

## **AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments submitted in accordance with Standing Order 13.3

### **Motion No. 2 – SUPPORT FOR BRITISH VALUES LOCALLY**

#### **Amendment**

**Proposed by Councillor Samantha Frost**  
**Seconded by Councillor Stuart Whittingham**

*In paragraph 1 line 2 and 3 replace all text after democracy up to and including abroad and replace it with that has been the envy of the world.*

*In paragraph 1 line 3 replace the word attracting to welcoming.*

*In paragraph 1 line 4 and 5 replace all after our with British values of tolerance and respect.*

*In paragraph 2 line 1 replace the word prompted after 2020 with potentially may lead to...*

*In paragraph 2 line 2 replace the word designed with ideally.*

*In paragraph 2 line 4 insert the word potentially between This and will*

*In paragraph 3 line 1 and 2 delete the text between public and do.*

*Add the following to paragraph 3 line 6:*

As part of this consideration Council requests that the Policy and Resources Committee consider that the Council already has a flag flying policy, the Union Flag is already flown on several public buildings and that any proposed changes to the flag flying policy should be subject to widespread public consultation that involves all communities, faiths and minorities groups.

*Insert the following paragraph between paragraphs 1 and 2:*

Council believes that pride in one's country is a spirit of comradeship for those who share our country, regardless of their background or walk of life. It is about recognising when our country is faltering and helping it to do better. Pride in one's country is representing what is best about it, and putting its best face forward, to the rest of the world. It isn't about believing our country is always right. It means apologising when our country has been wrong and learning from the mistakes of the past to make a stronger future.

*Between paragraph 2 and 3 insert the following paragraph:*

Council notes that the Council's Community Wealth Building strategy will lead to an increase of goods and services being procured locally, thus protecting and creating local jobs as well as retaining wealth in the local area.

*Insert the following paragraph after paragraph 3:*

This Council continues to uphold such pride in one's country and pride in our wonderful borough of Wirral and will continue to do so

## **Motion No. 6 – THE NHS COVID VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

### **Amendment**

**Proposed by Councillor Jo Bird**

**Seconded by Councillor Brian Kenny**

*Add at the beginning:*

Wirral Council remembers one year ago, the first reported covid death on the Wirral on 23 March, 2020. We mourn over 950 Covid related deaths on the Wirral.

There have been over 900 excess deaths, more than average for last 5 years. We share the ongoing grief of bereaved families and friends on the Wirral and beyond.

We re-double our efforts to combat this deadly disease and its disproportionate impact on communities already suffering from poverty and discrimination. We recognise inequalities of life expectancy on the Wirral where people in Heswall can expect to live 12 years longer than people in Rock Ferry.

We also support vaccine equality across the world. As the World Health Organisation says, none of us will be safe until everyone is safe.

*Add a new paragraph, after the penultimate paragraph:*

Council also wishes to place on record our sincere thanks to all front-line workers (too many to mention here), who have placed their own health and lives in danger, to ensure that Wirral residents were able to live their lives as well as possible, under extremely difficult circumstances.

## **Motion No. 8 – GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR WIRRAL**

### **Amendment**

**Proposed by Councillor Janette Williamson**

**Seconded by Councillor Karl Greaney**

*Delete the first two paragraphs and replace with:*

Council has received more than £206.4 million in direct Covid funding from Government

*Delete the last two paragraphs and replace with:*

Council notes that whilst the Chancellor in his recent Budget extended the Self Employed Income Support Scheme, Excluded UK have said that there are at least three million taxpayers and households who have been affected by loss of income due to Covid-19, and the further support announced does not account for the decimation of businesses and income from the last year, and for many now included, this is too little too late.

The following letter has been sent to Rishi Sunak and signed by the co-founders of Excluded UK, cross party MPs, Sir John Bird, academics and business leaders.

*“Dear Chancellor,*

*We are writing to you from ExcludedUK with collective support from a wide range of organisations and many individuals with regard to gaps in the government Covid-19 support scheme affecting some three million UK taxpayers.*

*While many have received vital support since the onset of the pandemic, so many others have been left behind. The three million figure, now so often referred to, comes from HMRC data and BEIS Business Population Estimates and has been confirmed by figures released by the National Audit Office. It is not just the 1.5 million self-employed that you have previously referred to. Standard Life Foundation’s latest survey estimated that as many as 3.8 million are in fact affected.*

*The impacts are far-reaching and only set to become more acute, with ever-increasing financial hardship as each month passes and spiralling debt that has already devastated people’s livelihoods and businesses and will continue to do so for years to come without the support so vitally needed. These impacts equally extend to households – children and families, and for small business owners, their employees, freelancers and contractors too if their own businesses are in peril.*

*This is a substantial section of the workforce and they need support to get through this crisis – people who were furthering their careers by starting a new job, those in between jobs, those who for whatever reason were denied furlough, those who took the plunge to set up a new business, those with entrepreneurial spirit serving their communities and beyond, freelancers, those combining PAYE and self-employment, those whose maternity or parental leave fell at a certain time, people excluded due to pensions, bereavement payments, carers’ allowance, redundancy, shielding and more.*

*These are people who are the lifeblood of our economy and communities, many who have been taxpayers for years and not previously had to rely on the State, and businesses that are viable. Moreover, people are facing the crisis among so much uncertainty that still lies ahead, particularly for those in the hardest hit sectors.*

*Various proposals have been presented to the Treasury that are not complex and do guard against fraud. We urge you to consider these and include measures in the upcoming Budget that will provide the much-needed financial support for those who*

*find themselves outside of the scope of the eligibility criteria of the existing schemes. Not helping these people is equally at odds with economic recovery.*

*Providing this support now is the right and fair thing to do.”*

Council wishes to acknowledge to Government on behalf of many local businesses and residents that the money provided by government has been important to their survival and is grateful to all staff involved in the speedy and efficient administration of government Covid funding, however that large numbers of people have been excluded from such assistance.

Council further notes that Government told us to ‘do whatever it takes’ but in fact only reimbursed us for 75p out of every 95p in loss of income as a result of Covid. Council notes that this has resulted in a shortfall of £6.944m in funding, which forced us to request a Capitalisation Directive. Council notes that the mishandling of successive lockdowns, the PPE scandal which left our care homes vulnerable, and councils struggling to keep up with ever-changing guidance at a time where their resources were already depleted. The National Audit Office has recently noted that 10 years of austerity has made local authority finances structurally fragile. It said “funding reductions ...means that authorities’ finances were potentially more vulnerable to the impact of the pandemic”. It urges the Government to draw up a long-term plan for councils to help them recover from the ‘financial scarring’ caused by the pandemic.

Council requests that the Chief Executive and political Group Leaders write to the Government with the above letter which will help ensure more Wirral residents and businesses are supported financially and that Government put local authority finances on a long-term sustainable footing.