



Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

7 December 2018

Dear Councillor

This supplement for the Council meeting to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 10 December 2018** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, should be read in conjunction with the Council Summons dated 30 November 2018.

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AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

9. MATTERS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES OR OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

'Call-In' of the decision taken by the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (Cabinet Committee) (Pages 1 - 8)

A referral from the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 27 November, 2018.

Item: 'Call-In' of the decision taken by the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (Cabinet Committee) on 16 October, 2018 relating to 'Wirral Health and Care Commissioning Pooled Fund Arrangements'.(Minute 32, 27 November 2018 **attached**)

A motion submitted in respect of this matter **also attached**.

11. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

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

G. Wirral Together: Getting the Basics Right - A New Model for Community Engagement (Pages 9 - 10)

Cabinet, 26 November 2018, (Minute 41 refers).

The Council is requested to agree the recommendation of Cabinet that:

The provisions relating to Constituency Committees be removed from the Council's Constitution (Council's executive arrangements).

An amendment submitted in respect of this matter **attached**.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 11 - 20)

Notices of motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7(1), are attached. They are listed in accordance with Standing Order 7(2), and the full text of each motion is attached. The Mayor, having considered each motion, in accordance with Standing Order 7(4) has decided that each will be debated:

2. Post Office Services
4. Climate Emergency
5. Cuts to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
7. Time to end the Hoylake Golf Course Development
9. Police Crime Commissioners to rethink Policing priorities in the interests of Wirral residents
10. Taking back control of our buses



Director: Governance and Assurance

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COUNCIL 10 DECEMBER 2018

MOTION IN RESPECT OF AGENDA ITEM 9 - MATTERS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES OR OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Chris Carubia

'Call-In' of the decision taken by the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (Cabinet Committee)

Council understands and endorses the views expressed by the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In so doing, Council appreciates...

- i. the need to secure open and transparent working arrangements with the commissioners of local health and related services;
- ii. the views expressed by the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health and Chair of the Commissioning Group;
- iii. the urgency of ensuring that services are in place during 2018/19.

As a result, Council will not cause further delay in developing arrangements to enter into the s75 agreement.

Notwithstanding these comments, Council endorses the calls made for improved and early dissemination of information to elected Members, especially the two Overview and Scrutiny Committees most closely involved.

Thus Council requests that members of the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board Cabinet Committee ensure that a meaningful dialogue is established with Councillors and that the mechanisms requested be established.

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**MINUTE EXTRACT
ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
27 NOVEMBER 2018**

**32 CALLED-IN BUSINESS - WIRRAL HEALTH AND CARE COMMISSIONING
POOLED FUND ARRANGEMENTS**

Chair's Opening Remarks.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Chair informed the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, visiting Members of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Officers and members of the public on the reason for the meeting, and how the meeting's business would be conducted.

The Chair further informed that a series of speakers would be given set amounts of time to present information and evidence on the subject of the Wirral Health and Care Commissioning Pooled Fund Arrangements and that witness statements would be taken in the order detailed in the agenda papers. Time would also be allowed for questions and responses, and once final statements had been delivered, the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would debate the matter.

For clarity, the Chair also advised the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee that any points of order raised by Members during the meeting would require reference to the relevant supporting Standing Order within the Council's Constitution.

Explanation of Call-In by the Lead Signatory.

Councillor Kate Cannon set out the reasons for bringing this matter before the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She informed that it was her view that inadequate, limited or no consultation had taken place with the electorate, and questioned why proposals for the Pooled Fund Arrangements were judged to be in the best interests of the Wirral residents.

Councillor Cannon believed that the decision taken was undemocratic - stating that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was not an elected body - and requested that the matter also be referred to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee and/or referred to experts to look at the contract in detail. Councillor Cannon requested that she be allowed to share a document containing information relevant to the matter under consideration, and with the consent of the Chair and Members of the Committee this was agreed. The Chair suspended proceedings for five minutes to allow Members opportunity to review the document contents.

Overview and explanation of the decision taken by the relevant Cabinet Member.

Councillor Chris Jones, Cabinet Member Adult Care and Health set out the background to the decision, taken by Members of the Cabinet Committee and the CCG Board, sitting in common as the Wirral Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (JSCB).

Councillor Jones explained that the decision was planned for to deliver the best possible services for residents, given the budgetary restraints imposed from Central Government. The associated service redesign would allow patients / service users to tell their story once - enabling money to go further i.e. a better return on investments, and how suggestions that the plan supported privatisation of the NHS was ludicrous. She added that NHS and Social Care Staff agreed that the integration of care (and joined-up funding) was needed, particularly when it came to those with disabilities.

Members of the Committee questioned Councillor Jones, in particular regarding the absence of opportunity to scrutinise the documentation relating to risk prepared by the Independent Auditors, PWC. Councillor Jones responded, informing that the report originally referred to earlier plans when more funding had been proposed, since amended, negating the identified risk.

Councillor Jones also informed how the JSCB had been structured to allow the Council Cabinet Committee one vote, and the CCG Board one vote, and how – only those decisions approved by both bodies would be allowed to progress.

Evidence from Call-In witnesses.

Dr Derek Timmins GP (retired) informed the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it was his belief that the recent signing of the agreement was against the public interest. He also stated that MP's had advised against its signing and that there had been a breach of duty of care in doing so.

Dr Timmins questioned how a reported £19 million CCG deficit would be managed under the joint arrangement and that with no legal power of veto, no public consultation, and the use of unproven models compounded his view that the agreement and pooled funding was unlawful, unnecessary and a deliberate 'hoodwinking' of Members. He believed that the decision had not been thought through correctly and informed that the experiences of Manchester and the NHS had resulted in acrimonious relations between Elected Members and NHS Partners.

Members questioned Dr Timmins, with some Councillors believing that they had been mis-led, others disagreeing vehemently with a suggestion that the complexity of documents made it difficult for the lay person to understand.

Ms Yvonne Nolan, former Deputy Director Social Services at Manchester City Council introduced herself, declaring herself as a Labour Member and Candidate in the forthcoming Local Elections. Ms Nolan informed that her experience of a similar situation in Manchester where Partner Organisations were in a healthy financial state, and the CCG was in a strong position to assist the City Council in a number of ways. However even in this instance, it had been hard to balance parity and esteem and the model used had taken two years of negotiation and a further year to implement. Ms Nolan pointed out that it was important in any such arrangement to take full account of the Council's statutory duties and budgetary responsibilities by ensuring a right of veto.

When questioned, Ms Nolan confirmed that given the circumstances that existed in Wirral, she would have advised caution and in her view, although not privatisation

per se, this model could pave the way in future. Ms Nolan responded to further questions from Members indicating that joint working between the Council's Social Services and the NHS could still work without the need for pooled funding and that the biggest risk would be ensuring adequate arrangements for safeguarding, with possible exposure to challenge from the Ombudsman. Ms Nolan also expressed concern that NHS England could step in and Cap the CCG Budget.

Evidence from decision-taker's witnesses.

Graham Hodkinson, Director Adult Care and Health, and Statutory DASS since 2012 informed Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that three Section 75 arrangements were currently in place, namely:

- Integrated Commissioning – which includes the Pooled Funding, the subject of Call-In;
- S.75 for Delivery of Statutory Health and Care Assessment with Cheshire Wirral Partnership – All Age Disability Service; and
- S.75 with Wirral Community Foundation Trust – for the delivery of Statutory Assessment i.e. Nurses and Social Workers working together in a single organisation.

Mr Hodkinson informed that since 2014 there had been a statutory duty through the Care Act to integrate services, this was not a choice, and it had also been proven that 'partial' integration did not work. He added that proper Constitutional process had been followed through decisions of Cabinet and via Scrutiny at key stages, with Members being kept informed of developments. In Summer of 2018 the establishment of the JSCB had taken place and the Council's Constitution updated accordingly (including responsibilities of the key Elected Member). Mr Hodkinson further informed that Members still retained absolute control of veto regarding matters relating to Social Care, and how without a Section 75 agreement in place the Council would not have had access to Better Care Funding.

Mr Hodkinson concluded his evidence, confirming that the funding arrangement was not a precursor to privatisation, but a direct provision of care packages.

Members questioned Mr Hodkinson on aspects of a lack of time to scrutinise documentation relating to the process and access to advice from experts. Mr Hodkinson responded, referring to the timeline, consultations and budget setting processes. He re-iterated that access to the Better Care Fund was dependent on a Section 75 agreement being in place.

Mr Hodkinson provided clarity in so far as the CCG deficit was not part of the pooled funding arrangement or the Section 75 agreement, and that the pooled funds were ring-fenced for service delivery.

Dr Sue Wells, Wirral GP working within the NHS for 30 years and Chair of Wirral CCG thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak.

Dr Wells informed that in her role as a GP she often dealt with elderly, frail or disabled people who needed a joined up approach to treatment i.e. taking account of social determinant and health conditions. She further informed that the NHS could

not manage the complexity of cases on its own and needed to work with the Council (Social Care provider) to avoid 'fragmented' care. People did not want to contact multiple places or to tell their story multiple times, and since the introduction of joint working arrangements, as a GP, she had already noticed improvements in terms of admin, provision and commissioning. She added that the JSCB was working well and the input from Elected Members played a key role in its decisions.

In response to questions from Members Dr Wells explained that the JSCB met in public and Councillors views were considered and the Board (Council and NHS) came together in reaching a decision. Dr Wells also informed that, contrary to what may have been said elsewhere, the CCG was not in special measures, and that the figure of £19 million had been identified as a target for savings under legal directions from NHS England.

Summary of the lead signatory.

Councillor Kate Cannon requested that the evidence provided had confirmed initial concerns and requested that the existing contract be reviewed but should not continue in its current format. Cllr Cannon appreciated the need for a Section 75 agreement but had concerns that the Council had given over a lot of democratic control to the CCG.

Summary of the decision-taker.

Councillor Chis Jones, Cabinet Member Adult Health and Care countered stating that collaborative working between the Council and the NHS/CCG under the Section 75 agreement actually increased democratic control and was in the public's best interest, providing accountability.

Councillor Jones informed that joined up care works better, allowed one process for procurement, and was not privatisation or a precursor to privatisation.

Committee debate and decision.

A Member stated the importance of the Section 75 agreement, believing that she would look to move a Motion in support of its retention, upholding the original decision of the JSCB.

Another Member advised that the matter should be taken back to Council for a variety of reasons, namely:

- Concern over the Council's Statutory Duties;
- Lack of clarity on budgetary matters; and
- Councillors had not been provided sufficient time to scrutinise the matter (i.e. pre-decision).

Councillor Christina Muspratt moved, and Councillor Tony Norbury seconded the following Motion:

"That the matter be referred to Council to review and reconsider the proposed contract with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), to ensure that the Council retains control of its statutory duties, and that the Council's budgetary position is protected".

The Council Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer advised of three options available to the Committee, whereby it may decide to:

- A. Refer the matter to the Cabinet Committee for reconsideration;
- B. Refer the matter to Council (noting that Council has no further powers, than those of this Committee); or
- C. Agree to uphold the original decision.

At this point in proceedings the Chair suggested a short break to enable legal advice to be sought. After a short break, and having consulted with the Council's Solicitor and the Director Adult Care and Health, the Chair reconvened the meeting and invited Members to continue their deliberations. With the agreement of the mover and seconder the Motion, previously tabled, was withdrawn.

Councillor Julie McManus (Chair) then moved, and Councillor Phil Gilchrist seconded, the following Motion:

"This matter be referred to Council because the committee has the following concerns:

- (1) *The Cabinet Committee needs to review and reconsider the developing and proposed contract with Wirral CCG to ensure:
 - a. *that the Council retains control of its statutory duties*
 - b. *the Council's budgetary position is protected;**
- (2) *In view of the substantial funds pooled and managed by the new organisation further channels of communication need to be developed with Adult's Overview and Scrutiny Committee - so that they might have more insight and make more meaningful contributions to the oversight of that body;*
- (3) *Similar parallel arrangements be made for Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and*
- (4) *In addition work on the preparation of the system sustainability plan shall be placed before members at the earliest opportunity".*

Councillor Wendy Clements moved and Councillor Mary Jordan seconded the following Amendment:

"Committee moves that this decision is upheld and implemented without delay.

In the light of the considerable funds involved the Chair and Party Spokespersons will bring forward further scrutiny of the developing arrangements and legal agreement to ensure council fulfils its statutory duties and its budgetary position is protected so that members might have more insight and make more meaningful contributions to the oversight of the body".

The amendment was put and lost (5:10) (no abstentions).

The original motion was then put and carried (10:5) (no abstentions).

Resolved (10:5) No abstentions - This matter be referred to Council because the Committee has the following concerns:

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 - a. that the Council retains control of its statutory duties**
 - b. the Council's budgetary position is protected;****
- (2) In view of the substantial funds pooled and managed by the new organisation further channels of communication need to be developed with Adult's Overview and Scrutiny Committee - so that they might have more insight and make more meaningful contributions to the oversight of that body;**
- (3) Similar parallel arrangements be made for Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and**
- (4) In addition work on the preparation of the system sustainability plan shall be placed before members at the earliest opportunity.**

COUNCIL 10 DECEMBER 2018

AMENDMENT IN RESPECT OF AGENDA ITEM 11 - MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Chris Carubia

G. Wirral Together: Getting the Basics Right - a new model for Community Engagement

That the matter be referred back to Cabinet for further consideration of the following aspects as Council does not accept that the revised arrangements fully meet the needs of Members or their communities. Members who have faced tough questioning on Hoylake Golf Resort and other issues at the Constituency Committees should not close down this means of access for the public.

The Constituency Committees replaced a system of neighbourhood-based and area committees which were also undermined and abolished. Whilst the potential for members to work together exists across ward boundaries, it is not clear how this will be facilitated or serviced.

The ability of Members to hold cross-ward meetings on issues of common concern is not fully set out. The Leader has suggested that there is a lot of room for manoeuvre but the deletion of the Constituency Committees from the Constitution, without a clear formula for replacing local democratic arrangements, should not take place.

It should be noted that the Wirral South Committee has, across party, become an important forum for debating issues - like bus and walk in services - affecting all wards. The Constituency Committee ward representatives do not appear to have been asked for views on the new arrangements.

The prospect of funding for Members to assist their communities is welcomed. The ability of Members to engage with organisations and encourage applications for funding is undermined by the proposed financial checks and balances which contain no right of appeal. The ability of Members to use local funding for simple projects like 'dropped kerbs' is also removed and there is, as yet, no indication of how these might be secured through a dedicated local budget.

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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.2
POST OFFICE SERVICES**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Whittingham
Seconded by Councillor Paul Stuart

Delete all and replace with the following:

“Council congratulates the Communication Workers Union on their campaign to protect the vital services provided by the Post Office in contrast to the Government owned network being decimated.

Council believes that Post Office branches in Wallasey Village, New Brighton and Upton are among those currently closed, and requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Post Office to relay our concerns and requests urgently that the Post Office ends its programme of Crown Office closures and moves to implement a speedy resolution to enable all Wirral residents to have access to a local Post Office, that not only serves our community but provides secure well paid employment that is vital to generating a thriving local economy”.

**(2) Notice of Motion No.4
CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Adam Sykes

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Gardner

Delete *“establish and Overview and Scrutiny Committee working group, with a remit to*

(i). Seek advice from experts to develop a robust carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Wirral;

(ii). Consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council’s activities;

(iii). Make recommendations and set an ambitious timescale for reducing these impacts;

(iv). Report to full Council with the actions the Council needs to take to address this emergency.”

And insert *“continues to actively scrutinise the work of the Cool Wirral Partnership and the Climate Change Action Plan, taking into account the recent warnings, and look for opportunities to supplement this work, through scrutiny reviews, where applicable.”*

Delete: *“task a director level officer with responsibility for reducing as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council’s activities.*

writes to inform the Prime Minister that Wirral has declared a climate emergency.”

And insert: *“ensure that all avenues of additional funding are made use of, including the £4.5 million pot, made available by the government, to help local authorities to install electric car charging points.*

In addition, analyse, by way of a low carbon report and audit, the Council’s real estate portfolio and implement improvement opportunities via a new low carbon facilities management strategy.”

**(3) Notice of Motion No.4
CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Anita Leech

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Whittingham

Delete all after paragraph 5 ('Council believes that:') and replace with.

Council notes the recent Government publication 'A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment' which intends to make 2019 a Year of Action for the environment. It notes work in the city region to promote a Liverpool City Region Year of Environment 2019.

Council notes that the present climate change strategy for Wirral runs to 2019 and that work has commenced to develop a new strategy.

Council notes that promoting sustainability appraisal tools to improve decision making is a priority identified in the latest report of the Cool Wirral Partnership (formerly Wirral Climate Change Group).

Council recognises climate change as a significant issue and believes that we need to make changes for the benefit of residents of Wirral and for future generations. Council is committed to act on climate change.

- Council is a signatory to the Local Government's Association's Climate Local initiative and has pledged its support for the UN's Paris Agreement on climate change
- Council endorsed the present climate change strategy for Wirral (Cool) in 2014 – which covers the period to 2019.
- Council supports a partnership to champion local climate action in support of the strategy in recognition that widespread action is necessary.
- Council has a corporate target to cut council emissions by 60% by 2025.
- Council produces a public greenhouse gas emissions report.
- Officers present an annual report on climate change to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Council recognises there are links between work to cut climate emissions and work to improve local air quality.

Council notes that in support of local climate commitments many actions are being taken, including but not limited to:

- Work to educate our young people to encourage positive behaviour change
- Statements opposing fracking.
- Plans for better facilities for our own workforce in more energy efficient buildings

- Work to mark Clean Air Day
- A quarterly Air Quality meeting of senior representatives from within the Council including Planning, Strategy, Sustainability, Environmental Health, Public Health, Transportation and Licensing
- Work to bring together experts including politicians over the next 12-months to assist the Combined Authority to look at Air Quality.

Council believes:

- The creation of a new climate change strategy for Wirral presents an important opportunity to consider the latest scientific evidence and develop a suitable response locally.
- The upcoming Year of the Environment 2019 presents an opportunity to convey the scale of the challenge and to engage people with this issue
- That the emergency action required on climate change is bigger than the requirement for a Task and Finish group for an individual scrutiny committee and requires work in partnership with others.

Therefore, Council requests that:

- Representatives on the Cool Wirral Partnership be asked to ensure the new climate change strategy for Wirral include a challenging target for emissions reduction in line with the latest scientific guidance, along with ambitious recommendations to address this challenge.
- Officers are asked to make regular reports to Cabinet during the 2019 Year of the Environment on local climate action.
- Officers are asked to make recommendations to Cabinet on tools to assist the council consider the impacts of climate change as part of its decision making processes
- Officers are asked to look at new progressive innovative solutions and alternatives, such as the use of renewables, maximising the use of recycled materials, encouraging cycling and walking as the travel mode of choice, promoting and encouraging the use of ultra-low carbon vehicles.
- Officers are requested to monitor the 2020 pledges for the Environment Committee.
- Officers continue to prepare an annual report on climate change and that this report continues to be taken first to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to enable the work to be scrutinised prior to consideration by Cabinet
- The leader of the council be asked to write to the Prime Minister expressing our concerns around Climate Change and the desire for political pressures to make rapid change, in a time when we need to be guided by ethics not cost.

(4) **Notice of Motion No.5**
CUTS TO MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Insert after paragraph 1...

Council again wishes to draw attention to the number of COMAH sites within the Borough and their proximity to long-established areas of dense housing. This is especially the case with the installations in Rock Ferry and Eastham associated with chemical storage, petroleum products and refinery installations.

(5) **Notice of Motion No.7**
TIME TO END THE HOYLAKE GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Gardner

Seconded by Councillor Gerry Ellis

Delete from paragraph 4 'looks increasingly unviable.' and insert 'is best left to private sector financiers.'

Alter the final paragraph after 'Leader and Cabinet'

to:

- (1) end all further use of Council taxpayer's money to support this scheme.
- (2) investigate alternative uses for this borrowing which could be the kick-start to truly transformational regeneration in the areas of most need.

**(6) Notice of Motion No.7
TIME TO END THE HOYLAKE GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies

Seconded by Councillor George Davies

After paragraph (2) delete the remainder of the motion and replace with the following:

Despite this gloomy assessment of current and future demand for golf facilities, Council disputes the views expressed by some Members and members of the public when they say they feel that the proposed Celtic Manor development of Hoylake Golf Course looks increasingly unviable and concludes that the access to prudential borrowing of £26 million agreed in December 2017 poses an unacceptable risk to public funds is no longer tenable or appropriate.

Council recognises, however, that Wirral Council has had its funding more than halved, during an eight-year austerity onslaught by the Tory Government and that in response to this ideological drive to decimate public services, it can only:-

- 1) accept the consequences of this attack on our budget, and cut the services our residents rely on; or
- 2) find ways of attracting investment to Wirral, increasing our revenue and using this money to improve our services and our Borough.

This Council supports the latter option and urges the Leader and Cabinet to continue to seek out innovative ways to bring new revenue streams into the borough which will replace the funding cut by central government, enable the Council to continue funding good quality public services and also seek to generate a vibrant economy that produces jobs for our citizens.

Whilst recognising the feelings as expressed, Council also notes:

- (1) that the December 2017 agreement seeks to both achieve that financial objective and the objective to produce jobs and economic prosperity for local people;
- (2) that there is misinformation shared by some campaigners in this instance and
- (3) that:
 - i) The proposed Celtic Manor resort proposals at Hoylake is far more than simply a golf offer and has the potential to generate significant economic benefits to the Borough and financial benefits to the Council;

- ii) The developer is currently conducting various feasibility studies which look at issues such as the environmental and economic impact;
- iii) The funding package has still to be finalised.

Council therefore requests that the Leader and Cabinet take account of all of these considerations when the proper time comes to make a decision about the viability of this scheme, which can only realistically be done once all of the studies have been completed and all of the evidence and relevant information has then been received.

(7) **Notice of Motion No.9
POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONERS TO RETHINK POLICING
PRIORITIES INTERESTS OF WIRRAL RESIDENTS**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Delete paragraphs 2,3,4,5 & 6 - all after "...onerous role." and insert...

"Council requests that a meeting should be arranged with Merseyside's Police and Crime Commissioner so that Councillors can consider...

- i. how the progress with the Merseyside Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 meets the objectives set out in that document
- ii. how the PCC and Chief Constable interpret and implement the key priorities set out in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, as
 - Prevent Crime and Anti-social Behaviour;
 - Provide a Visible and Accessible Neighbourhood Policing Style;
 - Tackle Serious and Organised Crime; and
 - Support Victims, Protect Vulnerable People and Maintain Public Safety.
- iii. how the Police service responds to the issues of hate and cyber crime
- iv. the concerns of Members about the level of policing in Wirral
- v. the budgetary issues facing the force so that Members can discuss the level of precept the Commissioner might wish to set for the next financial year".

(8) **Notice of Motion No.10**
TAKING BACK CONTROL OF OUR BUSES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Ron Abbey

Seconded by Councillor Steve Foulkes

Delete all after "...London" and insert...

"Council welcomes the new devolved powers of the Buses Act 2017, however Council is frustrated by the very complex nature of the legislation that has meant these powers cannot be used as quickly as is needed. Council also condemns the Tory Government for banning local authorities from setting up new publicly owned companies as this could be a key means to improve local buses services and flies in the face of devolution".