



Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

24 September 2010

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12 October 2010** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects : -

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AGENDA

1. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

2. YOUTH PARLIAMENT (Pages 1 - 4)

The purpose of this meeting is to enable members of the Council and young people to meet and discuss those issues that are important to young people in Wirral today. Details of the agenda for the youth parliament event, together with the substantive motion to be debated and the rules of debate, are attached. Council members' involvement will commence at 5.00 pm, though the main part of the proceedings, in the Council Chamber, will not start until approximately 7.00 pm.

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Director of Law, HR and Asset Management

Agenda Item 2

Youth Parliament

12 October 2010

Motion for Youth parliament 2010

The Council has a duty to consult and involve its citizens in the decision making process. However, the system favours adults and we assert that elected members should be held as accountable to the young people of Wirral as they are to adults. Therefore we ask that the Council identifies mechanisms whereby young people will be informed of and involved in, decision making processes.

Agenda

5.15-6.15	Dinner in Civic Hall
6.15-6.20	Welcome & Introductions
6.20-6.45	Entertainment – Young people/ Wirral Youth Theatre
6.45- 7.00	Debate procedures – table discussion
7.00-7.05	Video – United Kingdom Youth parliament
7.10	Mayor opens Youth Parliament in council chamber
7.15-8.25	Youth Parliament debate
8.25-8.35	Closing remarks – Councillors Steve Foulkes, Simon Holbrook & Jeff Green

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Rules of Procedure that members of the Wirral Youth Parliament must adhere to during their meeting on Tuesday, 12 October 2010

(1) Rules of Debate

- a) A motion or amendment will not be discussed unless it has been proposed and seconded.
- b) A member when seconding a motion or amendment can say that they intend to reserve their speech until later in the debate.
- c) Members will keep their speeches to the topic being discussed.
- d) No speech shall exceed 2 minutes, except by consent of the Youth Parliament.
- e) An amendment is, any change made to the wording of the motion.
- f) An amendment may have the effect of reversing the original motion before the Youth Parliament.
- g) If an amendment is accepted, the new motion, will take the place of the original motion. There is no limit to the number of amendments that can be made. The final motion is known as the substantive motion.
- h) Each amendment will be debated in turn and one at a time.
- i) The mover of the original motion will have the right of reply at the end of the debate before any amendment is put to the vote, the reply should not exceed 2 minutes.
- j) A member, other than the mover of a motion, will not speak more than once on any resolution except to move an amendment or to speak on an amendment; unless agreed by the Youth Parliament.
- k) A motion or amendment may be withdrawn by the proposer with the consent of the Youth Parliament. No member should continue to speak about the motion/amendment unless permission for withdrawal is refused.
- l) A member will normally stand when addressing the Mayor, unless this is impractical.
- m) Members will address the Mayor. If two or more members seek to address the Mayor. The mayor will call upon one of them to speak and the other(s) shall resume their seat(s).

- n) Whenever the Mayor rises during a debate all other members shall immediately be seated and silent.
- o) The ruling of the Mayor on a point of order will be final.

(2) Voting

- a) Members will vote by a show of hands. If this is not practical the Mayor will find out their voting intentions in another way.

(3) Guillotine

- a) At 8:30pm the guillotine will come into force. This means that the motion under discussion will stop and be put to an immediate vote. If an amendment is being discussed, the amendment is voted on first. This followed immediately by a vote on the main motion (substantive). No further amendments will be accepted.
- b) When the guillotine for the end of the meeting comes into force, all business after the item under discussion will be moved and seconded and then put straight to the vote, without debate.