



# Council

Town Hall  
Wallasey

16 March 2018

Dear Councillor

This supplement for the Council meeting to be held at **6.00 pm on Monday, 19 March 2018** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, should be read in conjunction with the Council Summons dated 9 March 2018: -

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## Agenda Supplementary Papers

### 2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Chief Fire Officer, Dan Stephens, has been invited to address the Council in respect of Notice of Motion 1 'Cuts to Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority and the Impact on Delivering Public Safety' at agenda item 10.

### 8. VACANCIES

The following nomination has been received, in accordance with Standing Order 25(6), in respect of a proposed change in the membership of committees:-

Councillor Ian Lewis to replace John Hale as a full member of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**9. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 1 - 2)**

**B. Calendar of Meetings – Cabinet, 26 February 2018 (Minute 87 refers)**

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

**H. Appointment of Monitoring Officer – Employment and Appointments Committee, 6 March 2018 (Minute 21(9) refers)**

Minute extract attached

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 3 - 6)**

The Council is advised of and requested to consider amendments to Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9). Amendments have been submitted in respect of -

1. Cuts to Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority and the Impact on Delivering Public Safety.
3. Car Parking Charges and Supporting Local Commerce.
5. Scrap Wirral View.
6. Securing Safe Energy Supplies.
8. Support for New Trains on the Merseyrail Network.



Interim Director: Law and Governance

## MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

### ITEM 9B

#### Amendment - Calendar of Meetings

**Proposed** by Councillor Gilchrist

**Seconded** by Councillor Mitchell

Add

“Council

a. considers that there are insufficient opportunities to debate policy and hold Cabinet Members to account.

b. Considers that arrangements for extra-ordinary meetings, allowing members to bring forward concerns, may not address matters as expeditiously as desired.

Accordingly Council considers that the diary should be amended by the inclusion of an additional Council meeting to be held on Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>”.

### ITEM 9H

#### Minute Reference — Appointment of Monitoring Officer – Employment and Appointments Committee, 6 March 2018 (Minute 21(9) refers)

#### 21 CHIEF OFFICER STRUCTURE

The Chief Executive introduced a report upon a proposed Chief Officer restructure following the meeting of 18 December 2017, (minute 15 refers) at which the deletion of the post of Managing Director Delivery Services had been agreed and at which the Chief Executive had been authorised to develop further proposals for the Chief Officer structure of the Council.

The Council’s operating environment continued to change with a range of internal and external drivers influencing the way the Council delivered its services in the future. At the same time the financial challenges for the Council remained significant and there was a need to ensure that resources were managed efficiently at senior level and opportunities to reduce senior management costs were explored. The number and type of roles required at management level were continually under review and had to constantly evolve to reflect the changing organisation and external environment.

This report sought approval for a new operating structure to chief officer (tier 3) level and for the realignment of functional responsibilities that reported to them.

The report also updated the Committee on intended recruitment on a permanent basis to the vacant Assistant Director: Law and Governance post (Monitoring Officer).

The Chief Executive responded to Members' questions on a number of issues and on a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor George Davies, it was –

**Resolved (5:3) – That this Committee:**

- (1) acknowledges the overall need for change;**
- (2) approves the new Chief Officer structure for consultation, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (3) agrees the design principles used to determine the Chief Officer structure and authorises the Chief Executive to consult with the Trade Unions and affected individuals; and implement the structure as finalised following consultation;**
- (4) confirms Paul Satoor in the role of Corporate Director for Business Management and David Armstrong in the role of Corporate Director for Delivery Services and Assistant Chief Executive;**
- (5) delegates recruitment for all internal appointments within the structure to the Chief Executive and, where appropriate and alongside any external recruitment process, to make interim appointments to ensure the continuity of business delivery. That this be subject to the usual arrangements for Member appointments applying to this process. With agreement, it is anticipated that the consultation period will run for a period of at least 30 days following this meeting;**
- (6) agrees the immediate external recruitment to the post of Corporate Director for Economic & Housing Growth. In accordance with the Council's policies and procedures this will be a Member appointment;**
- (7) acknowledges that in some instances the salary of officers operating at tier 4 level may be comparable / equivalent to chief officer pay but that decisions on the tier 4 (and below) structure are delegated to the Head of the Paid service;**
- (8) authorises the Chief Executive, once all other options such as voluntary redundancy, early retirement etc. have been pursued, to consider compulsory redundancy to enable the implementation of the agreed structure;**
- (9) approves the revision of the post of Assistant Director: Law and Governance post to Director – Governance & Assurance and confirms, subject to Council approval and the Council's standard pre-employment process, the permanent appointment of Philip McCourt in the role of Director – Governance & Assurance (Monitoring Officer).**

## **Amendments to Notices of Motion**

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

### **Notice of Motion No. 1 – CUTS TO MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY AND THE IMPACT ON DELIVERING PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Chris Carubia

**Seconded** by Councillor Dave Mitchell

*Insert after para 4...*

Council calls on the Government to recognise that Wirral has a number of COMAH upper tier sites and that the Borough is also at risk of extensive coastal flooding and that these factors should be taken into account.

### **Notice of Motion No. 3 – CAR PARKING CHARGES AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMERCE**

#### **Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Stuart Whittingham

**Seconded** by Councillor Warren Ward

**Delete** paragraphs 1 and 2 and delete all after bullet point 2 ending “economic well-being of shopping and commercial centres”, and **insert**

Council notes that standard rate parking charges in Liverpool One range from £2.50 to £17.00.

Council notes that here in Wirral our parking charges are reasonable and consistent with neighbouring authorities.

Council notes that many of the car parking spaces in both Birkenhead and Liscard, our major retail areas are under the ownership of the shopping centre operators.

Council notes that in partnership with local businesses in Heswall, a shopper’s discount scheme is already in operation there.

Council would welcome the opportunity to work with the business community in other district centres to roll out the initiative further.

Council welcomes the formation of The Wirral Growth Company which will unlock the potential of Wirral and increase the attractiveness of our retail and commercial offer.

### **Notice of Motion No. 5 – SCRAP WIRRAL VIEW**

#### **Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Chris Carubia

**Seconded** by Councillor Dave Mitchell

*Insert after para 2...*

Council notes that advertising 'income' of £85,800 was included in the Budget in 2017-18 but that only £28,000 was realised, requiring savings in services elsewhere.

Council observes that the recent edition of Wirralview incorporated the symbol 'FREE' in white letters on a blue background as part of its masthead. Council requests Cabinet to replace the 'FREE' symbol with an equally prominent statement to clarify that the publication is, in fact, funded by the Wirral Council Taxpayers.

### **Notice of Motion No. 6 - SECURING SAFE ENERGY SUPPLIES**

#### **Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Geoffrey Watt

**Seconded** by Councillor Gerry Ellis

*After paragraph (c) insert:-*

Council also recalls that at its meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (minute 17) the Mayor had referred a Notice of Motion 'Underground Coal Gasification', which had been proposed by Cllr Geoffrey Watt and seconded by Cllr Gerry Ellis, to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee. That motion was duly considered by the Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 (minute 15) receiving unanimous support and was referred back to Council on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (minute 52) where that recommendation again received unanimous approval.

This second motion noted the existing protections afforded to the Dee Estuary, Hilbre Islands, North Wirral Coast and Mersey Narrows, together with the growing evidence of environmental damage emerging from countries where Unconventional Gas Extraction was practiced. It also restated Council's opposition to such practices under Wirral and its surrounding coastal areas, resolved not to facilitate them and further instructed the then Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Wirral's four MPs and six neighbouring coastal authorities, informing them of Wirral's stance and inviting those authorities to pass equivalent resolutions so as to protect our shared environment.

*In the following line delete:-* Since the compilation of this motion,

*and insert:-* Since the approval of these motions,

*In the concluding paragraph, after Council requests insert:-*

that the Chief Executive reports whether or not the eleven letters were ever sent, what if any replies were received and

## **Notice of Motion No. 8 – SUPPORT FOR NEW TRAINS ON THE MERSEYRAIL NETWORK**

### **Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Stuart Kelly

**Seconded** by Councillor Phi Gilchrist

*Insert after para 2...*

Council also believes that the new carriages should not be used as an excuse by Merseytravel / Merseyrail to reduce security on trains. In the light of concerns that continue to be raised by the RMT and the public, Council is anxious to establish, beyond doubt, that the safety of passengers from abusive and loutish behaviour can be assured.

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