Dear Councillor

This is the supplement for the Part 2 meeting of Annual Council to be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 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. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 34)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14 March and 4 April, 2016.
9. PETITIONS

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

10. ELECTION RESULTS - 5 MAY 2016 (Pages 35 - 36)

To receive and note the report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Local Government Election held on 5 May 2016.

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 37 - 80)

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


C. Appointments of Members (and/or other individuals) to Outside Bodies and organisations 2016/17. (Pages 67 – 80)

Head of Legal and Member Services
COUNCIL

Monday, 14 March 2016

Present:
The Civic Mayor (Councillor Les Rowlands) in the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Pat Hackett)

Councillors
RL Abbey  JE Green  D Realey
T Anderson R Gregson L Reecejones
B Berry  P Hayes L Rennie
C Blakeley A Hodson D Roberts
E Boult K Hodson J Salter
A Brighouse T Johnson T Smith
P Brightmore AER Jones W Smith
D Burgess-Joyce C Jones C Spriggs
P Cleary B Kenny J Stapleton
W Clements A Leech M Sullivan
A Davies AR McLachlan A Sykes
G Davies M McLaughlin J Walsh
P Davies C Meaden G Watt
WJ Davies D Mitchell S Whittingham
P Doughty B Mooney J Williamson
D Elderton C Muspratt I Williams
G Ellis T Norbury KJ Williams
S Foulkes M Patrick P Williams
L Fraser T Pilgrim S Williams
P Gilchrist C Povall

Apologies:  Councillors
C Carubia  J Hale
J Crabtree  S Niblock
M Daniel

104  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.

Councillor Anita Leech declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 – Notices of Motion (vi), ‘Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence’ by virtue of her being Chair and fundraiser for the Freedom Programme, a domestic violence programme for women.
CIVIC MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor noted that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Carubia, Jim Crabtree, Matt Daniel, John Hale and Steve Niblock.

The Mayor thanked those Councillors who would not be standing at the forthcoming election and offered his best wishes to:

Councillor Rob Gregson – 4 years’ service
Councillor Leah Fraser – 9 years’ service
Councillor Jim Crabtree – 12 years’ service
Councillor Steve Niblock – 14 years’ service
Councillor John Salter – 14 years’ service

He gave a special thanks to Councillor Pat Williams who would be retiring from the Council after 29 years’ service and presented a bouquet of flowers.

The Mayor also announced that the recipient of the Andy Day Memorial Cup for 2015/2016, 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 Bruce Berry.

During the course of this item, the Leader of the Council moved that Standing Order 17 be suspended to allow debate of Notice of Motion (iii) – Girtrell Court, this was seconded by Councillor Jeff Green and it was –

Resolved (unanimously) – That Standing Order 17 be suspended to allow debate on Notice of Motion (iii) – Girtrell Court.

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, and for the fundraising they had undertaken for three charities during their mayoral year.

The Leader of the Conservative Group associated himself with the remarks made by the Leader of the Council and on behalf of his group thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for carrying out over 500 engagements during the mayoral year. The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group also associated his group with the remarks made and thanked the Mayor and Mayoress.

In response, the Mayor thanked everyone for their kind words and stated that he was immensely proud to have been Mayor for this municipal year.
PETITIONS

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

Councillor Chris Blakeley on behalf of 5,006 Wirral signatories calling on the Council to halt the closure of Girtrell Court.

Councillor Adrian Jones on behalf of 1,787 signatories requesting that Seacombe Ferry terminal remains open.

Councillor Leah Fraser on behalf of 38 signatories requesting the investigation of the problem of speeding traffic and parking in St Nicholas Road, Wallasey.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions had been received.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March, 2016 had been circulated to Members and, it was –

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

LEADER’S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ AND CHAIRS REPORTS

The Mayor introduced the summary reports from the Leader, Cabinet Members and Policy and Performance Committee Chairs and asked for questions on any of the reports.

Councillor Blakeley asked questions of the Chair of the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee, the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Members for Housing and Communities, Resources: Finance, Assets and Technology and Transport, Technology Strategy and Infrastructure.

In response, comments included:

Councillor McLaughlin
- The Families and Wellbeing Budget Scrutiny workshop had been well attended with 13 Members out of 15 in attendance, all of whom had contributed to the discussion which she stated had not been curtailed.
Councillor George Davies
• 680 new homes would need to be built each year on brownfield sites per year over the next five years.
• The Local Development Plan would be published before the end of the year.

Councillor Adrian Jones
• In respect of the timetable for the disposal of Foxfield School he would respond in writing.

Councillor Stuart Whittingham
• A written response would be provided in respect of the Liverpool City Region ‘pipeline’ of transport schemes and whether the Town Meadow station was one of the 19 schemes put forward for consideration in the assessment process.

Councillor Phil Davies
• With regard to the proposed closure of Girtrell Court he stated that he did not believe it would remove choice. The issue was that all the funding for respite was tied up in one building whereas one size did not fit all. This was about offering people greater choice.

Councillor Jeff Green asked a question of the Leader of the Council.

Councillor Phil Davies’ comments in response, included:
• The 2020 pledges had been agreed by every member of the Council and the Council was working on the basis that everyone was signed up to those pledges.
• The Council was absolutely focussed on delivering the outcomes of the 2020 Plan, protecting the most vulnerable, driving economic growth and improving the local environment.
• He had no need to apologise for the recent publication of the LGA Peer Review, the final version of which had only just been agreed.
• An action plan had also been provided outlining the action being taken to address the points raised in the peer review.
• The Peer Review report and Action Plan would be considered by the Policy and Performance Coordinating Committee at its meeting on 23 March, 2016.

Councillors Janette Williamson, Phil Gilchrist and Chris Spriggs asked questions of the Cabinet Member for Resources: Finance, Assets and Technology.

Councillor Adrian Jones’ comments in response, included:
• Any Authority needed to have reserves in place to deal with unexpected events, such as extreme weather events, and it would be neglectful of the Council not to do so.
• Most Councils around the country also had short term investments which yielded a return for the Authority.
• With regard to Acre Lane, Morris Homes had undertaken site investigations and officers were negotiating the final position with the developer and full details of the negotiating position would be made available.
• He provided an outline of the issues which had led to the IT outage which had occurred across the Council network on Thursday, 10 March, 2016.

Responding to comments from Councillors Geoffrey Watt, Phil Gilchrist and Eddie Boult, Councillor Stuart Whittingham’s comments included:
• The list of street lights for repair had been updated for March on the Council’s website.
• He thanked the staff of the Council and BAM Nuttall for all their work on the street lighting scheme.
• He provided details of the four stage process involved in the selection of the Liverpool City Region ‘pipeline’ of transport schemes.
• In respect of the number of licences granted to utility companies to dig up roads in the last year, he would provide a written response.

Responding to comments from Councillor Pat Cleary, Councillor George Davies’ comments included:
• The Selective Licensing programme was working well in Wirral and although he couldn’t put a timeframe on it he hoped that the programme would be extended within the next two years.

Responding to comments from Councillor Lesley Rennie, Councillor Chris Jones’ comments included:
• She would provide in writing details of the integrated care agenda.
• With regard to Members’ visits to Care Homes the Chair of the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee was responsible for this and she was looking into the matter.

Resolved – That

(1) each of the Cabinet Portfolio Holders’ Summary reports be noted; and

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

MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Standing Order 5(2), six matters were submitted for approval by the Council (see minutes 111 to 116 post).
PAY POLICY 2016/17

The first matter requiring approval was in relation to the Pay Policy Statement 2016/17 and the recommendations from Cabinet of 25 January, 2016 (minute 67 refers).

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

Resolved (60:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within minute 67 of Cabinet, be agreed.

CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16 QUARTER 3 (TO DECEMBER 2015)

The second matter requiring approval was in relation to the revised Capital Programme of £46.9m and the recommendations from Cabinet of 22 February, 2016 (minute 96 refers).

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

Resolved (60:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within minute 96 of Cabinet, be agreed.

ENFORCEMENT POLICY - SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The third matter requiring approval was in relation to an amendment to the Council’s Scheme of Non-Executive Delegation of Functions to Officers and the Enforcement Policy and the recommendations from Cabinet of 7 March, 2016 (minute 112 refers).

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

Resolved (60:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within minute 112 of Cabinet, be agreed.

EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

The fourth matter requiring approval was in relation to the revised terms of reference of the Employment and Appointments Committee and the recommendations from Cabinet of 7 March, 2016 (minute 106 refers).

Councillor Gilchrist then moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor Alan Brighouse and asked that his amendment be circulated to all Members.
The Leader of the Council then requested that the matter be deferred until later in the proceedings to enable an adjournment for the amendment to be considered by each Group.

This was agreed by the Council.

115 QUARTER 3 CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The fifth matter for consideration was in relation to the Quarter 3 Corporate Plan Performance Management Report and the recommendations from Cabinet of 7 March, 2016 (minute 107 refers).

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

Resolved (60:0) (One abstention) – That minute 107 of Cabinet be noted.

116 DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2016/17 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The sixth matter requiring approval was in relation to the draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year and the recommendations from Cabinet of 7 March, 2016 (minute 111 refers).

In response to a comment from Councillor Jeff Green, the Head of Legal and Member Services stated that there was no restriction on the Council agreeing to hold meetings prior to the European Referendum, the restriction was on the issue of the nature of business to be conducted.

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

Resolved (60:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within minute 111 of Cabinet, be agreed.

117 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

No questions had been received.

118 MATTERS REFERRED FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the Council held on 12 October, 2015 (minute 51 refers) the Mayor had referred a Notice of Motion ‘Better Planning to Facilitate Cycling’ to the Planning Committee. The motion was duly considered at the meeting of the Committee on 21 October 2015 (minute 98 refers).
In accordance with Standing Order 7 (5) the Council was invited to consider the recommendation of the Planning Committee which had resolved (unanimously), that –

“The Council be advised that the Planning Committee supports the Notice of Motion, ‘Better Planning to Facilitate Cycling’.

On a motion by Councillor Anita Leech, seconded by Councillor Denise Realey, it was –

Resolved (59:0) (Two abstentions) – That the resolution of the Planning Committee be agreed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

(i). Local Government Funding - To be debated.

(ii). Regeneration and Economic Growth - To be debated.

(iii). Girtrell Court - To be debated.

(iv). Support for our Armed Forces - To be debated.

(v). Backing our Coastal Communities - To be debated.

(vi). Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence - To be debated.

(vii). Tackling Female Genital Mutilation - To be debated.

(viii). Setting Clear Targets for Wirral Waters – to be referred to the Policy and Performance Regeneration and Environment Committee.

(ix). Seeking Fairness in Purchasing - to be referred to the Policy and Performance Transformation and Resources Committee.

(x) Reducing Pedestrian Casualties in Wirral – to be referred to the Policy and Performance Regeneration and Environment Committee.

Prior to the first debate it was agreed that Standing Order 7(2) be suspended and the Girtrell Court Notice of Motion be considered first.

Resolved – That
(1) The Notice of Motion, ‘Setting Clear Targets for Wirral Waters’ be referred to the Policy and Performance Regeneration and Environment Committee.

(2) The Notice of Motion, ‘Seeking Fairness in Purchasing’ be referred to the Policy and Performance Transformation and Resources Committee.

(3) The Notice of Motion, ‘Reducing Pedestrian Casualties in Wirral’ to be referred to the Policy and Performance Regeneration and Environment Committee.

120 MOTION - GIRTRELL COURT

Proposed by Councillor Chris Blakeley
Seconded by Councillor Bruce Berry

Council notes that the Leader of the Council has previously stated that he wants his Administration to be open, transparent and fair with the people of Wirral. Council welcomes this approach.

Council therefore believes that the future of Girtrell Court must be decided in public and not under delegation to the portfolio holder, in conjunction with the Director of Adult Social Services.

Council further believes that the families of those using Girtrell Court, the staff, trade unions and residents and users must be given every opportunity to influence the future of Girtrell Court through a clear and transparent decision making process.

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

First amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies
Seconded by Councillor Chris Jones

Insert new paragraph at start of motion:

‘Council believes that it is important to offer service users and their families a choice of respite care provision. People want the ability to choose the type of care and support which is right for them. At present they are unable to do this. This is not about a building or provider, it’s about the person.’
Delete paragraph 2 and replace with the following:

‘Council notes that a detailed debate on Girtrell Court took place at Budget Council on the 3rd March and a clear way forward was agreed. This involves statutory consultation with service users and their families followed by a clear new service offer and events for carers and cared for people to meet potential new providers. Services will be commissioned to meet all of the identified needs at that stage. Authority will be delegated to the Director, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member, to make decisions in order to avoid undue delays which would prolong uncertainty. We are not imposing deadlines on when this process will be complete and, in the meantime, Girtrell Court will remain open.’

Second amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighouse

Add new paragraphs after paragraph 3:

‘Notwithstanding the decision of Council of 3rd March, Council believes that the rights of Members to scrutinise the decision remain available for their exercise under Part 3, Schedule 4A and 4B of the Constitution.

In view of the concerns of the families and users of Girtrell Court, any ‘decision’ of the Council Officer/Cabinet Member shall be set out, together with all background and supporting material and published for such examination and scrutiny.’

During the course of the debate the Mayor, in accordance with Standing Order 16(1), asked a member of the public to leave the gallery due to him causing a disturbance, the Mayor then adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes whilst the person left, at 7.20pm.

The Council reconvened at 7.25pm.

Following a debate and Councillor Chris Blakeley having replied, and prior to the vote on the first amendment, Councillor Jeff Green and five Conservative Members rose to request a ‘card vote’.

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

For the amendment (36) Councillors R Abbey, P Brightmore, A Davies, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, S Foulkes, R Gregson, P Hackett, T Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, B Kenny, A Leech, A McLachlan, M McLaughlin, C Meaden, B Mooney, C Muspratt, T Norbury, M Patrick, D Realey, L

Against the amendment (24) Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boult, A Brighouse, D Burgess-Joyce, P Cleary, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, L Fraser, P Gilchrist, J Green, P Hayes, A Hodson, K Hodson, D Mitchell, T Pilgrim, C Povall, L Rennie, A Sykes, G Watt, Mrs P Williams and S Williams.

One abstention – Councillor L Rowlands.

The first amendment was therefore carried (36:24) (One abstention).

The second amendment was then put and lost (4:56) (One abstention).

Prior to the vote on the substantive motion, as amended, Councillor Jeff Green and five Conservative Members rose to request a ‘card vote’.

A ‘card vote’ was then taken on the substantive motion and the Council divided as follows:


Against the motion (24) Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boult, A Brighouse, D Burgess-Joyce, P Cleary, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, L Fraser, P Gilchrist, J Green, P Hayes, A Hodson, K Hodson, D Mitchell, T Pilgrim, C Povall, L Rennie, A Sykes, G Watt, Mrs P Williams and S Williams.

One abstention – Councillor L Rowlands.

Resolved (36:24) (One abstention) –

(1) Council believes that it is important to offer service users and their families a choice of respite care provision. People want the ability to choose the type of care and support which is right for them. At present they are unable to do this. This is not about a building or provider, it’s about the person.

(2) Council notes that the Leader of the Council has previously stated that he wants his Administration to be open, transparent and fair with the people of Wirral. Council welcomes this approach.
(3) Council notes that a detailed debate on Girtrell Court took place at Budget Council on the 3rd March and a clear way forward was agreed. This involves statutory consultation with service users and their families followed by a clear new service offer and events for carers and cared for people to meet potential new providers. Services will be commissioned to meet all of the identified needs at that stage. Authority will be delegated to the Director, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member, to make decisions in order to avoid undue delays which would prolong uncertainty. We are not imposing deadlines on when this process will be complete and, in the meantime, Girtrell Court will remain open.

(4) Council further believes that the families of those using Girtrell Court, the staff, trade unions and residents and users must be given every opportunity to influence the future of Girtrell Court through a clear and transparent decision making process.

121 MOTION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies
Seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan

This Council notes the continued inequity of the Government’s approach to local authority funding.

It further recognises the Government’s failings to give a fair deal for Wirral through the recently announced ‘Transitional Fund’

Council is disappointed that despite the Secretary of State claiming the fund is “To help Councils transform from dependence on central government grants to greater financial autonomy” more than 83% of the £300million fund was sent to Conservative controlled authorities.

Is disappointed that, of the 36 English Metropolitan boroughs representing 22% of the population, only 2 received any support, and they were the only two Conservative controlled authorities of Trafford and Solihull, and while Surrey, Oxfordshire and Cheshire East received millions in support, Wirral and the rest of the Liverpool City Region, received nothing.

Council is further dismayed to learn that the Conservatives locally offered no support to help address the imbalance of funding, to lobby their Westminster colleagues, or to stand up for local residents.

Therefore, Council recommends that the Leader of the Council writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting an immediate review of local government funding, the deployment of the Transitional Fund and for Wirral to
receive a fair assessment and settlement to help off-set the £29million cuts he has forced upon the borough in 2016/17.

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

Add new paragraph after paragraph 6:

‘Council notes that in the announcement of the Settlement 8 February 2016, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government set out ‘indicative figures’.

Council understands that the idea was and is that councils should apply for a four year budget, extending to the end of the Parliament. Further, it appears that councils have until 14 October 2016 to respond to this. As part of this process, councils were either asked or expected to translate the ‘certainty’ of a four year settlement into ‘efficiency savings’.

Council, therefore, requests officers to establish, through the Local Government Association and SIGOMA, what this means and what process is being followed.

The Secretary of State also stated that "Many councils felt that too much time has passed since the last substantial revision of the formula which assesses a council’s needs, and the costs it can be expected to incur in delivering services."

He went on to say that "On the needs formula itself, it is nearly 10 years since the current formula was last looked at thoroughly. There is good reason to believe that the demographic pressures affecting particular areas – such as the growth in the elderly population – have affected different areas in different ways, as has the cost of providing services. So I can announce that we will conduct a review of what the needs assessment formula should be in a world in which all local government spending is funded by local resources not central grant, and use it to determine the transition to 100% business rates retention."

Council requests that…

a) urgent work is undertaken to find out what is meant by the 'review of the needs assessment formula' referred to;

b) compilation of the information necessary to submit a case for a fair assessment of Wirral’s needs is undertaken. This shall, amongst other
issues, address the difficulties in achieving the growth in the ‘New Homes Bonus’ and ‘Business Rates’ in the timescales being specified;

c) officers submit a formal request for a meeting with the Secretary of State, requesting that he meet with a Wirral delegation to discuss the realistic appraisal of Wirral’s needs.’

Following a debate and Councillor Phil Davies having replied, the amendment was put and carried (41:19) (One abstention).

The substantive motion, as amended, was then put and carried (41:19) (One abstention).

Resolved (41:19) (One abstention) –

(1) This Council notes the continued inequity of the Government’s approach to local authority funding.

(2) It further recognises the Government’s failings to give a fair deal for Wirral through the recently announced ‘Transitional Fund’

(3) Council is disappointed that despite the Secretary of State claiming the fund is “To help Councils transform from dependence on central government grants to greater financial autonomy” more than 83% of the £300million fund was sent to Conservative controlled authorities.

(4) Is disappointed that, of the 36 English Metropolitan boroughs representing 22% of the population, only 2 received any support, and they were the only two Conservative controlled authorities of Trafford and Solihull, and while Surrey, Oxfordshire and Cheshire East received millions in support, Wirral and the rest of the Liverpool City Region, received nothing.

(5) Council is further dismayed to learn that the Conservatives locally offered no support to help address the imbalance of funding, to lobby their Westminster colleagues, or to stand up for local residents.

(6) Therefore Council recommends that the Leader of the Council writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting an immediate review of local government funding, the deployment of the Transitional Fund and for Wirral to receive a fair assessment and settlement to help off-set the £29million cuts he has forced upon the borough in 2016/17.
(7) Council notes that in the announcement of the Settlement 8 February 2016, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government set out 'indicative figures'.

(8) Council understands that the idea was and is that councils should apply for a four year budget, extending to the end of the Parliament. Further, it appears that councils have until 14 October 2016 to respond to this. As part of this process, councils were either asked or expected to translate the 'certainty' of a four year settlement into 'efficiency savings'.

(9) Council, therefore, requests officers to establish through the Local Government Association and SIGOMA what this means and what process is being followed.

(10) The Secretary of State also stated that "Many councils felt that too much time has passed since the last substantial revision of the formula which assesses a council’s needs, and the costs it can be expected to incur in delivering services."

(11) He went on to say that "On the needs formula itself, it is nearly 10 years since the current formula was last looked at thoroughly. There is good reason to believe that the demographic pressures affecting particular areas – such as the growth in the elderly population – have affected different areas in different ways, as has the cost of providing services. So I can announce that we will conduct a review of what the needs assessment formula should be in a world in which all local government spending is funded by local resources not central grant, and use it to determine the transition to 100% business rates retention."

(12) Council requests that,

a) urgent work is undertaken to find out what is meant by the 'review of the needs assessment formula' referred to;

b) compilation of the information necessary to submit a case for a fair assessment of Wirral's needs is undertaken. This shall, amongst other issues, address the difficulties in achieving the growth in the ‘New Homes Bonus’ and ‘Business Rates’ in the timescales being specified;

c) officers submit a formal request for a meeting with the Secretary of State, requesting that he meet with a Wirral delegation to discuss the realistic appraisal of Wirral's needs.
Prior to consideration of the next motion, the Leader of the Council requested an adjournment for 10 minutes to enable Members to consider the amendment submitted by Councillor Gilchrist in respect of the Cabinet recommendations on the Employment and Appointments Committee Terms of Reference.

The Mayor then adjourned the Council at 8.55pm.

The Council reconvened at 9.05pm.

122 EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Further to minute 114, it was moved by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan that –

“The recommendations contained within Cabinet minute 106 be approved”.

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Phil Gilchrist and seconded by Councillor Alan Brighouse –

‘That paragraph 1 be amended to read as follows:

(7) To consider and recommend to Council changes to the Council’s senior management structure proposed by the Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service.’

The amendment was put and lost (23:35) (One abstention).

The motion was put and carried (54:5) (One abstention).

**Resolved (54:5) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within Cabinet minute 106, be approved.**

123 MOTION - REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Leader of the Council proposed, and it was agreed, that with Standing Order 9 (Conclusion of Council meeting) due to come into force during the next item, only movers and seconders be heard for this matter to be debated.

**Proposed** by Councillor Pat Hackett

**Seconded** by Councillor Jean Stapleton

This Council notes the continuing opportunity for Birkenhead to play a major part in the economic growth of both Liverpool City Region and the ‘northern powerhouse’.
It further recognises the work the local business community, the chamber of commerce and council officers are doing to promote Wirral as a place for employers to invest and businesses to thrive.

Council also supports the Leader of the Council in his new role as portfolio lead Economic Development for Liverpool City Region Combined Authority as a strong advocate for continued investment and growth in Wirral.

Council applauds the news that in 2016 at least £150million of new investment projects will begin and re-affirms its 2020 pledge to attract £450million in inward investment.

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

First amendment

Proposed by Councillor Steve Williams
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hodson

Insert new paragraph 3:

‘Council also recognises the significant contribution Government has made to Wirral and the wider City Region to support the Region’s ongoing recovery. This support has taken a variety of forms, a snapshot includes:

- Mersey Waters Enterprise Zone Designation
- Devolution
- £232 million for the City Region’s Growth Deal
- £400 million for the Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund
- £50 million to support Transport for the North
- £150 million to support the delivery of smart and integrated ticketing across local transport and rail services in the North’

Second amendment

Proposed by Councillor Pat Cleary
Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighouse

Insert new paragraph after paragraph 1:

‘Council believes that the prospects for the regeneration of Birkenhead will be strengthened if proposals are developed through an open and meaningful consultation with local residents, if the Constituency Committee is consulted at the earliest stages of any projects and that effective, timely and widespread
consultation is undertaken about future investment plans. Officers are requested to develop mechanisms to establish this for consideration.’

Retain original paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 as new paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

Following speeches by the movers and seconders and Councillor Pat Hackett having waived his right of reply, the first amendment was put and lost (23:36) (One abstention).

The second amendment was then put and carried (59:0) (One abstention).

The substantive motion as amended was put and carried (59:0) (One abstention).

Resolved (59:0) (One abstention) –

(1) This Council notes the continuing opportunity for Birkenhead to play a major part in the economic growth of both Liverpool City Region and the ‘northern powerhouse’.

(2) Council believes that the prospects for the regeneration of Birkenhead will be strengthened if proposals are developed through an open and meaningful consultation with local residents, if the Constituency Committee is consulted at the earliest stages of any projects and that effective, timely and widespread consultation is undertaken about future investment plans. Officers are requested to develop mechanisms to establish this for consideration.

(3) It further recognises the work the local business community, the chamber of commerce and council officers are doing to promote Wirral as a place for employers to invest and businesses to thrive.

(4) Council also supports the Leader of the Council in his new role as portfolio lead Economic Development for Liverpool City Region Combined Authority as a strong advocate for continued investment and growth in Wirral.

(5) Council applauds the news that in 2016 at least £150million of new investment projects will begin and reaffirms its 2020 pledge to attract £450million in inward investment.

124 MOTION - SUPPORT FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green
Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie
On the 25th anniversary of the First Gulf War, Council pays tribute to the thousands of servicemen and women who fought in the conflict, in particular, the 47 British servicemen and women who gave their lives during the campaign, and whose names are dedicated at the Gulf War Memorial within St Paul’s Cathedral.

Council welcomes the series of commemorative events hosted by the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; the Queen’s Royal Irish Hussars Association and the participation of more than 500 Staffordshire Regiment veterans and soldiers in the Mercian Regiment.

Council expresses its support for the many Wirral residents who are serving in our Armed Forces, the loved ones they leave behind and the tremendous contribution they make to defeating terror; challenging aggressors and dictators and defending our national security.

Council also welcomes the active participation of many UK firms in ensuring our Armed Forces are better equipped than ever before, including manufacturers and those in the supply chain located in Wirral.

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

Resolved (58:0) (Two abstentions) – That the motion be approved.

MOTION - BACKING OUR COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Proposed by Councillor Geoffrey Watt
Seconded by Councillor Jeff Green (in the absence of Councillor John Hale)

Council welcomes the support given by HM Government to develop more than 100 radical plans to boost growth, jobs and prosperity in the United Kingdom’s coastal communities and supports the inclusion of New Brighton in this programme.

Council notes that more than 11 million people live in coastal communities, from major cities to seaside villages. The tourism industry alone accounts for the employment of 250,000 people across 150 seaside resorts, and contributes £4 billion to the UK economy.

Council believes this Government support for ‘local coastal community teams’ to help revive towns and, last year, the creation of 118 Coastal Community Teams.

Council notes the £120 million Coastal Communities Fund, established in 2012, has money going to projects in every region and country of the United Kingdom, creating nearly 14,000 new jobs and more than 10,000 training
places and, in December, support to illuminate New Brighton’s iconic lighthouse.

Council welcomes the additional £1 million coastal revival funding that will be available in 2016 to 2017 for further projects.

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 Bernie Mooney
Seconded by Councillor Pat Hackett

Delete paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 and add the following:

‘Council welcomes any support given to develop and boost growth, jobs and prosperity in our local coastal communities. Council recognises that during the floods of December 2013 the authority had to find emergency funds to assist New Brighton with repairs and recovery of £250K from its own budget. The Government offered initial support through a grant system and also the Bellwin Scheme, but later said that the nature of the assets damaged meant that the Council could not utilise these grant schemes.

Government (DCLG) did eventually allocate a Repair and Renewal Grant of £88K for New Brighton but this left a significant short fall for the Council of £162K. Also, at the end of August 2015, 100 homes in Wirral were flooded, with some of them being part of coastal communities, but once again the Government refused to allow any of these households to apply retrospectively to the £50m Flood Relief Grant made available to households in Cumbria, saying that the Wirral floods did not justify widening the scope of the Flood Relief Fund.

This shows that once again this Conservative Government says one thing and does the complete opposite.

Council believes that we should support our coastal communities, but the Government has failed to give the coastal communities of Wirral a fair and equal opportunity.’

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

The amendment was put and carried (40:19) (One abstention).

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and carried (40:19) (One abstention).
Resolved (40:19) (One abstention) –

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(2) Council welcomes any support given to develop and boost growth, jobs and prosperity in our local coastal communities. Council recognises that during the floods of December 2013 the authority had to find emergency funds to assist New Brighton with repairs and recovery of £250K from its own budget. The Government offered initial support through a grant system and also the Bellwin Scheme, but later said that the nature of the assets damaged meant that the Council could not utilise these grant schemes.

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MOTION - SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Proposed by Councillor Lesley Rennie  
Seconded by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce

Council welcomes the cash being given to Wirral by HM Government to support more victims of domestic violence.

Council congratulates those involved in the successful bid, including Wirral Women and Children’s Aid, which will enable the appointment of two new specialist support officers, to offer support on issues such as mental health and substance misuse; and six new units of safe accommodation will be made available to victims.
Council also welcomes the additional role that will include helping young people who may not recognise the symptoms of domestic abuse.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Communities Minister, Baroness Williams of Trafford, inviting her to Wirral to meet with representatives of the organisations involved in tackling domestic violence and supporting victims.

**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 Janette Williamson  
**Seconded** by Councillor George Davies

*Delete last paragraph and replace with:*

‘Council recognises the hard work of our officers and the staff of Wirral Women’s and Children’s Aid in successfully securing funding from central Government for helping victims of domestic abuse, and Council fully supports Wirral’s pledge of zero tolerance to domestic abuse and its recent Lover not Fighter campaign which is aimed at raising awareness around domestic abuse and its effect on children. Council welcomes the recent government defeat in the Court of Appeal over their attempts to restrict access to Legal Aid to victims of domestic abuse. However, Council notes with grave concern the continued and sustained reduction in Local Government funding by the Conservative government together with cuts to the police and the third sector, and draconian Welfare Reforms, are having a deeply damaging effect on both victims of domestic abuse and the funding and delivery of services designed to help victims find support and independence. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Communities Minister, Baroness Williams of Trafford asking her to lobby her own government against subjecting Wirral Council to further cuts, and ask that further funding be given to develop and protect our vital domestic abuse services.’

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

The amendment was put and carried (40:19) (One abstention).

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and carried (40:19) (One abstention).

**Resolved (40:19) (One abstention)** –
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MOTION - TACKLING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Proposed by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce
Seconded by Councillor Jeff Green

Council condemns the barbaric practice of female genital mutilation, regardless of where it takes place and among all cultures.

Statistics published in December showed that between July and September last year there were 1,385 newly recorded cases of FGM reported by healthcare professionals across England.

An estimated 20,000 girls are also identified at being most at risk from FGM in the UK.
Council, therefore, welcomes action, so far, by HM Government that includes:

- From 31 October 2015, the mandatory requirement for regulated health and social care professionals and teachers in England and Wales to report visually confirmed or verbally disclosed cases of FGM in girls to the police.
- New legislation to grant victims of FGM lifelong anonymity from the time an allegation is made.
- The introduction of new civil orders designed to protect girls identified as being at risk of FGM.
- New legislation that will mean parents can be prosecuted if they fail to prevent their daughter being cut.

Council calls on those organisations in Wirral that are working in the communities most at risk of this unacceptable and barbaric action to work with schools, police, health services and others to raise awareness of the dangers and the consequences of such action.

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 Janette Williamson
Seconded by Councillor Treena Johnson

Add:

‘Council condemns all violence towards women and girls and acknowledges that 1,700 victims have been referred to specialist services since 2013.

Council notes that simply legislating against a cultural practice without acknowledging cultural sensitivities risks driving that practice underground.

Council supports working with the communities involved in FGM, through highly trained and professional practitioners and asks that funding be made available to Wirral to work collaboratively with the government in keeping our girls and women safe from FGM.’

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

The amendment was put and carried (59:0) (One abstention).

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and carried (59:0) (One abstention).

Resolved (59:0) (One abstention) –
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(7) Council notes that simply legislating against a cultural practice without acknowledging cultural sensitivities risks driving that practice underground.

(8) Council supports working with the communities involved in FGM, through highly trained and professional practitioners and asks that funding be made available to Wirral to work collaboratively with the government in keeping our girls and women safe from FGM.

VACANCIES

The Council was requested to deal with the following matters in relation to appointments to an outside body:
The West Kirby Charity
• Victoria Gawith (be appointed until 18 April, 2019)
• Councillor Geoffrey Watt (be reappointed until 26 April, 2020)

Resolved – That the appointments be approved.
COUNCIL

Monday, 4 April 2016

Present:
The Civic Mayor (Councillor Les Rowlands) in the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Pat Hackett)

Councillors

RL Abbey   L Fraser   T Pilgrim
T Anderson  P Gilchrist C Povall
B Berry    JE Green   D Realey
C Blakeley P Hayes    L Reecejones
E Boul      A Hodson   L Rennie
A Brighouse K Hodson   D Roberts
P Brightmore T Johnson  J Salter
D Burgess-Joyce AER Jones T Smith
C Carubia  C Jones    W Smith
P Cleary   B Kenny    C Spriggs
W Clements AR McLachlan J Stapleton
A Davies   M McLaughlin M Sullivan
G Davies   C Meaden   A Sykes
P Davies   D Mitchell  J Walsh
WJ Davies  B Mooney   G Watt
P Doughty  C Muspratt S Whittingham
D Elderton S Niblock  J Williamson
G Ellis    T Norbury  I Williams
S Foulkes  M Patrick  KJ Williams

Apologies

J Crabtree P Williams
J Hale     S Williams
A Leech

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

130 CIVIC MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Civic Mayor indicated that he had been notified of three petitions to be submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21, and that as one of those
related to Girtrell Court he would allow all three of the following petitions to be submitted by -

Councillor Cherry Povall on behalf of 163 Wirral signatories calling on the Council to resurface correctly, Beechway, Bebington, Wirral.

Councillor Cherry Povall on behalf of 96 Wirral signatories calling on the Council to prepare a Residents’ Parking Scheme for roads adjacent to Spital Station

Councillor Wendy Clements submitted an additional 30 Wirral signatories calling on the Council to halt the closure of Girtrell Court.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION - GIRTRELL COURT

Prior to consideration of the item Councillor P Davies stated that as the submitted Notice of Motion in relation to Girtrell Court contained no material changes to the information previously considered he would move that the Council only hear the Movers and Seconders and then move immediately to the vote, this was seconded by Councillor A McLachlan.

Councillor J Green and Councillor P Gilchrist expressed their dissatisfaction at the proposed motion to curtail the debate.

Prior to consideration of the motion, Councillor Jeff Green and five Conservative Members rose to request a ‘card vote’ on the proposed Motion from Councillor P Davies.

A ‘card vote’ was then taken on the proposed motion by Councillor P Davies and the Council divided as follows:


Against the motion (23) Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boult, A Brighouse, D Burgess-Joyce, C Carubia, P Cleary, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, L Fraser, P Gilchrist, J Green, P Hayes, A Hodson, K Hodson, D Mitchell, T Pilgrim, C Povall, L Rennie, A Sykes and G Watt.
One abstention – Councillor L Rowlands.

Resolved (35:23) (One abstention) –

That as the submitted Notice of Motion in relation to Girtrell Court contained no material changes to the information previously considered that the Council only hear the Movers and Seconders and then move immediately to the vote.

Proposed by Councillor Chris Blakeley
Seconded by Councillor Bruce Berry

Council recalls that, at the Council meeting on the 14th March, 2016, the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health gave assurances that there was no timetable for closure of Girtrell Court.

Council noted this included a promise that Girtrell Court would remain open until such time as acceptable and alternative respite provision could be provided for users of Girtrell Court and that the Cabinet Member stated that no decision on Girtrell Court would be made until all the statutory 'one to one' consultations had been completed.

Council is therefore deeply puzzled and disappointed that 48 hours later, in the Wirral Globe online version, the Cabinet Member announced that Girtrell Court will close at the end of August.

Council resolves that any budgetary decision about Girtrell Court is made in the public arena by Council as required by the Constitution of Wirral Borough Council.

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

First amendment

Proposed by Councillor Chris Jones
Seconded by Councillor Phil Davies

Delete paragraphs 3 and 4. Insert the following new paragraphs:

(3) Council notes that Girtrell Court has been debated on two separate occasions by Council in the past month.

(4) Council notes that there are no material changes to the position since the issue was last debated by Council on the 14th March. The Director of
Adult Social Services is considering the outcome of the statutory one-to-one consultations with service users and their families. An event will take place during April where alternatives models of respite care, which have been requested, will be showcased. Following this event, the Director, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, will consider arrangements for re-providing respite care. Once again, we reiterate that we are not imposing any deadlines.

(5) Council reiterates that this issue is primarily about increasing choice and extending the reach of respite care. At present, the Council cannot meet demand from service users and their families for greater choice in the type of respite care provided because the entire budget for this service is tied up in one model. The aim is that any alternatives will be equal to or better than existing provision. Council reiterates that no one who currently receives respite care will have this withdrawn.

(6) Council recognises that pending the outcome of the process described above, no decision will be made about the future of Girtrell Court. Bookings will continue to be taken until the end of August to enable carers to make their holiday arrangements.

(7) Council refutes the assertion by the Conservatives that in the Wirral Globe online version the Cabinet Member ‘announced’ that Girtrell Court will close at the end of August. The article contained no such announcement. The headline was the Editor’s interpretation of the article.

(8) Council calls on the Conservative Group to apologise for wasting Council Tax payers’ resources by requisitioning an extraordinary Council meeting in a cynical attempt to politicise this issue. Council also once again highlights the hypocrisy of the Conservatives who, when they were in control of the Council in 2010, closed five residential homes providing respite care, which in our opinion followed totally inadequate consultation, in favour of alternative provision in the independent sector.

Second amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighouse

Insert after paragraph 4…

Council notes that the Director of Adult Social Services has been making arrangements for a ‘market event’ for the users of Girtrell Court and their carers on 14 April 2016 at the Floral Pavilion. Council understands that this is intended to offer carers an opportunity to meet with potential providers and that it is intended to publish and share consultation findings and outcomes.
Council believes that the consultation findings should be circulated to Members and that, given the extended timescale offered for the continued operation of Girtrell Court, there should be a proper opportunity for the re-provision proposals to be tested in a due process of scrutiny.

Council believes that arrangements for this should be made with the relevant Spokespersons and that this process should hear from representatives of users and carers as to their opinions on the quality and sufficiency of the alternatives that have been developed or offered.

Following speeches from the movers and seconders and Councillor Blakeley having replied, the second amendment moved by Councillor Gilchrist was put and lost (23:35) (One abstention).

Prior to the vote on the first amendment, Councillor Jeff Green and five Conservative Members rose to request a ‘card vote’.

A ‘card vote’ was then taken on the first amendment moved by Councillor Chris Jones and the Council divided as follows:


Against the motion (23) Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boult, A Brighouse, D Burgess-Joyce, C Carubia, P Cleary, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, L Fraser, P Gilchrist, J Green, P Hayes, A Hodson, K Hodson, D Mitchell, T Pilgrim, C Povall, L Rennie, A Sykes and G Watt.

One abstention – Councillor L Rowlands.

The amendment proposed by Councillor Chris Jones was therefore carried (35:23) (One abstention)

Prior to the vote on the substantive motion, as amended, Councillor Jeff Green and five Conservative Members rose to request a ‘card vote’.

A ‘card vote’ was then taken on the substantive motion, as amended, and the Council divided as follows:

For the motion (35) Councillors R Abbey, P Brightmore, A Davies, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, S Foulkes, P Hackett, T Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, B Kenny, A McLachlan, M McLaughlin, C Meaden, B Mooney, C Muspratt, S Niblock, T Norbury, M Patrick, D Realey, L Reecejones,

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One abstention – Councillor L Rowlands.

Resolved (35:23) (One abstention) –

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List of Councillors elected on Thursday 5 May 2016

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:**  
Christina Clare Muspratt, 49 Fairacres Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 3HA

**Bidston and St James:**  
Julie McManus, 23 Duncan Drive, Greasby, Wirral, CH49 2PR

**Birkenhead and Tranmere:**  
Jean Victoria Stapleton, 85 Grange Road West, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH43 4XB

**Bromborough:**  
Warren Andrew Ward, 39 Merseybank Road, New Ferry, Wirral, CH62 1BP

**Clatterbridge:**  
Cherry Povall, Brookdale, 22 Dibbins Green, Bromborough, Wirral, CH63 0QF

**Claughton:**  
George Davies, 46 Shamrock Road, Claughton, Wirral, CH41 0EQ

**Eastham:**  
Phillip Norman Gilchrist, 2 Gordon Avenue, Bromborough, Wirral, CH62 6AL

**Greasby, Frankby and Irby**  
Tom Anderson, 11 Arnside Road, Wirral, CH45 4LT

**Heswall:**  
Kathryn Anne Hodson, Savoia, 36 Pipers Lane, Heswall, Wirral, CH60 9HW

**Hoylake and Meols:**  
John Hale, 46 Lake Place, Hoylake, Wirral, CH47 2DW

**Leasowe and Moreton East:**  
Anita Leech, 86 Claremount Road, Wallasey Village, Wirral, CH45 6UE

**Liscard:**  
Tom Usher, 14 Princesway, Wallasey, Wirral, CH45 4PR

Janette Williamson, Flat 1, 70 Park Road West, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 8SF

**Moreton West and Saughall Massie:**  
Chris Blakeley, 74 Grampian Way, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 0PZ

**New Brighton:**  
Tony Jones, 23 Molyneux Drive, New Brighton, Wirral, CH45 1JS
**Oxton:**
Stuart Edward Kelly, 37 Tabley Close, Oxton, Wirral, CH43 2LB

**Pensby and Thingwall:**
Mike Sullivan, 30 Martin Close, Irby, Wirral, CH61 0HP

**Prenton:**
Tony Norbury, Flat 2, 61 Ashville Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH43 8SA

**Rock Ferry:**
Bill Davies, 75 Park Road South, Prenton, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH43 4UT

**Seacombe:**
Paul Charles Stuart, 7 Elmswood Road, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8DB

**Upton:**
Matthew John Patrick, Flat 4, 78 Shrewsbury Road, Oxton, Wirral, CH43 2HY

**Wallasey:**
Ian Lewis, 9 Victoria Parade, Wallasey, Wirral, CH45 2PH

**West Kirby and Thurstaston:**
Geoffrey Watt, 41 Croome Drive, Grange, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 8AD
REPORT SUMMARY

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 2016/2017.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to:

(1) agree the constitution and membership of committees in 2016/2017 (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;

(2) agree the appointment of chairs and, if considered appropriate, vice-chairs;

(3) note the designation of party spokespersons.
1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

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

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

3.1 Proportionality

3.1.1 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).

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

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3.1.3 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.

3.2 Statutory and Other Considerations

3.2.1 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)).

3.2.2 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 statutory committees.

3.2.3 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.

3.2.4 A list of the 2015/16 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.

3.3 Co-opted members

3.3.1 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.

3.4 Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

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

3.5 Deputies

3.5.1 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.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.
6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

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

8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION

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

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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APPENDICES

1. Calculation of Committee Places
2. Committee Membership 2015/2016

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)

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APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2016/2017

(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 2016/17 following the 5 May 2016 election:

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<th>Seats</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Conservative</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>31.82%</td>
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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:

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

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**Total** 133 79 42 10 2

(4) For two committees an arithmetical adjustment has been made to enable the Green Member to have his entitlement of 2 committee places.
APPENDIX 1

(5) These adjustments are made with regard to 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 2015/2016

REGULATORY COMMITTEES

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(9 Council Members)

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| John Hale (S) | Kathy Hodson  
| Chris Blakeley | Leah Fraser  
| David Elderton | Geoffrey Watt  
| | Steve Williams  
| | Paul Hayes  
| | Lesley Rennie  
| | Jeff Green |
| 5 Labour: | Phill Brightmore  
| Jim Crabtree (Chair) | Anita Leech  
| Ron Abbey (Vice-Chair) | John Salter  
| Angela Davies | Mike Sullivan  
| Paul Doughty | Joe Walsh  
| Matthew Patrick | Stuart Whittingham  
| | Irene Williams  
| | Janette Williamson |
| 1 Liberal Democrat: | Alan Brighouse  
| Phil Gilchrist (S) | Chris Carubia  
| | Dave Mitchell  
| | Pat Williams |

9 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17
3 Conservative  
5 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat
EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE  
(8 Council Members)

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8 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17  
2 Conservative  
5 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat
## LICENSING, HEALTH & SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
(9 Council Members)

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Andrew Hodson (S)  
Leah Fraser  
Geoffrey Watt | Paul Hayes  
Wendy Clements  
Adam Sykes  
Steve Williams  
Eddie Boult  
Cherry Povall  
Gerry Ellis |
| 5 Labour: | Jim Crabtree  
Bill Davies (Chair)  
Vacancy  
John Salter  
Christine Spriggs  
Mike Sullivan | George Davies  
Phill Brightmore  
Christina Muspratt  
Anita Leech  
Denise Roberts  
Jean Stapleton  
Tony Norbury |
| 1 Liberal Democrat: | Alan Brighouse  
Pat Williams (S) | Chris Carubia  
Phil Gilchrist  
Dave Mitchell |

9 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17
3 Conservative  
5 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat
LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE  
(15 Council Members)

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15 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17
4 Conservative
10 Labour (Chair)
1 Liberal Democrat
# Pensions Committee

(10 Council Members; 5 co-opted members)

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Geoffrey Watt (S)  
Kathy Hodson  
Cherry Povall  
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John Hale  
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Andrew Hodson  
Bruce Berry  
David Elderton  
Tracey Pilgrim  
Gerry Ellis |
| **6 Labour:** | Jim Crabtree  
Paul Doughty (Chair)  
Ann McLachlan (Vice-Chair)  
George Davies  
Treena Johnson  
Adrian Jones  
Brian Kenny  
|  
Rob Gregson  
Anita Leech  
Moira McLaughlin  
Bernie Mooney  
Jean Stapleton  
Stuart Whittingham |
| **1 Green:** |  
Pat Cleary |
| **5 Co-opted members:** |  
The nominees of:  
- Liverpool City Council  
- Knowsley MBC  
- St Helens MBC  
- Sefton MBC  
|  
plus  
Representative of other Pension Fund employers |

10 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17  
3 Conservative  
6 Labour (Chair)  
1 Green
# PLANNING COMMITTEE
(13 Council Members)

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Cherry Povall  
Tom Anderson  
David Burgess-Joyce  
Lesley Rennie  
Chris Blakeley |
| **7 Labour:** | Mike Sullivan  
Anita Leech (Chair)  
Denise Realey (Vice-Chair)  
Phill Brightmore  
Treena Johnson  
Steve Foulkes  
Joe Walsh  
Irene Williams | Rob Gregson  
Vacancy  
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Matthew Patrick  
Tony Norbury  
Denise Roberts  
Christine Spriggs |
| **1 Liberal Democrat:** | Alan Brighouse  
Dave Mitchell (S) | Chris Carubia  
Phil Gilchrist  
Pat Williams |
| **1 Green:** | Pat Cleary |

13 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17
4 Conservative  
7 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat  
1 Green
STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(9 Council Members; 3 Independent Persons)

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9 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17
3 Conservative
5 Labour (Chair)
1 Liberal Democrat
POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEES

COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(15 Council Members; 4 co-opted members)

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<td><strong>Co-opted members (when dealing with education matters):</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2 Parent Governor representatives</strong> (with voting rights):</td>
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15 Council Members to be appointed in 2016/17
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9 Labour (Chair)
1 Liberal Democrat
# FAMILIES AND WELLBEING
(15 Council Members; 4 co-opted members)

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Denise Roberts (Vice-Chair)  
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Alan Brighouse (S) | Phil Gilchrist  
Dave Mitchell  
Pat Williams |
| Co-opted members: |  |
| 2 Diocesan representatives (with voting rights): |  |
| Roman Catholic – Mr Damian Cunningham  
Church of England – Mrs Gill Peters (to be appointed) |  |
| 2 Parent Governor representatives (with voting rights): |  |
| Mr Mark Harrison (until 28 October 2019)  
Vacancy (until 8 February 2017) |  |

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5 Conservative  
9 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat
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| Co-opted Community
  Representatives             | Mark Anthony Craig, Ray Squire, Kevin Sutton,      |
  |                             | Peter Wright, Mal Wright                           |

### WIRRAL WEST
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(plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)

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| Co-opted Community
  Representatives             | Jackie Hall (Hoylake and Meols Ward)                                  |
  |                                | John Smith (Greasby Frankby and Irby Ward)                             |
  |                                | **Vacancy** (Pensby and Thingwall Ward)                                |
  |                                | Elise Wong (Upton Ward)                                                |
  |                                | **Vacancy** (West Kirby and Thurstaston Ward)                          |
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REPORT TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF PANELS, STATUTORY / ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES; AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS 2016/2017

REPORT OF: HEAD OF LEGAL AND MEMBER SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

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 2016/2017. The membership of the various bodies in 2015/2016 is set out in Appendix 1.

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 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATION/S

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 3.0 below (including Chairs);

(2) make appointments to advisory committees, working parties and consultative groups identified in paragraph 4.0 below (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.
1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

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

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS

The following statutory committees and panels, all of which have full delegated authority, were retained during 2015/2016.

3.1 ADULT 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

3.2 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(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

(Appointments no longer required following changes in regulations – Members may be invited to sit on the Adoption or Fostering Panels as members of the Corporate Parenting Group)

3.3 RESOURCES: FINANCE, ASSETS AND TECHNOLOGY

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.

4.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

The following is a list of advisory and consultative bodies that were retained or created in 2015/2016 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.

4.1 BUSINESS AND TOURISM

(i). Wirral Trade Centre Working Party

(Appointments no longer required).

(ii). Birkenhead Business Improvement District Board

As this Board has now been formally established and is managed by the Wirral Chamber of Commerce, appointments to this body are listed under appointments to Outside Bodies.

4.2 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(i). Young People’s Advisory Group

To act as a forum for young people to raise their issues and concerns with local elected members, showcasing youth work delivery across the four constituencies of Wirral.

(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). Schools’ JCC (formerly Headteachers and Teachers JCC)

To meet with teachers and school 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.

4.3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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.

4.4 LEISURE 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.

4.5 TRANSFORMATION 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.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.
6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8.0 RELEVANT RISKS

8.1 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.

9.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION

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

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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APPENDICES


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)

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(1) STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS
(listed under relevant portfolio)

(a) ADULT 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 Bruce Berry

(ii). Health and Wellbeing Board

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

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

(b) CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(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

Councillor Wendy Clements
Deputies – Councillors Paul Hayes Cherry Povall

(ii). Education Staff Panel (4:2:1 plus named deputies)

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

Councillor Pat Williams Deputies – Councillors Alan Brighouse
Chris Carubia

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

Councillors Bernie Mooney Deputy – Councillor Cherry Povall
Walter Smith
Tony Smith
Deputies – Councillors Jim Crabtree
Janette Williamson

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 Deputy – Councillor Paul Hayes
Walter Smith
Bernie Mooney
Moira McLaughlin
Deputies – Councillors Phill Brightmore
Jim Crabtree
Denise Roberts

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

(c) RESOURCES: FINANCE, ASSETS AND TECHNOLOGY

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 FAMILIES

(i). Young People’s Advisory Group
(8 Council Members - 3:3:2)

Councillors
Tony Smith
Chris Meaden
Walter Smith

Deputy –
Councillor Jean Stapleton

Councillors
Paul Hayes
Wendy Clements
Cherry Povall

Deputy –
Councillor Tracey Pilgrim

Councillors
Chris Carubia
Pat Williams

Deputy –
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

(ii). Corporate Parenting Group (2:2:2)

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

(iii). Schools’ Joint Consultative Committee
(7 Council Members - 3:2:2)

Councillors
Denise Roberts
Tony Smith
George Davies

Deputies – Councillors
Jim Crabtree
Moira McLaughlin
Bernie Mooney

Councillors
Wendy Clements
Cherry Povall

Deputy –
Councillor
Paul Hayes

Councillors
Dave Mitchell
Pat Williams

Deputies – Councillors
Alan Brighouse
Phil Gilchrist

(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 Families, the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Public Health, the Chair and spokespersons from Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee.

Deputies for Members – Councillors Ann McLachlan, Lesley Rennie, vacancy

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) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Wirral Climate Change Group (1:1:1)

Councillor Bernie Mooney
Councillor Tom Anderson
Councillor Dave Mitchell

(c) LEISURE 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 Pat Williams, 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

(d) TRANSFORMATION AND IMPROVEMENT

(i). Members’ Training Steering Group (1:1:1)

Councillors Tony Norbury (Chair)
Councillors Wendy Clements
Councillors 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
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 2016/2017.

RECOMMENDATION/S

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.
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

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

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The bodies to which appointments are to be made are set out in Appendix 1, with the 2015/2016 year's representation as a guide.

3.2 The schedule attached at Appendix 1 has been updated to reflect the current bodies to which Members are required to be appointed to for 2016/17.

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

3.4 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).

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

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

8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION

8.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their outside body places.
9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 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.

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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)

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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2015/2016
(grouped under portfolio or Committee)

Note: Where ratios are quoted, the first figure refers to the entitlement of the Labour group, then Conservative, then Liberal Democrat.

(A) LEADER

(i). Liverpool City Region Cabinet
(Appointments no longer required – all of the LCR governance, political and officer arrangements are currently under review. Proposals for new arrangements will be brought to the Combined Authority AGM in June 2016)

(ii). Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Davies
Councillor Ann McLachlan (substitute member)

(iii). Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel (2:0:0)
Councillors Anita Leech and Mike Sullivan*

*Appointed as Authority Scrutiny Link

(iv). Liverpool City Region Boards
Employment and Skills Board Councillor Pat Hackett
Housing and Spatial Planning Board Councillor George Davies

(v). Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership - Director
Leader of the Council – Councillor Phil Davies

(vi). NW Regional Leaders’ Board (Nomination)
(Under review as part of the LCR governance review. Currently the 3 Merseyside representatives are chosen by the Leaders and Mayor)

(vii). Local Strategic Partnership Assembly
(Appointments no longer required)

(viii). Wirral Partnership (new appointment)
Leader of the Council – Councillor Phil Davies (Chair)

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

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

(iv). Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust

Councillor Mike Sullivan (Appointed for 3 years until 27 September 2017)

(v). John Lloyd Corkhill Trust

Councillor Chris Jones

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

Councillor John Salter
Councillor David Elderton

(vii). Wallasey Day Centre Advisory Body

(Appointments no longer required)

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

Councillor Kathy Hodson
Councillor Christina Muspratt (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)

(ix). Wirral Evolutions – Shareholder Board (new appointment)

Vacancy for one Member

(C) BUSINESS AND TOURISM

(i). Birkenhead Business Improvement District Board

Councillor Jean Stapleton
Alan Evans - Strategic Investment and Partnership Manager

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

Councillor Ann McLachlan

(iii). Conservation Area Advisory Committees

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Bromborough Pool        Steve Niblock 
Bromborough Society     Irene Williams 
Caldy                   Jeff Green 
Clifton Park            Jean Stapleton 
Eastham                 Chris Carubia 
Frankby                 Wendy Clements 
Friends of Birkenhead Park Jerry Williams 
Gayton and Heswall      Kathy Hodson 
Hoylake Meols Drive/King’s Gap Jerry Williams 
Lower Bebington         Jerry Williams 
Mount Wood              Angela Davies, Tony Norbury, Denise Realey 
Oxton                   Paul Doughty 
Port Sunlight           Steve Niblock  
Rock Park               Chris Meaden 
Saughall Massie         Steve Williams 
Thornton Hough          Cherry Povall 
Thurstaston             David Elderton 
Wellington Road, New Brighton Pat Hackett, Rob Gregson, Christine Spriggs 
West Kirby Society     David Elderton 

(iv). Lairside Communities Together

Councillors Phil Davies
           Chris Meaden

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

Councillor Pat Hackett
Councillor Lesley Rennie
Councillor Phil Davies (Co-opted Member)

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

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

(vii). North Birkenhead Development Trust (Director)

Councillor Ann McLachlan

(viii). Wirral Chamber of Commerce
   (Officer appointment only required for 2016/17)

Mr A Evans - Strategic Investment and Partnership Manager

(ix). Wirral Citizens’ Advice Bureau
   (Appointments no longer required)

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

Councillor Denise Roberts
Councillor David Elderton
(D) CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(i). Birkenhead Sixth Form College Governing Body
Councillor Denise Roberts (1 Nov 2015 to 31 Oct 2019)

(ii). C E Gourley VC Endowment Fund
Councillors Geoffrey Watt
             Gerry Ellis

(iii). Lower Bebington School Lands Foundation (1:1:1)
Councillor Christina Muspratt
Councillor Cherry Povall
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Councillor Tony Smith

(v). Oaklands Centre Management Committee
    (Appointments no longer required)

(vi). St Bridget’s Educational Trust
Councillor Gerry Ellis

(vii). West Kirby Residential School
Councillor Eddie Boult

(viii). Wirral Metropolitan College Governing Body
        (Appointments no longer required)

(ix). Wirral Play Council Executive Committee (1:1:0)
Councillor Chris Meaden
Councillor Wendy Clements

(x). Wirral Play Partnership (1:1:1)
Councillor Chris Meaden
Councillor Cherry Povall
Councillor Pat Williams

(xi). Edsential – Shareholder Board (new appointment)
Vacancy for one Member

(E) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

(i). Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee
Vacancy
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(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 – Vacancy)

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

Councillors
- Ron Abbey
- John Salter
- Stuart Whittingham

Deputies – Councillors
- Bernie Mooney
- Denise Roberts

Councillors
- Steve Williams
- Gerry Ellis

Deputies – Councillors
- David Burgess-Joyce
- John Hale

Councillor Dave Mitchell
Deputy – Councillor Alan Brighouse

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

Councillor Irene Williams*

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

(F) HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

(i). Beechwood & Ballantyne Community Housing Association – Board
(Appointments no longer required since merger with Liverpool Housing Trust)

(ii). Leasowe Community Homes Management Board

Councillors
- Treena Johnson
- Adrian Jones
- Anita Leech
- Bernie Mooney
- Christine Spriggs

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

Councillors
- Stuart Whittingham
- Bill Davies
- 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)
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(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*  
            Vacancy  
            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  
            Cherry Povall

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

Councillors  George Davies  
            Leah Fraser  
            Alan Brighouse

(ix). Wirral Council and Riverside Challenge Fund Working Group  
(Appointments no longer required)

(G) LEISURE 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  
            Brian Kenny

(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  
            Brian Kenny
(iv). The Lauries Centre

Councillor Jean Stapleton

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

Councillors
- Ron Abbey
- Treena Johnson
- Anita Leech

(vi). 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

(vii). Merseyside Cultural Forum

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

(viii). 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

(ix). Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society

Councillor Denise Roberts

(x). Seacombe Community Association (Council)

Councillor J Salter

(xi). Tam O’Shanter Cottage Trust

Councillors
- Denise Roberts
- Chris Meaden
- George Davies
- Steve Foulkes
- Bruce Berry

(xii). Woodchurch Community Centre Joint Management Committee

(Has now moved outside the Council’s control – appointments not required for 2016/17)
(H) LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(i). North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Councillor Bernie Mooney

(I) RESOURCES: FINANCE, ASSETS AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Vacancy

(ii). North Western Local Authorities Employers’ Organisation

Councillor Adrian Jones
(Deputy – Councillor Phil Davies)

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

Councillor D M Elderton (appointed until 7 September 2017)
Councillor E Boult (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 2020)
Vacancy (appointed until 30 October 2019)
Mrs Victoria Gawith (appointed until 18 April 2019)
Mrs Gill Conlon (appointed until 30 January, 2017)

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

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

(J) TRANSFORMATION AND IMPROVEMENT

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

Councillors Phil Davies
George Davies
Ann McLachlan
Councillor Jeff Green

(ii). 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.)
(K) TRANSPORT, TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(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 and Wirral Pedestrian Forum – to be replaced by one Active Travel Forum (1:1:1)

Membership of the two bodies was formerly, respectively:
Councillor  Christina Muspratt
Councillor  Wendy Clements
Councillor  Phil Gilchrist

Councillor  Stuart Whittingham
Councillor  Kathy Hodson
Councillor  Phil Gilchrist
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