



Council

Extraordinary Meeting

Town Hall
Wallasey

4 November, 2016

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held at **6.15 pm (or on the rising of the 5.30pm extraordinary meeting, whichever is the later) on Monday, 14 November 2016** 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. 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. GIRTRELL COURT

3a Requisition Notice (Page 1)

3b Notice of Motion (Page 3)

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19th October 2016

Dear Mr. Mayor

The following 21 Councillors wish to requisition a special meeting of the Council following critical responses from users, carers, and families that the transitional arrangements put in place following the decision to close Girtrell Court do not appear to be providing the 'equal to, or better than' option that has been repeatedly promised by the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

Yours sincerely

Tom Anderson
Bruce Berry
Chris Blakeley
Eddie Boulton
David Burgess-Joyce
Wendy Clements
David Elderton
Gerry Ellis
Jeff Green
John Hale
Paul Hayes
Andrew Hodson
Kathy Hodson
Ian Lewis
Tracey Pilgrim
Cherry Povall
Lesley Rennie
Les Rowlands
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MOTION – GIRTRELL COURT

Proposed by Councillor Chris Blakeley

Seconded by Councillor Bruce Berry

Following critical responses from users, carers, families and staff Council is concerned that the transitional arrangements put in place following the decision to close Girtrell Court do not appear to be providing the respect and dignity that was promised.

Council further notes that, while Girtrell Court is a 20 bed single floor bespoke respite centre which, according to the Director of Adult Social Care's latest description provides thirteen respite beds, two emergency beds and five placement breakdown beds the alternative provision will comprise a ten bed unit over three floors, providing, according to the Director of Adult Social Care, eight respite beds and two emergency beds with no provision for placement breakdown. Therefore Council does not believe this alternative is 'equal to or better' than that currently provided at Girtrell Court.

Council is also concerned that promises made to existing staff regarding the transitional arrangements are not being honoured and staff have been, and continue to be, left in a state of limbo.

Council therefore resolves to instruct officers to halt the closure programme for Girtrell Court and, instead, to invest the £1 million pound capital available to the Director in this excellent bespoke facility.

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