



Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

8 July, 2016

Dear Councillor

This supplement for the Council meeting to be held at **6.00 pm on Monday, 11 July 2016** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, should be read in conjunction with the Council Summons dated 1 July, 2016.

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AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

5. LEADER'S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' AND CHAIRS REPORTS (Pages 1 - 2)

The Council is requested to consider an amendment in respect of the Wirral Plan 2020: Progress Report, submitted with the Leader's Portfolio Report.

8. VACANCIES (Pages 3 - 4)

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

Committees

Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee

Council will be requested to consider a recommendation from the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee meeting of 6 July in respect of the appointment of Independent Members. (Minute attached).

Outside Bodies

Merseyside Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Partnership

Council is requested to appoint the Cabinet Member for Environment to this partnership and by default to the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 5 - 6)

The Council is requested to consider amendments to Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9).

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Head of Legal and Member Services

Amendment in respect of Item 5

Leader's Portfolio Summary Report and the Wirral Plan 2020: Progress Review

The Council is requested to consider the following amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Council welcomes the format of the Wirral Plan 2020 'Progress Report' as submitted but considers that the language used to describe some of the changes is less accurate than it might be, the use of some statistics is selective, and insufficient attention is given to recognising and encouraging the workforce. Council suggests that future editions should address these concerns.

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STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

6 JULY 2016

12 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

(Professor Jones and Brian Cummings vacated the room during consideration of this item).

The Committee was requested to review the appointment of Independent Members to the Committee. The current three Independent Members' period of office was due to expire on 16 July, 2016.

The Head of Legal and Member Services suggested that they be re-appointed for a further four year term and that this be a recommendation to Council. In response to a Member's question, he stated that there was a requirement to have at least one Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011 and that when considering a later agenda item, 'Establishment of a Standards and Constitutional Oversight Working Group', a recommendation would be put to the Committee regarding a recruitment exercise for additional Independent Persons.

Resolved – That Council be recommended to appoint:

- **Mr B Cummings**
- **Mr C Jones**
- **Professor RS Jones**

for a further four year term (until 15 July, 2020) as Independent Persons under section 28 Localism Act 2011.

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Amendments to Notices of Motion

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9)

(1) **Notice of Motion No. 1 – DEALING WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE EU REFERENDUM**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green

Seconded by Councillor Adam Sykes

Delete paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 6

Renumber remaining paragraphs 1 and 2

After paragraphs 1 and 2 add:

- (3) Council recognises that emotions are still running high within the community and welcomes the Chairman of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's suggestion for a period of data gathering and quiet reflection.
- (4) Council believes that the three areas of focus should be:
 - (a) Economic – what are the threats and opportunities provided by the referendum result to leave the EU, particularly around our large employers and the knowledge economy?
 - (b) Political – how can all parties avoid immature points scoring and work together to engage with the EU Commission and Her Majesty's Government to press for no detriment in terms of devolution funding and the Northern Powerhouse?
 - (c) Social – again Council believes that immature name-calling, artificial divisions and tribal behaviour is not an example we should seek to demonstrate to our residents.
- (5) Council further believes the evidence of acts of racism and casual bigotry demand a united response from police, public servants and all politicians, national and local.
- (6) Council would recommend to the Leader of the Council to avoid negative and stereotypical behaviour suggesting Wirral and Greater Merseyside cannot survive without European funding.
- (7) Finally Council requests that the Leader of the Council works in a cross-party fashion to reassure current and potential new investors to the area of our united will to do all we can to see new businesses start, thrive and grow for the benefit of all the people of Wirral.

(2) Notice of Motion No. 1 – DEALING WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE EU REFERENDUM

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Paragraph 4, delete:

“decision to allow Merseyside to descend into ‘managed decline’”

And replace with:

“came close to writing off Merseyside. There was a serious conversation that risked leaving our City and its neighbours to face a ‘managed decline’, only averted by the intervention of Michael Heseltine”...

Add after final paragraph:

Council welcomes the recent initiative by the Chair of the Combined Authority to bring together the Leaders of all the political Groups represented in the Region to consider and address the funding issues arising from the outcome of the referendum.

Council supports continuing work on these lines to reduce and remove the uncertainty surrounding the future funding for our Region.

Council is also clear that the Wirral, the regional and the national economy all benefit from the contribution made by EU nationals working in all sectors. Our country, our economy, our communities and our services are all the better for their contribution. Council believes, as clearly stated by Tim Farron and MPs from across the political spectrum, that it is essential that EU nationals residing in the UK are given complete assurances that they will have the right to stay in the UK indefinitely.

(3) Notice of Motion No. 2 – SECURING LOCAL PHARMACY SERVICES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Janette Williamson

Seconded by Councillor Moira McLaughlin

Add the following:

Council notes that there are potential changes to the funding of pharmacy services following on from the completion of the consultation currently underway by the Department of Health and is uncertain how this will impact on the objectives of Healthy Wirral. We therefore request that this matter be referred to the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further scrutiny to ensure better informed decision making.