

Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 17 March 2025** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine the following subjects:

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Public seating is limited therefore members of the public wishing to attend are asked to register their attendance in advance by emailing committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk

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 - 22)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 2 December 2024, 14 January 2025, and 3 March 2025 (Minutes of the Council meeting on 3 March 2025 to follow)

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 12 March 2025 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 12 March 2025 to the Council's Monitoring Officer.

To register your intention to give a statement please do so via this link: [Public Statement Notification](#), and this will 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 3 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.

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. 2023/24 External Annual Audit Report (Pages 23 - 114)

Council is requested to consider the following recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 19 February 2025:

That Council be recommended to approve the External Audit Annual Report 2023/24 and publish on the Council website.

Minute Extract and Report are attached.

B. Calendar of Meetings 2025/26 and 2026/27 (Pages 115 - 144)

Council is requested to consider the following recommendation of the Constitution and Standards Committee held on 20 February 2025:

1. That the revised Calendar of Meetings 2025/26 be approved.
2. That the Calendar of Meetings 2026/27 be approved.

Minute Extract and Report attached.

C. Revised Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 145 - 166)

Council is requested to consider the following recommendation of the Constitution and Standards Committee held on 20 February 2025:

That Council approve the revised Code of Corporate Governance at Appendix 1 to the report and for the framework detailed therein to be included within the Council's Constitution.

Minute Extract and Report attached.

D. Review of Contract Procedure Rules (Pages 167 - 214)

Council is requested to consider the following recommendation of the Constitution and Standards

Committee held on 20 February 2025:

That Council be recommended to approve the changes to the Contract Procedure Rules, highlighted in the appendix to the report, for adoption as part of the Council's Constitution.

Minute Extract and Report attached.

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 215 - 422)

The minutes of all committees which have met since 09 November 2024, up until 28 February 2025 are attached below.

Minutes marked (draft) are subject to formal committee approval.

Minutes of Committees:

- [14.11.2024 Regulatory and General Purposes Committee](#)
- [14.11.2024 Licensing Act Committee](#)
- [20.11.2024 Constitution and Standards Committee](#)
- [26.11.2024 Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee](#)
- [27.11.2024 Children Young People and Education Committee](#)
- [28.11.2024 Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee](#)
- [03.12.2024 Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee](#)
- [04.12.2024 Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee](#)
- [09.12.2024 Pensions Committee](#)
- [11.12.2024 Policy and Resources Committee](#)
- [12.12.2024 Health and Wellbeing Board](#)
- [12.12.2024 Planning Committee](#)
- [15.01.2025 Policy and Resources Committee](#)
- [16.01.2025 Planning Committee](#)
- [20.01.2025 Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [21.01.2025 Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [22.01.2025 Children Young People and Education Committee \(Draft\)](#)

- [23.01.2025 Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [27.01.2025 Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [28.01.2025 Audit and Risk Management Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [29.01.2025 Regulatory and General Purposes Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [06.02.2025 Planning Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [19.02.2025 Policy and Resources Committee \(Draft\)](#)
- [20.02.2025 Constitution and Standards Committee \(Draft\)](#)

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.

7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (Pages 423 - 428)

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.



Jill Travers, Director of Law and Corporate Services

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 3 minutes.

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 minute.

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 and a half 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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