

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - BIRKENHEAD

Thursday, 30 October 2014

Present:

Chair	Rt Hon Frank Field MP	
Councillors	A Brighthouse	G Davies
	P Cleary	P Davies
	B Davies	P Doughty
	S Kelly	A McLachlan
	M McLaughlin	C Meaden
	D Realy	D Roberts
	J Stapleton	P Williams

Also Present

Mr J Brace	Ms T Blood
Mrs L Brace	Ms E Barratt
Mr P Dowling	Ms J Smith
Mr M Brobbin	Ms A Smith
Ms T Derbyshire	Ms P Worrall
Mrs R Shaw	Ms R Cheesman
Mr D Shaw	Mr A Lennon
Mr M Morton	Mr A Fletcher
Mrs K Morton	Mr D Reed
Ms M Rushton	Ms M Bragg
Ms M Moile	Mr D Potter
M P Haywood	Revd. S Carpenter
Ms M Grounds	

15 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Davies by virtue of him being a member on the Magenta Living Community Fund Working Group declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Constituency Managers Update, Paragraph 2.6 – ‘Your Wirral’

Councillor D Roberts by virtue of her being a Board Member of Magenta Living declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 – Constituency Managers Update, Paragraph 2.6 – ‘Your Wirral’

16 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That subject to the amendment of Minute 13 (Question 2) to read “Gautby Road” not “Gorseby Road”, the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014 be approved.

17 **CONSTITUENCY MANAGERS UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report by the Head of Neighbourhoods and Engagement that updated the Committee on progress on the actions taken following its last meeting on 24 July 2014 (Minute 8 refers).

Attached to the report were appendices which the Constituency Manager presented to the Committee in relation to the Antenatal Breast Feeding Project Quarterly Report (July-September 2014); proposals to increase signage in Birkenhead, reduce anti-social behaviour; development of Community Researchers and the ‘Love Wirral’ funding; requests for Dropped Kerbs in Birkenhead and a performance overview of the Seven Beats Project.

The Constituency Manager updated the Committee on the following:

Community Publication – Birkenhead

The Constituency Manager indicated that the tender process had been concluded and she would inform Members of the details of the successful tenderer in due course. The 12 month contract was due to start on 1st November 2014.

Improving the Environment

The tender was currently being advertised with a closing date of 24 November 2014. She had also been contacted by various community groups indicating that they were interested in getting involved in this project.

Public Health Outcome Fund

A Member reported that an expression of interest had been received and the panel had met with staff at St Pauls Catholic Primary School, following this, the panel formed a task and Finish group to monitor the developments to evaluate the impact of the project and provide updates to the committee at each meeting. Funding was available to award £25,000 to two schools, only one application was received, therefore it was decided that the Task and Finish Group would use their local knowledge and understanding to discuss and progress with other schools. Following this the Panel had received a

proposal from Rock Ferry Primary School and a further meeting would take place with the school at the end of November 2014.

Constituency Committee Budget 2014/15

The Priorities Task and Finish Group met on 12 September 2014 to discuss proposals for the remaining £40,000. The proposals discussed and recommended were:

1. An allocation of £2993.24 to improve the environment by increasing the signage in Birkenhead to act as a deterrent for environmental crime and increase awareness of enforcement proceedings as detailed in appendix 2 to the report; and
2. An allocation of £35,000 to be allocated for a service to aim to reduce anti social behaviour as detailed in appendix 3 to the report;
3. An allocation of £2000 to develop Community Researchers in Birkenhead

The Chair indicated that in relation to the proposal regarding anti social behaviour that he and Councillor P Davies had met to discuss this issue and felt that all public services and external organisations had specific budgets to cater anti social behaviour and that all budgets should be combined to tackle this issue collectively.

A Member indicated that at the meeting, it was clear that activities were being undertaken but there was no evidence of the outcomes; a Member indicated that residents needed reassurance and physical evidence as to what was being achieved. A Member indicated that the YMCA at Whetstone Lane had been undertaking some excellent work with young people tackling anti social behaviour they felt that the Committee should be assisting these examples of good work in the community.

It was commented that there was a need for greater partnership working between registered social landlords (RSL's) and housing to alleviate the growing issue of anti social behaviour for all residents.

In response to a Member, the Constituency Manager indicated that the Neighbourhood and Engagement team would be working with the Wirral Youth Service amongst others to ensure there was no replication of initiatives and the work commissioned by the Committee complimented existing services to improve the outcomes for anti social behaviour.

‘Love Wirral’ Funding

It had been discussed and agreed by the Priorities and Budget Task and Finish Group to recommend to the Committee to utilise this funding to deliver a reactive fly tipping service to improve the environment. A detailed overview of the criteria, delivery and costings for this service were attached as an appendix to this report.

‘Your Wirral’ 2014/15

Councillors Denise Roberts and George Davies having declared an interest in this matter left the room during its consideration.

The Chair indicated that at the July meeting the Committee had recommended that better use of the funds would be to support those struggling to pay their rent as a result of the Bedroom Tax and consequently faced eviction. A letter was sent to the Joint Working Group of ‘Your Wirral’ requesting the budget allocation be used for this purpose. The request was considered at a meeting of the Joint Working Group on 8th October 2014 and a written response had been supplied.

The Chair indicated that Magenta Living had rejected the Committees proposals and suggested that in line with the Committees priorities to reduce poverty and hardship, the Chair suggested that the funding be spent on setting up of breakfast clubs; teaching of healthy cooking skills; and ensuring children have access to meals during the school holidays when they don’t had access to free school meals.

Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme 2014/15

Councillor S Kelly updated the Committee as the only Member in attendance at the Task and Finish Group; he suggested that the Committee in future appoints deputies to the Task and Finish Groups to enable them to remain quorate.

In response, the Constituency Manager indicated that this would be added to handbook to ensure minimum attendance at task and finish groups. It was suggested and agreed that the remaining Members on the Committee be appointed deputies to the Task and Finish Groups as and when appointed.

Wonga Loans Enquiry

The Chair indicated that a letter had been sent to Wonga but it was returned unopened, this would now be re-done with a request for an appropriate response.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the content of the updates detailed in Paragraphs 2.1-2.3 of the report in relation to specific schemes of work be noted and approved for progress to continue;**
- (2) the recommendations for the remaining spend of the 2014/15 budget allocation as detailed in Paragraph 2.4 of the report be approved;**
- (3) the proposal detailed in Paragraph 2.5 of the report for use of 'Love Wirral' Funding be approved;**
- (4) recommend to the Joint Working Group that in relation to 'Your Wirral' the funding be used to in the setting up of Breakfast Clubs; encourage healthy cooking by enhancing skills of parents/carers and residents through training and courses and ensure that all children have access to meals in school holidays when there was no provision for "free school meals" in line with Committee's priorities on reducing poverty and hardship;**
- (5) the recommendations related to the Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme be approved and a minimum of 5 members be appointed for the Task and Finish Group;**
- (6) Deputies be appointed for each of the Task and Finish Groups to be drawn from the remaining Members of the Committee and the provision for minimum attendance at Task and Finish Groups be added to the Handbook.**

18 ELECTORAL REGISTER

Further to Minute 11 of the meeting held on 24 July 2014, the Committee considered a verbal update from the Senior Electoral Services Officer regarding the progress of individual electoral registration.

The Senior Electoral Services Officer indicated that the transitional canvassing was currently being undertaken. Canvassers were visiting homes to encourage residents to register; however, those that did not register would be automatically re-registered.

Online registrations were going well with over 3 million people nationwide now registered, 7,000 of those were in Wirral. In response to a Member, the Senior Electoral Services Officer clarified that of the 7,000 people registered, 50% of those were duplicate registered voters.

RESOLVED:

That the Senior Electoral Services Officer be thanked for his attendance and update.

19 **NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE - PRESENTATION**

The Chair invited representatives from the young people who were taking part on the National Citizen Service project to update the Committee on their recent activities.

A Support Worker from the Children and Young Peoples Department introduced the group of young people and explained that the NCS (National Citizen Service) was a government project engaging with young people aged 16 – 17. The project offered young people life skills, whilst they were taking part in the programme.

The young people in attendance had achieved and completed the summer programme, which was carried out in six phases as follows:-

Phase One: Keeping them warm - meeting young people giving them an insight of the possible achievements meeting up and making friends with people within their cohorts.

Phase Two: Away Residential Taking the young people outside their comfort zone, many of the young people had not been outside Wirral

Phase Three: Home Residential within Wirral gaining qualifications such as; First Aid and Basic Food Hygiene

Phase Four and Phase Five: Planning Social Action and delivering Social Action in the community - All the planning, preparing and delivery of the social action plan was completed by the young people

Phase Six: Graduation - A celebration event for the young people to receive their certificates from here the young people do post sixteen hours, within the social action plan they have previously delivered or a new project, to serve the community to make a difference and work for it to become sustainable. The young people have worked in partnership with the Birkenhead Elders Luncheon Club, to deliver this programme.

It was reported that on the 22nd December 2014, the Elders Luncheon Club had arranged for a Christmas Luncheon for the Homeless with the support of the young people.

A Member indicated that she was aware of the excellent work that the young people had undertaken including the food kitchens which the young people

had raised money for and cooked the food themselves. She commended the young people on their hard work and thanked them for their commitment to helping others in the Borough.

RESOLVED:

That the young people be thanked for their informative update and their excellent work and commitment to helping others within the Borough.

20 **FUTURE COUNCIL**

The Assistant Chief Executive presented the report of the Chief Executive on the Future Council.

The Assistant Chief Executive informed that the purpose of the report was to provide Members of the Birkenhead Constituency Committee with the opportunity to provide feedback on the Chief Executive's Budget Proposals which were currently out for public consultation.

Members were advised that the Future Council project had completed a full review process across every Council service. The information gathered had been used to redesign the Council through merging similar services, streamlining senior management and getting better value for contracts and goods purchased. This work had resulted in proposals being developed which would reduce the budget gap for 2015/16 from £18 million to £2.5 million as well as achieve the already agreed savings of £9.4 million through remodelling the Council.

The report provided Constituency Committees with a reminder of the options which were out for public consultation and gave more detailed information as to the direct impact on the Wirral West constituency area should the option be accepted.

In response to questions from Members, The Assistant Chief Executive provided further details in respect of 'Play Schemes'. He advised that a number of representations had been received in relation to this option.

Ms Eve Barratt asked a question about the consultation process. She indicated that she worked closely with residents in Bidston Rise and the North End, and saw how hard ordinary people worked to encourage people to have a say and fill the consultations in. But felt the consultation itself was academic and inaccessible. It was worded in a complicated manner and seemed to have been designed to discourage people from filling it in.

She indicated that people did care and wanted a say and in an area where voting turnout was 36% last May, people should be encouraged to have a say

and take part in decision making. Ms Barratt indicated that the easy read version of the consultation document was much clearer to understand; however the image came across as patronising. It implied that people who needed the easy read version had some form of learning disability, and also it emphasised stereotypes of those with Downs Syndrome. In reality, those living with Downs could often read and write and understand perfectly. She asked why the consultation was designed this way and asked the Council if they would consider doing it differently next time.

Councillor P Davies indicated that the Council had made every effort to ensure local people had the opportunity to take part in local decision making. Every year the Council received the highest level of engagement in the UK for budget consultation exercises, and would do so again this year. However, producing a consultation questionnaire and associated documents was often difficult. Officers are required to explain what were sometimes quite complex budget issues and potential impacts in the simplest language possible. Officers try their best to achieve this, and sought external support to help them, but sometimes residents did raise the issue that reports and consultation documents were still quite difficult to understand.

Councillor Davies indicated that officers would continue to work on improving this element of their work, in relation to the easy read document;

He reiterated that the Council had no in-house expertise available to produce these documents, therefore commissioned the work to a company which specialised in easy read. This company also had Liverpool Mencap assess the documents that made some further suggestions.

Councillor Davies indicated that the Council would take on board the comments made by Ms Barratt when the Council came to deliver a project such as this in the future.

It was reported that aside from the 6,500 responses received the Council were also in receipt of petitions and letters and emails which had been received by both the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council.

The Chair thanked Ms Barratt and all those involved in writing the alternative questionnaire.

In response to Members comments, The Assistant Chief Executive reiterated that the options were the suggestions of the Chief Executive and that members of the public could still respond to the consultation until the closing date on 31 October 2014.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Chair indicated that 25 questions had been received prior to the meeting all of which had received a response from appropriate officers, copies of which were made available at the meeting.

The Chair invited the following members of the public to ask their questions.

Question 1 John Martin (Friends of Walker Park)

Mr Walker asked for an update on the recent consultation undertaken on Walker Park?

In response it was reported that the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer had been in discussion with Mr Martin regarding the consultation on Walker Park and would be liaising with him in a meeting outside of the Constituency Committee.

The Chair further indicated that he had been contacted by residents regarding Japanese Knotweed. In response, a Member informed the Committee that the area was currently being cleared.

Question 2 - Valerie Price

Ms Price indicated that she had been informed that 10,000 homes in Birkenhead and Tranmere were earmarked for demolition and asked why none of the residents were informed and more importantly I am a home owner who wants to sell in a couple of years how this would affect me and yet I was not informed.

Ms Price had received the following response from the Housing and Regeneration Department.

“Wirral Council did not have any plans to demolish any further houses other than those which were in existing clearance schemes. There were still around 30 properties to be demolished in the Tranmere and North Birkenhead areas in the next few years. When houses are to be demolished, it would always follow full consultation with the community and local residents concerned”

The Neighbourhood Engagement Officer for the Birkenhead Constituency Committee had attempted to contact Mrs Price on numerous occasions via email and telephone to obtain further information regarding the exact location the houses she believed were due to be demolished and where she first heard the information being raised. Unfortunately none of the attempts to contact Mrs Price were successful.

Question 3 - Richard Neale

Mr Neale indicated that parking was yet again a difficult issue in this part of Prenton. The business hours parking in Waterpark Road and surrounding roads not in the residential parking area was becoming increasingly difficult as cars were being parked wholly or partly on pavements thereby reducing the effective flow of traffic. This was largely due to the huge increase in estate agents offices in Woodchurch Road with employee totals seemingly increasing four fold in the past year or so.

Some part time employees in other Woodchurch Road businesses were taking to parking well in excess of the 1 hour limit in residential parking areas and along Woodchurch Road. Might it be possible to reintroduce the old Birkenhead parking disc scheme whereby discs would indicate timings for parking etc?

Another factor was that one or two businesses were now opening longer daytime hours through until 7 p.m. There were relatively few problems with those using the eating houses etc. in the evening periods.

Traffic wardens could presently only monitor the situation if they were able to be about for periods of time which was really impractical for them.

Mr Neale had received the following response from the Traffic Management Department.

“The Woodchurch Road area did receive enforcement from the Councils Civil Enforcement Officers. For example Curzon Road has been visited 44 times in October this year on fifteen of the 20 days. 27 vehicles have been observed, and 7 penalty charge notices have been issued.

Civil Enforcement Officer’s regularly enforce during the evenings and this can be arranged for the above areas. However where there are no restrictions on traffic by law no enforcement can be undertaken”.

Question 4 - Alfred Lennon (Oxton Village People)

Wirral had a problem with alcohol as detailed in its Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and required the recent police crackdown. Yet the Authority persisted in licensing ever more premises with ever longer drinking hours. Why can’t the Authority be brave, reduce the number of licensed premises and reduce their opening hours?

Mr Lennon received a response from the Licensing Section outlining the Licensing Application Process, the four licensing objectives and explaining cumulative impact and explained that the information provided sought to advise of the parameters within which the Licensing Authority operated. If

applications for the grant of a new licence or the variation of an existing licence are received, the Licensing Authority will take all relevant representations into consideration. If an application meets the requirements of the Act and no relevant representations are received the Licensing Authority will grant the licence or variation as applied for.

A Member indicated that as a Member of the Licensing Committee she was aware and had raised concerns regarding the number of licensed premises in Oxton Village, she explained that as Members it was very difficult not to approve applications that met the Licensing objectives; however the Committee did impose conditions on the licences and these were regularly monitored for compliance.

A Member indicated that the Borough had seen an increase in the number of alcohol outlets; Oxton being a particular hotspot. He further commented that anti social behaviour due to alcohol was accelerating but due the legislation Councils were unable to anything about it, this was a matter for the Government and MPs to take action and make a change to the legislation.

A Member commented that members were currently undertaking a review on cumulative impact at the Policy and Performance Co-ordinating Committee.

The Chair of the Licensing Committee indicated that there was a current trend of traditional public houses being replaced by 'trendy' bars; people were also going out less so the Licensing Department were seeing an increase in off licence applications. He reiterated that the Committee's hands were tied as they have to give due regard to the Legislation.

A Member indicated that a meeting had been held on Oxton Village regarding this issue and indicated that the issues regarding the Licensing Act and cumulative impact needed to be looked at as an urgent matter.

Question 5 – Mr John Brace

Mr Brace referred to Agenda item 2 of the draft minutes of the Birkenhead Constituency Committee meeting of the meeting held on the 24th July 2014 which currently stated that in respect a question asked by his wife at agenda item 11 (public questions and answers) "Referring to the Childs Play Area in Gorsey Road, she had asked if arrangements could be made to open the gates to allow residents to access the play area with their children."

However she did not say "Gorsey Road" but said "Gautby Road" at the meeting itself. He asked that the minutes currently in draft form be corrected to reflect the correct location of the children's play area that she was referring to.

Mr Brace received a response from the Committee Services Team explaining that the minutes of the previous meeting were for Members to approve as an accurate record. Members would be invited to identify any inaccuracies in the previous minutes and the text would be altered accordingly.

Question 7 – Paul Haywood

Mr Haywood asked if the Committee could request the Merseyside Police Commissioner to attend to give an update on policing within Birkenhead & Wirral.

Mr Haywood received a response from the Merseyside Police Commissioner Office indicating that unfortunately the Merseyside Police Crime Commissioner had a pre-arranged function to attend on the night of the Constituency Committee. However, if requested by the Committee Jane Kennedy would be happy to attend a future Committee meeting.

The Chair asked the Constituency Manager to write and formally invite the Police Commissioner to attend a future meeting.

Question 20 - Patrick Dowling

Mr Dowling asked if Councillors were content that a comprehensive Health and Safety survey of the Priory site had been carried out, he asked for information as to when it was carried out and if the subsequent report was available to the public. Mr Dowling indicated that their particular concerns included; the absence of a designated route around the site, negotiable by users of walking aids and wheelchairs; the four feet deep unguarded drainage ditches around the Chapter House and the metal stairway up to the Conway Chapel.

Mr Dowling received a response from the Asset Management Department indicating that following Mr Dowling's enquiry with regards to accessibility in and around Birkenhead Priory:

Both the Birkenhead Priory Access Audit completed 2010 by the Equality and Diversity Team and the Birkenhead Priory fire risk assessment - 18/08/2010 completed by The Health & Safety Team reports were made available. And a further inspection was undertaken following the enquiry from Mr Dowling. The Birkenhead Priory Inspection Summary Report (29/10/14) - Including photographs - completed by The Health & Safety Team, Copies of the above reports could be made available to Mr Dowling.

It should be noted that since the Access Audit was undertaken in 2012 2 significant projects had been undertaken (i) Restoration of St Mary's Tower, completed in March 2013 and (ii) stone work to the North and South ranges, this was a 26 week contract and was due to be completed in November. Both

projects were designed and managed by Ainsley Gommon Architects in partnership with Wirral Council. A number of issues had been identified by the Health and Safety Officer and these would be followed up.

The Assistant Chief Executive commented that he would take on board the comments raised by Mr Dowling and indicated that the Department was doing all it could and suggested that improved ramping, stair climbing machines could be introduced to the site to improve access but officers would have to apply for the appropriate permissions as the site was a Grade 1 listed building.

Question 13 – James Kay

Mr Kay who was not present at the meeting had asked when work was expected to start on the Church Road phase of the regeneration. He also asked if the Council could take the opportunity to quash the rumours circulating in Tranmere that the scheme had been shelved in order to use the empty land for a traveller site.

Mr Dowling received a response from the Regeneration and Environment Department which was read out by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement.

In relation to the Church Road phase of the regeneration scheme in Tranmere, Lovell (the developer) were currently working up a mixed tenure proposal in conjunction with Regenda (the housing association) which in total would comprise of 8 bungalows at Hillside Court and 76 new homes for a mix of rent and sale on the main Church Road site.

Subject to the proposal being finalised and agreed between these two parties, a planning application for the Church Road site would be submitted in December to enable a programmed Start on site in March 2015. There were no proposals to use any part of these sites for travellers.

Question 11 - Sheila Howe

Ms Howe who was not present at the meeting had asked when was Townfield Lane going to be tidied up. The old Petrol station had been vandalised, also the car park was full of pot holes new white lines were painted on but no repairs to the tarmac it was a sight.

Ms Howe received a response from Environment Health and Traffic Management which was read out by the Constituency Manager indicating that the site of the petrol station, shops and car park was in private ownership. An Environmental Health Officer visited the petrol station site in relation to the litter in August 2014 as a matter of public health concern. At the time of the

officers visit the site was in the process of being cleared of all vegetation and litter and therefore no further action was deemed necessary as the owners employed a local garden maintenance contractor, for long term maintenance. In relation to the vandalism the onus would be on the owner of the premises to make the necessary repairs.

With regards to the condition of the car park, the owners of the site had civil duties under the Occupiers Liability Act 1957 in relation to site safety and disrepair and subsequent accidents associate with the car park could result in civil claims being made against them.

Furthermore the owners may also have duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. Health and safety enforcement of car parks falls to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and thus Wirral Council have no jurisdiction to require remedial works on this site. The details of the concerns could be forwarded on to the HSE.

The Birkenhead Constituency Team, Environmental Health and Traffic Management would continue to work together to explore ways of resolving these issues.

Question 23 - Bob Giles

Mr Giles indicated that there was a highly successful public health initiative called the I Van which was set up a number of years ago by Merseyside and Cheshire Cancer Network (MCCN) the unit goes to various sites throughout Merseyside (One of the best sites it used on the Wirral was outside ASDA in Grange Road) and provided health information and guidance with a strong emphasis on cancer.

It connected with many vulnerable and hard to reach members of society offering advice and signposting .It saved lives. It is staffed by two health heroes Debbie Doherty and Justine Kennedy assisted by health education staff from Community NHS and Public Health. This was health education and advice that worked.

The service was funded by eight Merseyside and Cheshire Local Authorities on a collective basis, and was administered by Cheshire and Merseyside Strategic Clinical Network. The Directors of Public Health (including Wirral) had unilaterally decided to cease funding from March 31 2015 this cannot be allowed to happen.

The Constituency Manager indicated this question had been forwarded to Public Health for a written answer to be provided to Mr Giles.

The Chair indicated that he would also write to Public Health to enquire about the success of this service.

Question 18 - Tracie Blood

Ms Blood asked about the lollipop people outside Woodlands Primary School and future traffic management, currently the area was near to dangerous with parents parking on zigzags, yellow lines etc. without any due care and attention to children.

Ms Blood had a response from the Road Safety Team indicating that there was currently a budget option out to consultation which put forward the option to 'review the School Crossing Patrols which were currently at 47 sites across the borough where there was already a pedestrian, pelican or puffin crossing in place'. Elected Members would make a decision as to whether this option is selected and if it is- then risk assessments and survey data would be used to assess each location on a case by case basis. The consultation closed on 31 October 2014 and feedback could be given through the Council's website: on <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/future-council>. All feedback received would be put into a report, which would be considered by Councillors in November, before they set the budget for the financial year in December.

Civil Enforcement Officers had been requested to pay a visit when the schools return after the half term to enforce the parking restrictions and monitor the location. These requests could be made through Streetscene 606 2004 or streetscene@wirral.gov.uk

22 **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Chair proposed that due to the general and local elections being held in 2015 the dates set for January and April be moved to February and late May 2015. Therefore it was proposed that the meetings be held as follows:

- 26 February 2015
- 28 May 2015

RESOLVED:

That above dates be agreed.

23 **MS DAWN TOLCHER - CONSTITUENCY MANAGER**

The Chair announced that Ms Dawn Tolcher, Constituency Manager would be leaving the Authority to undertake a new post in Sport England. The Chair indicated that Ms Tolcher had made an outstanding contribution to the

Birkenhead Constituency Committee and on behalf of the Committee wished her well for the future.