



Council Annual Meeting Supplement

Town Hall
Wallasey

15 May 2015

Dear Councillor

This is the supplement for the Part 2 Meeting of Annual Council to be held at **6.15pm on Tuesday, 19 May 2015** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects :

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AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (PART 2)

6. 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.

7. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

8. PETITIONS

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

9. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 18)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 March, 2015.

10. ELECTION RESULTS - 7 MAY 2015 (Pages 19 - 20)

To receive and note the report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Local Government Election held on 7 May 2015.

11. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Leader will confirm his Cabinet and Cabinet Portfolios and Holders (or otherwise confirm to Council that such details shall be communicated to all Members as soon as practically possible after the meeting).

12. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 21 - 72)

To consider the reports of the Head of Legal and Member Services on the following matters:

A. Appointment and Constitution of Council Committees for 2015/16.
(Pages 21 – 39)

B. Appointments to Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels 2015/16. **(Pages 41 – 53)**

C. Appointment of Members (and/or other individuals) to Outside Bodies and organisations 2015/16. **(Pages 55 – 68)**

D. Policy Council – Agenda **(Pages 69 - 72)**



Head of Legal and Member Services

COUNCIL

Monday, 16 March 2015

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Steve Foulkes) in the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Les Rowlands)

Councillors	RL Abbey	P Hackett	D Realey
	T Anderson	J Hale	L Reecejones
	B Berry	P Hayes	L Rennie
	C Blakeley	A Hodson	D Roberts
	A Brighthouse	K Hodson	J Salter
	P Brightmore	M Hornby	H Smith
	C Carubia	T Johnson	Tony Smith
	P Cleary	AER Jones	W Smith
	W Clements	C Jones	C Spriggs
	J Crabtree	S Kelly	J Stapleton
	M Daniel	A Leech	M Sullivan
	G Davies	AR McLachlan	A Sykes
	P Davies	M McLaughlin	J Walsh
	WJ Davies	C Meaden	G Watt
	P Doughty	D Mitchell	S Whittingham
	D Elderton	C Muspratt	J Williamson
	G Ellis	S Niblock	I Williams
	L Fraser	T Norbury	KJ Williams
	P Gilchrist	M Patrick	P Williams
	JE Green	T Pilgrim	S Williams
	R Gregson	C Povall	

Apologies Councillors E Boulton B Mooney

118 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Council were asked to consider whether they had 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.

By virtue of their membership of the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority, Councillors Steve Niblock, Lesley Rennie and Denise Roberts declared their personal interest in agenda item 8 – Matters for Noting – Council Tax 2015/16 (see minute 129 post) insofar as it referred to the precept issued by the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.

By virtue of them being ward councillors within the area, Councillors Steve Niblock, Joe Walsh and Irene Williams declared a personal interest in Notice of Motion (1) (Extending Wirral's Coastal Path) (see minute 135 post).

Councillor Janette Williamson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Notice of Motion (3) (Workfare) by virtue of her employment (see minute 133 post).

119 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor noted that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eddie Boulton and Bernie Mooney.

The Mayor referred to the recent death of former Clatterbridge Councillor Michael Moore, who was Mayor of Wirral in 1984/85 and the Council stood in silent tribute to his memory.

The Mayor offered the best wishes of the Council to the Right Honourable Frank Field MP following his recent illness and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Mayor offered his best wishes to two retiring Councillors Harry Smith and Mike Hornby. He wished them well in their retirement and invited them to the Mayor's parlour for a small presentation following the meeting.

The Mayor also announced that the recipient of the Andy Day Memorial Cup for 2014/2015, an award which was presented annually in memory of a former councillor to confer recognition on a member of the Council who, in the Mayor's opinion, had demonstrated the qualities of dedication and selflessness possessed by the late Councillor, was Councillor Phil Brightmore.

The Mayor referred to the recent announcement of the Local Government Chronicle Award for 'Most Improved Council' being awarded to Wirral Council and presented the award to the Leader of the Council.

The Leader of the Council commented that this was the last Council meeting to be presided over by the Mayor. He thanked both the Mayor and Mayoress for all the work they had undertaken during the year, attending over 400 engagements in a slightly shorter Mayoral year and raising money for three charities which they would continue to support following their mayoral year. He referred to the exemplary way in which the Mayor had carried out his duties as first citizen of the Borough.

The Leader of the Conservative Group and the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group associated themselves with the remarks made by the Leader of the Council on behalf of their respective groups.

In response, the Mayor stated that he and the Mayoress had worked as a team with the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress and thanked everyone for their kind words.

120 **PETITIONS**

In accordance with Standing Order 21, the Mayor received petitions submitted by –

Councillor Stuart Whittingham on behalf of 43 signatories, requesting the Council to install a pedestrian crossing in Frankby Road, Newton.

Councillor Ron Abbey on behalf of 526 signatories asking the Council to stop budget cuts to Leasowe Early Years Centre.

Resolved – That the petitions be noted and referred to the appropriate Chief Officer in accordance with Standing Order 34.

121 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr J Brace, having given the appropriate notice in accordance with Standing Order 11, submitted a question on the use of taxis by elected Members

Councillor Adrian Jones (Cabinet Member – Support Services) responded accordingly.

In accordance with Standing Order 10, Mr Brace asked a supplementary question and Councillor Jones replied that he would respond in writing.

122 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February, 2015 had been circulated to Members and, it was –

Resolved – That the minutes be approved and adopted as a correct record.

123 **LEADER'S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' AND CHAIRS' REPORTS**

The Leader of the Council presented his summary report upon matters relevant to his portfolio. He responded to questions from Councillors Phil Gilchrist, Phill Brightmore, Stuart Kelly and Leah Fraser and made a number of comments including –

- The terms of reference of the Task Group, which the Combined Authority had established to look into tunnel tolls and costs, were still being finalised but he would ensure that the three areas of work: (i) looking into how the

tunnels surplus had been used in recent years; (ii) if and how Mersey Ferry operations were being supported out of this surplus and; (iii) the status of any understanding that surpluses had been spent on transportation schemes of mutual benefit, would be included as part of the review being undertaken. These points would be covered in the final report and shared with all Members of the Council.

- In acknowledging the LGC award for 'Most Improved Council', he thanked the two Party leaders at the time three years ago when the Council had been in a 'bad place', Councillors Jeff Green and former Councillor Tom Harney, for their support with some of the decisions that had had to be taken. He also placed on record a huge thanks to all staff within every part of the Council who were the Council's most important resource and who had helped to achieve this recognition.
- There was a need to redouble efforts in getting the proposed new stations on the Wirral higher up the priority scale and he would discuss this with the Chair and Chief Executive of Merseytravel.
- In response to a number of detailed questions on the operation of the Emergency Control Room, the redundancies of 11 staff and the operation of CCTV monitoring, the Leader stated that he would supply a written answer.

Questions were then invited for Councillor Ann McLachlan on her Governance, Commissioning and Improvement Portfolio report. Her responses to a question from Councillor Janette Williamson included the following comments –

- Checks and balances were carried out through regular reports to the Audit and Risk Management Committee and an absolutely key move was the establishment of the Governance, Commissioning and Improvement portfolio.
- Regular monthly Cabinet reports were presented on the financial health of the Authority and she undertook regular examination of a number of key risks from the Corporate Risk Register.

Questions were then invited for Councillor George Davies on the Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement Portfolio report.

At this point, Councillor Jeff Green declared a prejudicial interest by virtue of being a Board Member of Magenta Living and left the meeting for questions to Councillor Davies.

The Mayor, Councillors Stuart Whittingham and Denise Roberts declared personal interests by virtue them being Board Members of Magenta Living.

No questions were posed to Councillor George Davies.

Questions were then invited for Councillor Adrian Jones on his Support Services Portfolio report. His responses to questions from Councillors Matt Daniel, Chris Spriggs and Chris Blakeley included the following comments –

- He outlined the income received by the Council through asset disposals over recent years:
2012/13 - £1.1m; 2013/14 - £2.3m; 2014/15 - £2.8m
Anticipated income from future years was:
2015/16 - £10m; 2016/17 - £14m, beyond this it would be difficult to estimate.
- Contractors had on the previous Friday made changes to the network which had affected mobile telephones and access to computers but this had been rectified within 2 hours. He was confident the measures were in place to deal with any future problems that might arise. He also explained the reasons for the computers locking out after 15 minutes and assured the Council that he would supply all Members with a written response on these ICT matters.

As Councillor Bernie Mooney had sent her apologies no questions on her Environment and Sustainability Portfolio report were invited.

Questions were then invited for Councillor Chris Jones on the Adult Social Care and Public Health Portfolio report. No questions were posed.

Moving onto the Leisure, Sport and Culture Portfolio report, questions were then invited for Councillor Chris Meaden. In response to questions from Councillors Mike Hornby and Tom Anderson on issues arising at some community libraries in respect of opening hours and various activities taking place outside of scheduled opening hours, she assured the Council that she would provide written responses.

Questions were then invited for Councillor Pat Hackett on his Economy Portfolio report. His responses to questions from Councillors Dave Mitchell and Jeff Green included the following comments –

- The first stage of the Birkenhead Master Plan had now been submitted to Cabinet on 12 March, 2015. The first part of the Plan envisaged moving Europa Pools to behind the Conway Park station; this was only the first phase of a bigger plan to regenerate Birkenhead creating a great many jobs and which was now out to consultation with Trades Unions, businesses and residents.
- Every aspect of the operation of the Birkenhead Market would be looked at including the market charter.

Questions were then invited for Councillor Stuart Whittingham on his Highways and Transport Portfolio report. His responses to questions from

Councillors Paul Doughty, Harry Smith, Dave Mitchell, Stuart Kelly and Wendy Clements included the following comments:

- He was aware that a backlog of street lighting faults had been cleared but not every street light which was out was necessarily reported. Tough choices had had to be made such as a reduction in night time inspections due to cuts in Government grants.
- He was confident that the Dock Bridges replacement scheme would go ahead.
- He paid tribute to the work that Councillor Harry Smith had done in his role as Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and commented upon the latest Department for Transport road conditions survey which put Wirral at the very top with only 1 per cent of Wirral's A, B and C roads in need of maintenance.

Questions were then invited for Councillor Tony Smith on his Children and Family Services Portfolio report. No questions were posed.

Questions were then invited for the Policy and Performance Committee Chairs on their report. No questions were posed and it was then –

Resolved –

(1) That each of the Cabinet Portfolio Summary reports be noted.

(2) That the report of the Policy and Performance Committee Chairs be noted.

124 **MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL**

In accordance with Standing Order 5(2), four matters were submitted for approval by the Council (see minutes 125 to 128 post).

125 **DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The first matter requiring approval was in relation to the draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2015/16 Municipal Year and the Cabinet recommendations of 15 January, 2015 (minute 129 refers).

An amendment to this minute had also been submitted by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan, and on the amended motion, moved by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan, it was –

Resolved (62:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendation, as amended, contained within Cabinet minute 129 be approved.

126 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16**

The second matter requiring approval was in relation to the Pay Policy Statement 2015/16 (including the Chief Executive's salary) and the Cabinet recommendations of 12 March 2015 (minute 152 refers).

It was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan –

“That the recommendations contained within Cabinet minute 152 be approved”.

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Jeff Green and seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie –

“Add:

Council notes the Conservative Group's consistent opposition to the range and level of salary identified for the new Chief Executive.

Council further notes the Honoraria Policy referred to in the Council's Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2015/16 and expresses grave concerns regarding the lack of transparency over this scheme and the complete absence of any fair and open recruitment practices regarding these payments.

Therefore Council demands the immediate overhaul of this policy (along with the Council's Acting Up policy) to ensure the openness and transparency of payments made and that open and fair competition for temporary promotions is put in place.”

A further amendment was moved by Councillor Phil Gilchrist and seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly, that –

“Delete the reference to the increment of £5000 in the Cabinet Resolution and insert...

Council notes that detailed terms were negotiated with the new Chief Executive in discussions following the selection process and further notes the salary represents a 1:11.2 multiple compared with the lowest paid in the organisation.

Council, however, believes that the proposed increments are substantial when viewed in the context of the circumstances facing large numbers of Wirral Council's employees.

The level of the increment should remain a matter of judgment for this Council and Council considers the Cabinet proposal to be excessive.

Council resolves that the level of increments to be paid should be considered after the Chief Executive has served for a full year and received a full performance appraisal.”

Following speeches by the movers and seconders and Councillor Phil Davies having replied, prior to the vote on the Conservative amendment, Councillor Jeff Green and five Conservative Members rose to request a ‘card vote’.

A ‘card vote’ was then taken on Councillor Green’s amendment and the Council divided as follows:

For the amendment (26) Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, A Brighthouse, C Carubia, P Cleary, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, L Fraser, P Gilchrist, J Green, P Hayes, A Hodson, K Hodson, M Hornby, S Kelly, D Mitchell, T Pilgrim, C Povall, Mrs L Rennie, L Rowlands, A Sykes, G Watt, Mrs P Williams and S Williams.

Against the amendment (36) Councillors R Abbey, P Brightmore, J Crabtree, M Daniel, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, R Gregson, P Hackett, T Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, A Leech, A McLachlan, M McLaughlin, C Meaden, C Muspratt, S Niblock, T Norbury, M Patrick, D Realey, L Reecejones, D Roberts, J Salter, H Smith, PA Smith, W Smith, C Spriggs, J Stapleton, M Sullivan, J Walsh, S Whittingham, I Williams, KJ Williams and J Williamson.

One abstention – Councillor S Foulkes.

The Conservative amendment was therefore lost (26:36) (One abstention).

The Liberal Democrat amendment was then put to the vote and it was lost (26:36) (One abstention).

The motion was put and carried (36:26) (One abstention)

Resolved (36:26) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within Cabinet minute 152, be approved.

127 **SUMMARY OF THE WORK AND PROPOSALS OF THE STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT WORKING GROUP**

The third matter requiring approval was in relation to the recommendations of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee and its Working Group concerning (i) the Policy on Filming and Reporting of Council Meetings, and; (ii) Protocol on Member / Officer Relations (minute 10 (3 March 2015) refers).

On a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan, it was –

Resolved (62:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee minute 10, be approved.

128 **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT SELECTIVE LICENSING FOLLOWING CONSULTATION**

The fourth matter requiring approval was in relation to consideration of a proposal to implement Selective Licensing following consultation and the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 12 March 2015 (minute 163 refers)

On a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor George Davies, it was –

Resolved (62:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendation contained within Cabinet minute 163, be approved.

129 **MATTERS FOR NOTING**

A number of matters were submitted to the Council for noting.

(1) On a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan, it was –

Resolved (Unanimously) –

That, pursuant to minute 112 (24/2/15) the Council notes:

- (i). **that the Police and Crime Commissioner 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.**
- (ii). **the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside's agreed Budget 2015/16 has resulted in an increased precept requirement of 1.95% (based on properties in Band D).**
- (iii). **the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority's agreed Budget 2015/16 has resulted in an increased precept requirement of 1.99% (based on properties in Band D).**
- (iv). **the overall Council Tax for Wirral 2015/16 is as follows:**

Property Band	Council Tax 2015/16				2014/15	2015/16
	Wirral	Police	Fire	Total	Total	Increase
	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	852.17	106.45	47.65	1,006.27	1,003.31	2.96
B	994.20	124.20	55.59	1,173.99	1,170.52	3.47
C	1,136.23	141.94	63.53	1,341.70	1,337.74	3.96
D	1,278.26	159.68	71.47	1,509.41	1,504.96	4.45
E	1,562.32	195.16	87.35	1,844.83	1,839.40	5.43
F	1,846.38	230.65	103.23	2,180.26	2,173.83	6.43
G	2,130.43	266.13	119.12	2,515.68	2,508.27	7.41
H	2,556.52	319.36	142.94	3,018.82	3,009.92	8.93

(The Mayor drew the Council's attention to the correction to the total figure for Band H from that published in the Council Summons (£3,018.85) which should read £3,018.82).

(2) On a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan, it was –

Resolved – That the following matters be noted –

Minute 110 (Cabinet – 9 December, 2014) - Financial Monitoring 2014/15 (Month 7) - Revenue

Minute 115 (Cabinet – 9 December, 2014) - Land Disposals at Manor Drive, Upton and at Kerr's Field, Pasture Road, Moreton (Reason – waiving of call-in)

Minute 124 (Cabinet – 15 January, 2015) - Revenue Monitoring 2014/15 Month 8 (November 2014).

(3) The Council was advised that the Notice of Motion, "The Corporate Plan's Ideals in Practice" referred from Council at its meeting on 8 December, 2014 (minute 82 refers) was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 15 January, 2015 and minute 128 was attached for the Council's information.

In respect of this matter, a motion which had been circulated around the Chamber, was moved by Councillor Phil Gilchrist and seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell, as follows -

"Council appreciates that conducting consultative meetings on this sensitive and emotive issue required particular skills.

Council requests that the concerns raised regarding the conduct of the Chair, as observed at the Acre Lane consultation meeting, be reviewed and appropriate advice be offered to the person concerned."

On a motion by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan it was
–

Resolved – That the Council does not note these comments but rather takes on board the comments made.

130 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Councillor Stuart Kelly, having given the appropriate notice in accordance with Standing Order 10(2) (b), submitted a question addressed to Councillor Phil Davies (Leader of the Council), in respect of Enterprise Solutions.

Councillor Phil Davies responded accordingly.

Councillor Phil Gilchrist, having given the appropriate notice in accordance with Standing Order 10(2) (b), submitted a question addressed to Councillor Tony Smith (Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services), in respect of OFSTED inspections of two Children's Centre groups.

Councillor Smith responded accordingly.

131 **MATTERS REFERRED FROM POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEES**

There were no matters referred from Policy and Performance Committees.

132 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7(1) were reported to the Council. The Mayor, having considered each motion, in accordance with Standing Order 7(4) had decided that they would be dealt with as follows:

- (i). Extending Wirral's Coastal Paths
To be debated
- (ii). The Right Choice for Wirral's Economy
To be debated
- (iii). Workfare
To be debated
- (iv). Wirral Waters
To be debated

Prior to the first motion being debated, it was moved by Councillor Bill Davies and seconded by Councillor Phil Davies, that –

“Standing Order 5(4) be suspended and the motions be dealt with in the following order, the Labour motion (iii) be considered first, followed by the Conservative motion (ii), then the Liberal Democrat motion (i) and finally the Labour motion (iv).

This motion was put and carried (35:25) (One abstention).

133 **MOTION - WORKFARE**

Councillor Janette Williamson, having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this motion, left the Chamber whilst the matter was considered.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Norbury

Seconded by Councillor Treena Johnson

This Council:

- (1) Believes that work should pay and therefore opposes the introduction of schemes which force job seekers into unpaid work or face losing their benefits - schemes known popularly as workfare.
- (2) Is concerned that there is no evidence that workfare assists job seekers in finding work and in fact working a 30-hour week makes that more difficult; that workfare is replacing paid work; and that workfare stigmatises benefits claimants and locks them further into poverty.
- (3) Pledges not to use any workfare placements and will also encourage contractors not to use these schemes.

Following a debate and Councillor Norbury having replied, the motion was put and carried (42:19) (One abstention).

Resolved (42:19) (One abstention) – That the motion be approved.

134 **MOTION - THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR WIRRAL'S ECONOMY**

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green

Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Council notes that this year's election is the most important in a generation for Wirral Council, its services and Wirral people. The choice facing Britain couldn't be clearer. We can stick with the competence of a strong Conservative Government that is working to a long-term economic plan to secure a better future for hardworking taxpayers or we can put it all at risk

with Ed Miliband and Ed Balls – who's only plan appears to be more spending, more borrowing and higher taxes which would be devastating for the country and Wirral's economy.

Council further notes that Labour left Britain's economy in a mess. Since 2010, Conservatives have been working to a long-term economic plan to turn Britain around.

As a result of the Government's long-term economic plan, we have seen:

- 1200 new jobs created per day since the Conservatives have been in power
- The deficit cut by a half as a share of national income
- Income tax cut for 26 million people
- Benefits capped to reward work
- 1.85 million more people in employment
- The state pension increased by £800

Council understands that, despite the protestations of the Labour Leader and his acolytes, we are now seeing these policies working for Wirral.

At the last meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee Members were informed that a recent report had indicated that Wirral had increased its Gross Value Added (GVA) by 7%, a higher level than anywhere else in the country.

In addition the number of new business start-ups in Wirral exceeded the national average by 7% and almost one in three of these new businesses work in the professional, scientific and technical sectors, a figure which is only exceeded by Aberdeen.

Council believes that a successful local economy with private sector job creation and employment is the true and proven route out of welfare dependency.

Council therefore urges all Wirral's residents to vote in the forthcoming General Election and to consider voting for which of the parties in this election have their long term interests at heart and will represent them most effectively locally and in Government.

An amendment which had been circulated in advance of the meeting was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9), as follows:

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

In paragraph 1 - delete after second sentence (starting 'We can stick...') to end of paragraph (...and Wirral's economy').

In its place, insert...

'Our country and Wirral's economy has benefited from the stability of the Coalition formed in 2010 in the aftermath of the banking crisis. The Coalition were able to pick up the pieces at a time when the outgoing Labour Government was divided on the likely length of the recession, divided on whether increased tax rates were temporary or permanent and had not set out where savings would have been made in a longer recession.

Council may also recall that Labour's former Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Liam Byrne) had left a note for his successor which clearly said "I'm afraid there is no money." Fortunately, the Coalition was able to agree on the need for new taxes, like the Bank Levy, which has produced over £6 billion in the last three years, supporting public services in Wirral and our nation.

Council recognises that the prevailing economic circumstances led the present coalition to be more flexible in reducing the deficit. During this period, the Health Service and School budgets were protected, the latter including significant sums for the Pupil Premium to help children who might otherwise have fallen behind.

Council thus recognises that an over-zealous ideological approach could undermine the recovery and public services.'

In paragraph 2 – delete 'Conservatives have' and insert 'the current Coalition Government has...'

In paragraph 3:

Bullet point 1, delete 'Conservatives have' and insert 'the current Coalition Government has...'

Bullet point 3, insert after 'people'...'by raising personal allowances, a Liberal Democrat policy which Mr Cameron said could not be afforded in the three-way TV debate in 2010 and later included in the Coalition Agreement.

Bullet point 5, insert after 'employment'...'supporting family life with shared parental leave and the right to request flexible working for all'

After bullet point 5, insert new bullet point 6...'an increase in free childcare to 15 hours per week for three and four year olds and disadvantaged two year olds.'

After new bullet point 6, insert new bullet point 7...'the target of two million apprentices reached in December 2014.'

Last bullet point, insert after '£800'...'thus securing the biggest ever cash rise in the State pension through the 'triple lock' policy on uprating'

After para 7 (ends '...of welfare dependency.' insert:

'Council believes that underlying economic problems have faced Wirral's communities for over thirty years, regardless of the local or national political complexion. Council believes that the prospect of resources released by devolution, the use of the Regional Growth Fund and local growth deals and the strengthening of the UK's manufacturing supply chains will continue to help the local economy. The establishment of the world's first Green Investment Bank, helping treble renewable electricity generation is a project championed by the Liberal Democrats.'

Following a debate and Councillor Jeff Green having waived his right of reply, the amendment was put and lost (6:56) (One abstention).

The motion was put and lost (19:43) (One abstention).

135 **MOTION - EXTENDING WIRRAL'S COASTAL PATHS**

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Council welcomes the latest issue of Wirral Matters, Winter 2014-15, issued by the Wirral Society and circulated to all Members.

Council notes the article 'Paths where there are none' which highlights the potential for cross Wirral and coastal paths. The publication refers to the longstanding desire to open up the coastline between the Port Sunlight River Park and Eastham Country Park in these terms....

'The last section of the route here, turning southwards towards Eastham Country Park, is at present one of Wirral's all but forgotten special places, where crinkly little oaks stand along a sometimes quite narrow strip of restorable common land. An unofficial path takes the walker along low cliffs and past a small cove where the sand is as red as Thor's stone.'

Council, mindful of the visitor economy, the popularity of Eastham Country Park and the recently opened Port Sunlight River Park, believes that it is timely for further work to be done on the potential of this route.

Council believes that the greener aspect of the Wirral and Merseyside economy would be boosted by such a project.

Council requests officers to:

- (a) pull together the relevant information from work undertaken in the past
- (b) assess the ownership and planning issues involved
- (c) promote this with the Combined Authority and funding agencies
- (d) explore how this area can be safeguarded from inappropriate development in the present and future planning policies.

with a view to opening up this forgotten coastline to the benefit of Wirral's residents and visitors.

Having applied the guillotine in accordance with Standing Order 9 the Council did not debate this matter.

Resolved (62:0) (One abstention) – That the motion be approved.

136 **MOTION - WIRRAL WATERS**

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies

Seconded by Councillor Pat Hackett

This Council:

- (1) Welcomes the recent commencement of two developments on the Wirral Waters site, i.e. a new campus for Wirral Metropolitan College which will house a new Centre of Excellence for Enterprise and the Built Environment; and a new landmark office development at Tower Wharf which will provide 800 new jobs.
- (2) Congratulates all Council officers who have helped bring these projects to fruition and the excellent partnership with other key agencies; and hopes that these will be the first of many projects which generate new jobs and investment on Wirral Waters.
- (3) Agrees that investing in new physical infrastructure, new landmark buildings and sites and premises creating high quality jobs and economic growth is the best way to improve the quality of life of all Wirral residents.
- (4) Asks the four Wirral MPs to lobby ministers to support future developments on Wirral Waters which contribute to economic growth.

Having applied the guillotine in accordance with Standing Order 9 the Council did not debate this matter.

Prior to the vote on this motion, Councillor Phil Davies and five Labour Members rose to request a 'card vote'.

A 'card vote' was then taken on the motion and the Council divided as follows:

For the motion (61) Councillors R Abbey T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, A Brighthouse, P Brightmore, C Carubia, Mrs W Clements, J Crabtree, M Daniel, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, D Elderton, G Ellis, L Fraser, P Gilchrist, J Green, R Gregson, P Hackett, P Hayes, A Hodson, K Hodson, M Hornby, T Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, S Kelly, A Leech, A McLachlan, M McLaughlin, C Meaden, D Mitchell, C Muspratt, S Niblock, T Norbury, M Patrick, T Pilgrim, C Povall, D Realey, L Reecejones, Mrs L Rennie, D Roberts, L Rowlands, J Salter, H Smith, PA Smith, W Smith, C Spriggs, J Stapleton, M Sullivan, A Sykes, J Walsh, G Watt, S Whittingham, I Williams, KJ Williams, Mrs P Williams, S Williams and J Williamson.

Two abstentions – Councillors P Cleary and S Foulkes.

Resolved (61:0) (Two abstentions) – That the motion be approved.

137 **VACANCIES**

The Council was requested to deal with the following matter in respect of appointments to Committees.

Councillor Kathy Hodson to replace Councillor Mike Hornby on the Pensions Committee.

Resolved – That the amendment to the membership of the Pensions Committee be approved.

138 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Mayor agreed to an item of urgent business in view of the need for a decision on the matter prior to the next meeting of the Council.

Council was requested to approve the recommendations of the Pensions Committee (minute 62 refers) from its meeting on 19 January, 2015 in respect of the establishment of a Pensions Board.

Resolved – That the recommendations contained within Pensions Committee minute 62, be approved and in relation to the appointment of three members to the Selection Panel, names be notified to the Head of Legal and Member Services.

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List of Councillors elected on Thursday 7 May 2015

The following persons were elected to fill the vacancies then existing in the wards indicated below and that all such persons have subsequently subscribed to the declaration of acceptance of office:

Bebington:

Jerry Williams, 49 Parkhill Road, Prenton, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 9JD

Bidston and St James:

Brian Kenny, 6 The Pier, Waters Edge Apartments, Tower Promenade, New Brighton, Wirral, CH45 2PP

Birkenhead and Tranmere:

Philip Davies, 16 Westbourne Grove, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 4DL

Bromborough:

Joe Walsh, 239 Spital Road, Bromborough, Wirral, CH62 2AF

Clatterbridge:

Adam Sykes, Crofts Bank Lodge, Thornton Common Road, Thornton Hough, Wirral, CH63 4JT

Claughton:

Stephen Foulkes, 72 Mill Terrace, Shallmarsh Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 2LA

Eastham:

David Mitchell, 85 Crosthwaite Avenue, Eastham, Wirral, CH62 9DF

Greasby, Frankby and Irby

David Burgess-Joyce, 19 Millhouse Lane, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 6HL

Heswall:

Andrew Hodson, Savoia, 36 Pipers Lane, Heswall, Wirral, CH60 9HW

Hoylake and Meols:

Gerald Ellis, 9 Eddisbury Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 5DR

Leasowe and Moreton East:

Ronald Abbey, 45 Cameron Road, Leasowe, Wirral, CH46 1PH

Liscard:

Bernadette Mooney, 30 Brompton Avenue, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 0BD

Moreton West and Saughall Massie:

Stephen Williams, 34 Beech Avenue, Saughall Massie, Upton, Wirral, CH49 4NJ

New Brighton:

Patrick Hackett, 7 Wood Lane, Wallasey, Wirral, CH45 8QP

Oxton:

Paul Doughty, 2 Duncote Close, Oxton, Wirral, CH43 6YA

Pensby and Thingwall:

Phillip Brightmore, 23 Vittoria Court, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 3LE

Prenton:

Angela Davies, 190 Prenton Hall Road, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 3BL

Rock Ferry:

Christine Meaden, 19 Inglemere Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 4QL

Seacombe:

Christine Jones, 10 Elmswood Road, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8DB

Upton:

Tony Smith, 27 South Drive, Upton, Wirral, CH49 6LA

Wallasey:

Paul Hayes, 79 Wallasey Village, Wallasey, Wirral, CH45 3LE

West Kirby and Thurstaston:

David Elderton, Ennis House, 11 Roman Road, Meols, Wirral, CH47 6AG

WIRRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

19 MAY 2015

SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2015/2016
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF LEGAL AND MEMBER SERVICES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council, in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions and the terms of the Constitution, to appoint Committees for 2015/2016.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Proportionality

2.1.1 Members must have regard to the requirements of section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the relevant regulations (which deal with political balance on committees and sub-committees), and the terms of the High Court judgment in the case of R v Brent LBC ex-parte Gladbaum and Wood (which requires the relevant parent committee, rather than the Council, to appoint members of sub-committees and panels).

2.1.2 The political composition of the Council following the elections is as follows:

Labour	39 seats	(59.1% of the 66 seats)
Conservative	21 seats	(31.82%)
Liberal Democrat	5 seats	(7.58%)
Green	1 seat	(1.51%)

2.1.3 Based on the numbers of committees, the total number of committee places to be allocated in accordance with the above percentages, excluding the Cabinet and Constituency Committees is **133** (referred to as available seats). The method of calculation of committee places for each political group is set out in Appendix 1.

2.2 Statutory and Other Considerations

2.2.1 Unless appointed as full members, the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the three largest political parties represented on the Council are entitled to attend meetings of all committees and sub-committees, but with no right to vote and the right to speak only at the Chair's invitation (Standing Order 25(5)).

2.2.2 The Council is reminded that seats must be allocated to political groups in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) not all seats may be allocated to the same group;
- (b) a group with an overall majority is entitled to a majority of the seats on every committee;
- (c) subject to (a) and (b), the total of available seats must be allocated in the same proportion as each group's membership bears to the Council's membership;
- (d) subject to (a) to (c), the number of seats on each committee must be proportional to the group's membership of the Council.

Note: Only principles (a), (b) and (d) apply to the appointment of sub-committees, panels and advisory committees.

2.2.3 The Cabinet has previously expressed the view that non-executive members of the Council (other than the Mayor) should have the opportunity to serve on a scrutiny committee if they so choose and a total of 60 places will be available.

2.2.4 Although the same might be said for all committees, for the Pensions Committee in particular it is considered desirable to maintain a continuity of membership.

2.2.5 A list of the 2014/15 year's membership of committees is attached as Appendix 2 and may prove useful as a guide. The numbers required to be appointed by each group are indicated.

2.2.6 It is suggested that it would be good practice for the Coordinating Committee to include the Chairs and Vice-Chairs (six members) of the three Policy and Performance Committees.

2.3 Co-opted members

2.3.1 The position with co-opted members is that any Policy and Performance Committee is entitled to recommend to the Council the appointment of any non-voting co-optees. The Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee currently has four co-optees – there is a statutory requirement to have representatives of the Catholic and Church of England dioceses and of parent governors – who are entitled to vote on education matters. These co-optees should also be appointed to the Coordinating Committee for those occasions when it deals with education matters. The Pensions Committee also has voting co-optees who represent the other four districts in Merseyside and the wider membership of the Merseyside Pension Fund.

2.4 Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

2.4.1 Standing Order 5A (2) (e) provides for the Council to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs to individual committees.

2.5 Deputies

2.5.1 Standing Order 25(6) (a) permits the Council to appoint up to a maximum of eight deputies for each political group on Committees. It is not necessary for deputies to be appointed for the Licensing Act 2003 Committee. This is because the vast majority of its work will be done by Sub-Committees comprising any three members of the Committee.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint Members to Committees.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their committee places.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

None.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 The Council is requested to:

- (a) agree the constitution and membership of committees in 2015/2016 (including deputies), having regard to the political proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and relevant case law;
- (b) agree the appointment of chairs and, if considered appropriate, vice-chairs;
- (c) note the designation of party spokespersons.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council is required to make appointments to Committees.

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APPENDICES

1. Calculation of Committee Places
2. Committee Membership 2014/2015

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Previous reports on the appointment of Committees and amendments made during the year and the Council's Constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	9 June 2014
Council	20 May 2013
Council	30 April 2013
Council	14 May 2012

APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2015/2016

- (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 for the municipal year 2015/16 following the 7 May 2015 election:

Labour	39 seats	59.1 %
Conservative	21 seats	31.82 %
Liberal Democrat	5 seats	7.57 %
Green	1 seat	1.51 %
	66 seats	Totals 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 **133** committee places, the three political groups and the Green Party member would be entitled to a **total** of committees places as shown below:

Labour	78.6 rounded up to	79
Conservative	42.32 rounded down to	42
Liberal Democrat	10.07 rounded down to	10
Green	2.01 rounded down to	2

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

Committee	Places	Lab	Con	L/Dem	Green
Standards & Constitutional etc.	9	5	3	1	
Audit and Risk Management	9	5	3	1	
Employment and Appointments	8	5	2	1	
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	15	10 9(+1)	4	1 2(-1)	
Licensing, Health & Safety etc.	9	5	3	1	
Pensions	10	6	3	0 4 (-1)	1(+1)
Planning	13	7	4	1	1
Policy & Performance:					
Families & Wellbeing	15	9 8(+1)	5	1	0 4(-1)
Policy & Performance:					
Transformation & Resources	15	9	5	1	
Policy & Performance:					
Regeneration & Environment	15	9	5	1	
Policy & Performance					
Co-ordinating Committee	15	9	5	1	
Total	133	77	42	12	2
		(+2)		(-2)	
	133	79	42	10	2

- (4) For two committees an arithmetical adjustment has had to be made to enable the Green Member to have his entitlement of 2 committee places. The Labour Group are entitled to an extra 2 committee places up from 77 to 79 and the Liberal Democrat Group's entitlement has reduced from 12 to a total of 10 Committee places so adjustments have also been made to three committees with one of these committees now having no Liberal Democrat representation.
- (5) These adjustments have been made in light of the requirement for the Labour Group, as the majority group on the Council, to maintain an overall majority on each committee and for each group's entitlement to committee places to be in accordance with those figures set out in (2) above.

Joint Authorities

- (6) Appointments to outside organisations (see report elsewhere on this agenda) requires that appointments to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (4 places) and the Merseytravel Committee of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (4 places) should be made so as to reflect the political composition of the Council.

MEMBERSHIP of COMMITTEES 2014/2015**REGULATORY COMMITTEES****AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(9 Council Members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
3 Conservative: John Hale (S) David Elderton Adam Sykes	Kathy Hodson Les Rowlands Leah Fraser Geoffrey Watt Steve Williams Paul Hayes Lesley Rennie Jeff Green
5 Labour: Jim Crabtree (Chair) Ron Abbey (Vice-Chair) Paul Doughty Matthew Patrick Joe Walsh	Phill Brightmore Matt Daniel Anita Leech John Salter Mike Sullivan Stuart Whittingham Irene Williams Janette Williamson
1 Liberal Democrat: Stuart Kelly (S)	Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Dave Mitchell Pat Williams

9 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16**3 Conservative****5 Labour (Chair)****1 Liberal Democrat**

**EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
(8 Council Members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>2 Conservative:</p> <p>Jeff Green (S) Lesley Rennie</p>	<p>Andrew Hodson Geoffrey Watt John Hale Wendy Clements Leah Fraser Paul Hayes Chris Blakeley Gerry Ellis</p>
<p>5 Labour:</p> <p>Adrian Jones (Chair) Phil Davies (Vice-Chair) George Davies Ann McLachlan Maira McLaughlin</p>	<p>Chris Jones Chris Meaden Bernie Mooney Denise Roberts Pat Hackett Harry Smith Tony Smith Stuart Whittingham</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Phil Gilchrist (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell Pat Williams</p>

8 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16

2 Conservative

5 Labour (Chair)

1 Liberal Democrat

**LICENSING, HEALTH & SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE
(9 Council Members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>3 Conservative:</p> <p>Andrew Hodson (S) Leah Fraser Geoffrey Watt</p>	<p>Paul Hayes Tom Anderson David Elderton Steve Williams Eddie Boulton Cherry Povall Mike Hornby Chris Blakeley</p>
<p>5 Labour:</p> <p>Bill Davies (Chair) Steve Niblock (Vice-Chair) John Salter Christine Spriggs Mike Sullivan</p>	<p>Jim Crabtree George Davies Phill Brightmore Christina Muspratt Anita Leech Denise Roberts Jean Stapleton Tony Norbury</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Pat Williams (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell</p>

9 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16

3 Conservative

5 Labour (Chair)

1 Liberal Democrat

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE
(15 Council Members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES No provision for deputies
<p>4 Conservative:</p> <p>Eddie Boulton Gerry Ellis Andrew Hodson Mike Hornby</p>	
<p>9 Labour:</p> <p>Bill Davies (Chair) Steve Niblock George Davies Tony Norbury Louise Reecejones Denise Roberts John Salter Harry Smith Mike Sullivan</p>	
<p>2 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Dave Mitchell Pat Williams</p>	

15 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16

4 Conservative

10 Labour (Chair)

1 Liberal Democrat

**PENSIONS COMMITTEE
(10 Council Members; 5 co-opted members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>3 Conservative:</p> <p>Geoffrey Watt (S) Kathy Hodson Cherry Povall</p>	<p>Adam Sykes John Hale Eddie Boulton Andrew Hodson Bruce Berry David Elderton Tracey Pilgrim Vacancy</p>
<p>6 Labour:</p> <p>Paul Doughty (Chair) Ann McLachlan (Vice-Chair) George Davies Treena Johnson Adrian Jones Harry Smith</p>	<p>Jim Crabtree Matt Daniel Rob Gregson Anita Leech Moirra McLaughlin Bernie Mooney Jean Stapleton Stuart Whittingham</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Chris Carubia (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell</p>
<p>5 Co-opted members:</p> <p>The nominees of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liverpool City Council • Knowsley MBC • St Helens MBC • Sefton MBC <p><i>plus</i> Representative of other Pension Fund employers</p>	

10 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16
3 Conservative
6 Labour (Chair)
1 Green

**PLANNING COMMITTEE
(13 Council Members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>4 Conservative:</p> <p>David Elderton (S) Eddie Boulton Paul Hayes Kathy Hodson</p>	<p>Wendy Clements Bruce Berry Geoffrey Watt Les Rowlands Cherry Povall Lesley Rennie Chris Blakeley Tom Anderson</p>
<p>7 Labour:</p> <p>Anita Leech (Chair) Denise Realey (Vice-Chair) Phill Brightmore Matt Daniel Christine Spriggs Joe Walsh Irene Williams</p>	<p>Jim Crabtree Rob Gregson Treena Johnson Christina Muspratt Matthew Patrick Tony Norbury Denise Roberts Stuart Whittingham</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Stuart Kelly (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Dave Mitchell Pat Williams</p>
<p>1 Green:</p> <p>Pat Cleary</p>	

13 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16

- 4 Conservative**
- 7 Labour (Chair)**
- 1 Liberal Democrat**
- 1 Green**

**STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(9 Council Members; 4 Independent Persons)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>3 Conservative:</p> <p>Les Rowlands (S) Gerry Ellis John Hale</p>	<p>Tracey Pilgrim Chris Blakeley Kathy Hodson Adam Sykes Andrew Hodson Mike Hornby Leah Fraser Bruce Berry</p>
<p>5 Labour:</p> <p>Bill Davies (Chair) Maira McLaughlin (Vice-Chair) Rob Gregson Denise Roberts John Salter</p>	<p>Jim Crabtree George Davies Chris Jones Anita Leech Chris Meaden Bernie Mooney Steve Niblock Harry Smith</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Pat Williams (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell</p>
<p>4 Independent Persons:</p> <p>Professor R S Jones (appointed until 15 July, 2016) Mr C Jones (appointed until 15 July, 2016) Vacancy (appointed until 15 July, 2016) Mr B Cummings (appointed until 15 July, 2016)</p>	

9 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16
3 Conservative
5 Labour (Chair)
1 Liberal Democrat

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEES**COORDINATING COMMITTEE****(15 Council Members; 4 co-opted members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
5 Conservative: Andrew Hodson (S) Tom Anderson Wendy Clements Mike Hornby Steve Williams	Adam Sykes Leah Fraser David Elderton Bruce Berry Tracey Pilgrim Chris Blakeley Gerry Ellis Jeff Green
9 Labour: Moira McLaughlin (Chair) Paul Doughty (Vice-Chair) Phill Brightmore Anita Leech Christina Muspratt Walter Smith Mike Sullivan Jerry Williams Janette Williamson	Ron Abbey Jim Crabtree Rob Gregson Denise Realey Denise Roberts John Salter Harry Smith Irene Williams
1 Liberal Democrat: Phil Gilchrist (S)	Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell Pat Williams
Co-opted members (when dealing with education matters): 2 Diocesan representatives (with voting rights): Roman Catholic – Mr Damian Cunningham Church of England – Vacancy 2 Parent Governor representatives (with voting rights): Mrs H Shoebridge (until 28 October 2015) Mrs Nicola Smith (until 8 February 2017)	

15 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16**5 Conservative****9 Labour (Chair)****1 Liberal Democrat**

APPENDIX 2

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING (15 Council Members; 4 co-opted members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>5 Conservative:</p> <p>Wendy Clements (S) Bruce Berry Paul Hayes Mike Hornby Cherry Povall</p>	<p>Tracey Pilgrim Tom Anderson Steve Williams Geoffrey Watt Les Rowlands Jeff Green Adam Sykes Lesley Rennie</p>
<p>8 Labour:</p> <p>Moira McLaughlin (Chair) Denise Roberts (Vice-Chair) Phill Brightmore Treena Johnson Tony Norbury Walter Smith Christine Spriggs Janette Williamson</p>	<p>Ron Abbey Paul Doughty Jean Stapleton Denise Realey Louise Reecejones John Salter Joe Walsh Irene Williams</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Alan Brighthouse (S)</p>	<p>Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell Pat Williams</p>
<p>1 Green:</p> <p>Pat Cleary</p>	
<p>Co-opted members: 2 Diocesan representatives (with voting rights): Roman Catholic – Mr Damian Cunningham Church of England – Vacancy</p> <p>2 Parent Governor representatives (with voting rights): Mrs H Shoebridge (until 28 October 2015) Mrs Nicola Smith (until 8 February 2017)</p>	

15 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16
5 Conservative
9 Labour (Chair)
1 Liberal Democrat

**REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT
(15 Council Members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>5 Conservative</p> <p>Steve Williams (S) Gerry Ellis John Hale Andrew Hodson Tracey Pilgrim</p>	<p>Adam Sykes Kathy Hodson David Elderton Eddie Boulton Tom Anderson Geoffrey Watt Bruce Berry Mike Hornby</p>
<p>9 Labour:</p> <p>Mike Sullivan (Chair) Jerry Williams (Vice-Chair) Jim Crabtree Matt Daniel Rob Gregson Anita Leech Steve Niblock Denise Realey Jean Stapleton</p>	<p>Phill Brightmore Christina Muspratt Tony Norbury Matthew Patrick Joe Walsh John Salter Irene Williams Treena Johnson</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Dave Mitchell (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly Pat Williams</p>

15 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16

5 Conservative

9 Labour (Chair)

1 Liberal Democrat

**TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES
(15 Council Members)**

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
<p>5 Conservative:</p> <p>Adam Sykes (S) Tom Anderson Bruce Berry Kathy Hodson Tracey Pilgrim</p>	<p>Gerry Ellis Wendy Clements Cherry Povall Paul Hayes Steve Williams John Hale Andrew Hodson Eddie Boulton</p>
<p>9 Labour:</p> <p>Janette Williamson (Chair) Paul Doughty (Vice-Chair) Matt Daniel Rob Gregson Matthew Patrick Christina Muspratt Louise Reecejones Joe Walsh Irene Williams</p>	<p>Phill Brightmore Jim Crabtree Anita Leech Treena Johnson Denise Realey Denise Roberts Christine Spriggs Mike Sullivan</p>
<p>1 Liberal Democrat:</p> <p>Phil Gilchrist (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell Pat Williams</p>

15 Council Members to be appointed in 2015/16

5 Conservative

9 Labour (Chair)

1 Liberal Democrat

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES

BIRKENHEAD

(18 Council Members)

(plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)

WARD	MEMBERS
Bidston and St James	Jim Crabtree, Ann McLachlan, Harry Smith
Birkenhead and Tranmere	Pat Cleary, Phil Davies, Jean Stapleton
Claughton	George Davies, Steve Foulkes, Denise Roberts
Oxton	Alan Brighthouse, Stuart Kelly, Pat Williams
Prenton	Paul Doughty, Tony Norbury, Denise Realey
Rock Ferry	Bill Davies, Chris Meaden, Moira McLaughlin
Co-opted (Subject to review)	Mr Frank Field MP

WALLASEY

(18 Council Members)

(plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)

WARD	MEMBERS
Leasowe and Moreton East	Ron Abbey, Treena Johnson, Anita Leech,
Liscard	Matt Daniel, Bernie Mooney, Janette Williamson
Moreton West and Saughall Massie	Bruce Berry, Chris Blakeley, Steve Williams
New Brighton	Rob Gregson, Pat Hackett, Christine Spriggs
Seacombe	Adrian Jones, Chris Jones, John Salter
Wallasey	Leah Fraser, Paul Hayes, Lesley Rennie
Co-opted Community Representatives (Subject to review)	Miss Alex Cooke, Mr John Carson, Mr Ken Harrison, Mr Brian Higgins, Mr Tony Jones, Mr Keith Raybould

APPENDIX 2

WIRRAL SOUTH (15 Council Members) (plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)

WARD	MEMBERS
Bebington	Christina Muspratt, Walter Smith, Jerry Williams
Bromborough	Steve Niblock, Joe Walsh, Irene Williams
Clatterbridge	Cherry Povall, Tracey Pilgrim, Adam Sykes
Eastham	Chris Carubia, Phil Gilchrist, Dave Mitchell
Heswall	Andrew Hodson, Kathy Hodson, Les Rowlands

WIRRAL WEST (15 Council Members) (plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)

WARD	MEMBERS
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	Tom Anderson, Wendy Clements, Mike Hornby
Hoylake and Meols	Eddie Boulton, Gerry Ellis, John Hale
Pensby and Thingwall	Phill Brightmore, Louise Reecejones, Michael Sullivan
Upton	Matthew Patrick, Tony Smith, Stuart Whittingham
West Kirby and Thurstaston	David Elderton, Jeff Green, Geoffrey Watt
Co-opted Community Representatives (Subject to review)	Jackie Hall (Hoylake and Meols Ward) John Smith (Greasby Frankby and Irby Ward) Vacancy (Pensby and Thingwall Ward) Elise Wong (Upton Ward) David Wade (West Kirby and Thurstaston Ward)

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

19 MAY 2015

SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF PANELS, STATUTORY / ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES; AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS 2015/2016
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF LEGAL AND MEMBER SERVICES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to review the continuing need for various panels, statutory / advisory committees and working parties, and to request the Council to appoint members and named deputies to serve on those (including the statutory committees and panels) that are to be retained in 2015/2016. The membership of the various bodies in 2014/2015 is set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The schedule attached at Appendix 1 has been updated to reflect the current statutory committees / panels etc. to which Members are required to be appointed to for 2015/16.

2.0 STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS

The following statutory committees and panels, all of which have full delegated authority, were retained during 2014/2015.

2.1 ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- (i). **Discharge from Guardianship by Wirral Council under the Mental Health Act 1983 Panel** (Panel of Members to be drawn from Councillors on the Policy and Performance – Families and Wellbeing Committee)

To hear requests to discharge service users subject to guardianship upon the application of a professional responsible for their care.

(ii). **Health and Wellbeing Board**

To work across professional and agency boundaries to drive innovation make a difference to the health and wellbeing of local people by;

- agreeing priorities and actions to reduce health inequalities and promote health and wellbeing
- developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- developing a framework for the effective performance monitoring of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- discussing and evaluating joint performance

2.2 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

(i). Complaints Panel (School Curriculum and Related Matters)

To hear and determine complaints about curriculum delivery in schools and related matters as required by statute.

(ii). Education Staff Panel

(1) In relation to schools not subject to a scheme of delegation, to hear and determine appeals arising out of the procedure for the dismissal of teachers as contained in the regulations governing their appointment and conditions of service.

(2) To determine appeals by teachers against proposals to dismiss made by the Director of Children's Services under the Education (Teachers) Regulations 1993, or as subsequently amended or re-enacted.

(iii). Headteacher Appointments Panel

To participate in and approve the appointment of headteachers of schools not subject to a scheme of delegation.

(iv). School Appeals Panel

To consider, as part of a statutory review process, appeals against decisions by the Local Authority (or the Governors of voluntary or aided schools) concerning the allocation of places in primary and secondary schools, and decisions by governing bodies concerning the exclusion of pupils.

The School Appeals Panel is drawn from a "pool" of lay members or members with experience in education. However, Councillors are ineligible to serve on the Appeals Panels for schools under local authority control.

(v). Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE)

SACRE is responsible for advising the local authority on matters concerning the teaching of religious education and collective acts of worship; it decides on applications for determination of cases in which requirements for Christian collective worship are not to apply; and may require the local authority to review its agreed syllabus.

(vi). Wirral Schools Forum (Funding Consultative Group)

The Forum makes recommendations in respect of the allocation of funding to schools and academies from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) received from the DfE. The Forum must be consulted on any changes to Schools and Early Years funding formulae, arrangements for the education of pupils with special educational needs and funding to meet statutory duties or other agreed commitments. In the composition of the Forum, the Council's three representatives act only as observers.

(vii). Wirral Children's Trust Board

This has a variety of responsibilities including to co-ordinate services for children and young people; to identify the needs of Wirral children and young people in terms of the five outcomes in the Children Act 2004; to determine the strategies required to improve the outcomes for children's well-being; to make recommendations to the Council and other partner organisations with respect to the measures that are needed to improve children's well-being; and to recommend joint commissioning strategies and, where appropriate be responsible for pooled budget arrangements.

(viii). Adoption / Fostering Panels

(The Adoption Panel member should be either a member of the Executive or of the Policy and Performance – Families and Wellbeing Committee)

As part of a wider membership, to determine applications for the adoption and for the fostering of children.

2.3 SUPPORT SERVICES

Independent Remuneration Panel (Four persons who are not members of the Council and who are not disqualified from being a member)

To make recommendations to the Council on Members' remuneration and allowances and any proposals for amendments to the Scheme of Members' Allowances.

3.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

The following is a list of advisory and consultative bodies that were retained or created in 2014/2015 to assist the Cabinet and Policy and Performance Committees in their work. The Council may wish to make appointments directly to some or all of them, or alternatively, to ask the relevant Policy and Performance Committee to express a view as to whether all of these bodies need to be retained or whether their role could be undertaken by the P & P Committee itself. For those bodies that are retained, it is suggested that they report to the relevant Committee or P & P Committee.

3.1 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

(i). Youth and Play Service Advisory Committee

To support and monitor the youth and play services provided by the local authority and other agencies and to make appropriate recommendations.

(ii). Corporate Parenting Group

This acts as the governing body of a virtual school, whose roll comprises all of the children that are looked after by the local authority, with particular emphasis on improving their well-being, educational attainment and attendance.

(iii). Headteachers and Teachers JCC

To meet with headteachers' and teachers' representatives to discuss educational issues.

(iii). Safeguarding Reference Group

Established by Council on 15 December, 2014 (minute 99 refers) the purpose of the Safeguarding Reference Group will be to ensure that the most senior leaders of the Council, through its leading Members and Chief Executive, are informed about key safeguarding issues in order to carry out their responsibilities of safeguarding Children and Adults in Wirral. This proposal follows the consideration of findings from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham.

(v). Wirral Schools' Music Service Consultative Committee

(This Consultative Committee no longer sits as it has been superseded by governance arrangements required for the joint music hub with Cheshire West and Chester Musical Routes).

3.2 ECONOMY

(i). Wirral Trade Centre Working Party

At its meeting on 16 April 2012, the Council (minute 154 refers) called on the three Parties to agree membership for a Member Working Party in the ratio 1:1:1. The Working Party reports to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee. The Working Party will scope a project leading to recommendations to ensure the Council and its partners are Trade Centre Ready and able to embrace all opportunities for development through its growing links with China and other countries and that potential barriers to businesses and investors are identified and recommendations made as to how these can be overcome.

(ii). Birkenhead Business Improvement District Steering Group

At its meeting on 10 April, 2014, Cabinet (minute 185 refers) agreed to support the Wirral Chamber of Commerce in drawing up proposals relating to the establishment of a Birkenhead BID. BIDs are a tried and tested method of regenerating town centres, commercial districts and some tourism zones.

3.3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Wirral Climate Change Group

To achieve the adopted target of a 60% reduction in carbon emissions by 2025 through the reporting structure of the Wirral Wide Carbon Reduction Delivery Plan, together with the implementation of the Community Carbon Reduction Programme (CRed), working with residents, communities and both the public and private sectors to help achieve their own CO2 reduction.

3.4 GOVERNANCE, COMMISSIONING AND IMPROVEMENT

(i). Members' Training Steering Group

To advise on the preparation of the annual programme of training for Council members and on individual applications to attend courses.

(ii). Members' Equipment Steering Group

To review IT equipment provision for members.

3.5 LEISURE, SPORT AND CULTURE

(i). Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee

To advise the Council on all issues relating to and affecting Birkenhead Park.

(ii). Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee

To manage the nature reserve and to make appropriate recommendations for its preservation and maintenance.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

4.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint Members to various panels, advisory committees and working parties.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their committee places.

7.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

None

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

9.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

14.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to:

- (1) appoint members and named deputies, as necessary, to serve on the statutory committees, panels and other bodies identified in paragraph 2.0 above (including Chairs);
- (2) make appointments to advisory committees, working parties and consultative groups identified in paragraph 3.0 above (or, alternatively, to seek the views of the relevant policy and performance committees concerning their retention);
- (3) confirm that, where appropriate, the minutes of the statutory committees and panels, advisory committees and other bodies be submitted to the relevant policy and performance committees for information, with any matters requiring an executive decision being referred to the Cabinet as necessary;
- (4) to note the current constitution and membership of the School Appeals Panel.

15.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

15.1 This Annual Meeting of the Council is required to appoint the membership of various panels, statutory / advisory committees and working parties.

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APPENDICES

1. Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels Membership 2014/2015

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Previous reports on the appointment of panels, statutory / advisory committees and working parties and amendments made during the year and the Council's Constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	9 June 2014
Council	20 May 2013
Council	14 May 2012

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STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND PANELS – MEMBERSHIP 2014/2015

Note: figures in brackets indicate the political ratio, i.e. (Labour: Conservative: Liberal Democrat); asterisk indicates party spokesperson. Statutory Committees should be appointed proportionately or if not proportionate should be appointed with no councillors voting against. Advisory Committees or working parties need not be proportionate.

(1) STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS

(listed under relevant portfolio)

(a) ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

(i). Discharge from Guardianship by Wirral Council under the Mental Health Act 1983 Panel (2:1:0)

(Members appointed from membership of the Policy and Performance Families and Wellbeing Committee)

Councillor Denise Roberts
Councillor Moira McLaughlin
Councillor Mike Hornby

(ii). Health and Wellbeing Board

3 Political Group Leaders plus, as co-optees, the Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Councillor Chris Jones and Children and Family Services, Councillor Tony Smith

Group Leaders' nominees as deputies, Councillor Ann McLachlan, Councillor Lesley Rennie and vacancy

(b) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

(i). Complaints Panel (School Curriculum and Related Matters) (2:1:0 plus named deputies)

Councillors Tony Smith Jim Crabtree	Deputies – Councillors Paul Doughty Walter Smith Bernie Mooney
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Councillor Wendy Clements	Deputies – Councillors Paul Hayes Cherry Povall
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(ii). Education Staff Panel (4:2:1 plus named deputies)

Councillors Paul Doughty Tony Smith Walter Smith Bernie Mooney	Deputies – Councillors Chris Meaden
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Councillors Wendy Clements Deputy – Councillor Paul Hayes
Cherry Povall

Councillor Pat Williams Deputies – Councillors Alan Brighthouse
Chris Carubia

(iii). Headteacher Appointments Panel
(3:1:0 plus named deputies)

Councillors Bernie Mooney Deputies – Councillors Jim Crabtree
Walter Smith Janette Williamson
Tony Smith

Councillor Wendy Clements Deputy – Councillor Cherry Povall

(iv). School Appeals Panel

Lay Chairs: Mrs A Barker, Mrs S Reynolds, Mr J Smallthwaite, Mr D Spencer,
Mrs J Turner, Mrs H A Wells and Mrs H Welsh

(v). Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE)
(4:2:0)

Councillors Tony Smith Deputies – Councillors Phill Brightmore
Walter Smith Jim Crabtree
Bernie Mooney Denise Roberts
Moiria McLaughlin

Councillors Wendy Clements Deputy – Councillor Paul Hayes
Cherry Povall

(vi). Wirral Schools Forum (Funding Consultative Group)
Observers (2:1:0)

Councillor Bernie Mooney
Councillor Tony Smith
Councillor Wendy Clements

(vii). Wirral Children's Trust Board (2:1:0)

Cabinet Member – Councillor Tony Smith
and Councillors Chris Meaden and Wendy Clements

(viii). Adoption / Fostering Panels

Adoption: Councillor Tony Smith (Chair)
Fostering: Councillors Anita Leech, Cherry Povall and Phil Gilchrist

(c) SUPPORT SERVICES

Independent Remuneration Panel (4 persons who are not members of the Council and who are not disqualified from being a member)

Don Latham (Chair), Ray Allan, Nunzia Bertali, Pauline Brown

(2) ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

(listed under relevant portfolio)

(a) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

(i). Youth and Play Service Advisory Committee

(8 Council Members - 3:3:2)

Councillors	Tony Smith Chris Meaden Walter Smith	Deputy –	Councillor Jean Stapleton
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Councillors	Paul Hayes Wendy Clements Cherry Povall	Deputy –	Councillor Tracey Smith
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Councillors	Chris Carubia Pat Williams	Deputy –	Councillor Phil Gilchrist
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(ii). Corporate Parenting Group (2:2:2)

Councillors Chris Meaden, Tony Smith
Councillors Cherry Povall, Wendy Clements
Councillors Alan Brighthouse, Pat Williams

(iii). Headteachers and Teachers Joint Consultative Committee

(7 Council Members - 3:2:2)

Councillors	Denise Roberts Tony Smith George Davies	Deputies –	Councillors Jim Crabtree Moirra McLaughlin Bernie Mooney
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Councillors	Wendy Clements Cherry Povall	Deputy –	Councillor Paul Hayes
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Councillors	Dave Mitchell Pat Williams	Deputies –	Councillors Alan Brighthouse Phil Gilchrist
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(iv). Safeguarding Reference Group (established by Council 15 December, 2014)

The Leader of the Council; the Leaders of the second and third largest groups on the Council; the Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, the Chair and

spokespersons from Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee.

Deputies for Members - Vacancies

The Chief Executive, the Strategic Director for Families and Wellbeing, the Director of Children's Services, the Head of Children's Specialist Services, the Director of Adult Social Services, the Head of Adult Social Services Delivery, the Corporate Safeguarding Manager, a representative of the Head of Legal and Member Services, the independent chair of Wirral LSCB and the SAPB.

(b) ECONOMY

(i). Wirral Trade Centre Working Party (1:1:1)

3 Political Group Leaders or their nominees.

(ii). Birkenhead Business Improvement District Steering Group

Councillor Jean Stapleton

Kevin Adderley - Strategic Director: Regeneration and Environment

(c) ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Wirral Climate Change Group (1:1:1)

Councillor Bernie Mooney

Councillor Tom Anderson

Councillor Dave Mitchell

(d) GOVERNANCE, COMMISSIONING AND IMPROVEMENT

(i). Members' Training Steering Group (2:2:2)

Councillors Ann McLachlan (Chair) and Tony Norbury

Councillors Wendy Clements and Mike Hornby

Councillors Chris Carubia and Phil Gilchrist

(ii). Members' Equipment Steering Group (2:2:2)

Councillors Stuart Whittingham and Ann McLachlan

Councillors Jeff Green and Steve Williams

Councillors Alan Brighouse and Chris Carubia

(e) LEISURE, SPORT AND CULTURE

(i). Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee (4:2:2)

Councillors Chris Meaden, George Davies, Denise Roberts, Jean Stapleton

Councillors Cherry Povall, David Elderton

Councillors Stuart Kelly, Alan Brighouse

(ii). Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee (2:4:2)

Councillors Jerry Williams, Tony Smith

Councillors Gerry Ellis, John Hale, Jeff Green, Geoffrey Watt

Councillors Alan Brighouse and Chris Carubia

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

19 MAY 2015

SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2015/2016
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF LEGAL AND MEMBER SERVICES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to nominate representatives of the Council to serve on, or continue as members of, various outside organisations in 2015/2016.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The bodies to which appointments are to be made are set out in Appendix 1, with the 2014/2015 year's representation as a guide.

2.2 The schedule attached at Appendix 1 has been updated to reflect the current bodies to which Members are required to be appointed to for 2015/16.

2.3 The bodies are listed under the relevant Cabinet portfolio or Committee.

2.4 Attendance by elected members at meetings of these outside bodies has been designated as an approved duty unless there are specific reasons for not doing so (e.g. where another authority pays expenses to its members).

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint Members to outside organisations.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their outside body places.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

6.1 None

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report, however, many of the organisations to which nominations are made represent such interests.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report, however, some of the organisations to which nominations are made represent such groups as the elderly, ethnic minorities and those with disabilities.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to appoint or nominate, as the case may be, elected members, officers or others (as appropriate) to represent the Council on the outside organisations identified in Appendix 1, where appointments are still required.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council is required to appoint Members to a variety of outside organisations.

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APPENDICES

1. Outside Organisations' Membership 2014/2015

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Previous reports on the appointments to outside organisations and amendments made during the year and the Council's Constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	9 June 2014
Council	20 May 2013
Council	14 May 2012

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(B) ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

(i). Age UK

Councillor Chris Jones

(ii). Arch Initiatives - Wirral Management Committee (1:1:1)

Councillor Denise Roberts
Councillor Steve Williams
Councillor Dave Mitchell

(iii). Bebington Day Centre Advisory Body
(Appointments no longer required)

(iv). Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership Trust: Appointed Governor

Councillor P N Gilchrist (Appointed for 3 years until 10 October 2016)

(v). Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust

Councillor Matt Daniel (Appointed for 3 years until end of September 2015)

(vi). Girtrell Court Residential Centre Advisory Body (1:1:1)
(Appointments no longer required)

(vii). Heswall Advisory Body (Heswall ATC) (1:1:1)
(Appointments no longer required)

(viii). John Lloyd Corkhill Trust

Councillor Chris Jones

(ix). Merseyside Society for the Deaf (1:1:0)

Councillor John Salter
Councillor Mike Hornby

(x). Wallasey Day Centre Advisory Body (3:0:0)

Councillors John Salter
Christine Spriggs
Rob Gregson

(xi). Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust - Governors (1:1)

Councillor Kathy Hodson)
Councillor Anita Leech) Appointed for 3 years until 18 September 2016

Deputy: Director of Adult Social Services
(Members appointed to the trust cannot also be members of the Policy and Performance Families and Wellbeing Committee)

(C) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

(i). Birkenhead Sixth Form College Governing Body

Councillor Denise Roberts (1 Nov 2011 to 31 Oct 2015)

(ii). C E Gourley VC Endowment Fund

Councillors Geoffrey Watt
Gerry Ellis

(iii). Lower Bebington School Lands Foundation (1:1:1)

Councillor Jerry Williams
Councillor Cherry Povall
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

(iv). National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Councillor Tony Smith

(v). Oaklands Centre Management Committee (2:1:1)

(Will transfer to the new shared school traded services company from September 2015)

Councillors Walter Smith
Tony Smith
Councillor Tracey Smith
Councillor Chris Carubia

(vi). St Bridget's Educational Trust

Councillor Gerry Ellis

(vii). West Kirby Residential School

Councillor Eddie Boulton

(viii). Wirral Alternative School Programme (WASP)

(Appointments no longer required as now has Academy status)

(ix). Wirral Metropolitan College Governing Body (Nomination)

Councillor Ann McLachlan (appointed for 4 year term until 19 July, 2015)
Julia Hassall (Director of Children's Services) (appointed for 4 year term until 23 October, 2018)

(x). Wirral Play Council Executive Committee (1:1:0)

Councillor Chris Meaden
Councillor Wendy Clements

(xi). Wirral Play Partnership (1:1:1)

Councillor Chris Meaden
 Councillor Cherry Povall
 Councillor Pat Williams

(D) ECONOMY

(i). Chrysalis (General Partner) Limited - Director

Councillor Ann McLachlan

(ii). Conservation Area Advisory Committees

<u>Conservation Area</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>
Bromborough Pool	Steve Niblock
Oxton	Pat Williams
Barnston	Phillip Brightmore
Caldy	Jeff Green
Frankby	Wendy Clements
Gayton and Heswall	Kathy Hodson
Thornton Hough	Cherry Povall
Thurstaston	David Elderton
Wellington Road, New Brighton	Pat Hackett, Rob Gregson, Christine Spriggs
Saughall Massie	Steve Williams
Port Sunlight	Steve Niblock
Rock Park	Chris Meaden
Bidston	Harry Smith
Eastham	Chris Carubia
Hoylake Meols Drive/King's Gap	Gerry Ellis
Friends of Birkenhead Park	Jerry Williams
West Kirby Society	David Elderton
Bromborough Society	Irene Williams
Mount Wood	Paul Doughty, Tony Norbury, Denise Realey
Clifton Park	Jean Stapleton
Lower Bebington	Jerry Williams

(iii). Lairdsid Communities Together

Councillors Phil Davies
 Chris Meaden

(iv). Mersey Maritime Group Ltd (1:1:0)

Councillor Bernie Mooney
 Councillor Lesley Rennie
 Councillor Phil Davies (Co-opted Member)

(v). Mersey / Dee Alliance (1:1:1)

Councillor Pat Hackett (or nominee)
 Councillor Steve Williams (or nominee)
 Councillor Dave Mitchell (or nominee)

(vi). North Birkenhead Development Trust (Director)

Councillor Harry Smith

(vii). Wirral Chamber of Commerce

Leader of the Council – Councillor Phil Davies

Strategic Director: Regeneration and Environment – Mr K Adderley

(viii). Wirral Citizens' Advice Bureau (1:1:1)

Councillor Jean Stapleton

Councillor David Elderton

Councillor Alan Brighthouse

Plus Strategic Director: Regeneration and Environment (Mr K Adderley) (or nominee)

(ix). Wirral Council for Voluntary Service - Management Committee (1:1:0)

Councillor Denise Roberts

Councillor David Elderton

(E) ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

(i). Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Steve Niblock

(ii). Local Government Association Coastal Issues Special Interest Group

Councillor Stuart Whittingham

(Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport)

(iii). Manchester Port Health Authority

Councillor John Salter

(Deputy – Not appointed)

(iv). Mersey Port Health Committee (3:2:1)

Councillors Ron Abbey
John Salter
Harry Smith

Deputies – Councillors Bernie Mooney
Denise Roberts

Councillors John Hale
Gerry Ellis

Deputies – Councillors Steve Williams
Les Rowlands

Councillor Dave Mitchell

Deputy – Councillor Alan Brighthouse

(v). Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (1:1:0)

Councillor Irene Williams*
Councillor Steve Williams.

**Nominated for the purposes of Section 41, Local Government Act 1985*

(F) GOVERNANCE, COMMISSIONING AND IMPROVEMENT

(i). Wirral Multicultural Organisation (1:1:1 plus a Ward Councillor)

Councillor Ann McLachlan
Councillor Tracey Smith
Councillor Dave Mitchell
Councillor Phil Davies (Ward Councillor)

(G) LEISURE, SPORT AND CULTURE

(i). Beechwood Play and Community Centre Joint Management Committee
(Will move outside the Council's control within the next twelve months)

Councillors Jim Crabtree
Denise Roberts
Ann McLachlan
Harry Smith

(ii). Charing Cross Play, Youth and Community Centre Joint Management Committee

Councillors Phil Davies
Denise Roberts
Jean Stapleton
Chris Meaden

(iii). Gautby Road Play & Community Centre Joint Management Committee
(Bidston and St James Ward Councillors)

Councillors Jim Crabtree
Ann McLachlan
Harry Smith

(iv). The Lauries Centre

Councillor Jean Stapleton

(v). Leasowe Play, Youth & Community Association Joint Management Committee

Councillors Ron Abbey
Treena Johnson
Anita Leech

(vi). **Liscard Community Facilities Complex Joint Management Committee**

(Has now moved outside the Council's control – appointments not required for 2015/16)

(vii). **Livingstone Street Community Centre Joint Management Committee**

(Has now moved outside the Council's control – appointments not required for 2015/16)

(viii). **Mayer Trust, Bebington**

(Appointments to this body will be subject to review as the Trust is currently reviewing its constitution)

Councillors Jerry Williams
Cherry Povall
Dave Mitchell

(ix). **Merseyside Cultural Forum**

Councillor Chris Meaden (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture)

(x). **New Ferry Village Hall Joint Management Committee**

(Bromborough Ward Councillors) – (Will move outside the Council's control within the next six months)

Councillors Joe Walsh
Steve Niblock
Irene Williams

(xi). **North West Libraries**

(Appointments no longer required)

(xii). **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society**

Councillor Denise Roberts

(xiii). **Seacombe Community Association (Council)**

Councillor J Salter

(xiv). **Tam O'Shanter Cottage Trust**

Councillors Denise Roberts
Chris Meaden
George Davies
Steve Foulkes
Bruce Berry

(xv). **Woodchurch Community Centre Joint Management Committee**

(Upton Ward Councillors) – (Will move outside the Council's control within the next six months)

Councillors Matthew Patrick
Stuart Whittingham
Tony Smith

(H) HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

(i). Merseytravel Committee of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (Not an Approved Duty) (3:1:0)

Councillors Ron Abbey*
Steve Foulkes
Jerry Williams
Councillor Les Rowlands

**Nominated for the purposes of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985*

(ii). National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee

Councillor Stuart Whittingham
(Deputies – Councillors Lesley Rennie and Dave Mitchell)

(iii). Wirral Cycle Forum (1:1:1)

Councillor Christina Muspratt
Councillor Wendy Clements
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

(iv). Wirral Pedestrian Forum (1:1:1)

Councillor Stuart Whittingham
Councillor Kathy Hodson
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

(I) LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(i). North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Councillor Bernie Mooney

(J) NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING AND ENGAGEMENT

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

Councillors Ann McLachlan
Paul Doughty

(ii). Leasowe Community Homes Management Board

Councillors Ron Abbey
Treena Johnson
Anita Leech

And Officer Vacancy

(iii). Magenta Living – Board members (3:1)

Councillors Stuart Whittingham
Denise Roberts
Steve Foulkes
Councillor Jeff Green

(iv). Magenta Living: Community Fund Working Group

Councillor George Davies (Cabinet Member)
Ian Platt (Head of Housing)
Tom Sault (Head of Financial Services)

(v). Magenta Living: Governance and Membership Committee

Councillor George Davies

**(vi). Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (3:1:0)
(Not an Approved Duty)**

Councillors Denise Roberts*
Steve Niblock
Jean Stapleton
Councillor Lesley Rennie

**Nominated for the purposes of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985*

(vii). Merseyside Police and Crime Panel (1:1)

Councillors Moira McLaughlin
Leah Fraser

(viii). Wirral Community Safety Partnership (1:1:1)

Councillors George Davies
John Hale
Alan Brighthouse

(ix). Wirral Council and Riverside Challenge Fund Working Group

Councillor George Davies
(Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement)
Mr K Adderley (Strategic Director: Regeneration and Environment) or deputy
Mr S Tour (Head of Legal and Member Services) or deputy

(K) SUPPORT SERVICES

**(i). Birkenhead Market Limited/Birkenhead Market Services Limited
– Director**

Vacancy

(ii). Local Government Association: General Assembly (3:1:0)

Councillors Phil Davies
George Davies
Ann McLachlan
Councillor Jeff Green

(iii). North Western Local Authorities Employers' Organisation

Councillor Adrian Jones
(Deputy – Councillor Phil Davies)

(iv). SIGOMA (LGA Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities)

Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Davies, or nominee

Councillor George Davies is the Leader's current nominee, and the other Group Leaders or their nominees have been authorised to attend as observers.
(Councillor Chris Blakeley is an observer.)

(v). West Kirby Charities (the Council is able to nominate up to 8 trustees)

Councillor D M Elderton	(appointed until 7 September 2017)
Councillor E Boulton	(appointed until 16 October 2017)
Mr David Stevenson	(appointed until 30 October 2018)
Vacancy	(appointed until 18 October 2016)
Councillor Geoffrey Watt	(appointed until 26 April 2016)
Vacancy	5(appointed until 30 October 2015)
Mrs Victoria Gawith	(appointed until 18 April 2015)
Mrs Gill Conlon	(appointed until 30 January, 2017)

WIRRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

18 & 19 May 2015

SUBJECT:	Policy Council Agenda
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
REPORT OF:	Head of Legal & Member Services

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report proposes an Agenda for Policy Council to be held on 13 July 2015

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Council has approved the Calendar of Meetings for the municipal year 2015/16 and included a specific Council meeting, named Policy Council, which enables Council to consider strategies, policies and plans, including any that fall within the Policy Framework as defined Article 4, paragraph 4.1(1) (a) of the Constitution (please see paragraph 9.3 of this report).

2.2 To ensure other matters are addressed in a timely manner, the Calendar of Meetings includes a meeting of Ordinary Council (6 July 2015) a week before the planned meeting of Policy Council.

3.0 Proposed Agenda

3.1 The proposed Agenda for Policy Council is set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

4.1 There are no relevant risks arising in respect of this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 No other options have been considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 No formal consultation is required in respect of the proposed Policy Council Agenda.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are no such implications arising.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 There are no such implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Council has complied with its legal obligation to approve and publish its Calendar of Meetings for the municipal year 2015/16.
- 9.2 Unless an Agenda for Policy Council is agreed, the meeting of Policy Council shall be deemed equivalent to an Ordinary Council meeting and by default the Agenda for the Policy Council shall be the same as that of an Ordinary Council meeting.
- 9.3 Article 4, paragraph 4.1(1) (a) of the Constitution provides that:

Policy Framework - The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:

- Council's Corporate Plan;
- Children and Young People's Plan;
- Sustainable Community Strategy;
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
- Licensing Authority Policy Statement & Statement of Principles
- Local Transport Plan;
- Plans and strategies which together comprise the Local Development Framework;
- Youth Justice Plan.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No such implications arise.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 None

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no such implications arising.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 13.1 That Council approves the Policy Council Agenda set out at Appendix 1 to this report in respect of the Policy Council meeting to be held on 13 July 2015.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 14.1 To enable the Council consider specifically strategies, policies and plans at a dedicated Council meeting.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Policy Council Agenda

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

POLICY COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Mayor's Announcements

2. Declarations of Interest / Restrictions on voting

3. Petitions

Note: if a petition relates to a strategy, policy and/or plan being considered by Council, the member who presents can during the relevant main debate speak about it, in order that Council can take account of it.

3. Matters requiring approval by the Council:

- Any document falling within the Policy Framework as defined by Article 4, paragraph 4.1(1) of the Constitution; and/or
- Medium Term Financial Strategy; and/or
- Any other strategy, policy or plan referred by the Leader, Cabinet, Cabinet Portfolio and/or Council Committee.

5. Vacancies

6. Any other business