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Dear Mr Megainey

**Adult Social Care Council Tax Precept and Additional Funding for Social Care 2017/18**

In reply to your letter of 21 February 2017 I am writing to confirm that Trafford Council has increased its council tax to fund adult social care services in 2017/18.

Trafford's council tax has increased by 4.99% for 2017/18, comprising a general increase of 1.99% and a 3% rise for adult social care.

I am also writing to certify that Trafford Council will use the additional 2017/18 funding for adult social care (as announced in the Spring Budget 2017) to fund adult social care services.

I have completed the table below and spreadsheet attached, comparing the changes in adult social care budgets (including overheads and running costs) with those of other non-ringfenced services, including and excluding the precept and the additional Budget funding for adult social care. Please note that the 2016/17 adult social care figure has been adjusted to reflect BCF contributions from the CCG which had been classed as specific grants and that both figures are on a like-for-like basis.

Revenue Account Line/s	Service Area	2016-17 Revenue Account (RA) Net Current Expenditure	2017-18 Revenue Account (RA) Net Current Expenditure	2017-18 Total Adult Social Care precept	Additional funding in 2017-18 for Adult Social Care announced at Budget 2017	2017-18 Adult Social Care Expenditure, excluding the 2017-18 Adult Social Care Precept and the additional funding for Adult Social Care announced at Budget 2017	Change in expenditure 2016-17 to 2017-18 (excluding the 2017-18 Adult Social Care Precept and the additional funding for Adult Social Care announced at Budget 2017)
		£ 000s	£ 000s	£ 000s	£ 000s	£ 000s	%
		A	B	C	D	E	(E / A) - 1
360	Total Adult Social Care	55,408	54,681				
Adjust for BCF contributions incorrectly netted down above		-5,546					
		49,862	54,681	2,533	4,073	48,075	-3.58%
799	Total Service Expenditure	332,743	277,337				
190	Total Education Services	197,006	145,225				
313	Children's Social Care: Children Looked	14,435	15,928				
323	Children's Social Care: Youth Justice	917	740				
325	Children's Social Care: Safeguarding Children and Young People's Services	7,863	7,941				
390	Total Public Health	13,039	12,534				
440	Homelessness	20	18				
601	Total Police Services	0	0				
602	Total Fire and Rescue Services	0	0				
799, excluding lines: 360, 190, 313, 323, 325, 390, 440, 601 and 602	*Other Non-ringfenced/Non-Statutory Services* Expenditure (also excludes Adult Social Care)	44,055	40,270				-8.59%

Below is a description of how my authority proposes to use the funding from the precept and additional grant funding, in support of this table.

There have been significant pressures on the adult social care budget for 2016/17 which will have an impact on the 2017/18 budget. The additional funding will enable us to continue to provide adult social care services to an increasing number of clients. The additional funding will be used to support:-

- Increasing demographic pressures, levels of care required and delayed transfers of care £7.8m
- Impact of the national living wage £1.4m
- Increase in costs associated with Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards £0.3m

Trafford Council has agreed an increase in council tax of 4.99% for 2017/18, including 3% in respect of the social care precept. I certify that the authority will use the funding above 2% and the additional grant funding to improve the way social care services are delivered in my area, and have set out below how we propose to do so.

As a Greater Manchester local authority we are a key signatory to the Taking Charge STP which clearly articulates an intention to integrate health and social care at pace and in order to reduce demand on urgent and specialist health care services. Our local BCF plan takes full account of the ambitions for improvement within the STP, including a trajectory for delayed transfers of care, set by the Chief Officer of the GM Health and Social Care Partnership. The trajectory is ambitious in a borough with the demographics of Trafford, ie an ageing population of over 85 year olds and a reduced population of adults of working age.

The social care precept and additional grant funding will do a number of things in Trafford. It will stabilise existing service provision whilst we implement change programmes, for example, redesign of aids and adaptations, the development of enhanced intermediate care, and the commissioning of an enhanced reablement service called SAMS. It will also protect access to third sector community service provision.

Yours sincerely

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