

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	26 th July 2011	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	M/26.07.11/F	Executive Member for Finance (Councillor S. Anstee)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u> <u>Discretionary Council Tax Relief for Special Constables</u> That in view of the scale of funding reductions required by the Greater Manchester Police Authority, the Council introduce a scheme of council tax discount for Special Constables. The following criteria will apply, the Special Constable must: (1) Live in Trafford (2) Volunteer in Trafford (3) Have completed one year's probation and at least one year of service based in Trafford. The rate of discount to be applied is 50% on the amount payable (before any council tax benefit). Discount is therefore awarded after any other relief (exemptions, disabled relief and other discounts). The effective date will be 5 August 2011. The scheme will be reviewed annually to ensure effectiveness and maintain value for money.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u> In the spirit of working in partnership, and linking the Council's priority of Fighting Crime, Trafford Council is seeking to offer an incentive to help the recruitment and retention of Special Constables, in accordance with the Council's discretion, by awarding them with a council tax discount.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u> Not to award discretionary council tax relief for Special Constables, a range of percentage relief levels, or to revise the proposed criteria.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION</u> None.		

<u>IMPLEMENTATION DATE</u> 3rd August 2011 (Sixth working day after publication, unless called in).	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u> 26th July 2011
<u>RECORDED BY:</u> Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services	

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TRAFFORD PARK M17 1HH AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY
PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER.**