



# Council Supplement

Town Hall  
Wallasey  
1 March 2013

Dear Councillor

This supplement for the meeting of the Council to be held at **6.15 pm on Tuesday, 5 March 2013** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, should be read in conjunction with the Council Summons dated 22 February 2013.

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## AGENDA

### 6. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL

#### 6 (b) Council Budget 2013/2014

In accordance with the Budget Council procedure, the following alternative Budget proposals/amendments were submitted to the Acting Director of Law, HR and Asset Management by 12.00noon on Thursday 28 February 2013.

1. Proposed amendment to the Cabinet Revenue Budget Proposal by the Conservative Group (**Pages 1 – 8**)

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green  
Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

2. Proposed amendment to the Cabinet Revenue Budget Proposal by the Liberal Democrat Group (**Pages 9 – 16**)

Proposed by Councillor Tom Harney  
Seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly

In relation to each amendment, the Authority's Chief Financial Officer is satisfied, pursuant to section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as to the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the General Fund balances and reserves. In accordance with section 25, the Interim Director of Finance will circulate prior to the meeting a written report on each set of proposals.

#### 6 (c) Council Tax 2013/2014 (**Pages 17 – 26**)

Revised Report of the Interim Director of Finance

**7. BY-ELECTION RESULT - 28 FEBRUARY 2013**

The Council is requested to note the results of the by-election held on 28 February 2013 –

**Pensby and Thingwall**

Phillip Alexander Brightmore, 8 Chatsworth Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Wirral CH42 1NY

**8. ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE PLACES AND VACANCIES  
(Pages 27 - 30)**

- A.** Following the result of the by-election held on 28 February 2013, the Council is requested to give consideration to the allocation of Committee places for meetings to the end of the current municipal year.
- B.** To receive nominations, in accordance with Standing Order 25(6), in respect of any proposed changes in the membership of the Cabinet and committees, and to approve nominations for appointments to outside organisations.

The report of the Acting Director of Law, HR and Asset Management is attached. The Council is requested to nominate Members to fill the vacancies listed in the attached report or, to submit nominations to the Acting Director of Law, HR and Asset Management.



Acting Director of Law, HR and Asset Management

## CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET AMENDMENT 2013/14

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green  
 Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Wirral's Conservative Councillors believe that in difficult economic times, residents of Wirral must be supported and that now is not the time to raise Council Tax.

We also believe that, at a time when private sector employment is growing, it is vital that young people in the Borough have the skills that employers need.

We do not believe that the Council's budget should be balanced on the backs of the most vulnerable people in the community and we therefore oppose proposed closure of adult day centre.

We welcome the Administration's consultation exercise and believe that by working together, with effort, all parts of the Council; Councillors, Senior Directors and Council staff can play a part in keeping bills down and protecting the vulnerable.

We welcome the Government's offer of financial support to the Council to freeze Council Tax for Wirral residents and regret that the current administration is recommending the rejection of this £1.3 million Government grant.

**We are therefore proposing to utilise this Government grant to reverse the Cabinet's proposal of a 2% increase to ensure that there is no increase in the Wirral Council Tax for 2013/14 and that the Administration's budget proposals be amended as follows:**

### Additional Expenditure

1)	Delete the Cabinet proposal to increase Council Tax by 2% and accept the Government's grant to freeze Wirral Council Tax.	£1,300,000
2)	Last year we deleted a Labour proposal to close day centres. We remain totally committed to this vital provision for the most vulnerable members of Wirral's society. Therefore delete the Cabinet proposal to close day centres and reduce day services.	£750,000
3)	We welcome the downward trend of unemployment in Wirral however; we still have 2,540 unemployed 18-24 year olds in the Borough. Therefore delete the cabinet proposal to cut £420,000 from the Apprenticeship Programme and create 200 extra opportunities for youngsters to find work and training.	£420,000
4)	The level of cuts proposed by the Cabinet will have unintended consequences and unforeseen impacts on local residents lives and services. We are therefore recommended the provision of a 'Resilience Fund'.  Use of this Fund will be allocated to services by the Cabinet following a recommendation of the all party Leaders Board.	£1,000,000

At a time when the Council is having to make very difficult decisions regarding where to invest any expenditure we believe it is vital that we do not duplicate spending and take every opportunity to invite wealthy organisations to work in partnership with us and shoulder a reasonable share of the Council's financial burden.

### Delete the following Growth Items

1)	<p>Last year the Council funded a free and independent information and advice service open to all Wirral residents but specifically targeted towards meeting the needs of families living in poverty. The service is responsive to those in greatest need, providing a package of information, advice and support in relation to welfare and benefits, debt and financial management, employment and housing this service already costs the taxpayer £290,000.</p> <p>We note that the Government is running housing benefit and universal credit pilots to see what support people might need and will make alternative arrangements for some people including paying landlords direct.</p> <p>We therefore believe the £100,000 recommended by the Cabinet for additional information and advice services can be deleted.</p>	£100,000
2)	<p>As Trades Unions are wealthy organisations we do not believe the Council Tax payer should be expected to fund Full Time Trades Union officials we therefore believe this item of budget growth recommended by the Cabinet can be deleted.</p>	£270,000

We believe all elements of the Council; Councillors, the Council bureaucracy and Council staff playing their part to do all we can to make it a little easier for pensioners and families to cope when bills arrive we therefore believe additional savings should be made.

### Additional Savings

<b>1</b>	<b>Reducing support to Councillors</b>	<b>£113,000</b>
	Cancellation of Councillors casework management IT system.	£50,000
	Reduce Councillors training spend.	£20,000
	Reduce policy support for Councillors by 25% (1 FTE).	£42,000
	Withdraw from membership of SIGOMA.	£1,000

<b>2</b>	<b>Leaning the Council Bureaucracy</b>	<b>£1,323,860</b>
	Delete Head of Policy post and reorganise responsibilities of staff and senior management.	£50,000
	Reduce 'Performance and Intelligence Team' from 18.5 FTE to 16.	£100,000
	Reduce Council PR budget (this equates to the printing and distribution costs of 4 'One Council' editions per year).	£10,560
	Additional reductions in Council management (difference between Chief Executive option in cabinet report of 18 <sup>th</sup> February and saving in listed Cabinet budget proposal).	£163,000
	Noting the effectiveness of the Chief Executive's spending freeze in controlling Council expenditure during 2012/13 – we believe it would be prudent to reintroduce the spending freeze process and discipline during 2013/14.	£1,000,000

Council notes the discipline and management of the Strategic Change Programme (SCP) delivered £10.725 million of cashable benefits in the 2010/11 financial year. The Conservative Group remains disappointed that the Labour Administration formed in May 2011 did not actively manage the SCP and the opportunity it provided to reduce year on year revenue expenditure during the year was ignored.

Given the large amount of revenue savings to be achieved in the Strategic Change Programme agreed by the previous Labour Administration (special Cabinet Monday 13 February 2012 refers) we also deeply regret the current Labour administration's decision to abolish the all party arrangements for leadership, management and political oversight of the Strategic Change Programme recommended at the subsequent 2012/13 Budget Council meeting (Cabinet minute 7, 21 June 2012 refers) and note that once again the opportunity it provided to reduce year on year revenue expenditure was ignored.

Having had time to reflect on the Cabinet's failure to deliver their own Strategic Change Programme in 2011/12 and the transformational nature of the large scale cuts, Service Reviews, change projects and proposals for Shared Services now recommended by the Cabinet.

Council recommends the Administration accept the discipline, rigor, risk management and political oversight of the ambitious change portfolio it is recommending through the establishment of a Strategic Change Board on an all party basis to be lead by the Leader of the Council.

<b>3</b>	<b>Workforce Conditions of Service</b>	<b>£896,000</b>
	Introduce Chief Executive proposals as outlined in 18 February Cabinet report and include the 5 days unpaid leave proposed by the Cabinet.	£896,000
	(It be noted that this proposal whilst tough does ensure that staff will receive their entitlement to pay progression and increments for 2013/14 at a cost to the Council Budget of £730,000).	

<b>4</b>	<b>Discretionary Severance Scheme</b>	<b>£1,300,000</b>
	<p>Replace the 'Severance Scheme' recommended by Cabinet and agreed by Employment &amp; Appointments Committee and introduce a 'severance multiplier' of 1.2 uncapped.</p> <p>(It is noted that whilst below the 1.8 uncapped multiplier recommended by Cabinet this remains significantly above the basic statutory entitlement).</p>	£1,300,000

**This budget amendment will:**

**Result in a zero percent Wirral Council Tax increase,**

**Maintain the entire Councils commitment to a sustainable, budget,**

**Increase the Council's Balances from £13.6 million in the Cabinet's proposal to £14.1 million providing increased protection against the risk of non delivery of the Cabinet's recommendations of £0.5 million.**

For the financial year 2013/14 the Council will ensure that the pensioner discount continues to be awarded at the percentage awarded for 2012/13. This applies where:

(i) the Council Tax payer pays Council Tax in Wirral as their main home and all individuals in the household that are counted as resident for Council Tax purposes are aged 70 or over on 1 April 2013 (but where the qualifying age criterion is met after 1 April 2013 eligibility will be effective from the relevant birth date only);

(ii) this reduction will be calculated after deduction of all other Council Tax discounts and reliefs;

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No pensioner household in receipt of full Council Tax Benefit will qualify for the reduction.

## 1.0 SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX

- 1.1 In setting its council tax the Council is required to have regard to the various determinations set out in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The principal amendment conferred by the Localism Act is the requirement to calculate a council tax requirement and not a budget requirement as previously.

### **The Statutory Calculations and Resolution**

- 1.2 The statutory calculations associated with each Council Tax increase are set out below and the Council is now invited to approve.
- 1.3 It be noted that in accordance with section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), that the Interim Director of Finance on 24 January 2013 calculated the Council Tax Base 2013/14 for the whole of the properties in its area as 87,116.4 (Item T in the statutory formula).
- 1.4 That the following amounts be calculated and approved by the Council for the year 2013/14 in accordance with sections 32-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) (“the Act”);
- a) £109,174,700 being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31A (4) of the Act (amended) as the Council Tax Requirement for 2013/14 (item R in the statutory formula). This amount (d) is determined as being the difference between:
    - i. £810,987,200 this being the aggregate of the amounts calculated in accordance with section 31A (2) of the Act (as amended), i.e. the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates that will be charged to a revenue account for the year in performing its functions, that are required to be set aside for contingencies and reserves and required to be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund in the year and
    - ii. £701,812,500 this being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31A (3) of the Act (as amended), i.e. the aggregate of the amounts of income that the Council estimates will be credited to a revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices, the amount of reserves that are estimated to be used to provide for the items referred to in paragraph 1.4(a) above, and required to be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund in the year.
  - b) £1,253.20 being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31B (1) of the Act (amended) as the Basic Amount of Council Tax for 2013/14. This amount being calculated as item R in paragraph 1.4(a) above divided by item T in paragraph 1.3 above.

- c) that in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act that the following amounts are calculated for each valuation band in the area:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£835.47	£974.71	£1,113.96	£1,253.20
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£1,531.69	£1,810.18	£2,088.67	£2,506.40

- 1.5 These amounts being the amounts given by multiplying the amount calculated as the basic amount of council tax by the number which in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings in a particular valuation band which is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D.
- 1.6 To note that the Police and Crime Commission for Merseyside and the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

#### **Police and Crime Commission for Merseyside**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£102.42	£119.49	£136.56	£153.63
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£187.77	£221.91	£256.05	£307.26

#### **Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£45.80	£53.43	£61.07	£68.70
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£83.97	£99.23	£114.50	£137.40

- 1.7 That having calculated the amounts at 1.4(c) and 1.6 above that the Council in accordance with section 30 (2) of the Act hereby sets the following amounts as the total amount of council tax for the year 2013/14 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

#### **Total Council Tax for Wirral**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£983.69	£1,147.63	£1,311.59	£1,475.53
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£1,803.43	£2,131.32	£2,459.22	£2,951.06

- 1.8 It be determined that the amount set in 1.4(c) above as the Council's basic amount of council tax for 2013/14 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under section 52ZC of the Act (as amended) and that no referendum to approve the basic amount of council tax is required.

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**CONSERVATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND ESTIMATES**

	<b>BASE ESTIMATE 2012/13 £</b>	<b>CURRENT ESTIMATE 2012/13 £</b>	<b>BASE ESTIMATE 2013/14 £</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Departmental budgets</b>	<b>264,078,000</b>	<b>264,755,000</b>	<b>270,655,800</b>
Potential Overspends	0	7,909,000	0
Merseytravel	29,060,000	29,060,000	29,497,000
Local Pay Review	217,900	217,900	217,900
Funding for Low Paid pay increase	30,000	30,000	30,000
EVR / VS Scheme 2012 savings	(290,500)	(290,500)	0
Council Tax Re-imbusement	3,990,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>297,085,400</b>	<b>301,681,400</b>	<b>300,400,700</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Revenue Support Grant	(471,100)	(471,100)	0
National Non Domestic Rate	145,208,200	145,208,200	0
<b>Start Up Funding Assessment</b>			
Revenue Support Grant	0	0	106,968,000
Business Rates Baseline	0	0	31,424,000
Business Rates Top Up	0	0	39,739,000
Council Tax Freeze Grant	6,572,800	6,572,800	1,300,000
New Homes Bonus Grant	1,000,500	1,000,500	2,119,500
Local Services Support Grant	804,400	804,400	45,000
Collection Fund Surplus	1,455,100	1,455,100	0
Contribution from balances	9,604,500	14,200,500	9,630,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>164,174,400</b>	<b>168,770,400</b>	<b>191,226,000</b>
Local Council Tax Requirement	132,911,000	132,911,000	109,174,700
Less Council Tax Support allocation for calculating Alternative Notional Amount	(24,163,900)	(24,163,900)	0
<b>ADJUSTED COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>108,747,100</b>	<b>108,747,100</b>	<b>109,174,700</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF GENERAL BALANCE</b>			
General Balance at 1 April	18,405,300	18,405,300	23,800,000
Adjustment (following 2011/12 outturn)	0	2,412,000	0
Budgeted contribution	(9,604,500)	(14,200,500)	(3,630,500)
Provision for slippage	0	0	(2,000,000)
Change management implementation fund	0	0	(4,000,000)
Contribution from Reserves and Provisions	0	17,183,200	0
<b>GENERAL BALANCE AT 31 MARCH</b>	<b>8,800,800</b>	<b>23,800,000</b>	<b>14,169,500</b>

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## **LIBERAL DEMOCRAT BUDGET RESOLUTION 2013/14**

**Proposed by: Cllr Tom Harney**

**Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Kelly**

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Council notes the challenging circumstances in the production of the 2013/14 budget comprising loss of grant from Government and underlying budget stability problems dating back many years.

The original breakdown of our budget pressures indicated a £17m loss of grant, coupled with £22m associated with Wirral Council's own historic 'bad budgeting'; this has now increased to £35m as a result of further investigation by the Director of Finance.

This means that 66% of Wirral Council's budget challenge is 'Made in Wirral' and Council believes that this will take a number of years to stabilise.

In formulating this budget response to the challenge Council faces, we will take into account the consultation results and be mindful of the impact of decisions taken on vulnerable sections of our community whom we seek to protect in the options detailed below. As a result, this budget resolution will:

- Protect the Day Care Services **preventing the closure of a centre.**
- Protect universal Youth Services and Outreach to ensure **no youth club will close.**
- Ensure **no charges for collection of any refuse service** including the proposal for charges for garden waste.
- Recognise the **vital role played by the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector** in the provision of important services and advice to vulnerable sections of our community, not least the role played by CAB in welfare advice at this time of change and provide additional funding to secure and enhance this.
- Make provision to continue localised **grants to voluntary groups** via neighbourhood arrangements.
- Make provision to allow the Council to continue to **support tourism events** where there is a benefit to the tourism economy.
- Protect the **School Crossing Patrol** service.
- Maintain the Birkenhead **Dog Kennels** whilst working with the 'Friends' groups' to achieve efficiencies in its operation.
- Ensure **the Council chamber takes its share** of the changes with a reduction in Members to 60, biennial elections and cuts to basic and SRA allowances.
- Provide for **No Increase in Council Tax** at a time when household budgets are under pressure and the effect of any increase would impact adversely on those on lower incomes given the regressive nature of the council tax.

Council notes the reports of the Chief Executive detailing the budget options available and the outcomes of the consultation 'What Really Matters', along with the minutes and views expressed through the Scrutiny Committee process.

Council notes the previous decisions made at Council November 2012 and January 2013 amounting to budget savings of £9.4m. The budget recommendations from Council of 20 December 2012 are noted and altered as detailed below.

Council notes the Chief Executive budget options outlined in Cabinet reports 4a, 4b, and 4c to Cabinet 18 February 2013 set against the 2013/14 budget requirement of £39.6m are agreed **with the exception** of those listed below.

## **1 FAMILIES AND WELL BEING**

**1.1 Day Care and Day Services** – Council recognises that rushed changes will have a large impact which, if not handled with sensitivity, will be devastating and that the only way to make changes is to fully and honestly involve carers and clients at every stage. Council believes that this proposal is not sufficiently advanced in development to command the support and confidence of service users and their carers. Council, therefore, resolves not to proceed with this option as a budget saving option for 2013/14 and requests officers to continue to work closely with advocacy groups, service users and their carers in developing a more client-centred approach for future consideration.

**1.2 Review of Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Grants** – Council believes that the VCF sector has a vital role to play in provision of services within communities, for example in the area of welfare advice and assistance and resolves that the sum of £350,000 remain available for grants in 2013/14 and asks officers to work with the VCF sector to explore options to increase value for money, efficiency and to reduce duplication within the sector.

**1.3 Youth and Play Services** - Council resolves that no further action is taken on this proposal and believes the current range and availability of youth and play services within communities should remain available to Wirral young people, including funding for Wirral Youth Theatre and Outreach Service and that as a result of this decision, the following 11 youth facilities will be protected - Greasby, Bebington (located in Bromborough Ward), Viking (Rock Ferry), Charing Cross (Birkenhead), Cavendish (Bidston), Callister (Birkenhead), St Mary's (Wallasey), Moreton, Leasowe, Belvedere (Wallasey) and Fender (Upton).

## **2 REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

**2.1 Garden Waste Collection** – Council, having regard to the consultation outcome which indicated 51.7% opposition to this proposal, resolves that no further action is taken on this proposal and notes that should charges be introduced, it is likely that recycled green waste yield will fall with a rise in landfill costs contrary to our aspiration to be a green council which promotes recycling.

**2.2 School Crossing Patrols** - Council resolves that no further action is taken on this proposal.

**2.3 Kennels Service** – Council resolves that no further action is taken on this proposal and that officers work with Wirral Friends of Birkenhead Dog Kennels to explore other options to achieve value for money and efficient working of the kennels.

## **3 TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

**3.1 Public Relations and Marketing** – whilst accepting the withdrawal of Tranmere Rovers sponsorship at £135,000, Council does not agree for 2013/14 to reduce the public

relations and marketing budget to the extent proposed and believes its activities in promoting and supporting tourism events brings a net financial benefit to the Wirral.

Council, therefore, partially accepts the reduction proposed, save that the sum of £80,000 remains within the budget to enable some support to be available for promotion of tourism events.

**3.2 Neighbourhood Forums** – Council notes the emerging constituency committees but still believes there is a place in any new structure for ward-based liaison committees with local community groups to meet with local members to discuss localised issues and concerns; Council, therefore, believes a small budget should be retained for the purpose of allowing ward-based forums to continue to support local initiatives with match or grant funding. Council believes a sum of £200,000 would be sufficient for this purpose and adjusts the budget option accordingly.

**3.3 Four Yearly Elections** – no further action be taken on this matter, but that the size of the Council is reduced to 60 elected Members in biennial elections from 30 wards.

**3.4 Pensioner Council Tax Discount** – Council resolves that no further action is taken on this proposal and pensioner discounts remain in place.

**3.5 Council Tax Court Costs** – Council resolves that this budget option is amended to allow for full cost recovery of court costs and it is noted that the effect is increased income to the council of £250,000.

#### **4. ADDITIONAL SAVINGS**

Council further notes and agrees additional savings items that did not form part of the options consultation as follows

- 4.1 - Reduction in agency workers - £500,000
- 4.2 - Power supplies contract saving - £11,000
- 4.3 - Reduction in audit fees - £140,000
- 4.4 - Cessation of production of glossy brochure - £20,000
- 4.5 - Additional Courts income (see paragraph 3.5 above) - £250,000
- 4.6 - Reduction of councillor numbers to 60 combined with biennial elections;  
50% reduction in councillor SRA and £1,000 reduction in basic allowance - £200,000
- 4.7 - Reduction in salary of 5% for senior officers over £100,000 per annum - £40,000

#### **5. BASE BUDGET**

Council notes and agrees that the following items already form part of the base budget and capital programme of the council

- 5.1 - Capital investment in the Youth Zone of £1.0m
- 5.2 - Tackling child poverty - a sum of £300,000
- 5.3 - Payment of at least the living wage rate to employees of the Council
- 5.4 - Increased demand Children and Young People - £1.23m
- 5.5 - Increased demand Adult Social Care - £3.717m

It is further noted that the one-off funding of £270,000 for full time union activity pending a review (agreed in last year's budget) has now expired with no review having taken place as instructed. However, Council instructs officers to maintain maximum flexibility to allow workplace TU representatives to carry out their duties.

## **6. SEVERANCE SCHEME**

Council resolves to establish its severance scheme based on a multiplier of 1.8 capped at £450 per week, it being noted that the reduced requirement of running the scheme is £1.0m compared with an uncapped scheme.

## **7. RESERVES AND PROVISIONS**

**7.1 20mph zones** - Council notes the in-year decision taken by Cabinet to remove the £500,000 provision established for the introduction of 20mph zones in residential areas of Wirral that want them and around schools. Council resolves to re-establish that reserve with the 2014/15 budget and continue the work of introducing these zones to reduce speeding and save lives and agrees for 2013/14 to kick start the programme outside schools with an immediate allocation from reserves of £50,000 to enhance safety outside schools, specifically Egremont Primary, Ladymount Primary, Pensby Primary, Raeburn Primary and St Saviours Primary.

**7.2 Think Big Investment Fund'** - Council also resolves to review reserves further in order to make any necessary allocation to support the 'Think Big Investment Fund' to enable resources to be made available to businesses developing and expanding in Wirral until such funds can be replaced by capital receipts becoming available.

## **8. BALANCES AND EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS IDENTIFIED**

Council notes the reports of the Director of Finance that identify historic 'bad budgets' within council estimates potentially requiring the sum of £13m to resolve. Council believes that this historic under-budgeting can't be resolved within one year and that the programme of critical budget review should continue and each budget line challenged and assessed. It is further noted the effects of the budget decisions made above in relation to the chief executive budget options and additional savings allow resources to be allocated to addressing these exceptional items in 2013/14 and that the balance can be met from the 2012/13 general fund balances out-turn of £23m with the level of general fund balances for 2013/14 being set at £13m as recommended by the Director of Finance following assessment of risks arising. Council further notes the review being carried out into historic 'toxic' debts and asks officers to report once the review has concluded with its recommendations

## **9. CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Council notes and approves the proposed Capital Programme with the exception that the schemes reliant upon revenue or reserve contributions are added to those schemes listed as unsupported within the capital programme and that they proceed as and when sufficient capital receipts become available. Council resolves the priority order for new schemes brought forward as capital receipts become available to be:

**9.1** - Healthy Homes (£105,000)

**9.2** - Think Big Investment Fund (£300,000)

**9.3** - Empty property interventions (£125,000)

**9.4** – Schemes currently requiring contribution from revenue or reserves (£888,000)

**9.5** - Improvements to Stock (£950,000)

**9.6** - Park Depot, plant and equipment, and vehicles

## **10. FORWARD PLANNING 2014-16**

Council instructs senior officers, including the chief Executive, Director of Finance and the Strategic Directors to continue to monitor on-going day to day expenditure to control and challenge non-essential expenditure during the course of the financial year.

Council further instructs officers to develop savings in the area of shared services with estimated further savings of £1.4m and supporting people (subject to Scrutiny review) with estimated savings of £2.0m.

## **11. COUNCIL TAX**

Council notes the net effect of the above measures requires **no increase in Council Tax** and that the Government Council Tax Freeze Grant is now available to support the budget.

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i. £810,405,200 this being the aggregate of the amounts calculated in accordance with section 31A (2) of the Act (as amended), i.e. the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates that will be charged to a revenue account

for the year in performing its functions, that are required to be set aside for contingencies and reserves and required to be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund in the year and

- ii. £701,230,500 this being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31A (3) of the Act (as amended), i.e. the aggregate of the amounts of income that the Council estimates will be credited to a revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices, the amount of reserves that are estimated to be used to provide for the items referred to in paragraph 12.3(a) above, and required to be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund in the year.
- b) £1,253.20 being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31B (1) of the Act (amended) as the Basic Amount of Council Tax for 2013/14. This amount being calculated as item R in paragraph 12.3(a) above divided by item T in paragraph 12.2 above.
- c) that in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act that the following amounts are calculated for each valuation band in the area:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£835.47	£974.71	£1,113.96	£1,253.20
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£1,531.69	£1,810.18	£2,088.67	£2,506.40

- 12.4 These amounts being the amounts given by multiplying the amount calculated as the basic amount of council tax by the number which in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings in a particular valuation band which is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D.
- 12.5 To note that the Police and Crime Commission for Merseyside and the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

#### **Police and Crime Commission for Merseyside**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£102.42	£119.49	£136.56	£153.63
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£187.77	£221.91	£256.05	£307.26

#### **Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£45.80	£53.43	£61.07	£68.70
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£83.97	£99.23	£114.50	£137.40

- 12.6 That having calculated the amounts at 12.3(c) and 12.5 above that the Council in accordance with section 30 (2) of the Act hereby sets the following amounts as the total amount of council tax for the year 2013/14 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

**Total Council Tax for Wirral**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£983.69	£1,147.63	£1,311.59	£1,475.53
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£1,803.43	£2,131.32	£2,459.22	£2,951.06

- 12.7 It be determined that the amount set in 12.3(c) above as the Council's basic amount of council tax for 2013/14 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under section 52ZC of the Act (as amended) and that no referendum to approve the basic amount of council tax is required.

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND ESTIMATES**

	<b>BASE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE 2012/13 £</b>	<b>CURRENT ESTIMATE 2012/13 £</b>	<b>BASE 2013/14 £</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Departmental budgets</b>	<b>264,078,000</b>	<b>264,755,000</b>	<b>271,189,200</b>
Potential Overspends	0	7,909,000	0
Merseytravel	29,060,000	29,060,000	29,497,000
Local Pay Review	217,900	217,900	217,900
Funding for Low Paid pay increase	30,000	30,000	30,000
EVR / VS Scheme 2012 savings	(290,500)	(290,500)	0
Council Tax Re-imburement	3,990,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>297,085,400</b>	<b>301,681,400</b>	<b>300,934,100</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Revenue Support Grant	(471,100)	(471,100)	0
National Non Domestic Rate	145,208,200	145,208,200	0
<b>Start Up Funding Assessment</b>			
Revenue Support Grant	0	0	106,968,000
Business Rates Baseline	0	0	31,424,000
Business Rates Top Up	0	0	39,739,000
Council Tax Freeze Grant	6,572,800	6,572,800	1,300,000
New Homes Bonus Grant	1,000,500	1,000,500	2,119,500
Local Services Support Grant	804,400	804,400	45,000
Collection Fund Surplus	1,455,100	1,455,100	0
Contribution from balances	9,604,500	14,200,500	10,163,900
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>164,174,400</b>	<b>168,770,400</b>	<b>191,759,400</b>
Local Council Tax Requirement	132,911,000	132,911,000	109,174,700
Less Council Tax Support allocation for calculating Alternative Notional Amount	(24,163,900)	(24,163,900)	0
<b>Adjusted Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>108,747,100</b>	<b>108,747,100</b>	<b>109,174,700</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF GENERAL BALANCE</b>			
General Balance at 1 April	18,405,300	18,405,300	23,800,000
Adjustment (following 2011/12 outturn)	0	2,412,000	0
Budgeted contribution	(9,604,500)	(14,200,500)	(4,163,900)
Provision for slippage	0		(2,000,000)
Change management implementation fund	0	0	(4,000,000)
Contribution from Reserves and Provisions	0	17,183,200	
<b>GENERAL BALANCE AT 31 MARCH</b>	<b>8,800,800</b>	<b>23,800,000</b>	<b>13,636,100</b>

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

### COUNCIL

5 MARCH 2013

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX 2013/14</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b>	<b>INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE COUNCILLOR PHIL DAVIES</b>
<b>KEY DECISION</b>	<b>YES</b>

#### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report seeks approval for the statutory calculations in respect of setting the Council Tax as contained in this report, to set the total amount of Council Tax for the financial year 2013/14 for the different categories of dwellings, and to determine that the Council's basic amount of council tax for the financial year 2013/14 is not excessive such that referendum is not necessary.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 In setting its council tax the Council is required to have regard to the various determinations set out in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The principal amendment conferred by the Localism Act is the requirement to calculate a council tax requirement and not a budget requirement as previously.

##### **The Statutory Calculations and Resolution**

- 2.2 The statutory calculations associated with each Council Tax increase are set out below and the Council is now invited to approve.
- 2.3 It be noted that in accordance with section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), that the Interim Director of Finance on 24/01/2013 calculated the Council Tax Base 2013/14 for the whole of the properties in its area as 87,116.4 (Item T in the statutory formula).
- 2.4 That the following amounts be calculated and approved by the Council for the year 2013/14 in accordance with sections 32-36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) ("the Act");
- a) £111,357,800 being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31A (4) of the Act (amended) as the Council Tax Requirement for 2013/14 (item R in the statutory formula). This amount (d) is determined as being the difference between:

- i. £812,403,700 this being the aggregate of the amounts calculated in accordance with section 31A (2) of the Act (as amended), i.e. the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates that will be charged to a revenue account for the year in performing its functions, that are required to be set aside for contingencies and reserves and required to be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund in the year and
  - ii. £701,045,900 this being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31A (3) of the Act (as amended), i.e. the aggregate of the amounts of income that the Council estimates will be credited to a revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices, the amount of reserves that are estimated to be used to provide for the items referred to in paragraph 2.4(a) above, and required to be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund in the year.
- b) £1,278.26 being the amount calculated in accordance with section 31B (1) of the Act (amended) as the Basic Amount of Council Tax for 2013/14. This amount being calculated as item R in paragraph 2.4(a) above divided by item T in paragraph 2.3 above.
- c) that in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act that the following amounts are calculated for each valuation band in the area:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£852.17	£994.20	£1,136.23	£1,278.26
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£1,562.32	£1,846.38	£2,130.43	£2,556.52

2.5 These amounts being the amounts given by multiplying the amount calculated as the basic amount of council tax by the number which in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings in a particular valuation band which is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D.

2.6 To note that the Police and Crime Commission for Merseyside and the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

#### **Police and Crime Commission for Merseyside**

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£83.97	£99.23	£114.50	£137.40

- 2.7 That having calculated the amounts at 2.4(c) and 2.6 above that the Council in accordance with section 30 (2) of the Act hereby sets the following amounts as the total amount of council tax for the year 2013/14 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

## Total Council Tax for Wirral

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
£1,000.39	£1,167.12	£1,333.86	£1,500.59
<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
£1,834.06	£2,167.52	£2,500.98	£3,001.18

- 2.8 It be determined that the amount set in 2.4(c) above as the Council's basic amount of council tax for 2013/14 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State under section 52ZC of the Act (as amended) and that no referendum to approve the basic amount of council tax is required.

## Local Discount under Section 13a of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Pensioner Discounts)

- 2.9 That for the financial year 2013/14 the Council will ensure that a pensioner household (over 70) will receive the same 7.76% award as in 2012/13 against its Council Tax liability, excluding the consequences of any police and fire increases.

This applies where:

- (i) the Council Tax payer pays Council Tax in Wirral as their main home and all individuals in the household that are counted as resident for Council Tax purposes are aged 70 or over on 1 April 2013 (but where the qualifying age criterion is met after 1 April 2013 eligibility will be effective from the relevant birth date only);
- (ii) this reduction will be calculated after deduction of all other Council Tax discounts and reliefs;
- (iii) application must be made for the reduction where it is not currently in payment or the potential claimant is not in receipt of Council Tax Support which has replaced Council Tax Benefit; No pensioner household in receipt of full Council Tax Support will qualify for the reduction.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 Risks will be assessed as part of the process. There is also a risk based approach to the budget and the resultant Reserves requirement, has been reported to the Cabinet.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 The Government have introduced a Council Tax Referendum requirement if the Council Tax increase is determined as excessive. This has limited the Council Tax increase to 2.00% and therefore ruled out alternative increase amounts above this percentage.
- 4.2 The acceptance of the Council Tax Freeze Grant would have generated £1.3 million in receipts. This is considerably less than the amount raised by increasing Council Tax by 2%. The freeze grant would also not be within the base budget going forward.

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 None.

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 6.1 There are no implications for voluntary, community or faith groups.

### **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The report sets the Council Tax amounts for 2013/14.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 In setting its council tax the Council is required to have regard to the various determinations set out in the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 as amended by the Localism Act, 2011.

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The Council have a statutory duty in carrying out its functions, to have due regard to its equality obligations. When taking budget decisions, Members must be aware of the duty and consider potential impacts upon various groups affected. Setting the Council Tax forms part of the Budget process and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

### **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 None.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 None.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 The Council determines a Council Tax for 2013/14 and that the associated statutory calculations for that level of Council Tax as set out in this report be duly approved and adopted.

## **13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

13.1 This report supports the medium term financial planning process. Both the General Fund Budget 2013/14 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy will be presented to this meeting.

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## **SUBJECT HISTORY**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Cabinet	18 February 2013

## Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (from May 2012)

**Section 1:      Your details: Peter Timmins**

**EIA lead Officer:** Peter Timmins

**Email address:** petertimmins@wirral.gov.uk

**Chief Officer:** Peter Timmins

**Department:** Finance

**Date:** 5th March 2013

**Section 2:      What Council proposal is being assessed?  
Council Tax****Section 2b:      Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Overview & Scrutiny  
Committee?**

**Yes**                      If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/finance>

**Section 3:      Does the proposal have the potential to affect..... (please tick relevant  
boxes)**

- ✓ **Services**
- ✓ **The workforce**
- ✓ **Communities**
- ✓ **Other** (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

- None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 4: Does the proposal have the potential to maintain or enhance the way the Council ..... (please tick relevant boxes)**

- Eliminates unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advances equality of opportunity
- Fosters good relations between groups of people

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 5.

- ✓ **No** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 5:** Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.  
Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

<b>Which group(s) of people could be affected</b>	<b>Potential positive or negative impact</b>	<b>Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact</b>	<b>Lead person</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
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**Section 5a:** Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

**Section 5b:** If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

**Section 6:** What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

**Section 7:** Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

Yes / No – (please delete as appropriate)

If 'yes' please continue to section 8.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why:

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 8:** How will consultation take place and by when?

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal requirements. The EIA will be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for re-publishing.

**Section 9: Have you remembered to:**

- a) **Add appropriate departmental hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published** (section 2b)
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts?** (section 5)
- c) **Send this EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your completed EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**

# Agenda Item 8

## APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2012/2013

- (1) This note advises on the allocation of committee places to political groups and representation on the joint authorities in the light of the relative strength of the groups, which, following the by-election on 28 February 2013 is as follows:

Conservative	22 seats		33.33%
Labour	37 seats		56.06%
Liberal Democrat	7 seats		10.61%
	66 seats	<b>Totals</b>	100.00%

### Allocation of Committee Places

- (2) Applying the percentages in (1) above to the overall number of committee places (Members of the Cabinet are not included in those calculations) and based upon a total of **132** committee places, the three political groups would be entitled to a **total** of committees places as shown below:

Conservative	43.96 rounded up to	44
Labour	73.99 rounded up to	74
Liberal Democrat	14.01 rounded down to	14

- (3) Applying the arithmetical entitlement to **individual** committees would result in the following allocations:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Places</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>L/Dem</u>
Standards	9	3	5	1
Audit and Risk Management	9	3	5	1
Employment and Appointments	9	3	5	1
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	15	5	8	2
Licensing, Health & Safety etc.	11	4	6	1
Pensions	11	4	6	1
Planning	11	4	6	1
Children & Young People	9	3	5	1
Economy & Regeneration	10	3	6	1
Health & Well Being	9	3	5	1
Sustainable Communities	10	3	6	1
Council Excellence	10	3	6	1
Scrutiny Programme Board	9	3	5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>14</b>

- (4) As those totals reflect each group's total entitlement, no further adjustments are necessary.

### Proposal

- (5) That, the Council Excellence O&S Committee be increased from 9 to 10 (one additional Labour place), to represent the approved allocation of Committee places, agreed at the Annual Meeting.

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# **COUNCIL VACANCIES – 5 MARCH 2013**

## **Committees**

### **COUNCIL EXCELLENCE O&S COMMITTEE**

Labour Vacancy

### **EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Wendy Clements to replace Councillor David Elderton as deputy  
Councillor Pat Hackett to replace Councillor John Salter as deputy

### **SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD**

Conservative deputy vacancy

### **COUNCIL EXCELLENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Conservative deputy vacancy

### **HEALTH AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Conservative deputy vacancy

### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Conservative deputy vacancy

## **Outside Bodies**

### **COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT**

- (i). **Kylemore Community Centre Joint Management Committee**  
(Pensby and Thingwall Ward Councillors)

Vacancy to replace former Councillor Don McCubbin

- (ii). **Leasowe Play, Youth & Community Association  
Management Committee**

Vacancy to replace former Councillor Anne McArdle

### **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- (iii). **Leasowe Community Homes Management Board**

Vacancy to replace former Councillor Anne McArdle

## **REGENERATION AND PLANNING STRATEGY**

### **(iv). Conservation Area Advisory Committees**

#### Conservation Area

#### Councillor(s)

Barnston

Vacancy to replace former Councillor Don McCubbin

Gayton and Heswall

Vacancy to replace former Councillor Peter Johnson

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

### **(v). Heswall Advisory Body (Heswall ATC) (1:1:1)**

Vacancy to replace former Councillor Peter Johnson

## **STREETSCENE AND TRANSPORT SERVICES**

### **(vi). Wirral Pedestrian Forum (1:1:1)**

Vacancy to replace former Councillor Don McCubbin