

Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

4 February, 2011

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.15 pm on Monday, 14 February 2011** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects :

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AGENDA

1. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The members of the Council are invited to consider whether they have a personal or prejudicial 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.

3. PETITIONS (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

In accordance with the Petition Scheme (when petitions with a threshold of 1,500 signatures will trigger a Council Debate) the following petition is referred to the Council;

Petition of 1874 signatures submitted by the Mayor and Councillor T Harney, Chair of Governors, The Lyndale School, Eastham, asking the Council to develop, as a matter of urgency, a consistent and coherent policy for children with profound and multiple learning difficulties. The covering letter and front sheet to the petition is enclosed.

4. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 28)

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 December, 2010.

5. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 29 - 34)

To consider matters referred to the Council for determination. The relevant minutes are attached; copies of the related reports can be provided for Council members on request.

(i) Minute 282 (Cabinet - 13/1/2011) Local Development Framework – Sites of Biological Importance

(ii) Minute 284 (Cabinet - 13/1/2011) Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan

(iii) Minute 285 (Cabinet - 13/1/2011) Local Transport Plan – Capital Programme.

(iv) Any other matters referred to the Council by Cabinet at its meeting commencing on 3 February 2011.

(v) Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee (10/01/2011) - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (report enclosed). Council's approval is sought to the proposed adoption of the amendments to Schedule 3 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 made by Section 27 paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 3 to the Policing and Crime Act 2009, and for the provision to come into force on the 1 April 2011. It is also recommended to Council that any application under the above amended legislation be delegated to the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee for determination.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING

The following matters, determined by the Cabinet, are drawn to the Council's attention in accordance with the Constitution (copies of the related reports can be provided for Council members on request).

A petition to help improve Birkenhead Council Kennels was deferred at the Council meeting on 13 December, 2010 to enable the petitioner the next Council meeting. The petitioner does not wish to attend the meeting because the Council has implemented its suggestions. The following reply was received:

“I am thrilled that the Council has taken the petition seriously and has acted on its suggestions. I have shared the Council website news story to all members of the online ‘Friends of Birkenhead Council Kennels’ group, on Facebook, with lots of replies of congratulations.

I have also shared the news story on the RSPCA Gold Award, which is great news, and again highlights the great work of the kennels staff and services.

Congratulations to you and all the staff for the Award.”

7. QUESTIONS

To deal with questions from councillors and from members of the public, in accordance with Standing Order 11.

Note: Questions from members of the public must be submitted in writing or by email by no later than 5.00pm on Friday 4 February 2011.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 35 - 44)

Notice has been given, in accordance with Standing Order 8(1), of motions on the following subjects. They are listed in the order received, and the full text of each motion is attached.

- (i) Democratic Reform and Localism
- (ii) Merseyside Pension Fund: Shareholder Votes on Executive Pay
- (iii) Pupil Premium
- (iv) Securing an Effective Replacement for the EMA
- (v) The Future of Burton’s and the Local Economy
- (vi) High Voltage Direct Current
- (vii) Supporting Wirral’s Post Office Network
- (viii) Working with Wirral’s Voluntary, Community and Faith Organisations
- (ix) Cuts in Council Services
- (x) Bin Collection Shambles
- (xi) Youth Unemployment
- (xii) Increase in VAT

9. MATTERS FOR DEBATE

Pursuant to Standing Order 5(1)(m), and in accordance with Standing Order 5(3), to consider written comments, objections or amendments to minutes submitted under Standing Order 7(2), together with those motions, submitted under item 9 above, that the Council agrees to debate at this meeting and any minority reports submitted in accordance with Standing Order 35(4).

10. VACANCIES (Pages 45 - 46)

To receive nominations, in accordance with Standing Order 25(5), in respect of any proposed changes in the membership of the Cabinet and committees, and to approve nominations for appointments to

outside organisations.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other items of business that the Mayor accepts as being urgent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Z. M.', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Director of Law, HR and Asset Management