



# Council

## Extraordinary Meeting

Town Hall  
Wallasey

12 July, 2019

Dear Councillor

This supplement for the Extraordinary Council meeting to be held at **5.00 p.m. on Monday, 15 July 2019** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, should be read in conjunction with the Council Summons, dated 5 July, 2019.

This meeting will be webcast at  
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## **AGENDA ITEM 3**

### **(1) Notice of Motion – WIRRAL COUNCIL DECLARES AN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

#### **Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Alan Brame

**Seconded** by Councillor Andy Corkhill

*After the existing motion, add the following:*

Council recognises the need to support the Climate Emergency Declaration with practical local action. Over the coming years, this will involve a wide range of measures but, at this meeting, Council supports these initiatives:

- 1) In order to progress a meaningful response to reforestation and to the development of sustainable agriculture, Cabinet is requested to ask that the Government, as part of the forthcoming Spending Review, provides additional funding for schemes that will bring this about.
- 2) Council therefore requests that, as a significant practical step to slow the build-up of CO2 in the atmosphere, Cabinet is requested to ask officers to initiate a major tree-planting initiative, ensuring that they...
  - discuss the opportunities for additional tree planting in Wirral with the major landowners
  - identify land for tree planting to create a range of sites and wildlife corridors to tackle climate change and
  - add to the biodiversity of Wirral and involve local schools.
- 3) Further, Council requests that officers work with local landowners, agents and the farming community to increase the scope for the Environmental Land Management contracts suggested by the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP to the Oxford Farming Conference in January 2019.
- 4) Council supports a drive to localise food production and asks Cabinet to support the uptake and maintenance of allotments, offering advice and support to residents who lack the confidence or expertise to take on an allotment.
- 5) Recognising the need to progress the switch to electric powered cars, Council urges Cabinet to work with large employers, the Chamber of Commerce and other organisations to promote and secure the provision of more charging points for electric vehicles in the Borough.
- 6) Council recalls that at its meeting on 18 March 2019, members voted unanimously to ask Cabinet to explore the possibility of building its own solar farm, either in the Borough or elsewhere. In reaffirming support for this proposal, Council asks for an update on progress to be given at its next meeting.

**(2) Notice of Motion – WIRRAL COUNCIL DECLARES AN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

**Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Pat Cleary

**Seconded** by Councillor Chris Cooke

*After the existing motion, add the following:*

Specifically, Council requests the Cabinet to:

Set senior leadership responsibilities across all departments reflecting that the climate emergency relates to all aspects of the council's activities.

Prioritise the climate emergency as part of a wider partnership ensuring the Cool Wirral initiative has clear reporting links with other strategic partners.

Implement a long-term climate emergency communication programme including a dedicated web site and a dedicated mailing list to build a network of interest groups.

Adopt appropriate decision making tools supported by a staff and member training programme. This to include:

- the reintroduction of environmental impacts in committee report templates
- the reinstatement of carbon budget reports
- robust carbon/sustainability appraisals for all significant plans and strategies

Establish a cross - department task group to draw up a council climate emergency action plan.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4**

### **(1) Notice of Motion – THE FUTURE OF CELTIC MANOR**

**Proposed** by Councillor Geoffrey Watt

**Seconded** by Councillor Tony Cox

Council notes the change in the numbers of seats held by the respective parties since May 2nd and the not unconnected Cabinet decision not to invest up to £26 million in the Celtic Manor resort (previously branded as the ‘Hoylake Golf Resort’).

Council thanks those who have raised their concerns over this agreement for their views and the hard work of Phil Simpson and colleagues to ensure that £26 million of public money will be put to better use.

Council now seeks clarity, transparency and openness on the next intended steps by the Cabinet and asks that the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee is kept fully up to date.

### **(2) Notice of Motion – THE FUTURE OF CELTIC MANOR**

#### **Response to Requisition Notice / Motion**

**Proposed** by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

**Seconded** by Councillor Alan Brame

This Council believes that...

- (i) the special meeting of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 June 2019, along with the briefing session held prior to that, gave elected Members beyond the Cabinet their first complete overview of this project;
- (ii) the information recently made available to Members has added considerably to their knowledge and the findings of the Call-In held on 7 December 2016, published Cabinet reports of 7 November 2016 and 18 December 2017;
- (iii) the decision of the Council made on 25 February 2019 which resolved by 32:29 with two abstentions that...’Council believes it would be inappropriate to make a decision on this scheme before we have the full facts’ ...was based on the information available to Members at that time.

Having regard to the issues raised above, Council recognises the ongoing Development Agreement but welcomes the decision of Cabinet made on 8 July 2019 concerning finance. Given the history of this project, Council expects Members, beyond Cabinet, to be kept fully informed of any further discussions with the developer about their intentions.

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