

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.15 pm on Monday, 14 July 2014** 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. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Council are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest, in connection with any matter to be debated or determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

### **2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive the Civic Mayor's announcements and any apologies for absence.

### **3. PETITIONS (Pages 1 - 2)**

A. To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

B. The following petition is referred to the Council for consideration in accordance with Standing Order 34:

A petition of some 4,029 signatories submitted by Abbas Hussain requesting the Council to reduce the parking charges in Heswall

A sheet from the petition is attached and, in accordance with the Petition Scheme, the petition organiser has been invited to address the Council for up to five minutes. The Council should debate the matter for a maximum of 15 minutes before deciding how to respond to the petition.

#### **4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To deal with questions from members of the public, in accordance with Appendix 1 to Standing Orders.

#### **5. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 44)**

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Council held on 2 June and reconvened on 9 June, 2014.

The Council is requested to note the following amendments to appendix C to the minutes, 'Appointments to Outside Bodies 2014/15',

##### **B. ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

(v). Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust

Replace Councillor Moira McLaughlin with Councillor Anita Leech

##### **J. NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING AND ENGAGEMENT**

(i). Beechwood and Ballantyne Community Housing Association – Board

Delete Councillors Harry Smith and Denise Realey – replace with Councillor Paul Doughty

(viii) Magenta Living: Community Fund Working Group, officer appointments to read:

Mr I Platt (Head of Housing)

Mr T Sault (Head of Financial Services)

#### **6. LEADER'S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' AND CHAIRS REPORTS (Pages 45 - 78)**

To receive the written reports of the Leader and Cabinet Members and receive questions and answers on any of those reports in accordance with Standing Orders 10(2)(a) and 11.

Also attached is the Strategic Director of Transformation and Resources' Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14.

**7. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 79 - 132)**

To consider any recommendations of the Leader, Cabinet, Cabinet Member and Committees which require the approval of the Council. The relevant minutes are attached; copies of the related reports can be provided for Council members on request.

**A. Licensing Act 2003 Committee – 19 March 2014  
(Pages 79 - 109)**

Minute 12 - Draft Statement of Licensing Policy

The Council is requested to approve the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy as the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. (A copy of the Draft Policy, incorporating amendments proposed at the Committee, is attached, as well as the minute).

**B. Audit and Risk Management Committee – 23 June 2014  
(Page 111)**

Minute 72 - Annual Self Assessment 2013/14

The Council is requested to approve an amendment to the Committee's terms of reference, insofar as they relate to the frequency of meetings, to ensure compliance with CIPFA best practice guidance.

**C. Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel  
(Pages 113 - 132)**

Following consideration of a report on Scrutiny Arrangements by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 13 June, 2014, the Council is requested to appoint two Members to the LCRCA Scrutiny Panel and to nominate one of these two Members as the 'Authority Scrutiny Link'. (A copy of the report on Scrutiny Arrangements, to the LCRCA, is attached).

**D. Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

The Council is requested to approve the appointment of the Strategic Director of Transformation and Resources as the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer, in place of the Director of Public Health / Head of Policy and Performance.

**E. Any other matters referred to the Council by Cabinet at its meeting on 7 July, 2014, including:**

- **Designation of a Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area for Leasowe**

**8. MATTERS FOR NOTING (Pages 133 - 134)**

The following matters, determined by the Cabinet, are drawn to the

Council's attention in accordance with the Constitution (copies of the related reports can be provided for Council members on request).

#### **Cabinet – 13 March 2014**

Minute 162 - Financial Monitoring 2013/14 (Month 10)

Matters potentially to be referred to the Council by Cabinet at its meeting on 7 July, 2014, include:

- Provision of Children and Adult Transport Services (Reason – proposed waiving of call-in)
- Pothole Repair Fund Application – Delegation of Decision (Reason – proposed waiving of call-in)

#### **9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

To consider Members' general questions to the Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair in accordance with Standing Orders 10 (2)(b) and 11.

#### **10. MATTERS REFERRED FROM POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEES (Pages 135 - 144)**

To consider and determine any references from the Policy and Performance Committees.

- A. The Council is advised that the Notice of Motion, 'Mersey Tunnel Tolls', referred from Council at its meeting on 10 March, 2014 (minute 98 refers) was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee at its meeting on 9 April, 2014 (minute 45 is attached). **(Pages 135 - 138)**

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (5) the Council is asked to consider the following recommendation of the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee:

"Resolved (10:5) –

(1) That this Committee regrets the attempt to politicise the issue by the wording within the Notice of Motion, rather than stimulate serious debate. It also regrets that it fails to recognise the burden of high, unregulated bus and train fares on Wirral residents, wherever they travel.

(2) Committee notes that Wirral has benefitted greatly from the freezing of the Merseytravel levy and a direct grant of £3.3m to help offset cuts in Highways Budgets.

(3) Committee notes that putting the burden of tunnel tolls directly on the Council Tax would penalise all Wirral residents including non-car owners and would be unachievable. However, we recognise the issue and impact of tunnel tolls, particularly in Wirral and agree –

(i) That we should support a campaign to move the funding of the tunnel crossing back to the National Highways Network, particularly in the light of the A14 ruling.

(ii) That the Fast-Tag scheme should be encouraged and promoted through all Wirral Council media and outlets.

(iii) That we should encourage local, flexible schemes that could assist Wirral residents in reducing costs.

(iv) That, whatever the outcome, safety and efficiency of the tunnel operation should not be put at risk.

(v) That Wirral will support the Merseytravel campaign to reduce excessive bus and train fares.”

- B. The Council is advised that the Notice of Motion, ‘NO to Nuisance Calls’, referred from Council at its meeting on 10 March, 2014 (minute 98 refers) was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee at its meeting on 9 April, 2014 (minute 46 is attached). **(Pages 139 - 141)**

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (5) the Council is asked to consider the following recommendation of the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee:

“Resolved –

(1) That the ‘No to Nuisance Calls’ campaign be supported, and appropriate steps be taken to promote the campaign via the Trading Standards service and through publicity in libraries and other public buildings.

(2) That the report of the Trading Standards Strategic Manager be noted.

(3) That the proposal of the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment to promote cross Departmental working be supported.

(4) That the Committee to be appointed for 2014/2015 be asked to consider how best to address the problem.

(5) That the Cabinet be requested to write to local MPs, encouraging them to support the Private Members’ Communications (Unsolicited Telephone Calls and Texts) Bill.”

The Cabinet, at its meeting on 19 June, 2014 (minute 17 refers) resolved:

“That a letter be sent to local MPs, encouraging them to support the Private Members’ Communications (Unsolicited Telephone

Calls and Texts) Bill.”

- C. The Council is advised that the Notice of Motion, ‘Labour’s Effective Stewardship’, referred from Council at its meeting on 10 March, 2014 (minute 98 refers) was considered by the Policy and Performance Coordinating Committee at its meeting on 1 April, 2014 (minute 48 is attached). **(Page 143)**

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (5) the Council is asked to consider the following recommendation of the Policy and Performance Coordinating Committee:

“Resolved:

That the Motion set out above be noted.”

[The motion read as follows:

Council congratulates the Labour Administration on its prudent financial management of the Council which has enabled Council Tax to be frozen for the next 2 years.

At the same time, Labour has delivered a new house-building programme, help for the unemployed through the Reachout Programme and financial assistance for community groups under the ‘Love Wirral’ initiative together with many other progressive policies.

This has been achieved despite the Government’s draconian cuts to Wirral’s budget.]

## **11. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 145 - 150)**

Notices of motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7(1), are attached. They are listed in the order received, and the full text of each motion is attached. The Mayor, having considered each motion, in accordance with Standing Order 7(4) has decided that they will be dealt with as follows:

- (i). Becoming a ‘Dementia Friendly’ Council**  
[The Mayor to refer to the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee]
- (ii). The Lyndale School**  
To be debated
- (iii). Underground Coal Gasification**  
[The Mayor to refer to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee]
- (iv). Private Rented Sector Reform**  
[The Mayor to refer to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee]

- (v). **A Fair Deal for Wirral**  
To be debated
- (vi). **Investing in Wirral's Infrastructure**  
To be debated
- (vii). **The Brown Bin Tax and the Digital Divide**  
The Mayor to refer to the Cabinet]

**12. VACANCIES**

To receive nominations, in accordance with Standing Order 25(6), in respect of any proposed changes in the membership of committees, and to approve nominations for appointments to outside organisations.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

To consider any other items of business that the Mayor accepts as being urgent.

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Head of Legal and Member Services