



Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee

Date:	Monday, 16 October 2023
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	Committee Room One, Birkenhead Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
2. APOLOGIES
3. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee held on 18 September 2023, attached.

5. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS

Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your question/statement by the deadline for submission.

5.1 Public Questions

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5.3 Questions by Members

Questions by Members to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders 12.3 to 12.8.

KEY AND OTHER DECISIONS

6. ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING TRANCHE 3 (Pages 7 - 14)

WORK PROGRAMME / OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

7. WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE (Pages 15 - 22)

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for this committee can be found at the end of this agenda.

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ECONOMY REGENERATION & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Monday, 18 September 2023

Present:

Councillor T Jones (Chair)

Councillors	GJ Davies	J Bird
	R Pitt	E Lamb
	M Skillicorn	E Tomeny
	G Wood	Raymond
	A Hodson	K Hodson (for A Gardner)

23 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chair opened the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting was being webcast and a copy is retained on the Council's website for two years.

24 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Andrew Gardener. Councillor Kathy Hodson was in attendance as substitute.

25 **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jo Bird queried whether members of the Labour Party should declare an interest, due to the fact that the Labour MP for Birkenhead rented office space from the Chamber of Commerce. The Lead Principal Lawyer for Regeneration advised Members that it was a matter for the Labour Group members to decide whether or not to make a declaration. He indicated that he did not consider that there was any interest for such members to declare.

26 **MINUTES**

Councillor Jo Bird queried the Regeneration Delivery Plan and why it was not on the agenda for this Committee. Members were informed that the plan had gone to the Policy and Resources Committee in September 2023 and would also be considered by a Committee workshop.

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

27 **PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS**

No questions, statements or petitions from the public or Councillors had been received.

28 **IN-YEAR BUDGET POSITION**

The Director of Regeneration and Place presented a report which provided an update on the budgets in respect of the in-year position and the anticipated pressures for future years which were being considered within the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

Members were informed that the Medium-Term Financial Plan considered the future pressures and savings options that had been put forward as part of a balanced budget position. The Council faced a challenging financial outlook due to inflationary and demand pressures alongside the previous significant reductions in Government funding and uncertainty around the future financial settlements. At the end of Quarter 1, there was a forecast adverse variance of £0.5m against the Committee's revised net revenue budget of £13.21m, which is equivalent to a variance of 4% from the annual budget.

Members queried the £0.5m adverse variance, future budget pressures and £200k mitigation. Assurance was given regarding containment of spend. Also queried was the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning software, costs associated with Birkenhead Commercial District, future options for Wallasey Town Hall and a recent contract for commercial property advice.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Jones and seconded by Councillor George Davies that the report be noted and endorsed.

Councillor Jo Bird moved a procedural motion that the two proposed resolutions be voted on separately. This procedural motion was voted on and lost (3:7).

The Original motion was then put to the vote and carried (7:3) It was therefore,

Resolved – that the report be noted and endorsed.

29 **ADOPTION OF WIRRAL INTERIM APPROACH TO AVOID AND MITIGATE RECREATIONAL PRESSURE**

The Director of Regeneration and Place introduced a report which sought approval for the Council to adopt the Wirral Interim Approach to Avoid and

Mitigate Recreational Disturbance as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

The approach provided a mechanism to fund measures, through a tariff on new housing development of 10 or more units, to avoid and mitigate disturbance to birds from human activity on the internationally designated foreshores around the Wirral coast arising from additional visits to the coast generated by new housing development. The Wirral Interim approach formed part of a wider Liverpool City Region Recreational Management Strategy (LCR RMS) initiative to tackle this issue. The Wirral Interim approach had been produced as an interim measure due to delays in implementing the LCR RMS, which is expected to come into force in 2024.

The Wirral Interim approach document was published in draft alongside the Submission Draft Wirral Local Plan 2021-2037 in July 2022 and was in the Local Plan Examination Library as document reference ECC27.

The LCR RMS was implemented through a joint Supplementary Planning Document, and the draft scoping document (currently out to consultation) was appended to this report for noting.

Members sought assurance that measures were not being implemented to discourage people from visiting the local coastline and were informed that the focus of the RMS would be more educational, citing volunteer schemes around Hilbre Island and more signage on foreshores.

A further discussion was had about feasibility studies, potential revenue and queried if a Section 106 Agreement could be used to ensure compliance. Members were assured that this could be utilised as a planning obligation between developers and the Council.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Kathy Hodson it was,

Resolved – That

- 1. the adoption of the Wirral Interim Approach to Avoid and Mitigate Recreational Pressure Document as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications be approved.**
- 2. periodic updates be received by this Committee on the Interim Approach to Avoid and Mitigate Recreational Pressures and its implementation be reviewed on an annual basis in consultation with the Chair and Spokespersons of the Committee**

30 **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND: PLACE BASED BUSINESS SUPPORT DELIVERY**

The Director of Regeneration and Place introduced a report which provided details of the Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Place Based Business Support (PBBS) grant funding allocation of £952,320 from Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA).

The report set out recommendations for how the Council should utilise the grant to deliver the required outputs and activities. The grant funding presents the opportunity to achieve savings against the Council's revenue budget. The Council has commissioned Wirral Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WCC) under contract to deliver the Business Support Service (BSS) until 31 December 2023, with the option to extend delivery to 31 December 2025.

It was proposed that the BSS Contract is varied to incorporate PBBS outputs and be part-funded from the Council's UKSPF PBBS allocation. The PBBS allocation also enabled the commissioning of additional specialist interventions to support growth in key sectors and clusters and the funding of two full-time equivalent council staff posts during the UKSPF grant funding period.

Members queried if a Chamber of Commerce Value report would come to committee, with officers requesting clarification on what the report should contain. It was noted that the exempt appendix referenced the service level support and that there had been capital grant which was subject to a relevant officer decision report. Members were informed that the performance value of the contract had been tested and was included in the exempt appendices.

Resolved – that,

1. the expenditure of the UKSPF allocation to deliver Place Based Business Support as outlined in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7 of this report be authorised; and

2. the Director of Law and Governance, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Place be authorised to enter into an extension of the Business Support Service contract with Wirral Chamber of Commerce and Industry for an additional two years from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025.

31 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Lead Principal Lawyer presented the work programme update. Members were informed that, the work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the key decisions which are within the remit of the Committee.

Members discussed the regeneration working group and progress made on projects with Members requesting tangible dates to inform residents.

Members also requested that the Birkenhead Design Guide be added to the work programme.

Resolved – that the Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee work programme for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year be agreed with the inclusion of the above items.

32 EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

33 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - EXEMPT APPENDICES

Resolved – that the exempt appendices be noted.

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ECONOMY REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

16 OCTOBER 2023

REPORT TITLE:	ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING – TRANCHE 3
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND PLACE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to spend £1,625,000 of additional Active Travel Tranche 3 grant funding which has been made available to the Council from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) and to amend the 2023/2024 capital programme to allocate the funding to the Conway Street/Europa Boulevard Movement Scheme.

The Wirral Plan 2021-2026 sets out the Council's vision to secure the best possible future for our residents, defined by the community prosperity we create and supported by our excellent people and services. This proposal directly supports the following key themes within that plan:

- A cleaner, greener borough which celebrates, protects and improves our environment and urgently tackles the environmental emergency;
- A prosperous inclusive economy where local people can get good jobs and achieve their aspirations; and
- Safe, vibrant communities where people want to live and raise their families.

This matter affects the Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward.

This is a Key Decision owing to the significance in terms of the effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough, as well as being in excess of £500,000 in monetary value.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Authorise the Director of Regeneration and Place to utilise the £1,625,000 from Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 received by the Council from Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to support the delivery of the Conway Street/Europa Boulevard Movement Scheme; and
- (2) Recommend to Policy and Resources Committee that the Capital Programme for 2023/2024 be amended so that the additional £1,625,000 grant funding from the Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 allocated to the Council by Liverpool

City Region Combined Authority be allocated to the Conway Street/Europa Boulevard Movement Scheme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The funding outlined in this report has been allocated to the Council for the delivery of the specific project identified and cannot be used for any other purpose. If the funding was not accepted, it would have to be returned to the LCRCA.
- 1.2 To ensure that the Council achieves the delivery of regeneration and active travel projects within the Borough as identified in the Birkenhead Regeneration Framework and as part of a Liverpool City Region (LCR) wide programme of projects and interventions.
- 1.3 To ensure that the Council supports projects which will deliver increased levels of sustainable travel as set out in the emerging Local Plan and to support actions required to address the Climate Emergency and the target in the Cool2 Strategy to 'a complete transition to fossil fuel free local travel by around 2030'.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The Council could have decided not to accept the funding. This is not considered to be an appropriate option given that the project is key to the regeneration of Birkenhead town centre and supporting active travel is in line with our commitment to addressing the climate emergency, improving the health of our residents and encouraging alternative modes of transport to the private car.
- 2.2 Use the funding to deliver an alternative scheme or programme is not an appropriate option. A condition of the grant funding agreement is that it cannot be used for other purposes so doing this would not meet the terms of the grant award which has been specifically provided to develop and deliver the projects that will enable active travel. The funding would then be subject to claw-back and breaking the terms of the grant funding agreement could risk future funding awards.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council via the LCRCA had previously been awarded £2,225,000 from the Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 programme to support the delivery of the Conway Street/Europa Boulevard Movement Project. On 19th October 2022 the Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee approved (amongst other matters) that the Director of Regeneration and Place be authorised to accept and allocate the grant funding of £2,225,000. The Active Travel 3 ("ATF3") funding was provided to support the £3,904,059 of Future High Street Funding that had already been awarded to the Conway Street/Europa Boulevard scheme. In November 2022 Active Travel England invited authorities to review their Tranche 3 projects with a view to addressing the impact of inflation since the original bid was submitted.

- 3.2 On 15 December 2022 the LCRCA submitted a change control request to Active Travel England to seek additional funding to address the impact of inflation and also to increase the scope of the scheme to include additional public realm and active travel facilities to link the proposed Conway Street super crossing to Claughton Road.
- 3.3 On 14th March 2023 Active Travel England notified the LCRCA that the funding bid for ATF3 for Conway Street/Europa Boulevard had been successful and, subject to a design review and inspection to be undertaken with Active Travel England, an additional £1,625,000 had been awarded to the scheme.
- 3.4 Two phases of consultation have been undertaken on the Conway Street/Europa Boulevard scheme and on 24 June 2023 the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee delegated the power to make a decision regarding the outcome of the Phase 2 statutory consultation undertaken regarding the Birkenhead Town Centre Movement Schemes to the Director of Neighbourhoods, to be taken in consultation with the Chairs of both the Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee and the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee. The feedback from the consultation is currently being considered by officers and responses are being prepared which will be reported to the Director of Neighbourhoods shortly.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The capital funding of £1,625,000 from the Active Travel Tranche 3 programme is required to be fully committed by no later than 31 March 2024.
- 4.2 The decision to accept the additional £1,625,000 Tranche 3 grant funding was taken by the Section 151 Officer in accordance with 2(d) of Part(C) of the Constitution 'Overview and Scheme of Delegations of Authority to Officers'. In respect to the receipt of grant funding, express delegation is given to the Section 151 Officer. Relevant Chief Officers are required to subsequently report the acceptance of the grant funding to the appropriate Committee.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council is required to enter into a grant funding agreement with the LCRCA. Advice will be required from Legal Services prior to entering into such an agreement. The Council will have to ensure that it is able to comply with all grant conditions, as a breach could result in clawback of the grant and would impact on the viability of the projects.
- 5.2 Following on from the acceptance of the grant funding allocation by the S151 officer the Director of Law and Governance will embody that acceptance by way of a formalised grant funding agreement.

- 5.3 Expenditure of the grant funding will be undertaken in line with Subsidy Control legislation, the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
- 5.4 Following scheme delivery of the projects the Section 151 Officer will be required to sign declaration confirming that the funding was defrayed in accordance with the grant conditions.
- 5.5 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, any amendment to the Capital Programme requested by a committee or officer in excess of £500,000 is reserved to Policy & Resources Committee.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 Existing staff resources will be used for the delivery of the project, supplemented by external support where required.
- 6.2 There are no ICT or asset implications.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 Failure to deliver the project would be viewed negatively by the LCRCA and may impact future funding allocations.
- 7.2 The capital funding for the Tranche 3 project must be committed by 31 March 2024. Failure to achieve this date would leave the Council open to the risk of claw back of funding. Subject to the consideration of the statutory consultation the project could commence on site in early 2024 therefore this risk is considered minimal.
- 7.3 The Active Travel Tranche 3 grant is awarded on the condition that authorities will deliver the funded projects in conjunction with ATE, that scheme designs are appropriately reviewed and inspected by ATE, and that officers will work with ATE to resolve to ATE's satisfaction any scheme design shortcomings that they identify. Failure to rectify identified design shortcomings with ATE could lead to a downgrade in the LCRCA's capability level which may therefore reduce future funding payments for Wirral and other LCR authorities. This risk is considered negligible as officers have continued to work with ATE throughout the design of the project.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 As per the condition of the funding awards officers will work with Active Travel England throughout the stages of design to seek appropriate approvals prior to delivery.
- 8.2 The Active Travel Members working group and the Wirral Active Travel Forum will continue to be engaged throughout the programme delivery and receive regular updates on progress.

8.3 Consultation for projects will be achieved through the use of the “Have Your Say” portal, letter drops for affected properties as well targeted stakeholder engagement. BirkenEds place has also be used to support consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Whilst there are no equality implications arising from this report, the associated actions arising from the delivery of the individual programmes may result in a further need to assess any equality issues and mitigate any negative impact that may emerge.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority have published their Five Year Climate Action Plan. It builds upon the Pathway to Net Zero document, which set out our ambition to achieve net zero by 2040 or sooner. 67% of the carbon emissions from transport in Liverpool City Region are from cars. To reduce the environmental impact, we need to encourage people out of cars to walk, wheel and use public transport.

10.2 Delivery of active travel projects will enable increased numbers of journeys to be undertaken by sustainable modes, especially for local journeys, therefore reducing residents’ reliance on the private car and reducing carbon emissions. Increasing cycling and walking will help combat climate change. By encouraging and enabling people to travel more on foot and by cycle instead of private car harmful emissions will be reduced. Promoting active travel can result in reduced emissions of Nitrogen Dioxide, particulate matter and Carbon Dioxide helping to tackle the Environment and Climate change Emergency.

10.2 Gear Change Cycling Strategy produced by Government in Summer 2020 identifies that mode shift to active transport is one of the most cost-effective ways of reducing transport emissions and that meeting the targets to double cycling and increasing walking would lead to savings of £567million annually from air quality alone and prevent 8,300 premature deaths each year in England and provide opportunity to improve green spaces and biodiversity.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 This project helps deliver Wirral’s wider Community Wealth Building commitments to deliver a prosperous, inclusive economy that benefits local residents.

11.2 It supports several key Community Wealth Building aims, including: Maximising the Wirral Pound – buying locally wherever possible to support local businesses and employment. Evidence shows that making changes that are good for walking and cycling are also good for local businesses. Local people who walk and cycle spend more in local shops than those who drive as they visit more often and cumulatively spend more.

11.3 The project also supports community development – enabling resilient local communities that are more sustainable by protecting the environment, minimising waste and energy consumption and using other resources more efficiently.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Gear Change Plan for Cycling and Walking – Department for Transport July 2020
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-plan-for-england>

Gear Change Plan One Year One– Department for Transport July 2021
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1007815/gear-change-one-year-on.pdf

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee Active Travel Funding	08/06/2021
Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee Future High Streets Fund Movement Schemes	19/10/2022
Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee Active Travel Funding – Tranche 3	19/10/2022
Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee Birkenhead Road Active Travel Scheme	08/03/2023
Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee Birkenhead Town Centre Movement Schemes	24/06/2023

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ECONOMY REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023

REPORT TITLE:	ECONOMY REGENERATION AND HOUSING WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee, in co-operation with the other Policy and Service Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual committee work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the key decisions which are within the remit of the Committee.

It is envisaged that the work programme will be formed from a combination of key decisions, standing items and requested officer reports. This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. The work programme for the Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee is recommended to note and comment on the proposed Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee work programme for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 A number of workplan formats were explored, with the current framework open to amendment to match the requirements of the Committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The work programme should align with the priorities of the Council and its partners. The programme will be informed by:

- The Council Plan
- The Council's transformation programme
- The Council's Forward Plan
- Service performance information
- Risk management information
- Public or service user feedback
- Referrals from Council

Terms of Reference

The Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee is responsible for the Council's adult social care and preventative and community based services. This includes the commissioning and quality standards of adult social care services, incorporating responsibility for all of the services, from protection to residential care, that help people live fulfilling lives and stay as independent as possible as well as overseeing the protection of vulnerable adults. The Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee is also responsible for the promotion of the health and wellbeing of the people in the Borough. The Committee is charged by full Council to undertake responsibility for:

- (a) formulation and delivery of the Council's strategic development objectives for planning, sustainability and transportation;
- (b) developing and recommending those plans and strategies which together comprise the Local Plan;
- (c) developing and adopting or recommending (if reserved to Council) other spatial planning documents, including but not limited to
 - (i) supplementary planning documents (SPD) and planning policy advice notes;
 - (ii) Master Plans and development briefs;
 - (iii) The Infrastructure Delivery Plan; and
 - (iv) [The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) when applicable];

- (d) economic development, including but not limited to infrastructure, enterprise, skills and seeking, securing and managing external funds to achieve that, directly or in partnership with joint ventures and external companies or bodies as well as with the Combined Authority and government bodies;
- (e) the Council's functions and partnerships regarding the promotion of economic growth and the establishment and development of business;
- (f) the promotion and development of the economic factors in the area, such as seeking to ensure sufficient and appropriate employment sites, investment, adult skills, apprenticeship schemes, productivity, development sites and so forth;
- (g) overseeing the progress of major projects (including major building, infrastructure or other projects involving the erection or significant alteration of major permanent structures or landmarks) undertaken by the Council directly or as enabler, funder or joint enterprise partner, including but not limited to the Wirral Growth Company LLP;
- (h) the Authority's role and functions in relation to strategic and private sector housing policies and as the housing authority, including but not limited to
 - (i) the Council's Housing Strategy;
 - (ii) homelessness and the allocation of housing;
 - (iii) private sector housing, including taking action to remedy overcrowding, disrepair, unfitness and statutory nuisances; to promote fire safety in private sector housing and the Council's functions in relation to houses in multiple occupation;
 - (iv) licensing schemes;
 - (v) tenancy relations and the provision of housing advice;
 - (vi) relationship with Registered Providers of housing;
 - (vii) housing loans and grants;
 - (viii) housing related support services;
 - (ix) policies and actions with a view to reducing and eliminating street homelessness to ensure that appropriate action is taken; and
 - (x) analysis, development and overview of housing policies in terms of spatial planning to inform the Local Plan and planning policies;
- (i) reviewing major projects and any project boards having regard to capacity to deliver, corporate priorities and resources, and advise the Policy and Resources Committee as appropriate;
- (j) providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions; and
- (k) undertaking the development and implementation of policy in relation to the Committee's functions, incorporating the assessment of outcomes, review of effectiveness and formulation of recommendations to the Council, partners and other bodies, which shall include any decision relating to the above functions.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report is for information and planning purposes only, therefore there are no direct financial implication arising. However, there may be financial implications arising as a result of work programme items.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. However, there may be legal implications arising as a result of work programme items.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no direct implications to Staffing, ICT or Assets.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 The Committee's ability to undertake its responsibility to provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council, make decisions on policies, co-ordinate spend, and maintain a strategic overview of outcomes, performance, risk management and budgets may be compromised if it does not have the opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 This report is for information to Members and there are no direct environment and climate implications.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 This report is for information to Members and there are no direct community wealth implications.

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APPENDICES

Committee Work Plan

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Wirral Council Constitution

Forward Plan

The Council's transformation programme

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee	27 October 2020
	24 November 2020
	26 January 2021
	4 March 2021
	8 June 2021
	26 July 2021
	29 September 2021
	26 October 2021
	22 November 2021
	26 January 2022
	9 March 2022
	13 June 2022
	20 July 2022
	20 September 2022
	7 December 2022
	26 January 2023
	8 March 2023
	20 June 2023
	17 July 2023
	18 September 2023

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ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

KEY DECISIONS BETWEEN JULY AND OCTOBER 2023

Item	Committee Meeting	Lead Departmental Officer
Active Travel Funding – Tranche 3	October 2023	Julie Barnes
Selective Licensing	December 2023	Lisa Newman
Electrical SOR Contract	December 2023	Janette Royle

NON- KEY DECISIONS AND UPDATE REPORTS

Item	Lead Departmental Officer	Wirral Plan Priority
Council House Building Options (briefing note)	Lisa Newman	Inclusive Economy
Regeneration and Housing Delivery	David Hughes	Inclusive Economy
Birkenhead Design Guide	David Hughes	
Project Delivery Plan	David Hughes	Inclusive Economy
Future of Liscard	David Hughes	Inclusive Economy
Chamber of Commerce Value	David Hughes	Inclusive Economy
Consultation Methods	David Hughes	Inclusive Economy

STANDING ITEMS AND MONITORING REPORTS

Item	Reporting Frequency	Lead Departmental Officer
Financial Monitoring Report	Quarterly	Shaer Halewood
Regen Committee Work Programme Update	Every Cycle	Committee Team

Homelessness	TBC	Lisa Newman
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WORK PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE COMMITTEE

Item	Format	Timescale	Lead Officer	Progress
Working Groups/ Sub Committees				
Active Travel Working Group	Workshops	Ongoing	Julie Barnes	Ongoing
Regeneration Working Group	Workshops	Ongoing	Matthew Neal	Ongoing
Update on consultation process for Active Travel Projects	Workshop / Briefing Paper	TBC	Cathy Palmer	Ongoing

Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee – Terms of Reference

The Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee has responsibility for developing and delivering a vision for Wirral as a place. It is responsible for developing and determining or recommending all planning policies, including the Local Plan, and infrastructure planning. It is also responsible for promoting regeneration, economic development and associated activities, including the tourism, culture and visitor economy, and for removing barriers to growth. It is also responsible for taking a strategic approach to the Council's various housing functions, including issues concerning social rented and affordable housing, homelessness, allocations and standards of housing.

The Committee is charged by full Council to undertake responsibility for:

- (a) formulation and delivery of the Council's strategic development objectives for planning, sustainability and transportation;
- (b) developing and recommending those plans and strategies which together comprise the Local Plan;
- (c) developing and adopting or recommending (if reserved to Council) other spatial planning documents, including but not limited to
 - (i) supplementary planning documents (SPD) and planning policy advice notes;
 - (ii) Master Plans and development briefs;
 - (iii) The Infrastructure Delivery Plan; and
 - (iv) [The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) when applicable];
- (d) economic development, including but not limited to infrastructure, enterprise, skills and seeking, securing and managing external funds to achieve that, directly or in partnership with joint ventures and external companies or bodies as well as with the Combined Authority and government bodies;
- (e) the Council's functions and partnerships regarding the promotion of economic growth and the establishment and development of business;
- (f) the promotion and development of the economic factors in the area, such as seeking to ensure sufficient and appropriate employment sites, investment, adult skills, apprenticeship schemes, productivity, development sites and so forth;
- (g) overseeing the progress of major projects (including major building, infrastructure or other projects involving the erection or significant alteration of major permanent structures or landmarks) undertaken by the Council directly or as enabler, funder or joint enterprise partner, including but not limited to the Wirral Growth Company LLP;
- (h) the Authority's role and functions in relation to strategic and private sector housing policies and as the housing authority, including but not limited to
 - (i) the Council's Housing Strategy;
 - (ii) homelessness and the allocation of housing;
 - (iii) private sector housing, including taking action to remedy overcrowding, disrepair, unfitness and statutory nuisances; to promote fire safety in private sector housing and the Council's functions in relation to houses in multiple occupation;
 - (iv) licensing schemes;

- (v) tenancy relations and the provision of housing advice;
 - (vi) relationship with Registered Providers of housing;
 - (vii) housing loans and grants;
 - (viii) housing related support services;
 - (ix) policies and actions with a view to reducing and eliminating street homelessness to ensure that appropriate action is taken; and
 - (x) analysis, development and overview of housing policies in terms of spatial planning to inform the Local Plan and planning policies;
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- (i) reviewing major projects and any project boards having regard to capacity to deliver, corporate priorities and resources, and advise the Policy and Resources Committee as appropriate;
 - (j) providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions; and
 - (k) undertaking the development and implementation of policy in relation to the Committee's functions, incorporating the assessment of outcomes, review of effectiveness and formulation of recommendations to the Council, partners and other bodies, which shall include any decision relating to the above functions.