amendment to motion 7b – Getting the basics right: Drainage.

This Council notes that:

1. Reports of surface water flooding escalate in the autumn when leaf-fall blocks grids and gullies across the Borough and it is acknowledged it is a year round occurrence in the South of the borough, following any rain even main roads such as the A56 fail to drain, as Trafford does not have enough capacity for a pro-active drain clearance program.
2. Trafford has a limited number of machines for clearing street drains and gullies, but purchasing and maintaining another machine is hugely expensive. However, the current gully team –working a full week –would only able to use the machinery for 5 in every 7 days.

This Council resolves to:

4. Implement a programme of street drainage inspections immediately following the completion of the annual leaf clearance programme to ensure that blocked drains are identified and scheduled for clearance, helping to combat surface water flooding.
5. Create a plan to use the gully clearing machinery Trafford already has, beyond the days the existing team is able use it, by hiring or training other staff to use the machines when the current team are not using it.