Voice of BME Trafford launched this week

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Trafford sees the official launch of the voice of BME communities in the Borough at a special celebration event on the evening of **Friday 16th February 2007** at the Lancashire County Cricket Club.

Appropriately named *Voice of BME Trafford*, this network brings together all the diverse strands of the BME communities residing in Trafford so that they can ensure that their voice is heard at every level in Trafford.

Leader of Trafford Borough Council **Councillor Susan Williams** said, "I am delighted to support the launch of the Voice of BME Trafford as a new body giving a voice to the BME residents in our Borough. We are committed to the successful development of this network as it should play an important role within the Trafford Partnership and build good working relationships with the Council."

The Chair of the Task Group **Tony Wright** said, "We are extremely pleased that after a long struggle, we have brought together all BME communities under one umbrella. We can now begin to play our role in shaping the future of Trafford where every resident has opportunities to excel in their field of work."

The Task Group has been assisted by **Khan Moghal** who currently sits on the Trafford Partnership Board on behalf of the BME communities. **Khan Moghal** said, "I see the launch as the culmination of dedicated and hard work by the members of the Task Group. I am greatly appreciative of the support given by Trafford Borough Council from the highest levels. The commitment given by the Trafford Partnership is exemplary. I am pleased that the Voice of BME Trafford will elect a representative to take his/her rightful place on the Trafford Partnership Board."

An active member of the Task Group **Councillor Whit Stennett** said, "Trafford Borough Council is pleased to support this launch. BME communities form an integral part of Trafford, and they will now contribute to every aspect of development taking place in our Borough."

Members of the media are welcome to attend. But, please confirm by Thursday 15th February 2007 to enable catering arrangements to be made.

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