

Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 4 December 2023** in the Assembly Hall, within the Town Hall, Birkenhead, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects:

Please note that public seating is limited, therefore members of the public are encouraged to arrive in good time.

Wirral Council is fully committed to equalities and our obligations under The Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty. If you have any adjustments that would help you attend or participate at this meeting, please let us know as soon as possible and we would be happy to facilitate where possible. Please contact committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Council are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest, in connection with any matter to be debated or determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 18)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on Monday, 9 October 2023.

4. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS

To deal with questions, statements and petitions from members of the public, and Members, in accordance with Standing Orders 10, 11 and 12.

A. Public Questions

Notice of question to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Wednesday 29 November 2023 to the Council's Monitoring Officer (via the online form here: [Public Question Form](#)) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10.

For more information on how your personal information will be used, please see this link: [Document Data Protection Protocol](#)

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

B. Statements and Petitions

Notice of statements to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Wednesday 29 November 2023 to the Council's Monitoring Officer (committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 11.1.

Petitions may be presented to the Council if provided to Democratic and Member Services no later than 10 working days before the meeting, at the discretion of the Mayor. The person presenting the petition will be allowed to address the meeting briefly (not exceeding three minutes) to outline the aims of the petition. The Mayor will refer the matter to another appropriate body of the Council within whose terms of reference it falls without discussion, unless a relevant item appears elsewhere on the Agenda. If a petition contains more than 5,000 signatures, it will be debated at a subsequent meeting of Council for up to 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Mayor. Please give notice of petitions to committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk in advance of the meeting.

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

In accordance with Standing Order 11.2, the following petitions have been submitted for presentation at Full

Council:

Reconsider the 20mph Proposals in Wirral - Prioritize Safety and Efficiency – Alan Jones.

Save Greasby Pharmacy – Cllr Mark Skillicorn.

C. Members' Questions

To consider Members' questions to the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council, Committee Chair or a Leader of a Political Group, in accordance with Standing Orders 12.

5. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

To consider any recommendations and receive reports from the Council's Committees which require the approval or consideration of the Council, and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports.

A. New Council Plan (Pages 19 - 70)

Council is requested to agree to the following recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 21 November 2023:

To approve the New Council Plan.

Report attached and Minute extract to follow.

B. 2023-24 Capital Monitoring Quarter 2 (Pages 71 - 102)

Council is requested to agree to the following recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 November 2023:

To approve:

1. the revised Capital Programme of £100 million for 2023/24, including the virements of budget referred to in Appendix C of the report; and
2. additional funding for the schemes referred to in section 3.7 in the report.

Minute Extract and Report are attached.

C. Pay Policy Statement 2024-25 (Pages 103 - 120)

Council is requested to agree to the following recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 November 2023:

To approve the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2024-2025.

Minute extract and Report are attached.

D. Membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Council is requested to appoint the following persons to the Independent Remuneration Panel for a period of 4 years:-

Peter Bounds - Chair
Steven Griffiths
Tony Green
Helen Brennan

E. Six Month Attendance Rule S85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (Pages 121 - 124)

6. REPORTS AND DECISIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATIONS

To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on decisions made by Committees since the last meeting of Council.

A. DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 125 - 226)

One decision was taken by the Director of Finance and one decision was taken by the Director of Regeneration and Place which were excluded from removal of delegation and are therefore reported to Council in accordance with Part 4, Section 4, paragraph 6(a)(ii) of the Constitution.

[Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities Simplification Pathfinder Pilot Investment Plan](#)

Director of Regeneration and Place
27 October 2023

[Contract Award: Property Related Insurance](#)

Director of Finance
26 October 2023

The minutes of all committees that have met since 18 September 2023, up until 10 November 2023 are attached below.

Minutes of Committees:

- 18.09.23 – Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee
- 19.09.23 – Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee
- 20.09.23 – Environment, Climate Emergency & Transport Committee
- 21.09.23 – Health and Wellbeing Board
- 21.09.23 – Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee
- 25.09.23 – Children, Young People and Education Committee
- 26.09.23 – Pensions Committee
- 28.09.23 – Constitution and Standards Committee
- 04.10.23 – Policy and Resources Committee
- 11.10.23 – Planning Committee
- 16.10.23 – Economy Regeneration and Housing Committee
- 17.10.23 – Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee
- 18.10.23 – Children, Young People and Education Committee
- 19.10.23 – Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee
- 23.10.23 – Environment, Climate Emergency & Transport Committee
- 24.10.23 – Audit and Risk Management Committee
- 8.11.23 – Policy and Resources Committee
- 9.11.23 – Planning Committee

B. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

To receive questions and answers to representatives on Joint Authorities on matters which fall within the responsibility of the relevant Joint Authority, to be received in accordance with Standing Order 12.4. These include:

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
 Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority
 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee
 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee

7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (Pages 227 - 232)

Motions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 13.1, are attached. They are listed in accordance with Standing Order 13.2, and the full text of each motion is attached.

Full Council Responsibility for Functions

The full responsibility of functions for Full Council can be found at the end of this agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PS' with a stylized flourish.

Paul Sator, Chief Executive

TIMINGS AND GUILLOTINE

Members are reminded of the following:

Item 2 - under Standing Order 2(iv) Mayor's announcements normally limited to up to 5 minutes.

Item 4A. – under Standing Order 10.7, public questions, up to 2 minutes allowed to put a question and up to 2 minutes for a response. Up to 30 minutes in total allowed for public questions (Standing Order 2(v)).

Item 4B. - under Standing Order 11.1, representations (statements) up to 3 minutes, with public speaking on any one item not exceeding 10 minutes. Up to 20 minutes in total allowed to receive representations (Standing Order 2(vi)).
Petitions – under Standing Order 11.2, present and speak to a petition for up to 1 minute.

Item 4C. – under Standing Order 12.8, questions on notice from Members will not exceed 1 minute and up to 2 minutes for a response.

Item 6 – under Standing Order 2(xii) the total time allowed for questions and answers on decisions of committees is up to 45 minutes.

Under Standing Order 9 of the Council Procedure Rules:

The Mayor will adjourn the meeting for a period of ten minutes at a convenient time after one and a half hours. Where three hours have elapsed after the commencement of any meeting (and in the case of an extraordinary meeting of Council when two hours have elapsed since commencement of the meeting) the Mayor shall interrupt the meeting and the Member speaking must immediately cease doing so and sit down. The meeting shall then dispose of the item then under consideration as if the motion 'That the question be now put' had been carried (i.e. the debate shall be concluded by the seconder and by the Member who has the right of reply and the vote will then be taken without any further discussion). This rule will not apply to meetings of a quasi-judicial or regulatory nature.

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Everyone is welcome to record meetings of the Council and its Committees using non-disruptive methods. For particular meetings we may identify a 'designated area' for you to record from. If you have any questions about this please contact Committee and Civic Services (members of the press please contact the Press Office). Please note that the Chair of the meeting has the discretion to halt any recording for a number of reasons, including disruption caused by the filming or the nature of the business being conducted.

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