



Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

8 December, 2017

Dear Councillor

This supplement for the ordinary Council meeting to be held at **6.00 pm on Monday, 11 December 2017** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, should be read in conjunction with the Council Summons, dated 1 December, 2017.

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AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES OR OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Pages 1 - 6)

To consider and determine any references from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and any other Council Committees.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees

- A. The Council is advised that the Notice of Motion "Tougher Action in Fly-Tipping" referred from Council at its meeting on 16 October, 2017 (minute 68 refers) was considered by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 November, 2017 (minute 30 attached) (**pages 1 - 2**). In accordance with Standing Order 7(5) the Council will be asked to consider the recommendation of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- B. The Council is advised that the Notice of Motion "Making More Time for Pedestrians" referred from Council at its meeting on 16 October, 2017 (minute 68 refers) was considered by the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29 November, 2017 (minute

35 attached) (**pages 3 – 4**). In accordance with Standing Order 7(5) the Council will be asked to consider the recommendation of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

C. The Council is advised that the Notice of Motion “Wirral Well-Made Need for Infrastructure Support” referred from Council at its meeting on 16 October, 2017 (minute 68 refers) was considered by the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29 November, 2017 (minute 32 attached) (**pages 5 – 6**). In accordance with Standing Order 7(5) the Council will be asked to consider the recommendation of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 7 - 8)

APPROVAL: To consider any recommendations of the Executive or Council Committees which require the approval or consideration of the Council.

CABINET – 6 NOVEMBER, 2017

B. Capital Monitoring 2017/18 - Quarter 2

(Minute 53 and Cabinet report attached). The Council is requested to approve the inclusion in the programme of 5 new bids, at an additional capital cost of £2.6 million, and approve the revised Capital Programme of £67.5 million.

An amendment has been submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group in respect of this minute.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 9 - 12)

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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Interim Assistant Director: Law and Governance

MINUTE EXTRACT

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 30 NOVEMBER 2017

30 NOTICE OF MOTION – TOUGHER ACTION IN FLY TIPPING

Councillor B Berry declared a prejudicial interest in this matter by virtue of having seconded the motion at the Council meeting held on 16 October 2017.

The Chair reported that at the meeting of the Council held on 16 October 2017 (minute 68 (2) refers) the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce and seconded by Councillor Bruce Berry was referred by the Civic Mayor to this Committee for consideration -

TOUGHER ACTION IN FLY TIPPING

“Council notes that between 2013 and 2016 3,648 tonnes of fly tipped waste was removed costing the Council taxpayer £584,285.85.

Council further notes the damage that fly-tipping causes to Wirral’s natural environment and wildlife and the statement from Keep Britain Tidy imploring that “It’s got to be easy for people to do the right thing otherwise we will see an increase in fly-tipping.”

Therefore the Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Environment considers:

1. Investing in CCTV and automatic number plate recognition technology (ANPR) to help police fly tipping hotspots, such as Carr Lane and Lingham Lane in Moreton.
2. Instructing officers to ensure that all fly tipped waste, whether hazardous or non-hazardous is removed within three working days.”

In accordance with Standing Order 7(6), Councillor David Burgess-Joyce had been invited to attend the meeting in order for him to explain the Motion.

Councillor Burgess-Joyce elaborated on the Motion and suggested that in line with other Local Authorities, heavier measures should be in place such as a ‘naming and shaming’ policy being adopted. He believed that fines of between £150 and £400 would not be effective for serial offenders and that Wirral would be blighted by fly tipping should it continue.

Members discussed encouraging residents to use the ‘Eric’ service. Suggestions were made in respect of offering a service to collect waste at a reasonable cost or to hold a register of contractors.

A number of Members raised concerns in respect of fully endorsing the recommendations as they considered more information and facts were required

including costs, the effect of removing the brown bin, costs of CCTV and resources. Members also suggested working together with officers to identify hotspots.

Members also raised concerns around the fact that should CCTV be installed, this could result in the problem being moved elsewhere.

In response to questions from Members, the Team Leader – Environmental Enforcement confirmed the money is recouped from Fixed Penalty Notices, however if the perpetrator is taken to Court that money goes to Central Government.

The Strategic Commissioner – Environment advised that the installation of CCTV would have resource implications and advised Members that work was ongoing to educate people in order to develop a complementary approach.

Members suggested a more detailed report be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee.

Councillor David Burgess-Joyce reiterated his belief that a ‘naming and shaming’ policy should be adopted as he believed this would result in a reduction of the £584,285.85 costs.

On a motion proposed by Councillor S Foulkes, seconded by Councillor A Sykes, it was -

RESOLVED: (unanimously) That

- (1) the Notice of Motion be noted; and**
- (2) the Strategic Commissioner – Environment provide a more detailed report to a future meeting of the Committee.**

MINUTE EXTRACT

BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 29 NOVEMBER 2017

35 NOTICE OF MOTION: MAKING MORE TIME FOR PEDESTRIANS

The Interim Assistant Director: Law and Governance reported that at the meeting of the Council held on 16 October, 2017 (minute 68 (3) refers), the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist and seconded by Councillor Chris Carubia was referred by the Mayor to this Committee for consideration –

MAKING MORE TIME FOR PEDESTRIANS

“Council notes that National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recently began a consultation on creating an environment in which people are more active... <https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/local-councils-should-make-it-easier-for-people-with-disabilities-to-be-active-says-nice>

In raising this issue, it argued that active travel will help to prevent a range of chronic health conditions, leading to savings for the NHS and society at large.

Its general aim - to make it as easy as possible for people to walk, cycle or use other forms of active travel rather than making short journeys by car - would fit well with the aims of this Council and strategies being adopted by the Liverpool City Region.

Council recognises that whilst NICE is not expected to report upon the results of its latest study until the end of March 2018, the report contained ideas that can be considered in the meantime.

As NICE suggested that Councils should ensure that crossings with signals give enough time to cross the road, this Council requests officers to report on how extending the time allocated to crossing the road can be achieved so that the needs of pedestrians, wheelchair users and the elderly can be better addressed.”

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (6), Councillor Gilchrist had been invited to attend the meeting in order for him to be given an opportunity to explain the Motion.

Councillor Gilchrist elaborated on the motion and referred to a couple of specific sites where it might be helpful to adjust the timings at crossings.

The Strategic Commissioner for Environment commented upon the positive nature of the motion. He informed the meeting that there were clear technical design standards and guidance governing the time periods for all puffin, toucan and traffic light crossings. This could be tackled in a generic or a site specific manner, timings were adjusted if there were particular concerns at a specific site. The issues for traffic engineers were to ensure junctions were working at capacity, maintaining traffic flows and avoiding unnecessary build-ups whilst maintaining sufficient times for pedestrians to safely cross roads. He suggested that a more detailed note on the issue could be provided for Members.

A Member suggested that Members could flag up with the Highways Service when they had particular concerns over a specific site.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion be noted and referred to officers in Highways for a more detailed report to be provided on the issue.

MINUTE EXTRACT

BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 29 NOVEMBER 2017

32 NOTICE OF MOTION: WIRRAL WELL-MADE NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

The Chair reported that at the meeting of the Council held on 16 October, 2017 (minute 68 (4) refers), the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Chris Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie was referred by the Mayor to this Committee for consideration –

WIRRAL WELL-MADE NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

“Council notes that in Moreton more than 500 new houses will be built in the next two/three years including:

- 297 on the former Burton’s site
- 122 on the former Fernbank Farm site and
- a number (yet to be determined) on the former Foxfield School.

However at the recent ‘Moreton Conversation’ it was clear that, while plans to push forward with the initiative were welcomed, no thought had been given to provide adequate infrastructure to support the proposals including additional education, health and public transport provision.

Council therefore requests the Leader of the Council to put in place, alongside these proposals, plans to ensure that fully adequate infrastructure is designed which will include working with Merseytravel to bring forward the plans for the provision of the long overdue and much needed Town Meadow Railway Station.”

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (6), Councillor Blakeley had been invited to attend the meeting in order for him to be given an opportunity to explain the Motion.

Councillor Blakeley elaborated on the motion which had also been referred to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The proposed Town Meadow Railway station had been in the planning since 1984 and at a cost of £8m-£9m would bring real benefits to the area.

Councillor Ron Abbey stated that the proposed station had always been an aspiration but unfortunately Merseytravel had had a third of its budget cut since 2010 and funding was not currently in place to support it.

Councillor Blakeley stated that a business case had previously been undertaken which supported the proposal as had a survey undertaken by Mott Macdonald on behalf of Merseytravel in 2010.

The Strategic Commissioner for Environment commented upon the process of planning colleagues’ involvement when there were large scale developments and a transport assessment process in which any pressures on the local network would be

highlighted. Sometimes a Section 106 agreement could also be used. With regard to education services he gave details of the ratio of school places required to new houses being built and also referred to the fact that quite a number of schools had spare capacity.

Members expressed support for the need to look at infrastructure, particularly when it was proposed to build 3,500 new homes in Wirral by 2020. The Chair referred to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority which was currently looking at the issue of spatial development.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion be referred to Merseytravel and officers in Forward Planning for a report to be brought back to this Committee.

Amendment - Matters Requiring Approval (Item 10 B)

Cabinet – 6 November 2017

Minute 53 – Capital Monitoring 2017/18 – Quarter 2

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

Add to Recommendations (p101)...

Council notes that the 2017/18 capital programme was considered by Cabinet on 20 February 2017 and that the Report (Capital Programme and Financing 2017/20) at paragraph 3.7 stated:

3.7 There were a number of bids relating to sports centres, libraries and the Williamson Art Gallery. Pending the outcome of the current review of leisure and cultural services these schemes are not included in the proposed Programme in Table 3. However, details can be found in the Appendix 2.

The Capital Programme, therefore, did not include the submissions listed in Appendix 2 of that Report namely:

New Capital Bids 2017-20 relating to the leisure and cultural review

Europa Pools refurbishment	Income generation	2,500
Arrowe Park golf improvements	Income generation	650
Tennis Centre refurbishment	Income generation	1,340
Williamson Art Gallery refresh and repair	Maintain Accredited Museum Status, small income increase	350
Beechwood Leisure Centre remedial works	Upgrade to ensure sustainability	500
Bebington Central Library refurbishment and repair	Improvements to the building fabric	1,219
Birkenhead Central Library redevelopment and refurbishment	Improvements to the building fabric	467
Wallasey Central Library redevelopment and refurbishment	Improvements to the building fabric	196

The full report can be viewed at...

<http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/documents/s50039181/CAPITAL%20PROGRAMME%202017-20%20Final.pdf>

Council considers that the future Capital Programme review at Quarter 3 should reconsider the bids for other Leisure and Cultural Services schemes submitted but

be placed on hold should slippage and re-profiling free up available capital resources.

Council is particularly concerned to ensure an early decision with regard to the items submitted by the Williamson Art Gallery and Museum linked to maintaining its Accredited Museum Status.

Amendments to Notices of Motion

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

(1) Notice of Motion No. 1 – NATIONAL BUDGET

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

Delete 'and the Coalition before' from paragraph 1.

Insert at the end of paragraph 1...

'The resignations from the Board of the Social Mobility Commission, including those of the former Labour Health Secretary, Alan Milburn, along with the former Conservative Education Secretary, Baroness Gillian Shephard, illustrate a growing lack of confidence in the Government's willingness or capacity to address social problems.

It should be recognised that the Liberal Democrats, during the Coalition period, secured progress on raising the Income Tax personal allowance, delivered the 'triple lock' on the State Pension, saw the introduction of the Pupil Premium and extended the coverage of free school meals.'

Delete paragraph 8 (beginning 'Once again it is clear...')

Insert new paragraphs 8 & 9...

'Council notes and endorses the criticisms of the Autumn Budget of November 2017 as set out by the Local Government Association, especially their comment that...

'It is hugely disappointing that the Budget offered nothing to ease the financial crisis facing local services. Funding gaps and rising demand for our adult social care and children's services are threatening the vital services which care for our elderly and disabled, protect children and support families. This is also having a huge knock-on effect on other services our communities rely on.'

Council earnestly hopes that the forthcoming Local Government 'settlement' will correct this situation but fears that the chaos and uncertainty surrounding Brexit risks undermining the economy and its ability to fund services.

(2) Notice of Motion No. 3 – REDUCING SINGLE USE PLASTIC (SUP) IN WIRRAL COUNCIL

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phill Brightmore

Seconded by Councillor Paul Stuart

Add the following:

Council also agrees to:

1. Incorporate the reduction of SUP use into Wirral Council's Waste Minimisation Strategy (regarding entire Borough, not just WBC).
2. Refer all of the recommendations in this motion to Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a view to advising Cabinet how they can most effectively be delivered.
3. Ask the Cabinet Member for Environment to write to the Conservative Minister for Environment, requesting that the reduction of SUP form part of any future national Waste Management Strategy.

(3) Notice of Motion No. 4 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce

Seconded by Councillor Bruce Berry

Paragraph 2: Delete ' – and yet..... measures.'

Delete paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9 and insert:

Domestic violence is a blight on our society and many victims suffer in silence for many years only to have their plight known to authorities when a tragedy occurs. This blight applies to both women and men alike.

The cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse is now:

any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to:

- psychological
- physical
- sexual
- financial
- emotional

This significantly expands the types of reportable abuse and gives the police and courts wider opportunities to successfully control and prosecute offenders.

Wirral Council successfully bid for additional government funding for 2016. This funding boost was in addition to the original offer of additional funding of £40 million over a 4 years period to support victims of domestic violence, announced as part of its Spending Review. The funding was to help local authorities develop a number of different, innovative services.

As well as the additional funding, domestic abuse is a major priority for the government's Troubled Families programme. The focus on tackling domestic violence and abuse was increased in the new expanded programme.

The Conservative government announced a new £10 million government fund to help support refuges across the country and boost provision for vulnerable victims of domestic violence.

This built on steps taken by the government to end domestic violence, support victims and ensure offenders are prosecuted. These include:

- £40 million for Violence Against Women and Girls support services and specialist helplines
- new laws and powers - including a new domestic abuse offence to capture coercive and controlling behaviour, the criminalisation of forced marriage, and the introduction of new stalking laws
- the national roll-out of domestic violence protection orders and the domestic violence disclosure scheme

It is clear the government has made significant strides in trying to tackle an historically difficult offence to prosecute whilst encompassing some new family and cultural issues which needed addressing.

Council believes it is incumbent on the Leader to work with officers to research and develop new and innovative local strategies to support victims of domestic abuse and violence that are more than just temporary measures.

Council agrees to write to the Home Secretary once the Leader of the Council, his Cabinet and Officers have launched these local strategies to advise her of the outcomes for Wirral families that are the victims of domestic violence.

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