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Dear Members

I hope you are all keeping well.

February was a busy and short month, it seemed none stop with the Chamber and also my own business.

We hosted a social at Jardim on 21st Feb which was a huge success and also had our very interactive AGM after the February breakfast. Great ideas for the future of the Chamber were shared by the board members and our members. We hope to start implementing them in the coming months.

Martin Buckle of Atlantic Timber will be inaugurated by Sir Graham Brady as our President with Sam Alford as President Elect. The event is to be held at Altrincham Football Club on 10th March and everyone is welcome. We are delighted to announce we have Amanda Jane Heywood as the entertainment for the evening and Martin is blinged!

I hope you can join us on 10th March it would be great to see you.

Very best wishes

Sue x



CAFT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023



VISIT APPLICATIONS

We have a few spaces left for our March family day visits. To apply please head over to our Facebook page.

Please check the application form for more information and eligibility if you haven't visited before.

Both our Easter Programme and Residential application window will be opening soon, so keep your eyes peeled for these!



EASTER EGG APPEAL

Our Easter programme will run from Saturday 1st April through to Sunday 16th April where 1,800 children will visit CAFT for a special Easter-themed day. The Easter Bunny needs YOUR help to make sure every child is treated to a chocolate egg to take home. Donate a chocolate egg by 6th April and make it an EGG-CELLENT Easter for ill, disabled & socially disadvantaged children.

If you can't hop to the shops to pick your Easter Eggs up, we've set up an [online donation page here](#) and we'll do the shopping for you.

PERU INCA TRAIL

9th - 18th June 2023

It's still not too late to join this incredible challenge in support of CAFT! As one of the most magical treks this world has to offer, you will walk through sub-tropical vegetation, be embraced by snow-capped peaks and walk in the steps of Inca's on the stones layed centuries ago, all the way to mystical Machu Picchu - one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Hurry to guarantee your place. Register through jure@caft.co.uk or [visit the event page here](#).



K&K DANCE ACADEMY RAISE £4,621 FOR CAFT

Local dance school K&K Dance Academy have been busy fundraising over the last year and have raised a tremendous amount of £4,621.50 for CAFT! A huge thank you to K&K for making such a difference.



Are you part of a community or school group looking to get involved with us? Contact hannah@caft.co.uk to hear more!

THE CAFT CHALLENGE QUIZ NIGHT

CALLING ALL QUIZZERS!

Our quiz night is just a few weeks away so sign up soon to join us at Bowdon RUFC for a fun night of quizzing and see if you can take home the winning trophy!

Team sizes up to 6, £30pp including a meal. Please contact natalie@caft.co.uk to book your team.

FIRST BLOG OF THE YEAR!

Our first blog this year is now live, this month dedicated to our furry friends and the wonderful benefits they bring to the children that visit CAFT. [Click here to have a read!](#)



COULD YOU BE ONE OF OUR EVENT SPONSORS?

We have many amazing events coming up this year with fantastic sponsor opportunities to promote your product or service. From sponsoring a hole at our Golf Day to becoming the headline sponsor at our Ladies Lunch or Grand Ball, we have packages to suit a range of budgets. Sponsor packages can be found on each [event page on our website](#). Alternatively please contact natalie@caft.co.uk to hear more.



TUK TUK - SRI LANKA

18th - 26th November 2023

We can't wait for this incredible challenge, where teams of 2 or 3 will navigate the winding roads of Sri Lanka on 3 wheels! This ultimate road trip itinerary features unspoilt beaches, epic mountain vistas and elephant safaris. If you fancy joining this epic adventure, please e-mail jure@caft.co.uk for a brochure or [find more information here!](#)



Chamber News



Altrincham and Sale Chamber of Commerce Forthcoming Events

<https://altrinchamandsalechamber.co.uk/events/>

Breakfast Matters Event – Thursday, 2nd March 2023, Cresta Court Hotel – 08.30 am until 10am - Social Media update by Alex McCann

10th March 2023

New year Lunch – Event to celebrate the start of the Chamber year and to inaugurate our New President with our special guest and our patron Sir Graham Brady and entertainment by the wonderful Amanda Jane Heywood

Breakfast Matters Event – Thursday, 13th April 2023, Cresta Court Hotel – 08.30 am until 10am – Budget Update. Panel discussion and will be budget themed. The panel includes Karen Garrattley from COS Bookkeeping, Lyndsey Roll from Truity Wealth Management and Mike Carpenter from Carpenter Rees

10 Nov 2023

Chamber Business Awards at The Point, Lancashire County Cricket, Old Trafford

You Chamber membership.....

Marketing Opportunities

Marketing Materials at Breakfast Meetings

Now we are all back to meeting in person we are delighted to display members banners, marketing literature and promotional items at our Breakfast Meetings (the first Thursday of each month 0830). Any Chamber member is welcome to bring along materials to display in the room at the Cresta Court.

Chamber Membership Benefits

Chamber UK GDPR Health Checks – **Free of Charge**

As part of Chamber membership, we provided new members with a “UK GDPR Health Check”. This check is provided by Sam Alford of PPP Management Ltd and includes confirming your ICO registration is up to date, checks on your website and cookie notices and a review of your privacy notice to see that it complies with the latest guidance. We are pleased to announce that Sam will now provide this health check for current/existing Chamber members and is in the process of working through our membership list. You can expect an email from Helen in the office sometime after you renew your membership with the results of your Company’s UK GDPR Health Check.

Showcase your Business.

Any member who would like to host an evening social either at their premises or in a local venue, please contact Helen in the office 0161 941 3250. This entails providing wine/beer and nibbles but gives you the opportunity to welcome both chamber members and guests into your business and tell them your story.

Karl Morris – Action Coach

Being a local business owner and having recently joined the Chamber, I would like to extend an offer to all Chamber members.

The work I carry out with my clients, many of whom are locally based - focuses on helping them find more time to focus on their business and their personal life, to build and develop stronger teams around them and importantly to generate predictable revenue streams into their businesses = greater profits.

Many business owners know that their business is capable of more and by working together we unlock the potential.

Firstly, let me offer access to my regular newsletter, which is a business focussed resource. All members need to do is say yes and send me a current email address. This newsletter shows upcoming events that I will be running, (which are mostly local and FREE), business hints and tips and education in various business areas.

Secondly, for March/April I am offering any Chamber business member a FREE Business Healthcheck coaching session – all members need to do is complete the attached link - [Claim Your Coaching session \(Chamber offer\)](#). As you can imagine - given current market challenges this is a popular option

Alternatively, if any Chamber member would like a quick informal chat, or coffee locally, then happy to facilitate this.

My focus is to work with and assist as many local businesses as possible through these challenging, yet opportunistic times and to support the Chamber.

Karl Morris

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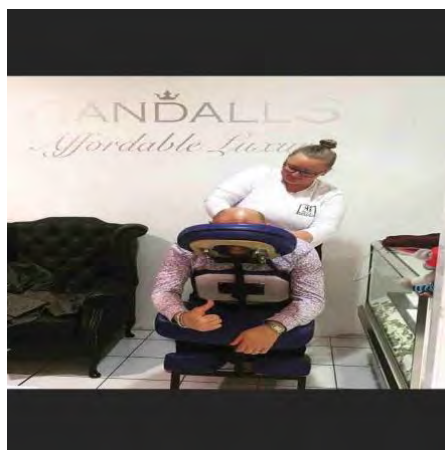
MEMBER of the MONTH
Helen Sweeney
Medic Massage UK & Helen Sweeney Therapies
February 2023



This month we are thanking Helen for all her hard work and support for the Chamber. Helen works tirelessly to welcome and attract new members. This is all in between her very demanding job, although it sounds quite glamorous as she is always either on film sets, at concerts or events!!

Helen's day job is working in the health wellness, fitness industry and Military sector. Skilled in Holistic Massage, Pregnancy Massage, Therapeutic Massage, Chair Massage, and Sports Massage.

Qualified medical First responder working at major events over the UK.



Congratulations to Informed Solutions Awarded The Queens Award for Enterprise



Congratulations to Liz Vega and her team at Informed Solutions!!

Sam and I were invited to the gorgeous Bank House on Market Place, Altrincham to witness His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant present Informed Solutions with one of the very last Queens Awards in the Innovation category.

It was an honour to be invited to the event, during which they were presented with the awards by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Mrs D Hawkins JP LLB.

The Queen's Awards are the highest and most prestigious official recognition given to outstanding British businesses for excellence and innovation. A huge congratulations to Elizabeth Vega OBE and the whole team at Informed Solutions.



Slater Heelis turns 250 with a plethora of pledges

Manchester and Sale-based law firm, Slater Heelis, has revealed a number of initiatives to mark its phenomenal 250th year in business.

Founded in 1773, the practice turns a quarter of a century in 2023 and has ambitious plans, made charity pledges, as well as celebrating a number of successes, to coincide with the special anniversary.

Its charitable and community commitments include granting 250 volunteer days; giving all staff paid time away from the business to support a worthy cause which has already seen some of the team donate time to Mustard Tree to raise awareness of homelessness and poverty in the City.

Slater Heelis will also be donating and installing a new bench at the Cyril Flint sunken gardens at Sale's Worthington Park. Alongside this, the firm will be burying a time capsule at the gardens filled with Slater Heelis memorabilia from across the centuries as well as working with a local school on contents yet to be revealed.

In addition to existing partnerships with HOME and the Greater Manchester Youth Network, the award-winning law firm has joined forces with other organisations marking historic milestones in 2023; pledging its support financially to the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM), which turns 50 in 2023 and Connell College, which turns 10 this year.

To mark the milestone anniversary, Slater Heelis also celebrates a plethora of corporate achievements having ushered in the new year with the launch of an Employee Share Incentive scheme and achieving its highest headcount to date which currently stands at 216. The forward-thinking and fast-growing firm is now hoping to reach 250 employees in 2023 thanks to a year-on-year rise in the number of fee-earning solicitors. This will coincide with the relocation of its headquarters to Orbit Developments' Crossgate House in Sale, consolidating the law firm's two town centre offices into one location.

Chris Bishop, Managing Partner at Slater Heelis, said: "Reaching 250 years is an incredible achievement and one that we welcome people to celebrate with us. We have a calendar packed with ideas, campaigns and initiatives that we hope the community will embrace over the coming year. We're extremely proud to support a number of charitable and community initiatives and everything we have planned in this anniversary year will ensure that we give the milestone the celebration it deserves.

"I also have to look closer to home when I think about where we have grown as a business and the success the firm has achieved over the past 250 years. Most recently and against the backdrop of Covid 19, an energy crisis and continued economic uncertainty, our staff have continued to work tirelessly to achieve their very best for our clients and it is thanks to them that we are in the enviable position to celebrate such a remarkable anniversary."

Providing legal services within all areas of law, Slater Heelis is in the finals of the 'Law Firm of the Year' category in the Modern Law Awards, an event which identifies and celebrates the

very greatest talent and success stories in the UK legal sector; as well as a further two categories at the HR magazine awards.

Additionally, this celebratory year sees the launch of the Slater Heelis Academy, an initiative offering access to more than 100 training and development programmes; and, putting diversity and inclusion at the forefront, ten LGBT champions have also been appointed and accredited across the business.

Having been recognised with listings in the Legal 500 and Chambers UK rankings, the firm is also predicting a 13 per cent rise in turnover for the 2022/23 financial year.

To find out more about Slater Heelis' 250th anniversary, visit

<https://www.slaterheelis.co.uk/about-slater-heelis/celebrating-250-years/>

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For further information or an interview with Chris Bishop, please contact Kara Rose at KRPR on 01257 262498 or email kara@kr-pr.co.uk



Altrincham **BID** Business Improvement District

What's On

Paint Altrincham Pink Monday 6th - Sunday 19th March



Altrincham BID is supporting the Prevent Breast Cancer charity with Paint Altrincham Pink 2023. It's all about awareness, fundraising as well as promoting your business.

There are lots of ways to get involved:

- Organise a fundraising event.
- Have a pink coffee morning.
- Turn your office, shop, cafe or bar pink.
- Arrange a pink day or week.
- Promote a pink product.
- Buy a PAP fundraising pack to decorate your business.

Fundraising packs which include bunting, balloons, leaflets and a window sticker to decorate your business for a donation of £20. Let us know if you would like one.

If you'd like to set up an online fundraising page for donations or sponsorship as part of your plans you can do so

via JustGiving: <https://justgiving.com/preventbreastcancer>

If you need any support with ideas or involvement in Paint Altrincham Pink, please contact info@altrinchambid.com

Everything that's happening will be shared on VisitAltrincham.com and on Altrincham BID and Visit Altrincham social media platforms as well as on Paint Altrincham Pink's Instagram. Altrincham BID will be organising a '**Flamingo in the Window**' town trail and if your business would like to host one of the Flamingos please let us know.

- We will also be organising a **PAP Fashion Show** on **Thursday 16th March** at House Kitchen & Bar with the town's fashion retailers. There will also be a raffle and goodie bags which we will be asking businesses to support.

Prevent Breast Cancer is the only UK charity funding ground-breaking research solely aimed at preventing breast cancer for future generations. Based locally at The Nightingale Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital, their research will one day bring about a world where breast cancer is preventable, and thousands are saved from ever experiencing this terrible disease. There is huge support from the local community for the charity.



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Skills For Growth 10,000 Participants Milestone

MORE than 10,000 residents in Greater Manchester have gained the skills they need to progress their careers thanks to the Skills for Growth programme.

Skills for Growth is celebrating this huge achievement after being granted funding through the European Social Fund for the three-year programme. Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) has been using the funding to develop partnerships with businesses and training providers to create the learning opportunities needed for residents to further their careers, and for local business to fill skills gaps.

The programme launched during the start of the coronavirus pandemic. As Greater Manchester's economy rebuilds and recovers, Skills for Growth is helping create a greener, fairer and more prosperous city-region through supporting individuals to upskill and reskill, and business to grow.

There are now more than 10,000 participants to date who have completed Skills for Growth courses, with individuals urged to take advantage of the fully funded training available. Skills for Growth has supported people from a variety of backgrounds - over 49% of learners were female, more than 20% from racially minoritised communities and 17% were over the age of 50. Since the programme launched in 2020, 11 training providers have been commissioned to deliver a wide range of skills across Digital, Construction, Health and Social Care, Early Years, Allies in Cancer Care, Manufacturing, Logistics, Security, Green Skills, Media, Blue Light Services and other professional training opportunities.

Read more about the programme [here](#).

For more information about [training opportunities in different sectors](#)

Latest News & Information:

Trafford Business Start Up Network

These events are suitable for anyone who is thinking of setting up a business or has started their business. The network is organised by Trafford Council working with business support partners including People Plus, Momentic, the Growth Company and Enterprising You. There will be the opportunity to chat to business start-up advisers at the event as well as lots of opportunities for building your own networks and talking to other businesses. please click on the links for further information and to book your place:

- [Thursday 23.3.23, 10.30am - 12.30pm, Urmston Library](#)
- [Thursday 27.4.23, 10.30am - 12.30pm, Urmston Library](#)
- [Thursday 25.5.23, 10.30am - 12.30pm, Urmston Library](#)
- [Thursday 29.6.23, 10.30am - 12.30pm, Urmston Library](#)

Temporary Stopping Facilities for Gypsies & Travellers - Consultation

Trafford Council has set up a consultation over the use of temporary stopping facilities for gypsies and travellers. These sites can be helpful in ensuring that groups passing through an area have a safe place to stay with some basic facilities.

In a dense metropolitan area like Trafford, it can be difficult to find a suitable site that would be able to accommodate such a facility however, the council would like to consult on the proposed use of an unused piece of road at Boyer Street in Old Trafford. View the [proposed location](#) and have your say(**survey closes 6.3.23**)

Trafford Council Budget 2023-2024 Agreed

The Council's multi-million pound spending plans to invest in Trafford's roads, town centres, parks, leisure centres, schools and social care have been approved by councillors. This year's budget aims make the borough a better place to live and work in for everyone.

Read the full details [here](#) Watch the [budget video \(on Twitter\)](#)

Salford & Trafford Construction Club - 27.4.23

This event has been developed by Greater Manchester Chamber and Salford & Trafford Council's to help businesses in the region benefit from construction opportunities in the two boroughs. The event will focus on the development and construction opportunities in all two boroughs and will feature presentations on

specific projects. [Click this link for further information and to book your place](#)

Manchester Airport Meet the Buyers Event

Manchester Airport Meet the Buyers Event gives Greater Manchester businesses an amazing opportunity to connect directly with major buyers in the area, removing the need for endless cold calls, email chasing, and speculative meetings. Popular sectors include construction, civil engineering, and facilities as well as professional and business services. The event is taking place on Wednesday 15.3.23, 8.30am-4pm at Runway Visitor Park, Manchester Airport. For further information and to book your place see [here](#)

Long Term Vision To Grow The Economy

The Chancellor has set out the Government's vision to grow the UK economy, encourage enterprise, tackle poor productivity and get more people into better paid jobs. Digital technology, green industries and creative industries were identified as key growth sectors. The Chancellor also confirmed that investment zones would be introduced in partnership with local government to support each growth sector. Read more about the vision [here](#)

Plan For A Cleaner, Greener Country

The Government has published a five-year delivery plan to restore nature and improve the environmental quality of air, water and land. The plan includes boosting green growth and creating new jobs, challenging local authorities to improve air quality and creating and restoring at least 500,000 hectares of new wildlife habitats. Read more about the plan [here](#)

Inquiry Into Export Opportunities

The International Trade Committee has launched an inquiry into export opportunities available to UK businesses. The inquiry will examine the current situation for exporters, support offered by the Government and how easily it can be accessed. It will also investigate the key barriers preventing businesses from exporting, whether Government could provide additional support and whether free trade agreements provide new opportunities. Read more about the inquiry [here](#)

Businesses Urged To Update Telephone Technology

From 2025, ISDN (integrated services digital network) and PSTN (public switched telephone network) telephone lines will be permanently turned off. Only 15% of small and medium-sized businesses have plans in place to migrate to an alternative

technology which will replace ISDN and PSTN lines. Read more about the replacement [here](#)

UK Space Agency Announces New Funding

The UK Space Agency has announced £50 million of funding for ambitious and innovative projects that will boost the UK's satellite communications industry. The funding is part of the European Space Agency's Advanced Research in Telecommunications Services programme. Read more about the funding [here](#)

Applications Open for GMCA's Foundational Economy Innovation Fund: Deadline: 12 March, 11:59pm

The Foundational Economy Innovation Fund will provide grants and support for businesses and organisations in Greater Manchester's "foundational" or "everyday" economy to trial innovative new ideas and improved ways of working. For the purposes of the fund the 'Foundational Economy' is defined as 'the part of the economy that supplies everyday but essential goods and services that keep us safe and civilized, needed for social and economic functioning and wellbeing'. The grant funding will be in 2 phases: Phase 1 will provide £10,000 grants for up to 40 projects to develop and test innovations. This will be followed by Phase 2 where £60,000 grants will be available for up to 10 projects to develop the best ideas from Phase 1. Participants will receive support on innovation and be invited to join a new community of innovators. Applications are at this stage open for stage 1 funding. Starting with four sectors; Health and Social Care, Early Education and Childcare, Retail and Personal Services and Hospitality and Leisure. Find out more [here](#)

Warehousing and Logistics - Recruitment Opportunities

The Trafford College Group in partnership with the Skills Shop at the Trafford Centre aims to bridge the gap for employers and unemployed people looking to work within Warehousing and Logistics. The one stop shop provides training, information and guidance on courses, apprenticeships and updates on the development of Trafford and beyond. The business training team at the Skills Shop offers bespoke training services for employers within the warehousing and logistics sector. Interested in finding out more? Contact [Hilary Orr](#), Trafford College

Reminder- Here for Business Drop-in sessions

Need help navigating your business through the current crisis? The Business Growth Hub is offering Trafford based the companies the opportunity to discuss any current issues as part of their Here for Business campaign. The next drop-in sessions take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 29.2.23, 10am-12pm, Meeting Room 10

- Wednesday 1.3.23, 10am-12pm, Meeting Room 10
- Wednesday 8.3.23, 10am-12pm, Meeting Room 10

All are taking place at Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Rd, Stretford, M32 0TH

Interested in attending? There is no need to make an appointment however if you would like further information contact business@trafford.gov.uk

Transport for Greater Manchester - Travelling by Tram

Transport for Greater Manchester is promoting the benefits of travelling by Metrolink to residents and employees across the city region through its #GetOnBoard campaign. Using Metrolink can be a convenient and cost-effective option for travelling to work with TfGM offering a number of flexible ticketing options including the Early Bird, Weekly Cap, and Clipper, all which can provide value for money for users. For further information, click here. [Your commute | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](https://www.tfgm.com)

Explore Trafford App is the business...

Promote your company for free on a fabulous brand-new business app launched by Trafford Council. The Council has teamed up with Belltown, makers of the Explore Trafford mobile app, to create a unique online business community serving over 100,000 residents. The app showcases all of the great businesses, regardless of sector, that call Trafford home – and if you're a Trafford business owner or manager, you can now register for free to have your own profile to reach new customers, build your brand and drive more sales. Residents and visitors will be able to access exclusive rewards and discounts from a massive range of local businesses, attractions and facilities – all from the palm of your hand.

Come and join other businesses and join [Explore Trafford](#) to see your business included on the Explore Trafford app. Don't miss out on the free promotion, tools and support it brings

Armed Forces Covenant - Supporting our Armed Forces Community

As a local business you can show your support for our Armed Forces by signing an Armed Forces Covenant. The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, should be treated fairly and not face disadvantages. It is a voluntary pledge; organisations choose to sign up in order to demonstrate their support for the Armed Forces Community and for the principles of the Covenant. All organisations public, private, or voluntary - small, medium or large are welcome to sign the Covenant.

What does this mean for businesses in Trafford?

By signing an Armed Forces Covenant you are publicly showing your support. Your Covenant is yours to write. While all signatories pledge to uphold and act in accordance with the basic principles of the Covenant, organisations are free to tailor their specific pledges. In other words, you are free to specify – with as much or as little detail as you think necessary – how exactly you plan to support.

Specific pledges can be adapted to make them appropriate to your organisation. Find out more by contacting [Sue Wright](#), Trafford Councils Armed Forces Lead Officer
Trafford Business Volunteering Opportunities

Are you a local business looking to give something back to the community? There are a range of local groups and organisations looking for support from local businesses including the examples below.

- **The Little Green Sock Project based in Urmston:** contact Catherine D'Albertanson, Co-Founder of the Charity – for further details of what they do and how you can get involved to support them can be found [here](#).
- **GoodGym Trafford** -GoodGym Trafford are a group of local residents who run, walk, or cycle to help out community projects and older people in Trafford. Kate Frain is the Area Activator for GoodGym her contact email address is: kate@goodgym.org Click [here](#) for further details on what they do and how to sign up to volunteer.
- **The Bread & Butter Thing** – The charity works from their warehouse based in Trafford Park, they collect food donations from suppliers who have excess produce and then bag up and redistribute out to members (residents) at an affordable cost. Full details of the work they do can be found on [Bread and Butter Thing](#) more details of the community hub areas they support also how it works for members can be found on: [Members — Bread and Butter Thing](#)
- **Cracking Good Food** – A not-for-profit social enterprise helping people to learn how to cook healthy nutritious meals from scratch and reduce food waste at the same time. For further details on how you can get involved visit: [Volunteering – Cracking Good Food](#)
- **TDAS (Trafford Domestic Abuse Service)** toiletry packages for women fleeing domestic abuse in Trafford and other corporate volunteering opportunities available. For further details visit: [Businesses | Tdas | Trafford Domestic Abuse Services | Stretford, Manchester](#)

To find out more about how your business can engage with the local Trafford community visit [Business Engagement - Thrive Trafford](#).

Public consultation into exciting leisure centre transformation plans

Trafford Council has launched a public consultation regarding plans to transform Stretford Leisure Centre into a state-of-the-art facility - supporting the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Plans for the centre on Chester Road in Stretford were approved by members of Trafford Council's Executive last week (Monday 20 February), and now the consultation will take place, both online and in person, to find out what residents and users think of the proposals.

The centre – branded move Stretford and operated by Trafford Leisure – will benefit from a refurbished 25m swimming pool; a 20m learner pool, an enlarged lobby area and café; two separate gender-specific wet changing rooms, separate family wet changing room and accessible changing room; two changing places facilities and two separate sports hall changing rooms.

There will also be a sauna and steam room; an enlarged fitness suite; a ladies only gym; two flexible studio spaces; an immersive spin studio; a four-court sports hall; and a three-lane Urban Cricket Centre with viewing gallery and padding up facility.

The consultation will run from 28th February until 10th April and can be viewed and completed on our Citizen Space page here <https://trafford.citizenspace.com/people/stretford-leisure-centre-consultation>

Drop-in consultation events will also take place on the following dates:

- 8th March 11am – 1pm at Limelight Centre, 1 St Brides Way, Old Trafford, M16 9NW
- 14th March 10am – 12pm at Stretford Leisure Centre, Chester Centre, Greatstone Road, M32 OZS
- 16th March 6pm – 8pm at Stretford Leisure Centre, Chester Centre, Greatstone Road, M32 OZS
- 18th March 10am – 12pm at Stretford Leisure Centre, Chester Centre, Greatstone Road, M32 OZS
- 21st March 11am – 1pm at Stretford Library, Kingsway, Stretford, M32 8AP

The redevelopment designs also include the replacement of the fossil fuel (gas) heating system with air sourced heat pumps and solar panels, which are significantly more sustainable options and support Trafford Council's carbon neutral action plan.

The investment supports Trafford Council's strategy and commitment to get more people moving more often as part of its physical activity strategy, 'Trafford Moving', a borough-wide long-term strategy to support the health and wellbeing of local residents through affordable, sustainable, accessible and exciting, modern leisure facilities.

CLLr Joanne Harding, Trafford Council's Executive Member for Culture and Leisure, said: "We are totally committed to the health and wellbeing of our community, and a key element of this is to improve our much-loved leisure centres. We are planning to provide fabulous, modern, state-of-the-art leisure centres to help our residents become more physically active.

"This consultation is designed to help residents decide what facilities they would like to see at Stretford Leisure Centre. We ask people to take the time to view our extensive plans and contribute to our consultation."

Jo Cherrett is CEO of Trafford Leisure, a community interest company, wholly owned by Trafford Council, which manages the facilities on behalf of Trafford Council. She said: "We value your opinions, and we really urge the community to share their voice on the council's proposals so we can move to the next stage swiftly and effectively.

"We have learnt a lot from the recent and successful redevelopment of move Urmston, with building works currently underway at move Altrincham, and are looking forward to supporting Trafford Council in making move Stretford, a reality."

