



# Council Annual Meeting

Town Hall  
Wallasey

4 May 2017

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held at **7.00 pm on Monday, 15 May 2017 (Part 1)** in the Civic Hall and at **6.00pm on Tuesday, 16 May 2017 (Part 2)** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects :

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## AGENDA

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (PART 1)

#### 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. ELECTION OF CIVIC MAYOR 2017/18

To elect the Civic Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the municipal year 2017/18.

Cabinet, at its meeting on 27 March, 2017 (minute 107 refers) has nominated Councillor Ann McLachlan for this role.

**4. DEPUTY CIVIC MAYOR 2017/18**

To appoint the Deputy Civic Mayor.

Cabinet, at its meeting on 27 March, 2017 (minute 107 refers) has nominated Councillor Geoffrey Watt for this role.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

To agree that pursuant to the Annual Council procedure (Standing Order 5A), the meeting stand adjourned to 6.00pm on Tuesday, 16 May, 2017.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (PART 2)**

**6. 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.

**7. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**8. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 36)**

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 20 March, 2017 (two extraordinary meetings and one ordinary meeting).

**9. PETITIONS**

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

**10. BY-ELECTION RESULT - 4 MAY 2017**

To receive and note the report of the Returning Officer on the result of the Local Government By-Election held on 4 May, 2017. (To be distributed with the supplementary (part 2) summons).

**11. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Leader will confirm his Cabinet and Cabinet Portfolios and Holders (or otherwise confirm to Council that such details shall be communicated to all Members as soon as practicably possible after the meeting).

## **12. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL**

To consider a recommendation from the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee and reports of the Assistant Director: Law and Governance on the following matters:

### **12a. Review of Scrutiny Arrangements - Recommendation from the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee (Pages 37 – 71)**

A recommendation from the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee meeting of 26 April, 2017 on a review of scrutiny arrangements. (Minute and report attached, including a revised Calendar of Meetings).

### **12c. Appointment and Constitution of Council Committees 2017/18 (Pages 73 – 91)**

### **12c Appointments to Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels 2017/18 (Pages 93 – 102)**

### **12d Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies and Organisations 2017/18 (Pages 103 – 115)**

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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



Assistant Director: Law and Governance

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## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL GIRTRELL COURT

Monday, 20 March 2017

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Pat Hackett) in the Chair  
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Ann McLachlan)

Councillors	RL Abbey	JE Green	L Rennie
	T Anderson	P Hayes	L Rowlands
	B Berry	A Hodson	T Smith
	C Blakeley	K Hodson	W Smith
	E Boulton	T Johnson	C Spriggs
	A Brighthouse	AER Jones	J Stapleton
	P Brightmore	C Jones	P Stuart
	D Burgess-Joyce	T Jones	M Sullivan
	C Carubia	S Kelly	A Sykes
	P Cleary	B Kenny	T Usher
	W Clements	A Leech	J Walsh
	A Davies	I Lewis	W Ward
	G Davies	J McManus	G Watt
	P Davies	C Meaden	S Whittingham
	WJ Davies	D Mitchell	J Williamson
	P Doughty	B Mooney	I Williams
	D Elderton	C Muspratt	KJ Williams
	G Ellis	T Norbury	S Williams
	S Foulkes	M Patrick	
	P Gilchrist	L Reecejones	

Apologies Councillors J Hale C Povall  
M McLaughlin D Realey  
T Pilgrim

### 129 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

Procedural matter

It was moved by Councillor B Kenny and duly seconded, that - "Standing Order 9 (meeting guillotine) be applied from 5.30pm."

The motion was put and carried (35:23) (One abstention).

**Resolved – That Standing Order 9 be applied from 5:30pm.**

NB. The following Councillors requested that their objections be recorded:

Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boulton, D Burgess-Joyce, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, J Green, P Hayes, AC Hodson, K Hodson, I Lewis, L Rennie, L Rowlands, A Sykes, GCJ Watt and S Williams.

130 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor noted that apologies had been received from Councillors John Hale, Moira McLaughlin, Tracey Pilgrim, Cherry Povall and Denise Realey.

Apologies for lateness had been received in advance from Councillor Stuart Kelly who arrived after the start of the meeting (5:25pm). Councillor Joe Walsh left the meeting having been taken unwell (5:15pm).

131 **MOTION - GIRTRELL COURT**

**Proposed** by Councillor Chris Blakeley  
**Seconded** by Councillor Bruce Berry

Council notes that its decision to close Girtrell Court was predicated on choice for service users and not a budgetary saving as originally stated.

Council further notes that Labour Councillors voted to close Girtrell Court based on information provided by DASS that stated, of the 105 service users, only 55 service users wanted to continue with bed based respite, and the remaining 50 had chosen other options and venues.

However, in recent weeks, it has become clear that 82 service users wish to transfer from Girtrell Court to the alternative provision in Tollemache Road, with the potential for a further 11 service users, who have currently declined the service, but who we are told remain eligible to move over to the alternative provision, giving a potential total of 93 service users.

Council notes that Girtrell Court is a 20 bed, single floor, bespoke, respite centre, which provides 13 respite beds, 2 emergency beds and 5 placement

breakdown beds. The alternative provision will comprise a 10 bed unit over three floors, providing 9 respite beds with 1 bed being available, part of the year, as an emergency bed, with no provision for placement breakdown.

Council further notes that service users have been informed, in a document provided by Sanctuary Supported Living that some of the respite is subject to short notice cancellation before, or cancellation during, respite. Therefore Council does not believe this alternative is 'equal to or better than' that currently provided at Girtrell Court.

Council now accepts it made the wrong decision, based on incorrect information, when proposing to close Girtrell Court.

Council therefore:

- (a) resolves to apologise to service users for the distress and trauma it has caused them;
- (b) instructs officers to halt the closure programme for Girtrell Court, work with Sanctuary Supported Living to provide and operate a 20 bed facility at Girtrell Court and, invest £1 million capital in the excellent bespoke facility that is Girtrell Court.

### **Amendment**

One amendment which had been circulated in advance of the meeting was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9), as follows:

**Proposed** by Councillor Phil Gilchrist  
**Seconded** by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

*Insert new para after original paragraph three:*

The requests for services at Tollemache Road should be examined in order to determine whether the need for additional periods of respite exceeds the places there. Council needs to establish whether there are unmet needs that are not being accommodated in the range of services developed here and elsewhere.

*Insert at end of original paragraph five (ends "...is 'equal or better than' that currently provided at Girtrell Court."):*

However, the Council understands that this matter is being addressed through discussions with the new provider.

*Delete original para six (begins "Council now accepts it made....") and replace with:*

Council now recognises that the original plan to close Girtrell Court during the first half of 2016 was unrealistic.

Council notes that Sanctuary Supported Living issued a 'Communications Update' in February 2017 which set out details of User Engagement sessions as part of the transition progress. Council believes that information from these sessions and representations from service users should be provided to the Scrutiny Review.

Council records its thanks to the service users and members of the public who fought to ensure that individual needs had to be recognised and provided for with services that needed developing.

*Delete (b) in original para seven and insert:*

(b) instructs officers to establish whether there is a potential for the continuing use for the building at Girtrell Court and any alternative uses for the site, given the need for intermediate care, 'step down' and other services. Officers should report on whether the capital required to modernise the building and to provide en suite and additional facilities would be better utilised on a more cost-effective new construction project.

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Following a debate, and Councillor Blakeley having replied, Councillor Green and five Conservative Members rose to request a 'card vote'.

A 'card vote' was then taken on the amendment and the Council divided as follows:

For the amendment (6) Councillors A Brighthouse, C Carubia, P Cleary, P Gilchrist, S Kelly, and D Mitchell.

Against the amendment (52) Councillors R Abbey, T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boulton, P Brightmore, D Burgess-Joyce, Mrs W Clements, A Davies, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, D Elderton, G Ellis, S Foulkes, J Green, P Hayes, AC Hodson, K Hodson, T Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, T Jones, B Kenny, A Leech, I Lewis, A McLachlan, J McManus, C Meaden, B Mooney, C Muspratt, T Norbury, M Patrick, L Reece Jones, L Rennie, L Rowlands, PA Smith, W Smith, C Spriggs, J Stapleton, P Stuart, M Sullivan, A Sykes, T Usher, W Ward, GCJ Watt, S Whittingham, I Williams, KJ Williams, S Williams and J Williamson.

One abstention – Councillor P Hackett.

**The amendment was therefore lost (6:52) (One abstention).**



Prior to the vote on the motion, Councillor Phil Davies and five Labour Members rose to request a 'card vote'.

A 'card vote' was then taken on the motion and the Council divided as follows:

For the motion (18) Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boulton, D Burgess-Joyce, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, J Green, P Hayes, AC Hodson, K Hodson, I Lewis, L Rennie, L Rowlands, A Sykes, GJC Watt, and S Williams.

Against the motion (40) Councillors R Abbey, A Brighthouse, P Brightmore, C Carubia, P Cleary, A Davies, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, S Foulkes, P Gilchrist, T Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, T Jones, S Kelly, B Kenny, A Leech, A McLachlan, J McManus, C Meaden, D Mitchell, B Mooney, C Muspratt, T Norbury, M Patrick, L Reecejones, PA Smith, W Smith, C Spriggs, J Stapleton, P Stuart, M Sullivan, T Usher, W Ward, S Whittingham, I Williams, KJ Williams and J Williamson.

One abstention – Councillor P Hackett.

**The motion was therefore lost (18:40) (One abstention).**

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# EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL INVESTOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Monday, 20 March 2017

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Pat Hackett) in the Chair  
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Ann McLachlan)

Councillors	RL Abbey	JE Green	L Reecejones
	T Anderson	P Hayes	L Rennie
	B Berry	A Hodson	L Rowlands
	C Blakeley	K Hodson	T Smith
	E Boulton	T Johnson	W Smith
	A Brighthouse	AER Jones	C Spriggs
	P Brightmore	C Jones	J Stapleton
	D Burgess-Joyce	T Jones	P Stuart
	C Carubia	S Kelly	M Sullivan
	P Cleary	B Kenny	A Sykes
	W Clements	A Leech	T Usher
	A Davies	I Lewis	W Ward
	G Davies	J McManus	G Watt
	P Davies	C Meaden	S Whittingham
	WJ Davies	D Mitchell	J Williamson
	P Doughty	B Mooney	I Williams
	D Elderton	C Muspratt	KJ Williams
	G Ellis	T Norbury	S Williams
	S Foulkes	M Patrick	
	P Gilchrist	C Povall	

Apologies Councillors J Hale D Realey  
M McLaughlin J Walsh  
T Pilgrim

## 132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

Procedural matter

It was moved by Councillor B Kenny and duly seconded, that - "Standing Order 9 (meeting guillotine) be applied from 6.15pm."

The motion was put and carried (35:23) (One abstention).

**Resolved – That Standing Order 9 be applied from 6:15pm.**

NB. The following Councillors requested that their objections be recorded:

Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boulton, D Burgess-Joyce, W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, J Green, P Hayes, AC Hodson, K Hodson, I Lewis, L Rennie, L Rowlands, A Sykes, GCJ Watt and S Williams.

133 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor noted that apologies had been received from Councillors John Hale, Moira McLaughlin, Tracey Pilgrim, Cherry Povall, Denise Realey and Joe Walsh.

Councillor Povall arrived after commencement of the meeting (5:55pm).

134 **MOTION - INVESTOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**Proposed** by Councillor Ian Lewis

**Seconded** by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Council is disappointed to note that Cabinet was unwilling to allow the creation of the post of Investor Development Manager to be subject to scrutiny by the appropriate Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Council further notes that the creation of this position did not appear in the Chief Executive's latest restructure of senior management, the much-vaunted 'New Operating Model'.

At a time when budgets, particularly for the employment of council staff, are under pressure, Council believes that the creation of such a well-paid and senior position requires clear explanation, justification and scrutiny, all of which have been denied by the manner of this appointment.

Further, Council believes that those at the top of the Authority should lead by example and ensure that all appointments are made, and seen to be made, on merit.

## **Amendment**

An amendment which had been circulated in advance of the meeting was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9), as follows:

**Proposed** by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

**Seconded** by Councillor Chris Carubia

*Insert after paragraph three:*

Council considers that, given the sensitivity of this post and the understandable public concern, there is a need for an independent review of the recruitment process. This should include a review of all documentation relating to the appointment, both the original and later amendments. As part of this process, no material currently held shall be deleted or sifted and shall be made available for that study.

Council requests that the Local Government Association should be approached to appoint an independent person to review all documentation, in both paper and electronic format. The subsequent report on their findings and recommendations shall be published and made public.

Officers be requested to make arrangements for this as a matter of urgency.

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Following a debate and Councillor Lewis having replied, the amendment was then put and lost (25:34) (One abstention).

**The original motion was then put and lost (25:34) (One abstention).**

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# COUNCIL

Monday, 20 March 2017

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Pat Hackett) in the Chair  
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor AR McLachlan)

Councillors	RL Abbey	JE Green	C Povall
	T Anderson	P Hayes	L Reecejones
	B Berry	A Hodson	L Rennie
	C Blakeley	K Hodson	L Rowlands
	E Boulton	T Johnson	T Smith
	A Brighthouse	AER Jones	W Smith
	P Brightmore	C Jones	C Spriggs
	D Burgess-Joyce	T Jones	J Stapleton
	C Carubia	S Kelly	P Stuart
	P Cleary	B Kenny	M Sullivan
	W Clements	A Leech	A Sykes
	A Davies	I Lewis	T Usher
	G Davies	AR McLachlan	W Ward
	P Davies	J McManus	G Watt
	WJ Davies	C Meaden	S Whittingham
	P Doughty	D Mitchell	J Williamson
	D Elderton	B Mooney	I Williams
	G Ellis	C Muspratt	KJ Williams
	S Foulkes	T Norbury	S Williams
	P Gilchrist	M Patrick	

Apologies Councillors J Hale D Realey  
M McLaughlin J Walsh  
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## 135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

All councillors who have been appointed to serve as governors on school and college sixth form governing bodies declared a Personal Interest in Item No. 11 – Notices of Motion in relation to Government Cuts in School Funding

Councillor Jeff Green declared a Personal Interest in Item No. 11 – Notices of Motion in relation to Government Cuts in School Funding by virtue of his Wife's employment.

Councillor Jeff Green declared a Prejudicial Interest in Item No. 11 – Notices of Motion in relation to Keeping Large Lorries on the Right Road by virtue of his employment. He indicated that he would take no part in the discussion or debate and would leave the Chamber at this point.

Councillor Les Rowlands declared a Personal Interest in Item No. 11 – Notices of Motion in relation to Government Cuts in School Funding by virtue of his Wife's employment.

#### Procedural matter

It was moved by Councillor B Kenny and duly seconded, that - "Standing Order 9 (meeting guillotine) be applied from 8.30pm."

The motion was put and carried (34:25) (One abstention).

**Resolved – That Standing Order 9 be applied from 8:30pm.**

NB. The following Councillors requested that their objections be recorded:

Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boulton, D Burgess-Joyce, W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, J Green, P Hayes, AC Hodson, K Hodson, I Lewis, C Povall, L Rennie, L Rowlands, A Sykes, GCJ Watt and S Williams.

#### 136 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor noted that apologies had been received from Councillors John Hale, Moira McLaughlin, Denise Realey, Tracey Pilgrim and Joe Walsh.

The Mayor announced that the recipient of the Andy Day Memorial Cup for 2017/2018, an award which was presented annually in memory of a former councillor to confer recognition on a member of the Council who, in the Mayor's opinion, had demonstrated the qualities of dedication and selflessness possessed by the late Councillor, was Councillor Warren Ward.

#### 137 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting, and the Extraordinary Meeting, held on 6 March 2017 had been circulated to Members.

On a motion by the Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor George Davies, it was -

**RESOLVED – That the minutes be approved and adopted as a correct record.**



## 138 PETITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 21, the Mayor received petitions submitted by –

- (i) Councillor Chris Meaden on behalf of 75 signatories “opposing the application for a Children’s Day Nursery in particular the provision of parking at the former Well Lane Police Station. Planning application number APP/16/01585”.
- (ii) Councillor Adrian Jones on behalf of 136 signatories “Calling on the Council to protect St. John’s Church, Egremont”.

**RESOLVED – That the petitions be noted and referred to the appropriate Chief Officer in accordance with Standing Order 34.**

## 139 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions had been received.

## 140 LEADER’S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS’ AND CHAIRS REPORTS

The Mayor introduced the summary reports from the Leader, Cabinet Members and Policy and Performance Committee Chairs and asked for questions on any of the reports.

Councillor Chris Blakeley asked a question of the Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care.

Councillor Chris Jones stated in response.

- Further to earlier debate re Girtrell Court, residents accessing care were consulted as to choice of care packages and a varied range of options are to be provided as a result. The number of people accessing care is not always easy to predict, but we are confident that needs will be met in the alternative provision.

Councillor Jeff Green asked two questions of the Leader.

Councillor Phil Davies stated in response.

- Any reduction in unemployment levels are welcomed, and Members and Officers of the Council are working hard to ensure that momentum is not lost. Successes continue with a further 75 new jobs being created as a result of the Wind Farm extension. On the negative side it is shameful that zero hour contracts make up a proportion of the reported national statistics.

- In terms of the Council's contribution to the new Growth Company, information detailing assets will form part of a detailed report to Cabinet in May 2017. Further information regarding the joint venture and business case may be found in the report considered by Cabinet on 27 February 2017. Elected Member workshops will provide further updates as the project progresses.

Councillor Jeff Green asked a question of the Cabinet Member - Transformation, Leisure and Culture.

Councillor Ann McLachlan stated in response.

- With regard to the staffing costs identified, it should be remembered that the transformation agenda has been born out of austerity. The proposals running over a period of 4 to 5 years must result in an overall saving of £40million. The £1.3million mentioned is a substantial figure, but delivery of the project requires a skilled and knowledgeable team and represents good value given the challenges ahead.

Councillor Angela Davies asked a question of the Cabinet Member - Transformation, Leisure and Culture.

Councillor Ann McLachlan stated in response.

- BWB – Bates Wells and Braithwaite area commercial London law firm that provides a full legal service underpinned by a commitment to the public interest. By utilising their services and sustainable cost models, this Council aims to protect jobs, make best use of its assets and re-invest in Wirral's future.

Councillor Phil Brightmore asked a question of the Cabinet Member - Community Engagement and Communications.

Councillor Matthew Patrick stated in response.

- Elected Members will play an important role in any proposals for Constituency Committee reviews. Along with Councillors, there will be full engagement with other partners i.e. Community Groups, Committee Members, Chairs and Constituency Managers.

Councillor Lesley Rennie asked questions of the Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure.

In response comments included:

Councillor Chris Jones.

- Any additional funding for Adult Social Care is welcome, however the £2billion total provided nationally - £12million for Wirral is to be spread over a 3 year term. It is calculated that Wirral is underfunded to the sum of £19million, and this short term one off payment is not sufficient for sustainable planning. This is not just a Wirral problem, but one experienced nationally.

Councillor Stuart Whittingham.

- He was not aware of the specific circumstances on individual locations, regarding failed street lighting, but a written response would be provided to all Elected Members regarding the statistics for the Borough, to include assurance that there is proper ongoing review of all reported failings.

Councillor Tom Anderson asked a question of the Cabinet Member - Community Engagement and Communications and the Cabinet Member – Public Health.

In response comments included:

Councillor Matthew Patrick.

- There was no mention of Wirral View in his report, but the point raised regarding decision and Call-In announcements will be investigated and a written response will be provided.

Councillor Janette Williamson.

- Welcoming the enquiry, Councillor Williamson repeated her strong support of the programme to raise awareness of the over-prescription of antibiotics. It had become increasingly clear of the dangers from over-prescription, and GPs were now leading as ‘guardians’ in the challenge. She highlighted a new Public Health England antibiotic guardian ‘pick-a-pledge’ website where members of the public could learn simple actions to help fight antibiotic resistance.

Councillor Pat Cleary asked questions of the Cabinet Member – Housing and Community Safety and the Cabinet Member – Transport and Infrastructure.

In response comments included:

Councillor George Davies.

- The enforced sale of empty properties and business premises such as public houses is supported, particularly when they have a detrimental effect on an area. This Council is working to ensure that good quality housing is available to those who need it. Wirral is progressing well in its endeavours through

engagement with the Liverpool City Region plans and Housing Zone Status providing access to additional funds.

Councillor Stuart Whittingham.

- He was not aware of the specific circumstances on individual locations, but he was assured that programmed works would continue to progress, with funds allocated in the highways maintenance budget. If details could be provided, he would ensure a written response would be made available to all Members.

Councillor Ian Lewis asked questions of the Cabinet Member - Community Engagement and Communications and the Cabinet Member – Transport and Infrastructure.

In response comments included:

Councillor Matthew Patrick.

- There was no mention of the Wirral View in his report, but he was happy to respond to the point raised. Prior to the introduction of Wirral View the Council actually spent more on information dissemination, reaching fewer residents than currently – particularly those living in less affluent areas of the Wirral.

*The Assistant Director: Law and Governance provided additional information on rules regarding Purdah and Council statements / publications during the Purdah period.*

Councillor Stuart Whittingham.

- There was no mention of trees in his report, and he was not aware of the specific circumstances regarding an individual location, but if Councillor Lewis could e-mail him with the details he would ensure a response would be provided.

Councillor Stuart Kelly asked a question of the Cabinet Member - Transformation, Leisure and Culture.

Councillor Ann McLachlan stated in response.

- A report detailing Wirral's Culture and Leisure assets that includes detailed information and proposals regarding condition surveys and interim investment is scheduled for consideration at Cabinet on 27 February 2017. Scrutiny will be a key part of the process, with the Business Scrutiny Committee being provided with regular updates on progress.

Councillor Phil Gilchrist asked a question of the Leader and the Cabinet Member – Transport and Infrastructure.

In response comments included:

Councillor Phil Davies.

- Re-iterating his earlier response, information detailing Council assets will form part of a detailed report to Cabinet in May 2017. Further information regarding joint venture proposals and business case may be found in the report considered by Cabinet on 27 February 2017.

Councillor Stuart Whittingham.

- He was in receipt of Councillor Gilchrist's written question and would respond in detail under the next item of Council business, Item 7 (Member's Questions), minute 141, post.

Councillor David Elderton asked a question of the Leader.

Councillor Phil Davies stated in response.

- With regards to Car Parking charges, the primary driver for consideration of their proposed introduction had been the stringent cuts to the Council's income from Central Government Policy. Proposals had been modified as a result of listening to feedback from the public. This Council would welcome discussions with the Minister at any opportunity to further explain the impact on local government finances, or the opportunity for a 'sweetheart deal' as offered to some other local authorities.

Councillor Chris Spriggs asked a question of the Cabinet Member – Public Health.

Councillor Janette Williamson stated in response.

- Everything possible should be done to raise awareness of Mental Health issues, the services currently provided in Wirral should be commended for what they do with regards to assisting people in their day to day lives and helping people become 'work ready' via such projects as 'First Steps'.

Councillor Cherry Povall asked a question of the Cabinet Member – Transport and Infrastructure.

Councillor Stuart Whittingham stated in response.

- Investment in highways infrastructure is always welcomed and the dropped kerbs provided at the traffic lights / roundabout at Clatterbridge served as part of a scheduled programme of

improvement works. There were a number of bus stops in the location, indicating that there was pedestrian traffic. He further stated that he would investigate the points raised regarding subsidence at Beechway and recent petitions regarding potholes, and would provide a written response to Elected Members.

Councillor Jean Stapleton asked a question of the Leader.

Councillor Phil Davies stated in response.

- Attendance at the MIPIM 4-day real estate exhibition, conference and networking event provided an opportunity to showcase Wirral, Merseyside and other UK City Regions. With a view to future partnerships, and supported by Senior Officers, we were able to pitch Wirral's growth company and have discussion with Ministers, gathering information and making direct contact with 40 prospective investors. Further updates on progress will also form part of the business case update to be reported to Cabinet in May 2017.

Councillor Dave Mitchell asked a question of the Leader.

Councillor Phil Davies stated in response.

- Re-iterating his earlier response to Councillor Elderton, consultation had taken place regarding the proposed introduction of Car Parking charges and proposals had been modified as a result of listening to feedback from the public.

## **RESOLVED –**

**(1) That each of the Cabinet Portfolio Summary reports be noted.**

**(2) That the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs be noted.**

## 141 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

In accordance with Standing Order 10(2) the Council had been advised of two questions.

Councillor P Gilchrist having given notice of questions to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure asked various questions on street lighting.

The Cabinet Member stated that there was no change in the number of lighting faults reported on, on 19th December 2016; total of known units currently unlit including lit signs and bollards was 2,245; number of lights known to be 'out' of action for various reasons was 2,245 which included lit

signs and bollards. He indicated that approximately 100 were being repaired each week on average.

In relation to the time taken to clear the existing backlog, the Cabinet Member indicated that this would vary, since a high percentage required capital investment and £560,000 of capital improvements would be made in 2017/18 to address more significant works required, such as replacement of columns or significant re-cabling. For routine repairs, there were approximately 7 weeks of work for the contract to attend during March and into the 2017/18 year.

In relation to reports being fully transferred from one IT system to another. The Cabinet Member reported that there was a common misunderstanding that because faults logged by residents were no longer visible on the system after 30 days that they had been 'lost'. This was not the case, and that the Councillor could be assured that all logged faults remained on the system until they had been attended to.

He was pleased to report that the service was to implement a completely new version of the system for recording street lighting information including fault reports, from June 2017, which would certainly alleviate most, if not all of the concerns raised, and the system would be far more user friendly than the current system.

142 **MATTERS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES OR OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (5) the Council was asked to consider the following recommendations of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee (see minutes 143 to 144 post).

143 **NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS - SCRUTINY REVIEW**

The Mayor advised of a referral from Cabinet (16 January, 2017) 'Number of Councillors Scrutiny Review', which originated as a Notice of Motion at Council on 20 October, 2014, "44 Councillors" (minute 57 refers). The minute from the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 November, 2016 (minute 32) and the minute from Cabinet (minute 83) are attached together with the Scrutiny Review. In accordance with Standing Order 7(5) the Council will be asked to consider the recommendation of the Committee and Cabinet.

Prior to the vote on the motion, Councillor Phil Davies and five Labour Members rose to request a 'card vote'.

A 'card vote' was then taken on the referral and the Council divided as follows:

For the motion (40) Councillors R Abbey, A Brighthouse, P Brightmore, C Carubia, P Cleary, A Davies, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, S Foulkes, P Gilchrist, T Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, T Jones, S Kelly, B Kenny, A Leech, A McLachlan, J McManus, C Meaden, D Mitchell, B Mooney, C Muspratt, T Norbury, M Patrick, L Reecejones, PA Smith, W Smith, C Spriggs, J Stapleton, P Stuart, M Sullivan, T Usher, W Ward, S Whittingham, I Williams, KJ Williams and J Williamson.

Against (18) Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boulton, D Burgess-Joyce, Mrs W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, J Green, P Hayes, AC Hodson, K Hodson, I Lewis, C Povall, L Rennie, L Rowlands, GJC Watt, and S Williams.

Two abstentions – Councillor P Hackett and Councillor A Sykes.

**RESOLVED -**

**The Cabinet referral of the 16 January 2017 (Minute 83 refers) was therefore Carried (40:18) (Two abstentions).**

144 **NOTICE OF MOTION - INWARD INVESTMENT**

The Mayor advised of a referral from Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee (24 January, 2017), which originated as a Notice of Motion at Council on 17 October, 2016, "Inward Investment" (minute 67(3) refers). The minute from the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 January, 2017 (minute 51) was attached together with the Notice of Motion.

Moved by Councillor Mike Sullivan as the Chair of Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee and seconded by Councillor P Davies it was –

**RESOLVED (39:20) (One Abstention) – That the resolutions of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.**

145 **VACANCIES**

In accordance with Standing Order 25(6) the Council was requested to deal with the following matter in respect of the membership of committees and appointments to outside organisations.

The Mayor indicated that Councillor Denise Roberts sadly passed away on 8 February, 2017 and as a result, the following vacancies had arisen and would require consideration at Council.



The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Roberts and the following vacancies were a testament to the dedication and devotion of the work undertaken by Councillor Roberts and indeed all Councillors.

### **Committee Appointments**

- Employment and Appointments Committee – Deputy
- Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Deputy
- Licensing Act 2003 Committee - Committee Member
- Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee - Committee Member
- People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Committee Member
- Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee – Committee Member (Chair)

### **Outside Body Appointments**

- Mersey Port Health Committee
- Tam O'Shanter Cottage Trust
- Charing Cross Play Youth and Community Centre Joint Management Committee
- Birkenhead Sixth Form College Governing Body
- Beechwood Play and Community Centre Joint Management Committee
- Arch Initiatives - Wirral Management Committee
- Wirral Connect

Councillor Phil Davies indicated that he would provide nominations to the Assistant Director: Law and Governance in relation to these vacancies.

### **Additional Appointments to Outside Bodies**

#### **The West Kirby Charity**

- Ms Nadine Smith (to be appointed until 18 October, 2020)
- Mrs Alison Wright (to be appointed until 30 October, 2019)

It was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor George Davies that –

#### **RESOLVED (unanimously) That –**

- (1) **Nominations for the above memberships to Outside Bodies and Committees of the Members' Development Steering Group be provided to the Assistant Director: Law and Governance; and**

- (2) **Ms Nadine Smith be appointed until 18 October, 2020 and Mrs Alison Wright be appointed until 30 October, 2019 to the West Kirby Charity.**

146 **MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL**

In accordance with Standing Order 5(2), five matters were submitted for approval by the Council, and one matter for noting by the Council (see minutes 147 to 151 post).

147 **CAPITAL MONITORING 2016/17 QUARTER 3**

The first matter requiring approval was in relation to the Capital Monitoring Report 2016/17 Quarter 3 and the recommendations from Cabinet of 20 February, 2017 (Minute 89 refers).

It was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor George Davies that the recommendations of Cabinet of 20 February, 2017 (Minute 89 refers).

**RESOLVED (59:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within Minute 89 of Cabinet, be agreed.**

148 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/18**

The second matter requiring approval was in relation to the Pay Policy Statement 2017/18 and the recommendations from Cabinet of 27 February, 2017 (Minute 89 refers).

It was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor George Davies that the recommendations of Cabinet of 20 February, 2017 (Minute 97 refers).

**RESOLVED (59:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within Minute 97 of Cabinet, be agreed.**

149 **DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The third matter requiring approval was in relation to the Draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year and the recommendations from Cabinet of 20 February, 2017 (Minute 89 refers).

It was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor George Davies that the recommendations of Cabinet of 27 February, 2017 (Minute 99 refers).

**One amendment which had been circulated in advance of the meeting was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9), as follows:**

**Amendment**

**Proposed** by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

**Seconded** by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Council considers that the draft Calendar proposed:

- (a) provides insufficient opportunities for Members to debate issues in a timely manner;
- (b) provides insufficient opportunities for Members to question the Cabinet and hold them to account.

Council notes that Members have resorted to seeking Extraordinary Council meetings intended to secure adequate opportunities for debate.

In order to improve the levels of accountability and opportunities for debate, Council suggests that additional meetings should be added to the diary on 11 September 2017, 13 November 2017 and 5 February 2018. Whilst the Pensions Committee scheduled for 13 November 2017 would need to be rescheduled, the advantages of additional accountability outweigh the inconvenience.

Council requests that Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee should consider the Calendar each year. This should be done with a view to securing agreement on the number of meetings, with the objective of improving the democratic process. The Working Party associated with this Committee would provide a forum for a frank discussion about the use of extraordinary meetings and would be helpful in tackling the current unease.

Council further considers it desirable that Budget Monitoring Reports should be available more frequently than at present. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members should receive the most recently available information, rather than be confined to the quarterly reporting arrangement.

Council requests officers to draw up a timetable for the release of financial information that is, in any case, being collected and analysed by officers on a regular basis. Nevertheless, Council understands the pressures that officers and members face in the months of January and February and is content that any timetable should recognise that.

Following a debate and Councillor Phil Davies having replied, a voted was taken on the amendment.

The amendment was then put and lost (25:34) (One abstention).

A vote was then taken on the substantive motion

**RESOLVED (40:19) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within Minute 99 of Cabinet, be agreed.**

150 **APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTION OF THE LIVERPOOL COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYOR**

The fourth matter requiring approval was in relation to the Appointment of Local Returning Officer for the election of the Liverpool Combined Authority Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor George Davies that the recommendations contained within the report of the Chief Executive be approved

**RESOLVED (59:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within the report of the Chief Executive be approved.**

151 **APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING SENIOR INFORMATION RISK OFFICER (SIRO)**

The fifth matter requiring approval was in relation to the Appointment of an Acting Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO).

It was moved by Councillor Phil Davies and seconded by Councillor George Davies that the appointment of Mr Surjit Tour, Assistant Director: Law and Governance as the Interim Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO) (pending a review of this matter), in place of Mr Mike Zammit, Head of Digital (SIRO) be approved.

**RESOLVED (57:2) (One abstention) – That Mr Surjit Tour, Assistant Director: Law and Governance be appointed as the Interim Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO) (pending a review of this matter), in place of Mr Mike Zammit, Head of Digital (SIRO).**

152 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7(1) were reported to the Council. The Civic Mayor having considered each motion, in accordance with Standing Order 7(4) had decided that they would be dealt with as follows:

- (i) Government Cuts in School Funding.  
To be debated.

- (ii) Houses in Multiple Occupation.  
To be debated.
- (iii) Keeping Large Lorries on the Right Road.  
To be debated.
- (iv) Count Them In.  
To be debated.

**(See Minutes 153 to 156 post)**

- (v) Green Belt.  
To be referred to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for detailed consideration.
- (vi) Pavilions in Sports Grounds.  
To be referred to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for detailed consideration.

**RESOLVED – That**

- 1) The Notice of Motion, ‘Green Belt’, be referred to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- 2) The Notice of Motion, ‘Pavilions in Sports Grounds’, be referred to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

The Civic Mayor having considered the amendments submitted in respect of Motions (i) and (ii) moved, duly seconded by Councillor Phil Davies, that Standing Order 12(10) be suspended to allow more than one amendment to be discussed during the course of the debates.

**153 GOVERNMENT CUTS IN SCHOOL FUNDING**

**Proposed** by Councillor Tony Smith  
**Seconded** by Councillor Warren Ward

Council is opposed to the government’s imposition of real term funding cuts on schools by freezing per-pupil funding while inflation and the cost of employer pension and national insurance contributions increase. This affects all schools and academies alike. Without further funding, schools will lose £3bn in real terms by 2020.

This Council does not want children in this country to miss out on a decent education, supplied by dedicated teachers and support staff with sufficient

resources. The average primary school cut is £87,000 or £339 per pupil. The average secondary cut is £405,000 or £477 per pupil. Wirral schools could lose up to £15,696,153. That is 421 teachers or 872 support staff.

Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Education to demand that these damaging cuts be reversed.

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Two amendments which had been circulated in advance of the meeting were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9), as follows:

### **Amendment 1**

**Proposed** by Councillor Stuart Kelly

**Seconded** by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

*Insert after final para:*

Council notes the introduction of the Apprentice Levy from April 2017 and the fact that Maintained schools' employee costs are included within the overall Council employee budget, whilst Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy and Trust schools are not included within the overall Council budget and, as such, are not liable to pay the Levy unless their employee budget exceeds £3m.

Council further notes that, should the Levy be applied to Community and Voluntary Controlled Maintained schools, it is estimated that their budgets will be negatively affected by a total of £369,711 as follows:

- Nursery Schools – £7,065
- Primary Schools – £266,680
- Secondary Schools – £35,100
- Special Schools – £60,866

Council, therefore, calls upon the Leader of the Council to manage the Apprentice Levy corporately within the HR corporate training budget on behalf of the Council and Community and Voluntary Controlled schools and to work with appropriate Maintained schools to develop a mechanism whereby Community and Voluntary Controlled Maintained schools who access the digital account contribute the equivalent training costs from their delegated budget to the Council.

Council agrees to write to appropriate Ministers to request an exemption for schools from the Apprentice Levy.

### **Amendment 2**

**Proposed** by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

**Seconded** by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

*Insert after para two:*

Council recognises the concerns expressed in the report of the National Audit Office on the 'Financial sustainability of schools' published on 14 December 2016 and the more recent concerns expressed at the annual Conference of the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL).

Council is aware that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is widely reported to have set aside substantial revenues to deal with the uncertainty surrounding 'Brexit', evidence of which can be found in document Cm 9419 'Economic and fiscal outlook' published by the Office for Budget Responsibility.

Council, therefore, requests that, given the urgent need to retain and improve standards, develop a skilled and productive workforce and prepare the economy for the future, funding from this 'war chest' should be released to prepare for these challenges as soon as possible.

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Following a debate and Councillor Smith having replied, the first amendment was then put and lost (5:54) (One abstention).

The second amendment was then put and carried (40:18) (One abstention).

The substantive motion was then put and carried (40:18) (One abstention).

**RESOLVED (40:18) (One abstention) - That**

- 1) **Council is opposed to the government's imposition of real term funding cuts on schools by freezing per-pupil funding while inflation and the cost of employer pension and national insurance contributions increase. This affects all schools and academies alike. Without further funding, schools will lose £3bn in real terms by 2020.**
- 2) **Council recognises the concerns expressed in the report of the National Audit Office on the 'Financial sustainability of schools' published on 14 December 2016 and the more recent concerns expressed at the annual Conference of the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL).**
- 3) **Council is aware that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is widely reported to have set aside substantial revenues to deal with the uncertainty surrounding 'Brexit', evidence of which can be found in document Cm 9419 'Economic and fiscal outlook' published by the Office for Budget Responsibility.**

- 4) **Council, therefore, requests that, given the urgent need to retain and improve standards, develop a skilled and productive workforce and prepare the economy for the future, funding from this 'war chest' should be released to prepare for these challenges as soon as possible.**
- 5) **This Council does not want children in this country to miss out on a decent education, supplied by dedicated teachers and support staff with sufficient resources. The average primary school cut is £87,000 or £339 per pupil. The average secondary cut is £405,000 or £477 per pupil. Wirral schools could lose up to £15,696,153. That is 421 teachers or 872 support staff.**
- 6) **Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Education to demand that these damaging cuts be reversed.**

#### Procedural Matter

At this point Councillor Blakeley requested that the enforcement of the guillotine (Standing Order 9) be removed to allow debate on the remaining Notices of Motion. Having been formally moved and seconded, the motion was put to the vote.

**The motion was put and lost (25:34) (One abstention).**

NB. The following Councillors requested that their objections be recorded:

Councillors T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley, E Boulton, D Burgess-Joyce, W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, J Green, P Hayes, AC Hodson, K Hodson, I Lewis, C Povall, L Rennie, L Rowlands, A Sykes, GCJ Watt and S Williams.

#### 154 **HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION**

**Proposed** by Councillor Ian Lewis

**Seconded** by Councillor Chris Blakeley

Council notes the Planning Committee's unanimous refusal of an application to create a 10-occupant house of multiple occupation in Laird Street, Birkenhead and congratulates those residents, supported by their Ward Councillors, who opposed this application.

Council wishes to promote the need for quality, affordable homes in Wirral that raise the quality of life for all residents, regardless of tenure.



Council therefore welcomes the recent consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government on proposals to extend mandatory licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation, including:

- the extension of the scope of the definition of a HMO, which will enable the quality of potentially 200,000 more properties to be improved
- the introduction of a national minimum room size, in order to ensure no HMO falls below the overcrowding standard established in the 1985 Housing Act
- tougher standards for licensees, including potential DBS checks, and the increase and extension of fines imposed on licensees in breach of these standards

Council urges the DCLG to listen to the views expressed by authorities such as Wirral during the consultation and to introduce legislation in Parliament to secure these objectives.

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Two amendments which had been circulated in advance of the meeting were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9), as follows:

### **Amendment 1**

**Proposed** by Councillor Stuart Kelly

**Seconded** by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

*Insert after final paragraph:.*

In addition, Council notes that Planning Policy HS14 does not set out minimum communal facilities (washing/toilet) for HMOs, rather it is determined as a matter of 'fact and degree'.

Council notes that the Planning Committee has refused applications where the communal facilities have fallen short of a ratio that would be considered acceptable to members of the Planning Committee, often against officer recommendations for approval; Members have also been successful at appeal where inspectors have upheld refusal due to poor standards of communal facilities, most recently at 63A Argyle Street, Birkenhead and at 151 Victoria Road, New Brighton.

Council considers that a local standard for communal facilities should be drawn up as local planning policies are reviewed. Council believes it essential to encourage responsible architects, planning to bring forward applications for HMO developments, to have due regard to the standard of accommodation and communal facilities expected by members for those who will be living in the HMO.

## **Amendment 2**

**Proposed** by Councillor Adrian Jones

**Seconded** by Councillor George Davies

*Revise as follows:*

Council notes the increasing conversion for multi-occupancy of former family dwellings and shops in many areas of Wirral, often to the aesthetic and social detriment of surrounding neighbourhoods. Council further notes the Planning Committee's unanimous refusal of an application to create a 10-occupant house of multiple occupation in Laird Street, Birkenhead and congratulates those residents, supported by their Ward Councillors, who opposed this application.

Council therefore seeks ~~wishes to promote the need for~~ to facilitate the supply of quality, affordable homes in Wirral that raise the quality of life for all residents, regardless of tenure.

Council ~~therefore~~ welcomes the recent consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government on proposals to extend mandatory licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation, including:

- the extension of the scope of the definition of a HMO, which will enable the quality of potentially 200,000 more properties to be improved
- the introduction of a national minimum room size, in order to ensure no HMO falls below the overcrowding standard established in the 1985 Housing Act
- tougher standards for licensees, including potential DBS checks, and the increase and extension of fines imposed on licensees in breach of these standards

Noting that many of the present generation, growing up in the wake of the world financial crash of 2008, may earn less during a working life-time than their parents, obliging many to seek privately rented accommodation, Council urges the DCLG to listen to the views expressed by authorities such as Wirral during the consultation and to introduce legislation in Parliament to secure these objectives.

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Having been formally moved and seconded, the first amendment was then put and lost (6:52) (Two abstentions).

The second amendment was then put and carried (58:0) (Two abstentions).

The substantive motion was then put and carried (58:0) (Two abstentions).

## **RESOLVED – That**

- 1) Council notes the increasing conversion for multi-occupancy of former family dwellings and shops in many areas of Wirral, often to the aesthetic and social detriment of surrounding neighbourhoods. Council further notes the Planning Committee’s unanimous refusal of an application to create a 10-occupant house of multiple occupation in Laird Street, Birkenhead and congratulates those residents, supported by their Ward Councillors, who opposed this application.**
- 2) Council therefore seeks to facilitate the supply of quality, affordable homes in Wirral that raise the quality of life for all residents, regardless of tenure.**
- 3) Council welcomes the recent consultation by the Department for Communities and Local Government on proposals to extend mandatory licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation, including:**
  - the extension of the scope of the definition of a HMO, which will enable the quality of potentially 200,000 more properties to be improved**
  - the introduction of a national minimum room size, in order to ensure no HMO falls below the overcrowding standard established in the 1985 Housing Act**
  - tougher standards for licensees, including potential DBS checks, and the increase and extension of fines imposed on licensees in breach of these standards**
- 4) Noting that many of the present generation, growing up in the wake of the world financial crash of 2008, may earn less during a working life-time than their parents, obliging many to seek privately rented accommodation, Council urges the DCLG to listen to the views expressed by authorities such as Wirral during the consultation and to introduce legislation in Parliament to secure these objectives.**
- 5) In addition, Council notes that Planning Policy HS14 does not set out minimum communal facilities (washing/toilet) for HMOs, rather it is determined as a matter of ‘fact and degree’.**
- 6) Council notes that the Planning Committee has refused applications where the communal facilities have fallen short of a ratio that would be considered acceptable to members of the Planning Committee, often against officer recommendations for approval; Members have also been successful at appeal where inspectors have upheld refusal due to poor standards of**

**communal facilities, most recently at 63A Argyle Street, Birkenhead and at 151 Victoria Road, New Brighton.**

- 7) **Council considers that a local standard for communal facilities should be drawn up as local planning policies are reviewed. Council believes it essential to encourage responsible architects, planning to bring forward applications for HMO developments, to have due regard to the standard of accommodation and communal facilities expected by members for those who will be living in the HMO.**

155 **KEEPING LARGE LORRIES ON THE RIGHT ROAD**

Having previously declared a personal interest in this item, Councillor Green vacated the Council Chamber whilst the matter was under consideration, and did not take part in the voting thereon.

**Proposed** by Councillor Phil Gilchrist  
**Seconded** by Councillor Dave Mitchell

This Council supports the initiative taken by the Local Government Association in seeking the use of the most appropriate satellite navigation devices being used in lorries as opposed to those designed for motor cars.

Council believes this is necessary to reduce the damage caused to the highway infrastructure arising from vehicles being misdirected to roads that are too narrow or bridges that have weight or height restrictions, aimed at keeping the largest or heaviest vehicles off that route.

Council recognises that a number of incidents have taken place in Wirral, involving damage to both railway and road bridges, necessitating expensive repairs and highly visible markings to warn of height restrictions. Whilst these have been few in number, the introduction of better navigation systems could well minimise the possibility of future incidents.

Council considers that the cost of the most appropriate devices is not excessive. Council understands that the road haulage industry considers that good practice and common sense should prevail and lead with the use of the devices that give due warning of height and weight restrictions. However, Council believes that the Local Government Association is right to seek legislation aimed at ensuring and enforcing the use of proper systems, resolves to advise them accordingly and advise Wirral's Members of Parliament of this opinion.

Having applied the guillotine in accordance with Standing Order 9 the Council did not debate the matter, and having been formally moved and seconded, the motion was put to the vote.

**The motion was put and carried (59:0) (One abstention).**

**RESOLVED – That**

- 1) **This Council supports the initiative taken by the Local Government Association in seeking the use of the most appropriate satellite navigation devices being used in lorries as opposed to those designed for motor cars.**
- 2) **Council believes this is necessary to reduce the damage caused to the highway infrastructure arising from vehicles being misdirected to roads that are too narrow or bridges that have weight or height restrictions, aimed at keeping the largest or heaviest vehicles off that route.**
- 3) **Council recognises that a number of incidents have taken place in Wirral, involving damage to both railway and road bridges, necessitating expensive repairs and highly visible markings to warn of height restrictions. Whilst these have been few in number, the introduction of better navigation systems could well minimise the possibility of future incidents.**
- 4) **Council considers that the cost of the most appropriate devices is not excessive. Council understands that the road haulage industry considers that good practice and common sense should prevail and lead with the use of the devices that give due warning of height and weight restrictions. However, Council believes that the Local Government Association is right to seek legislation aimed at ensuring and enforcing the use of proper systems, resolves to advise them accordingly and advise Wirral's Members of Parliament of this opinion.**

Councillor Jeff Green returned to the Council Chamber.

156 **COUNT THEM IN**

**Proposed** by Councillor Jeff Green  
**Seconded** by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Council notes the Leader of the Council has pledged his support to The British Legion's 'Count Them In' Campaign to include questions concerning military

service and membership of the Armed Forces community in the next 2021 census.

Council wishes to add its full support to this campaign as the data collected will provide essential information for the Council to accurately map the profile and needs of our Armed Forces Community in Wirral.

Council notes the UK Statistics Authority is responsible for coordinating the census arrangements across the UK but it is for the UK Parliament, Scottish Parliament and Northern Ireland Assembly to determine what questions feature in the final census documents.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Borough's four Members of Parliament and to Charles Byrne, Director General of The Royal British Legion, confirming Council's full support for the 'Count Them In' campaign.

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Having applied the guillotine in accordance with Standing Order 9 the Council did not debate the matter, and having been formally moved and seconded, the motion was put to the vote.

**The motion was put and carried (59:0) (One abstention).**

**RESOLVED – That**

- 1) Council notes the Leader of the Council has pledged his support to The British Legion's 'Count Them In' Campaign to include questions concerning military service and membership of the Armed Forces community in the next 2021 census.**
- 2) Council wishes to add its full support to this campaign as the data collected will provide essential information for the Council to accurately map the profile and needs of our Armed Forces Community in Wirral.**
- 3) Council notes the UK Statistics Authority is responsible for coordinating the census arrangements across the UK but it is for the UK Parliament, Scottish Parliament and Northern Ireland Assembly to determine what questions feature in the final census documents.**
- 4) Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Borough's four Members of Parliament and to Charles Byrne, Director General of The Royal British Legion, confirming Council's full support for the 'Count Them In' campaign.**

157 **MAYOR'S CLOSING**

The Mayor commented that this was the last ordinary meeting of the Council he would be presiding over and indicated that it had been a privilege to represent Wirral. He referred to the great pleasure he had taken during his year in office, in particular the school group visits and varied events in the community, thanking all those who had supported him during his year in office.

The Leader of the Council thanked both the Mayor and Mayoress for all the work they had undertaken during the year, particularly with schools and volunteer groups and referred also to the fair manner in which meetings of the Council had been chaired.

The Leader of the Conservative Group and the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group associated themselves with the remarks made by the Leader of the Council.

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## MINUTE EXTRACT

### STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

26 APRIL 2017

#### 32 REVIEW OF SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Chair introduced the report of the Assistant Director: Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) that set out the proposal considered by the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Working Group on 19 April 2017 to divide the remit of the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee to create two new committees - one with a remit for adult social care and health and another with a remit for children and families. The report informed that the new committees would incorporate the functions, the pledges, supporting strategies and associated delivery areas of the People theme of the Wirral Plan.

The report further informed that the proposed names of these committees be:

- **Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.**
- **Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee** (note: the current education co-optees on the People O&S Committee to become members of the Children & Families O&S Committee).

The Chair reported to the Committee on a variety of issues that had been considered by the Working Group as detailed in the report. These included reporting arrangements, officer resources, dealing with cross-cutting themes and the impact on political proportionalities. The Chair further informed that subsequent to the meeting of the Working Group additional work had been undertaken to review the overall impact on political proportionality arising from the recommendation to reduce the size of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from 15 to 11 Members, thereby reducing the total number of Committee places overall. The Working Group had not been aware of these implications to other Council Committees when it had made its recommendations.

Members noted that at the present time it would be appropriate to retain the Overview and Scrutiny Committee membership at 15 Elected Members (and existing arrangements for co-opted members). The Assistant Director: Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) proposed that further detailed investigation into political proportionalities be undertaken by the Working Group as part of its 2017/18 Work Programme.

The Chair informed that retaining the Overview and Scrutiny membership at 15 Elected Members for all 4 Committees would enable as many Councillors as possible to be involved in the Scrutiny function. Members of the Committee concurred, stating the importance of effective Scrutiny and that it was sensible to

maintain the larger pool of Scrutiny Members to draw from for Task and Finish Groups.

The Chair reiterated a number of additional points raised in the Working Group's discussion namely the Special Responsibility Allowance to be paid to all Scrutiny Chairs (if applicable under the Members' Allowance Scheme) and that Chairs / Vice-Chairs / Spokespersons would continue to meet on a regular basis to allocate scrutiny work that may cut across the responsibility of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Assistant Director: Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) reminded Members that the Committee's recommendations, including new Terms of Reference for the two new Overview and Scrutiny Committees, changes to the Constitution and amended Calendar of Meetings (as detailed in the report's appendices), would be considered by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – That:**

- (1) the remit of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee be divided to create two new Committees - Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee;**
- (2) membership of the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees be set at 15 Elected Members on a ratio of 9, 5, 1 (note: existing education co-opted members be appointed to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee);**
- (3) the impact on the political proportionalities arising from future changes to the membership of the revised Overview and Scrutiny Committee Structure be reviewed by the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee as part of its 2017/18 Work Programme;**
- (4) relevant Financial and Performance Reporting relating to each Committee be provided;**
- (5) the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) payable to People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair be paid to the Chairs of Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny and Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committees;**
- (6) all Chairs / Vice-Chairs / Spokespersons continue to meet on a regular basis to allocate scrutiny work that may cut across the responsibility of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee;**
- (7) the Council's Calendar of Meetings be revised to incorporate changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Structure and recommended to Council for adoption; and**
- (8) the Council's Constitution be updated accordingly and be recommended to the Council for adoption.**

**Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee  
Wednesday, 26 April 2017**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Proposed Scrutiny Committee Structure 2017/18</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Assistant Director: Law &amp; Governance (Monitoring Officer)</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

Following consideration of the matter by the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Working Group on 19 April 2017 it is proposed to divide the remit of the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee to create two committees, one with a remit for adult social care and health and another with a remit for children and families. These committees would incorporate the functions, the pledges, supporting strategies and associated delivery areas of the People theme of the Wirral Plan (see **Appendix 1**).

The proposed names of these committees are:

- **Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.**
- **Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee.** The current education co-optees on the People O&S Committee will become members of the Children & Families O&S Committee.

**RECOMMENDATIONS – That the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee agrees that:**

- 1) the remit of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee be divided to create two new Committees - Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
- 2) the impact on political proportionality arising from the revised Overview and Scrutiny Structure be reviewed (Note: existing education co-opted members be appointed to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee);
- 3) relevant Financial and Performance Reporting relating to each Committee be provided;
- 4) the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) payable to People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair be paid for each Chair of Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny and Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committees; and

- 5) All Chairs / Vice-Chairs / Spokespersons continue to meet on a regular basis to allocate scrutiny work that may cut across the responsibility of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The current arrangements were implemented in July 2016 following a review of the overview and scrutiny function. This review was driven by the Council's new operating model and a shift towards a focus on the delivery of outcomes via the Wirral Plan. Three Overview and Scrutiny Committees, People, Business and Environment were established to align overview and scrutiny to the Wirral Plan themes and to enable scrutiny to best support and add value to the delivery of the Wirral Plan.
- 1.2 The creation of a specific Committee with responsibility for scrutinising children's services will support the Council's response to the outcomes of the recent Ofsted inspection. An enhanced profile for health scrutiny would also be achieved by conducting health scrutiny in public. The existing Health and Care Performance Panel meets in private and reports to People Committee.
- 1.3 There are no proposals in this report to change the current Business and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committees.
- 1.4 The revised scope and Terms of Reference for the four proposed committees (Article 6 from the Council Constitution) is attached at **Appendix 1**.

#### **Discussion Points / Issues considered by the Working Group**

- 1.5 The members of the working group considered the following issues:
  - Consideration of the optimal number of committee Members considering the additional attendees at both committees (health partners at Adult Care and Health and education co-optees at Children & Families). Changes to the size of committees would need to reflect the political make-up of the Council's membership.
  - As current reporting arrangements for financial monitoring and performance reporting are aligned to the Wirral Plan themes, further work would be required to split the People theme reporting between the two new committees.
  - Assuming the Children Sub Committee and Health & Care Performance Panel are discontinued, there will be limited impact on officer resources for the additional committee.
  - The scrutiny of some People pledges, such as 'People with disabilities live independently', cuts across the remit of the proposed committees. Continued coordination of work programme activities between the Chairs of the proposed four committees will ensure duplication does not occur.
- 1.6 A copy of the current scope and Terms of Reference for the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee is attached at **Appendix 2**.

- 1.7 A summary of proposed amendments to related sections of the Council Constitution is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 1.8 A summary of the political proportionality arising from the proposed changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is attached at **Appendix 4**. Following further investigation into the overall impact on the matter of proportionality arising from the Recommendation 2 of the Working Group, the Committee will be provided a series of options for consideration (**to follow**).
- 1.9 A copy of the Council's Calendar of Meetings incorporating the proposed changes to Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings is attached at **Appendix 5**. Changes are highlighted in **bold**.

## **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 To retaining existing structure – this option has been discounted for the reasons detailed in this report.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The current Members Allowance Scheme allows for a Special Responsibility Allowance to be paid to all Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs (£4,585). The Scheme further states that no councillor shall be entitled to receive more than one payment by way of special responsibility allowance. This matter was noted by the Working Group, but fell outside of the remit of their review.
- 3.2 Whether an additional payment of SRA is payable will depend on who becomes Chair of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee – If the appointed Chair already receives an SRA there will be no additional SRA payable.

## **4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council must ensure it has effective Overview and Scrutiny arrangements in place to discharge its Overview and Scrutiny statutory functions.

## **5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report.
- 5.2 It is assumed that the proposed approach will enable the cessation of the Health & Care Performance Panel and the Children Sub-Committee as it is envisaged that the work of these two bodies will be incorporated into the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee respectively.

## **6.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

6.1 The proposed changes are considered to better manage and assess risks to the Council and ensure they are effectively managed.

## **7.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

7.1 The matter was considered by the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Working Group on 19 April 2017.

## **8.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no changes of relevance to equality arising from this proposal.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Council Constitution proposed Article 6.

Appendix 2 - Council Constitution current Article 6, (People Overview and Scrutiny Committee).

Appendix 3 - Additional Constitution revisions arising from proposed overview and scrutiny restructure.

Appendix 4 - Summary of political proportionality incorporating the changes to Overview and Scrutiny Committee arrangements.

Appendix 5 - Council Calendar of Meetings Summary of incorporating the changes to Overview and Scrutiny Committee arrangements.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>

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## Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees

### 6.1 Appointment

The Council will annually constitute and appoint four Overview and Scrutiny Committees, comprising of fifteen councillors, to discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 or regulations under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000.

### 6.2 General Role

Within their terms of reference, Overview and Scrutiny Committees will:

- (a) Review and / or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's functions;
- (b) Review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Overview and Scrutiny committee about their activities and performance;
- (c) Support joint work planning arrangements in developing an integrated scrutiny work programme;
- (d) Make reports and / or recommendations to the Council and / or the Cabinet in connection with any policy or the discharge of any functions;
- (e) Exercise the right to call in, for reconsideration decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive function of the Council;
- (f) Assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development and monitoring of the annual budget;
- (g) Review and scrutinise the Council's transformation governance and processes as well as monitoring the outcomes and benefits of the Transformation Programme;
- (h) Review and scrutinise the Council's partnership arrangements;
- (i) Review and scrutinise the Council's commissioning activities;
- (j) Review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and / or particular service areas; and
- (k) Have the authority to establish task & finish groups, standing panels and sub-committees as necessary to discharge the functions falling within the remit of the committee.

### 6.3 Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees are aligned to the Wirral Plan themes of People, Business and Environment with responsibility for reviewing and / or scrutinising decisions made or actions taken in connection with the pledges

that make up the respective theme of the Wirral Plan. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees are also responsible for scrutinising the strategies, policies, partnerships, transformation projects / programmes and supporting functions which operate in support of their Wirral Plan theme.

### Adult Care & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<p>Wirral Plan Pledges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older People Live well</li> <li>• People with disabilities live independently</li> </ul>
<p>Scope of the Committee</p>	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ageing well Strategy</li> <li>• All Age Disability Strategy</li> <li>• Safeguarding Strategy</li> <li>• Health and Wellbeing Strategy</li> </ul> <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older People</li> <li>• Health and Social Care</li> <li>• Mental Health (all age)</li> <li>• Learning Disabilities (all age)</li> <li>• Adult Safeguarding</li> </ul> <p>To perform the Council's statutory responsibilities to undertake health scrutiny. The Committee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Borough, including significant change to service provision and those jointly commissioned or delivered by the council.</li> <li>• Require the provision of information or the attendance of an officer of a local NHS body to answer questions and provide explanations about the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Borough.</li> <li>• Participate in cross-boundary overview and scrutiny of health services with other local authorities; including the establishment of joint committees; or the delegation of functions to another local authority,</li> </ul>

	<p>where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to the Secretary of State for Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where the committee is concerned that consultation on substantial variation or development of services has been inadequate</li> <li>- Where the committee considers that the proposal is not in the interest of the local health service.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Cross-Cutting Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wirral residents live healthier lives pledge (link with Environment)</li> <li>• Liverpool City Region Combined Authority</li> </ul>

### Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wirral Plan Pledges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are ready for school</li> <li>• Young people are ready for work and adulthood</li> <li>• Vulnerable children reach their full potential</li> <li>• Reduce child and family poverty</li> <li>• Zero tolerance to domestic violence</li> </ul>
Scope of the Committee	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wirral's Strategy for Children, Young People and Families</li> <li>• Improving Life Chances Strategy</li> <li>• Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse Strategy</li> <li>• Safeguarding Strategy</li> <li>• Schools Strategy</li> </ul> <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Care</li> <li>• Children's Services</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Children's Safeguarding</li> </ul>
Cross-Cutting Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with disabilities live independently (link with Adult Care and Health)</li> <li>• Liverpool City Region Combined Authority</li> </ul>

## Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<p>Wirral Plan Pledges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater job opportunities in Wirral</li> <li>• Workforce skills match business needs</li> <li>• Increase inward investment</li> <li>• Thriving small businesses</li> <li>• Vibrant Tourism economy</li> <li>• Transport and technology fit for the future</li> <li>• Assets and buildings are fit for purpose</li> </ul>
<p>Scope of the Committee</p>	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wirral’s Growth Plan</li> <li>• Wirral Visitor Economy Plan</li> <li>• Wirral’s Transport Strategy</li> <li>• Wirral’s Digital Strategy</li> <li>• Wirral Asset Strategy</li> </ul> <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Digital</li> <li>• Regulatory Services</li> <li>• Asset Management</li> <li>• Customer Services</li> </ul>
<p>Cross-Cutting Themes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good quality Housing that meets the needs of residents pledge (Link with Environment)</li> <li>• Community services are joined up and accessible pledge (link with Environment)</li> <li>• Liverpool City Region Combined Authority</li> </ul>

## Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<p>Wirral Plan Pledges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure and cultural opportunities for all</li> <li>• Wirral Residents live healthier lives</li> <li>• Community services are joined up and accessible</li> <li>• Good quality housing that meets the needs of residents</li> <li>• Wirral’s Neighbourhoods are safe</li> <li>• Attractive local environment for Wirral residents</li> </ul>
<p>Scope of the Committee</p>	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wirral’s Leisure Strategy</li> <li>• Wirral’s Culture Strategy</li> <li>• Wirral Residents Live Healthier Lives Strategy</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Strategy</li> <li>• Housing Strategy</li> <li>• Ensuring Wirral’s Neighbourhoods are Safe</li> <li>• Managing Our Waste Strategy 2015 - 2020</li> <li>• Loving Our Environment Strategy</li> </ul> <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure</li> <li>• Community Services</li> <li>• Safer Neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Housing Services</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul> <p>To perform the Council’s statutory responsibilities to undertake scrutiny in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The review and scrutiny of the flood and coastal erosion risk management functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.</li> <li>• The review and scrutiny of decisions made or action taken in connection with the discharge by the Responsible Authorities and Co-operating bodies of the Wirral Community Safety Partnership of their crime and disorder functions.</li> </ul>

Cross-Cutting Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vibrant tourism economy pledge (link with Business)</li><li>• Transport &amp; Technology Infrastructure fit for the future (link to Business)</li><li>• Liverpool City Region Combined Authority</li></ul>
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# Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees

## People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<p>Wirral Plan Pledges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older People Live well</li> <li>• Children are ready for school</li> <li>• Young people are ready for work and adulthood</li> <li>• Vulnerable children reach their full potential</li> <li>• Reduce child and family poverty</li> <li>• People with disabilities live independently</li> <li>• Zero tolerance to domestic violence</li> </ul>
<p>Scope of the Committee</p>	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ageing well Strategy</li> <li>• Wirral’s Strategy for Children, Young People and Families</li> <li>• Improving Life Chances Strategy</li> <li>• All Age Disability Strategy</li> <li>• Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse Strategy</li> <li>• Safeguarding Strategy</li> <li>• Schools Strategy</li> <li>• Health and Wellbeing Strategy</li> </ul> <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older People</li> <li>• Health and Social Care</li> <li>• Mental Health (all age)</li> <li>• Learning Disabilities (all age)</li> <li>• Children’s Care</li> <li>• Children’s Services</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Safeguarding</li> </ul>

	<p>To perform the Council's statutory responsibilities to undertake health scrutiny. The Committee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Borough, including significant change to service provision and those jointly commissioned or delivered by the council.</li> <li>• Require the provision of information or the attendance of an officer of a local NHS body to answer questions and provide explanations about the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Borough.</li> <li>• Participate in cross-boundary overview and scrutiny of health services with other local authorities; including the establishment of joint committees; or the delegation of functions to another local authority, where appropriate.</li> <li>• Report to the Secretary of State for Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where the committee is concerned that consultation on substantial variation or development of services has been inadequate</li> <li>- Where the committee considers that the proposal is not in the interest of the local health service.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Cross-Cutting Themes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wirral residents live healthier lives pledge (link with Environment theme)</li> <li>• Community services are joined up and accessible pledge (link with Environment theme)</li> <li>• Liverpool City Region Combined Authority</li> </ul>



## Appendix 3

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p><b>Article 6A – Joint Health Scrutiny Committee(s)</b> (Constitution Page 21)</p>	
<p>Para 3.1 Membership</p> <p>The appointment of Members to any Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be in accordance with the 'Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside'. Nominations to any Joint Health Committee shall be determined and made by the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee which is responsible for discharging the Council's Health Scrutiny responsibilities.</p>	<p>The appointment of Members to any Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be in accordance with the 'Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside'. Nominations to any Joint Health Committee shall be determined and made by the <b>Adult Care &amp; Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> and the <b>Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> which are responsible for discharging the Council's Health Scrutiny responsibilities.</p>
<p><b>Table 4</b> <b>STATUTORY AND ADVISORY BODIES</b> (Constitution Page 69)</p>	
<p><b>Adoption Panel</b> 1 member of the Authority plus up to 9 other qualified persons (with a quorum of 5) as set out in the Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005 (Note: The member of the authority should either be a member of the Cabinet or of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee).</p>	<p><b>Adoption Panel</b> 1 member of the Authority plus up to 9 other qualified persons (with a quorum of 5) as set out in the Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005 (Note: The member of the authority should either be a member of the Cabinet or of the <b>Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>).</p>
<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules</b> (Constitution Page 193)</p>	
<p>Para 3. Education Regulation Co-optees</p> <p>The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any sub-committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following co-optees:</p> <p>(a) One Church of England diocese representative</p> <p>(b) One Roman Catholic diocese representative</p> <p>(c) Two parent governor representatives</p> <p>Where the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee / sub-committee deals with other matters, these statutory consultees shall not vote on those matters, though they may stay in the meeting and speak.</p>	<p>The <b>Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> and any sub-committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following co-optees:</p> <p>(a) One Church of England diocese representative</p> <p>(b) One Roman Catholic diocese representative</p> <p>(c) Two parent governor representatives</p> <p>Where the <b>Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> / sub-committee deals with other matters, these statutory consultees shall not vote on those matters, though they may stay in the meeting and speak.</p>

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## APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2017/2018 (EXTRA OSCITTEE)

- (1) This note advises on the allocation of committee places to political groups in light of the relative strength of the groups for the municipal year 2017/18 and if the proposed revision to the number of scrutiny committees is agreed.

Labour	39 seats	59.1 %
Conservative	21 seats	31.82 %
Liberal Democrat	5 seats	7.57 %
Green	1 seat	1.51 %
	66 seats <b>Totals</b>	100.00%

### Allocation of Committee Places

- (2) Applying the percentages in (1) above to the overall number of committee places (Members of the Cabinet are not included in those calculations) and based upon a total of **133** committee places (with the two new Adult Care and Health and Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committees replacing the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if each of these committees had 15 Members), the three political groups and the Green Party member would be entitled to a **total** number of committees places as shown below:

Labour	78.6	rounded up to	79
Conservative	42.32	rounded down to	42
Liberal Democrat	10.07	rounded down to	10
Green	2.01	rounded down to	2

- (3) Applying the arithmetical entitlement to **individual** committees would result in the following allocations:

Committee	Places	Lab	Con	L/Dem	Green
Audit and Risk Management	9	5	3	1	
Employment and Appointments	8	5	2	1	
Licensing Act 2003	15	10	4	1	
Licensing, Health & Safety and General Purposes	9	5	3	1	
Pensions	10	6	3	0	1
Planning	13	7	4	1	1
Standards & Constitutional Oversight	9	5	3	1	

Overview & Scrutiny: Business	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Environment	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Adult Care and Health	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Children and Families	15	9	5	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

- (4) If the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees were appointed with 11 Members on each Committee then the total number of Committee places available would be 117 (see table below). Applying the percentages in (1) above to this number of Committee places would result in the three political groups and Green Party Member's entitlement being:

Labour	69.15	rounded down to	69
Conservative	37.23	rounded down to	37
Liberal Democrat	8.86	rounded up to	9
Green	1.77	rounded up to	2

Overview & Scrutiny: Business	11	7	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Environment	11	7	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Adult Care and Health	11	7	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Children and Families	11	7	3	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

Based on the current allocation of Committee places, the **Labour Group would have two more committee places than it was entitled to**, the **Conservative Group, three less places than it was entitled to** and the **Liberal Democrat Group one more place than it was entitled to**. Ensuring that the Labour Group maintains an overall majority on all Committees, as it is entitled to, could mean one less Labour Member on the Licensing Act 2003 Committee with the Conservative Group gaining one place but also the Conservative Group would need to take two more places on one of the regulatory committees and / or one or more of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees at the expense of a Labour Group place and a Liberal Democrat Group place.

Additional scenarios for the sizes of committees and the allocation of committee places will be available at the meeting.

- (5) For two committees an arithmetical adjustment has been made to enable the Green Member to have his entitlement of 2 committee places.

- (6) These adjustments are made with regard to the requirement for the Labour Group, as the majority group on the Council, to maintain an overall majority on each committee and for each group's entitlement to committee places to be in accordance with those figures set out in (2) or (4) (above).
- (7) Furthermore these calculations are also subject to the outcome of the Claughton bye-election.

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## MAY - 2017/18 CALENDAR Revised with new Cttees

Monday	1	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	2	
Wednesday	3	
Thursday	4	LCR Mayoral Election
Friday	5	
Saturday	6	
Sunday	7	
Monday	8	
Tuesday	9	
Wednesday	10	
Thursday	11	
Friday	12	
Saturday	13	
Sunday	14	
Monday	15	ANNUAL COUNCIL (PART 1)
Tuesday	16	ANNUAL COUNCIL (PART 2)
Wednesday	17	
Thursday	18	
Friday	19	
Saturday	20	
Sunday	21	
Monday	22	
Tuesday	23	
Wednesday	24	Licensing Act 2003 Cttee; Licensing, H&S and GP Cttee
Thursday	25	
Friday	26	
Saturday	27	
Sunday	28	
Monday	29	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	30	<i>Half Term</i>
Wednesday	31	

Thursday	1	Planning Committee
Friday	2	
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	
Monday	5	Cabinet
Tuesday	6	
Wednesday	7	
Thursday	8	
Friday	9	
Saturday	10	
Sunday	11	
Monday	12	Audit and Risk Management Cttee
Tuesday	13	Standards and Constitutional Oversight Cttee
Wednesday	14	<b>Birkenhead Constituency Cttee</b>
Thursday	15	Wirral West Constituency Cttee
Friday	16	
Saturday	17	
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	
Tuesday	20	<b>Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Wednesday	21	Wirral South Constituency Cttee
Thursday	22	Planning Committee
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	
Sunday	25	
Monday	26	Cabinet
Tuesday	27	Employment and Appointments Cttee
Wednesday	28	<b>Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Thursday	29	
Friday	30	



Saturday	1	
Sunday	2	
Monday	3	
Tuesday	4	Business Overview and Scrutiny Cttee
Wednesday	5	Environment Overview and Scrutiny Cttee
Thursday	6	<b>Wallasey Constituency Cttee</b>
Friday	7	
Saturday	8	
Sunday	9	
Monday	10	COUNCIL
Tuesday	11	
Wednesday	12	
Thursday	13	
Friday	14	
Saturday	15	
Sunday	16	
Monday	17	Cabinet; Pensions Cttee
Tuesday	18	
Wednesday	19	Health and Wellbeing Board
Thursday	20	Planning Cttee
Friday	21	
Saturday	22	
Sunday	23	
Monday	24	
Tuesday	25	
Wednesday	26	<i>School Summer Holidays</i>
Thursday	27	
Friday	28	
Saturday	29	
Sunday	30	
Monday	31	

# AUGUST

2017

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	
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Wednesday	16	
Thursday	17	Planning Cttee
Friday	18	
Saturday	19	
Sunday	20	
Monday	21	
Tuesday	22	
Wednesday	23	
Thursday	24	
Friday	25	
Saturday	26	
Sunday	27	
Monday	28	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	29	
Wednesday	30	
Thursday	31	

# SEPTEMBER

2017

Friday	1	
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	
Monday	4	Cabinet
Tuesday	5	
Wednesday	6	
Thursday	7	
Friday	8	
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	
Monday	11	
Tuesday	12	
Wednesday	13	<b>Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Thursday	14	Planning Cttee
Friday	15	
Saturday	16	
Sunday	17	
Monday	18	Pensions Cttee
Tuesday	19	Business Overview and Scrutiny Cttee
Wednesday	20	Licensing H&S and GP Cttee
Thursday	21	Environment Overview and Scrutiny Cttee
Friday	22	
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	
Monday	25	Audit and Risk Management Cttee
Tuesday	26	<b>Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Wednesday	27	Wallasey Constituency Cttee
Thursday	28	Birkenhead Constituency Cttee
Friday	29	
Saturday	30	

# OCTOBER

2017

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	Cabinet
Tuesday	3	
Wednesday	4	Wirral South Constituency Cttee
Thursday	5	Wirral West Constituency Cttee
Friday	6	
Saturday	7	
Sunday	8	
Monday	9	
Tuesday	10	
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	COUNCIL
Tuesday	17	
Wednesday	18	Licensing Act 2003 Cttee
Thursday	19	Planning Cttee
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	
Sunday	22	
Monday	23	<i>Half Term</i>
Tuesday	24	
Wednesday	25	
Thursday	26	
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	
Sunday	29	
Monday	30	
Tuesday	31	

# NOVEMBER

2017

Wednesday	1	
Thursday	2	
Friday	3	
Saturday	4	
Sunday	5	
Monday	6	Cabinet
Tuesday	7	
Wednesday	8	
Thursday	9	
Friday	10	
Saturday	11	
Sunday	12	
Monday	13	Pensions Cttee
Tuesday	14	<b>Children and Families Overview &amp; Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Wednesday	15	Health and Wellbeing Board
Thursday	16	Planning Cttee
Friday	17	
Saturday	18	
Sunday	19	
Monday	20	Standards and Constitutional Oversight Cttee
Tuesday	21	Audit and Risk Management Cttee
Wednesday	22	Licensing, H&S and GP Cttee
Thursday	23	Employment and Appointments Cttee
Friday	24	
Saturday	25	
Sunday	26	
Monday	27	Cabinet
Tuesday	28	<b>Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Wednesday	29	Business Overview and Scrutiny Cttee
Thursday	30	Environment Overview and Scrutiny Cttee

# DECEMBER

2017

Friday	1	
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	
Monday	4	
Tuesday	5	
Wednesday	6	
Thursday	7	
Friday	8	
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	
Monday	11	COUNCIL
Tuesday	12	
Wednesday	13	
Thursday	14	Planning Cttee
Friday	15	
Saturday	16	
Sunday	17	
Monday	18	
Tuesday	19	
Wednesday	20	
Thursday	21	
Friday	22	
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	Christmas Eve
Monday	25	Christmas Day
Tuesday	26	Boxing Day
Wednesday	27	
Thursday	28	
Friday	29	
Saturday	30	
Sunday	31	

# JANUARY

2018

Monday	1	New Years Day
Tuesday	2	
Wednesday	3	
Thursday	4	
Friday	5	
Saturday	6	
Sunday	7	
Monday	8	
Tuesday	9	
Wednesday	10	
Thursday	11	
Friday	12	
Saturday	13	
Sunday	14	
Monday	15	Cabinet
Tuesday	16	
Wednesday	17	
Thursday	18	Planning Cttee
Friday	19	
Saturday	20	
Sunday	21	
Monday	22	Pensions Cttee
Tuesday	23	Business O&S Cttee
Wednesday	24	Licensing, H&S and GP Cttee
Thursday	25	<b>Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Friday	26	
Saturday	27	
Sunday	28	
Monday	29	Audit and Risk Management Cttee
Tuesday	30	<b>Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Wednesday	31	Environment Overview and Scrutiny Cttee

# FEBRUARY

2018

Thursday	1	
Friday	2	
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	
Monday	5	
Tuesday	6	
Wednesday	7	
Thursday	8	
Friday	9	
Saturday	10	
Sunday	11	
Monday	12	
Tuesday	13	
Wednesday	14	
Thursday	15	Planning Cttee
Friday	16	
Saturday	17	
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	Budget Cabinet <i>Half Term</i>
Tuesday	20	
Wednesday	21	
Thursday	22	
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	
Sunday	25	
Monday	26	Cabinet
Tuesday	27	Standards and Constitutional Oversight Cttee
Wednesday	28	



# MARCH

2018

Thursday	1	Birkenhead Constituency Cttee
Friday	2	
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	
Monday	5	BUDGET COUNCIL
Tuesday	6	Employments and Appointments Cttee
Wednesday	7	Wirral South Constituency Cttee
Thursday	8	COUNCIL (BUDGET RESERVE)
Friday	9	
Saturday	10	
Sunday	11	
Monday	12	Audit and Risk Management Cttee
Tuesday	13	Wallasey Constituency Cttee
Wednesday	14	Health and Wellbeing Board; <b>Children and Families OS Cttee</b>
Thursday	15	Wirral West Constituency Cttee
Friday	16	
Saturday	17	
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	COUNCIL
Tuesday	20	<b>Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Cttee</b>
Wednesday	21	Licensing, H&S and GP Cttee
Thursday	22	Planning Cttee
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	
Sunday	25	
Monday	26	Cabinet; Pensions Cttee
Tuesday	27	Business Overview and Scrutiny Cttee
Wednesday	28	Environment Overview and Scrutiny Cttee
Thursday	29	
Friday	30	Good Friday
Saturday	31	

# APRIL

2018

Sunday	1	Easter Day
Monday	2	Easter Monday
Tuesday	3	
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	
Friday	6	
Saturday	7	
Sunday	8	
Monday	9	
Tuesday	10	
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	
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Wednesday	18	
Thursday	19	Planning Cttee
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Wednesday	25	
Thursday	26	
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	
Sunday	29	
Monday	30	

# MAY

2018

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	
Thursday	3	Local Elections
Friday	4	
Saturday	5	
Sunday	6	
Monday	7	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	8	
Wednesday	9	
Thursday	10	
Friday	11	
Saturday	12	
Sunday	13	
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Friday	18	
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Monday	28	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	29	
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## ANNUAL COUNCIL

16 MAY 2017

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2017/2018</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request the Council, in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions and the terms of the Constitution, to appoint Committees for 2017/2018.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to:

- (1) agree the constitution and membership of committees in 2017/2018 (including deputies), having regard to the political proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and relevant case law;
- (2) agree the appointment of chairs and, if considered appropriate, vice-chairs;
- (3) note the designation of party spokespersons.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council is required to make appointments to Committees.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

#### 3.1 Proportionality

- 3.1.1 Members must have regard to the requirements of section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the relevant regulations (which deal with political balance on committees and sub-committees), and the terms of the High Court judgment in the case of R v Brent LBC ex-parte Gladbaum and Wood (which requires the relevant parent committee, rather than the Council, to appoint members of sub-committees and panels).

- 3.1.2 The political composition of the Council (subject to revision dependent on the outcome of the Cloughton By-Election) is as follows:

Labour	39 seats	(59.1% of the 66 seats)
Conservative	21 seats	(31.82%)
Liberal Democrat	5 seats	(7.58%)
Green	1 seat	(1.51%)

- 3.1.3 Based on the proposed numbers of committees, the total number of committee places to be allocated in accordance with the above percentages, excluding the Cabinet and Constituency Committees is 133 (referred to as available seats) (this figure is subject to Council agreeing to the recommendation of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee meeting of 26 April, 2017). The method of calculation of committee places for each political group is set out in Appendix 1.

#### 3.2 Statutory and Other Considerations

- 3.2.1 Unless appointed as full members, the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the three largest political parties represented on the Council are entitled to attend meetings of all committees and sub-committees, but with no right to vote and the right to speak only at the Chair's invitation (Standing Order 25(5)).

- 3.2.2 The Council is reminded that seats must be allocated to political groups in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) not all seats may be allocated to the same group;
- (b) a group with an overall majority is entitled to a majority of the seats on every committee;

- (c) subject to (a) and (b), the total of available seats must be allocated in the same proportion as each group's membership bears to the Council's membership;
- (d) subject to (a) to (c), the number of seats on each committee must be proportional to the group's membership of the Council.

Note: Only principles (a), (b) and (d) apply to the appointment of sub-committees, panels and statutory committees.

3.2.3 Although the same might be said for all committees, for the Pensions Committee in particular it is considered desirable to maintain a continuity of membership.

3.2.4 A list of the 2016/17 year's membership of committees is attached as Appendix 2 and may prove useful as a guide. The numbers required to be appointed by each group are indicated.

### **3.3 Co-opted members**

3.3.1 The position with co-opted members is that any Overview and Scrutiny Committee is entitled to recommend to the Council the appointment of any non-voting co-optees. The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2016/17 had four co-optees – there is a statutory requirement to have representatives of the Catholic and Church of England dioceses and of parent governors – who are entitled to vote on education matters. If Council agrees to the proposed creation of two new Committees, Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee, replacing the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, then the four co-optees would be appointed to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Pensions Committee also has voting co-optees who represent the other four districts in Merseyside and the wider membership of the Merseyside Pension Fund.

### **3.4 Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs**

3.4.1 Standing Order 5A (2) (e) provides for the Council to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs to individual committees.

### **3.5 Deputies**

3.5.1 Standing Order 25(6) (a) permits the Council to appoint up to a maximum of eight deputies for each political group on Committees. It is not necessary for deputies to be appointed for the Licensing Act 2003 Committee. This is because the vast majority of its work will be done by Sub-Committees comprising any three members of the Committee.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

#### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

#### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

#### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint Members to Committees.

#### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION**

8.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their committee places.

#### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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#### **APPENDICES**

1. Calculation of Committee Places
2. Committee Membership 2016/2017

#### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

Previous reports on the appointment of Committees and amendments made during the year and the Council's Constitution.

#### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>17 May 2016</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>19 May 2015</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>9 June 2014</b>



## APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2017/2018

- (1) This note advises on the allocation of committee places to political groups and representation on the joint authorities in the light of the relative strength of the groups for the municipal year 2017/18.

Labour	39 seats	59.1 %
Conservative	21 seats	31.82 %
Liberal Democrat	5 seats	7.57 %
Green	1 seat	1.51 %
	66 seats	<b>Totals</b> 100.00%

### Allocation of Committee Places

- (2) Applying the percentages in (1) above to the overall number of committee places (Members of the Cabinet are not included in those calculations) and based upon a total of **133** committee places (subject to the Council agreeing to the recommendation of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee of 26 April, 2017) with the two new Adult Care and Health and Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committees replacing the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the three political groups and the Green Party member would be entitled to a **total** of committees places as shown below:

Labour	78.6	rounded up to	79
Conservative	42.32	rounded down to	42
Liberal Democrat	10.07	rounded down to	10
Green	2.01	rounded down to	2

- (3) Applying the arithmetical entitlement to **individual** committees would result in the following allocations:

Committee	Places	Lab	Con	L/Dem	Green
Audit and Risk Management	9	5	3	1	
Employment and Appointments	8	5	2	1	
Licensing Act 2003	15	10	4	1	
Licensing, Health & Safety and General Purposes	9	5	3	1	
Pensions	10	6	3	0	1
Planning	13	7	4	1	1
Standards & Constitutional Oversight	9	5	3	1	

Overview & Scrutiny: Business	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Environment	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Adult Social Care	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Children and Families	15	9	5	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

- (4) For two committees an arithmetical adjustment has been made to enable the Green Member to have his entitlement of 2 committee places.
- (5) These adjustments are made with regard to the requirement for the Labour Group, as the majority group on the Council, to maintain an overall majority on each committee and for each group's entitlement to committee places to be in accordance with those figures set out in (2) above.
- (6) Furthermore, these calculations are subject to revision dependent upon the outcome of the Claughton By-Election.

#### **Joint Authorities**

- (7) Appointments to outside organisations (see report elsewhere on this agenda) requires that appointments to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (4 places) and the Merseytravel Committee of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (4 places) should be made so as to reflect the political composition of the Council.

**MEMBERSHIP of COMMITTEES 2016/2017****REGULATORY COMMITTEES****AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****(9 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<b>3 Conservative:</b>  John Hale (S) David Elderton Les Rowlands	Adam Sykes Kathy Hodson Geoffrey Watt Steve Williams Paul Hayes Ian Lewis Lesley Rennie Jeff Green
<b>5 Labour:</b>  Adrian Jones (Chair) Angela Davies (Vice-Chair) Ron Abbey Paul Doughty Christina Muspratt	Phill Brightmore Tony Jones Anita Leech Julie McManus Matthew Patrick Mike Sullivan Joe Walsh Irene Williams
<b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b>  Phil Gilchrist (S)	Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell

**9 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18****3 Conservative****5 Labour (Chair)****1 Liberal Democrat**

**EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE  
(8 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<p><b>2 Conservative:</b></p> <p>Jeff Green (S) Lesley Rennie</p>	<p>Wendy Clements Steve Williams Andrew Hodson Les Rowlands Geoffrey Watt John Hale Paul Hayes Chris Blakeley</p>
<p><b>5 Labour:</b></p> <p>Adrian Jones (Chair) Phil Davies (Vice-Chair) George Davies Ann McLachlan Moira McLaughlin</p>	<p>Chris Jones Chris Meaden Bernie Mooney Matthew Patrick <b>Vacancy</b> Tony Smith Stuart Whittingham Janette Williamson</p>
<p><b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b></p> <p>Phil Gilchrist (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell</p>

**8 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**2 Conservative  
5 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat**

**LICENSING, HEALTH & SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE  
(9 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<p><b>3 Conservative:</b></p> <p>Andrew Hodson (S) Ian Lewis Geoffrey Watt</p>	<p>Wendy Clements Steve Williams Tom Anderson Paul Hayes Adam Sykes David Burgess-Joyce Cherry Povall Gerry Ellis</p>
<p><b>5 Labour:</b></p> <p>Bill Davies (Chair) Ron Abbey (Vice-Chair) Treena Johnson Julie McManus Paul Stuart</p>	<p>George Davies Phill Brightmore Chris Meaden Christina Muspratt Anita Leech Jean Stapleton Christine Spriggs Mike Sullivan</p>
<p><b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b></p> <p>Dave Mitchell (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly</p>

**9 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**3 Conservative  
5 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat**

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE  
(15 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b> No provision for deputies
<p><b>4 Conservative:</b></p> <p>Andrew Hodson (S) Eddie Boulton David Burgess-Joyce Steve Williams</p>	
<p><b>10 Labour:</b></p> <p>Bill Davies (Chair) Tony Norbury (Vice Chair) Ron Abbey George Davies Chris Meaden Denise Realey Louise Reecejones <b>Vacancy</b> Paul Stuart Mike Sullivan</p>	
<p><b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b></p> <p>Dave Mitchell (S)</p>	

**15 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**4 Conservative  
10 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat**

**PENSIONS COMMITTEE**  
**(10 Council Members; 5 co-opted members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<p><b>3 Conservative:</b></p> <p>Geoffrey Watt (S)  Tom Anderson  Cherry Povall</p>	<p>Adam Sykes  Kathy Hodson  Eddie Boulton  Andrew Hodson  Bruce Berry  David Elderton  Tracey Pilgrim  Gerry Ellis</p>
<p><b>6 Labour:</b></p> <p>Paul Doughty (Chair)  Ann McLachlan (Vice-Chair)  George Davies  Tony Jones  Adrian Jones  Brian Kenny</p>	<p>Treena Johnson  Anita Leech  Moirra McLaughlin  Julie McManus  Bernie Mooney  Jean Stapleton  Warren Ward  Stuart Whittingham</p>
<p><b>1 Green:</b></p> <p>Pat Cleary</p>	
<p><b>5 Co-opted members:</b></p> <p>The nominees of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liverpool City Council</li> <li>• Knowsley MBC</li> <li>• St Helens MBC</li> <li>• Sefton MBC</li> </ul> <p><i>plus</i>  Representative of other Pension Fund employers</p>	

**10 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**3 Conservative**  
**6 Labour (Chair)**  
**1 Green**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(13 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<p><b>4 Conservative:</b></p> <p>David Elderton (S) Eddie Boulton Kathy Hodson Ian Lewis</p>	<p>Tom Anderson Bruce Berry Wendy Clements Geoffrey Watt Cherry Povall David Burgess-Joyce Lesley Rennie Chris Blakeley</p>
<p><b>7 Labour:</b></p> <p>Anita Leech (Chair) Denise Realey (Vice-Chair) Phill Brightmore Steve Foulkes Treena Johnson Joe Walsh Irene Williams</p>	<p>Angela Davies Tony Jones Christine Spriggs Jean Stapleton Paul Stuart Mike Sullivan Tom Usher Warren Ward</p>
<p><b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b></p> <p>Stuart Kelly (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Dave Mitchell</p>
<p><b>1 Green:</b></p> <p>Pat Cleary</p>	

**13 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**4 Conservative  
7 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat  
1 Green**



**STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
(9 Council Members; 3 Independent Persons)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<p><b>3 Conservative:</b></p> <p>Chris Blakeley (S) David Elderton Gerry Ellis</p>	<p>Paul Hayes David Burgess-Joyce Cherry Povall Tracey Pilgrim Kathy Hodson Andrew Hodson Les Rowlands Eddie Boulton</p>
<p><b>5 Labour:</b></p> <p>Moira McLaughlin (Chair) Brian Kenny (Vice-Chair) Ron Abbey Bill Davies Paul Stuart</p>	<p><b>Vacancy</b> George Davies Chris Jones Anita Leech Chris Meaden Julie McManus Bernie Mooney Jean Stapleton</p>
<p><b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b></p> <p>Phil Gilchrist (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell</p>
<p><b>3 Independent Persons:</b></p> <p>Professor R S Jones (appointed until 15 July, 2020) Mr C Jones (appointed until 15 July, 2020) Mr B Cummings (appointed until 15 July, 2020)</p>	

**9 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**3 Conservative  
5 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES****BUSINESS****(15 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<b>5 Conservative</b> Steve Williams (S) Chris Blakeley Gerry Ellis John Hale Tracey Pilgrim	Eddie Boulton David Elderton Tom Anderson Kathy Hodson Geoffrey Watt Bruce Berry David Burgess-Joyce Lesley Rennie
<b>9 Labour:</b> Mike Sullivan (Chair) Christine Spriggs (Vice-Chair) Ron Abbey Anita Leech Julie McManus Denise Realey Jean Stapleton Warren Ward Jerry Williams	Phill Brightmore Tony Jones Christina Muspratt Tony Norbury Paul Stuart Tom Usher Joe Walsh Irene Williams
<b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b> Dave Mitchell (S)	Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly

**15 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18****5 Conservative****9 Labour (Chair)****1 Liberal Democrat**

**ENVIRONMENT  
(15 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<p><b>5 Conservative:</b></p> <p>Adam Sykes (S) Tom Anderson Bruce Berry Tracey Pilgrim Les Rowlands</p>	<p>Gerry Ellis David Burgess-Joyce Geoffrey Watt Kathy Hodson Wendy Clements Chris Blakeley Andrew Hodson Steve Williams</p>
<p><b>9 Labour:</b></p> <p>Phill Brightmore (Chair) Steve Foulkes (Vice-Chair) Tony Jones Julie McManus Christina Muspratt Louise Reecejones Tom Usher Joe Walsh Irene Williams</p>	<p>Paul Doughty Anita Leech Treena Johnson Brian Kenny Denise Realey <b>Vacancy</b> Christine Spriggs Mike Sullivan</p>
<p><b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b></p> <p>Chris Carubia (S)</p>	<p>Alan Brighthouse Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell</p>

**15 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**5 Conservative  
9 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat**

**PEOPLE – TO BE REPLACED BY TWO NEW COMMITTEES – SEE BELOW**  
**(Subject to Council agreeing to the recommendation of Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee)**  
**(15 Council Members; 4 co-opted members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<p><b>5 Conservative:</b></p> <p>Wendy Clements (S)  Bruce Berry  David Burgess-Joyce  Paul Hayes  Cherry Povall</p>	<p>Tom Anderson  Adam Sykes  Tracey Pilgrim  Steve Williams  Geoffrey Watt  Les Rowlands  Chris Blakeley  Lesley Rennie</p>
<p><b>9 Labour:</b></p> <p>Moira McLaughlin (Chair)  Angela Davies (Vice-Chair)  Treena Johnson  Chris Meaden  Tony Norbury  Jean Stapleton  Walter Smith  Tom Usher  Warren Ward</p>	<p>Phill Brightmore  Paul Doughty  Anita Leech  Denise Realey  Christine Spriggs  <b>Vacancy</b>  Joe Walsh  Irene Williams</p>
<p><b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b></p> <p>Alan Brighthouse (S)</p>	<p>Chris Carubia  Phil Gilchrist  Stuart Kelly  Dave Mitchell</p>
<p><b>Co-opted members:</b></p> <p><b>2 Diocesan representatives</b> (with voting rights):  Roman Catholic – Mr Damian Cunningham  Church of England – Mrs Gill Peters</p> <p><b>2 Parent Governor representatives</b> (with voting rights):  Mr Mark Harrison (until 28 October 2019)  <b>Vacancy</b> (until 8 February 2021)</p>	

**ADULT CARE AND HEALTH  
(15 Council Members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<b>5 Conservative:</b>	
<b>9 Labour:</b>	
<b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b>	

**15 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**5 Conservative  
9 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
(15 Council Members; 4 co-opted members)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
<b>5 Conservative:</b>	
<b>9 Labour:</b>	
<b>1 Liberal Democrat:</b>	
<b>Co-opted members:</b> <b>2 Diocesan representatives</b> (with voting rights): Roman Catholic – Mr Damian Cunningham Church of England – Mrs Gill Peters  <b>2 Parent Governor representatives</b> (with voting rights): Mr Mark Harrison (until 28 October 2019) <b>Vacancy</b> (until 8 February 2021)	

**15 Council Members to be appointed in 2017/18**

**5 Conservative  
9 Labour (Chair)  
1 Liberal Democrat**

**CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES****BIRKENHEAD****(18 Council Members)****(plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)**

<b>WARD</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
Bidston and St James	Brian Kenny, Ann McLachlan, Julie McManus
Birkenhead and Tranmere	Pat Cleary, Phil Davies, Jean Stapleton
Claughton	George Davies, Steve Foulkes, <b>Vacancy</b>
Oxton	Alan Brighthouse, Paul Doughty, Stuart Kelly
Prenton	Angela Davies, Tony Norbury, Denise Realey
Rock Ferry	Bill Davies, Chris Meaden, Moira McLaughlin

**WALLASEY****(18 Council Members)****(plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)**

<b>WARD</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
Leasowe and Moreton East	Ron Abbey, Treena Johnson, Anita Leech,
Liscard	Bernie Mooney, Tom Usher, Janette Williamson
Moreton West and Saughall Massie	Bruce Berry, Chris Blakeley, Steve Williams
New Brighton	Pat Hackett, Tony Jones, Christine Spriggs
Seacombe	Adrian Jones, Chris Jones, Paul Stuart
Wallasey	Paul Hayes, Ian Lewis, Lesley Rennie
Co-opted Community Representatives	Jenni Jones, Sarah Spoor,

**WIRRAL SOUTH**  
**(15 Council Members)**  
**(plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)**

WARD	MEMBERS
Bebington	Christina Muspratt, Walter Smith, Jerry Williams
Bromborough	Joe Walsh, Warren Ward, Irene Williams
Clatterbridge	Tracey Pilgrim, Cherry Povall, Adam Sykes
Eastham	Chris Carubia, Phil Gilchrist, Dave Mitchell
Heswall	Andrew Hodson, Kathy Hodson, Les Rowlands
Co-opted Community Representatives	Mark Anthony Craig, Ray Squire, Kevin Sutton, Peter Wright, Mal Wright

**WIRRAL WEST**  
**(15 Council Members)**  
**(plus up to 6 co-opted Community Representatives)**

WARD	MEMBERS
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	Tom Anderson, David Burgess-Joyce, Wendy Clements
Hoylake and Meols	Eddie Boulton, Gerry Ellis, John Hale
Pensby and Thingwall	Phill Brightmore, Louise Reecejones, Michael Sullivan
Upton	Matthew Patrick, Tony Smith, Stuart Whittingham
West Kirby and Thurstaston	David Elderton, Jeff Green, Geoffrey Watt
Co-opted Community Representatives	Jackie Hall (Hoylake and Meols Ward) John Smith (Greasby Frankby and Irby Ward) <b>Vacancy</b> (Pensby and Thingwall Ward) Elise Wong (Upton Ward) <b>Vacancy</b> (West Kirby and Thurstaston Ward)

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## ANNUAL COUNCIL

16 MAY 2017

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF PANELS, STATUTORY / ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES; AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS 2017/2018</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to review the continuing need for various panels, statutory / advisory committees and working parties, and to request the Council to appoint members and named deputies to serve on those (including the statutory committees and panels) that are to be retained in 2017/2018. The membership of the various bodies in 2016/2017 is set out in Appendix 1.

The schedule attached at Appendix 1 has been updated to reflect the current statutory committees / panels etc. to which Members are required to be appointed to for 2017/18.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to:

- (1) appoint members and named deputies, as necessary, to serve on the statutory committees, panels and other bodies identified in paragraph 3.0 below (including Chairs);
- (2) make appointments to advisory committees, working parties and consultative groups identified in paragraph 4.0 below (or, alternatively, to seek the views of the relevant overview and scrutiny committees concerning their retention);
- (3) confirm that, where appropriate, the minutes of the statutory committees and panels, advisory committees and other bodies be submitted to the relevant overview and scrutiny committees for information, with any matters requiring an executive decision being referred to the Cabinet as necessary;
- (4) to note the current constitution and membership of the School Appeals Panel.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 This Annual Meeting of the Council is required to appoint the membership of various panels, statutory / advisory committees and working parties.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

### 3.0 STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS

The following statutory committees and panels, all of which have full delegated authority, were retained during 2016/2017.

#### 3.1 ADULT SOCIAL CARE

**Discharge from Guardianship by Wirral Council under the Mental Health Act 1983 Panel** (Panel of Members to be drawn from Councillors on the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the proposed Adult Care and Health OS Cttee (subject to the Council agreeing to the proposed amendment to the Council's Constitution))

To hear requests to discharge service users subject to guardianship upon the application of a professional responsible for their care.

#### 3.2 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

##### (i). **Complaints Panel (School Curriculum and Related Matters)**

(Appointments no longer required as all complaints directed through individual school complaints process).

##### (ii). **Education Staff Panel**

(1) In relation to schools not subject to a scheme of delegation, to hear and determine appeals arising out of the procedure for the dismissal of teachers as contained in the regulations governing their appointment and conditions of service.

(2) To determine appeals by teachers against proposals to dismiss made by the Director of Children's Services under the Education (Teachers) Regulations 1993, or as subsequently amended or re-enacted.

##### (iii). **Headteacher Appointments Panel**

(Appointments no longer required as headteachers recruited by Governing Bodies).

#### **(iv). School Appeals Panel**

To consider, as part of a statutory review process, appeals against decisions by the Local Authority (or the Governors of voluntary or aided schools) concerning the allocation of places in primary and secondary schools, and decisions by governing bodies concerning the exclusion of pupils.

The School Appeals Panel is drawn from a “pool” of lay members or members with experience in education. However, Councillors are ineligible to serve on the Appeals Panels for schools under local authority control.

#### **(v). Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE)**

SACRE is responsible for advising the local authority on matters concerning the teaching of religious education and collective acts of worship; it decides on applications for determination of cases in which requirements for Christian collective worship are not to apply; and may require the local authority to review its agreed syllabus.

#### **(vi). Wirral Schools Forum (Funding Consultative Group)**

The Forum makes recommendations in respect of the allocation of funding to schools and academies from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) received from the DfE. The Forum must be consulted on any changes to Schools and Early Years funding formulae, arrangements for the education of pupils with special educational needs and funding to meet statutory duties or other agreed commitments. In the composition of the Forum, the Council’s three representatives act only as observers.

#### **(vii). Wirral Children’s Trust Board**

This has a variety of responsibilities including to co-ordinate services for children and young people; to identify the needs of Wirral children and young people in terms of the five outcomes in the Children Act 2004; to determine the strategies required to improve the outcomes for children’s well-being; to make recommendations to the Council and other partner organisations with respect to the measures that are needed to improve children’s well-being; and to recommend joint commissioning strategies and, where appropriate be responsible for pooled budget arrangements.

### **3.3 PUBLIC HEALTH**

#### **Health and Wellbeing Board**

To work across professional and agency boundaries to drive innovation make a difference to the health and wellbeing of local people by;

- agreeing priorities and actions to reduce health inequalities and promote health and wellbeing
- developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- developing a framework for the effective performance monitoring of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- discussing and evaluating joint performance

### **3.4 STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND DEVOLUTION**

**Independent Remuneration Panel** (Four persons who are not members of the Council and who are not disqualified from being a member)

To make recommendations to the Council on Members' remuneration and allowances and any proposals for amendments to the Scheme of Members' Allowances.

### **4.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**

The following is a list of advisory and consultative bodies that were retained or created in 2016/2017 to assist the Cabinet and Policy and Performance Committees in their work. The Council may wish to make appointments directly to some or all of them, or alternatively, to ask the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee to express a view as to whether all of these bodies need to be retained or whether their role could be undertaken by the O & S Committee itself. For those bodies that are retained, it is suggested that they report to the relevant Committee or O & S Committee.

#### **4.1 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

##### **(i). Young People's Advisory Group**

To act as a forum for young people to raise their issues and concerns with local elected members, showcasing youth work delivery across the four constituencies of Wirral.

##### **(ii). Corporate Parenting Group**

This acts as the governing body of a virtual school, whose roll comprises all of the children that are looked after by the local authority, with particular emphasis on improving their well-being, educational attainment and attendance.

##### **(iii). Schools' JCC (formerly Headteachers and Teachers JCC)**

To meet with teachers and school representatives to discuss educational issues.

##### **(i). Safeguarding Reference Group**

Established by Council on 15 December, 2014 (minute 99 refers) the purpose of the Safeguarding Reference Group will be to ensure that the most senior leaders of the Council, through its leading Members and Chief Executive, are informed about key safeguarding issues in order to carry out their responsibilities of safeguarding Children and Adults in Wirral. This proposal follows the consideration of findings from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham.

## 4.2 ENVIRONMENT

### **Wirral Climate Change Group**

To achieve the adopted target of a 60% reduction in carbon emissions by 2025 through the reporting structure of the Wirral Wide Carbon Reduction Delivery Plan, together with the implementation of the Community Carbon Reduction Programme (CRed), working with residents, communities and both the public and private sectors to help achieve their own CO2 reduction.

## 4.3 TRANSFORMATION, LEISURE AND CULTURE

### **(i). Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee**

To advise the Council on all issues relating to and affecting Birkenhead Park.

### **(ii). Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee**

To manage the nature reserve and to make appropriate recommendations for its preservation and maintenance.

### **(iii). Members' Development Steering Group**

(Revised terms of reference approved by Council – 19/12/16)

The role of the Group is to:

- provide cross-party strategic leadership to member learning, development and support so as to enable members to help deliver the Wirral Plan and the Pledges;
- ensure all members have the requisite skills, knowledge and attributes to be able to meet their varied duties and responsibilities;
- actively promote, encourage and oversee member culture, development and support;
- explore, research, gather insight, examine and develop and implement new innovative methods, approaches and initiatives to improve member culture, development and support.
- drive continuous improvement in member culture, development and support within political groups.

### **(iv). Members' Equipment Steering Group**

To review IT equipment provision for members.

## 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## 6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS**

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **8.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

8.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint Members to various panels, advisory committees and working parties.

## **9.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION**

9.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their committee places

## **10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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## **APPENDICES**

1. Statutory and Advisory Committees, Working Parties and Panels Membership 2016/2017

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

Previous reports on the appointment of panels, statutory / advisory committees and working parties and amendments made during the year and the Council's Constitution.

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>17 May 2016</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>19 May 2015</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>9 June 2014</b>

## STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND PANELS – MEMBERSHIP 2016/2017

### (1) STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS

(listed under relevant portfolio)

#### (a) ADULT SOCIAL CARE

##### **Discharge from Guardianship by Wirral Council under the Mental Health Act 1983 Panel (2:1:0)**

(Members appointed from membership of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

##### **Vacancy**

Councillor Moira McLaughlin

Councillor Bruce Berry

#### (b) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

##### (i). **Education Staff Panel (4:2:1 plus named deputies)**

Councillors	Paul Doughty Tony Smith Walter Smith Bernie Mooney	Deputies – Councillors	Chris Meaden
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Councillors	Wendy Clements Cherry Povall	Deputy –	Councillor Paul Hayes
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Councillor	Stuart Kelly	Deputies – Councillors	Alan Brighthouse Chris Carubia
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##### (ii). **School Appeals Panel**

Lay Chairs: Mr P Alcock, Mrs A Barker, Mr J Butler, Mr N Orme, Mrs S Reynolds, Mr J Smallthwaite, Mr D Spencer, Mrs J Turner, Mrs H A Wells and Mrs H Welsh

##### (iii). **Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE) (4:2:0)**

Councillors	Tony Smith Walter Smith Bernie Mooney Moira McLaughlin	Deputies – Councillors	Phill Brightmore Julie McManus <b>Vacancy</b>
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Councillors	Wendy Clements Cherry Povall	Deputy –	Councillor Paul Hayes
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**(iv). Wirral Schools Forum (Funding Consultative Group)**  
 Observers (2:1:0)

Councillor Bernie Mooney  
 Councillor Tony Smith  
 Councillor Wendy Clements

**(v). Wirral Children’s Trust Board (2:1:0)**

Cabinet Member – Councillor Tony Smith  
 and Councillors Chris Meaden and Wendy Clements

**(c) PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

3 Political Group Leaders plus, as co-optees, the Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Children and Family Services, Councillors Chris Jones, Janette Williamson and Tony Smith

Group Leaders’ nominees as deputies, Councillor Ann McLachlan, Councillor Lesley Rennie and **vacancy**

**(d) STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND DEVOLUTION**

**Independent Remuneration Panel** (4 persons who are not members of the Council and who are not disqualified from being a member)

Don Latham (Chair), Ray Allan, Nunzia Bertali, Pauline Brown

**(2) ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**  
 (listed under relevant portfolio)

**(a) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**(i). Young People’s Advisory Group**  
 (8 Council Members - 3:3:2)

Councillors	Tony Smith Chris Meaden Walter Smith	Deputy –	Councillor Jean Stapleton
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Councillors	Paul Hayes Wendy Clements Cherry Povall	Deputy –	Councillor Tracey Pilgrim
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Councillors	Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly	Deputy –	Councillor Phil Gilchrist
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**(ii). Corporate Parenting Group (2:2:2)**

Councillors Chris Meaden, Tony Smith  
 Councillors Cherry Povall, Wendy Clements  
 Councillors Alan Brighthouse, Phil Gilchrist

**(iii). Schools' Joint Consultative Committee  
 (7 Council Members - 3:2:2)**

Councillors	<b>Vacancy</b> Tony Smith George Davies	Deputies – Councillors	Julie McManus Moirá McLaughlin Bernie Mooney
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Councillors	Wendy Clements Cherry Povall	Deputy – Councillor	Paul Hayes
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Councillors	Dave Mitchell Chris Carubia	Deputies – Councillors	Alan Brighthouse Phil Gilchrist
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**(iv). Safeguarding Reference Group (established by Council 15 December, 2014)**

The Leader of the Council; the Leaders of the second and third largest groups on the Council; the Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, the Chair and spokespersons from People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Deputies for Members – Councillors Ann McLachlan, Lesley Rennie, **vacancy**

The Chief Executive, the Executive Director for Strategy, the Director for Children, the Head of Children's Specialist Services, the Director for Health and Care, the Head of Adult Social Services Delivery, the Corporate Safeguarding Manager, a representative of the Assistant Director: Law and Governance, the independent chair of Wirral LSCB and the SAPB.

**(b) ENVIRONMENT****Wirral Climate Change Group (1:1:1)**

Councillor Bernie Mooney  
 Councillor Tom Anderson  
 Councillor Dave Mitchell

**(c) TRANSFORMATION, LEISURE AND CULTURE****(i). Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee (4:2:2)**

Councillors Chris Meaden, George Davies, **Vacancy**, Jean Stapleton  
 Councillors Cherry Povall, David Elderton  
 Councillors Stuart Kelly, Alan Brighthouse

**(ii). Hilbre Island Nature Reserve Management Committee (2:4:2)**

Councillors Jerry Williams, Tony Smith  
Councillors Gerry Ellis, John Hale, Jeff Green, Geoffrey Watt  
Councillors Alan Brighthouse, Stuart Kelly

**(iii). Members' Development Steering Group (4:2:1)**  
(Membership amended at Council 19/12/16)

Councillors Tony Norbury (Chair), Julie McManus, Walter Smith, Paul Stuart  
Councillors Chris Blakeley, Wendy Clements  
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

**(iv). Members' Equipment Steering Group (2:2:2)**

Councillors Stuart Whittingham and Ann McLachlan  
Councillors Jeff Green and Steve Williams  
Councillors Alan Brighthouse and Chris Carubia



## ANNUAL COUNCIL

16 MAY 2017

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2017/2018</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request the Council to nominate representatives of the Council to serve on, or continue as members of, various outside organisations in 2017/2018.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to appoint or nominate, as the case may be, elected members, officers or others (as appropriate) to represent the Council on the outside organisations identified in Appendix 1, where appointments are still required.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council is required to appoint Members to a variety of outside organisations.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The bodies to which appointments are to be made are set out in Appendix 1, with the 2016/2017 year's representation as a guide.
- 3.2 The schedule attached at Appendix 1 has been updated to reflect the current bodies to which Members are required to be appointed to for 2017/18.
- 3.3 The bodies are listed under the relevant Cabinet portfolio or Committee.
- 3.4 Attendance by elected members at meetings of these outside bodies has been designated as an approved duty unless there are specific reasons for not doing so (e.g. where another authority pays expenses to its members).

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT; STAFFING AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 7.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Annual Council meeting shall appoint Members to outside organisations.

### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their outside body places.

## 9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report, however, some of the organisations to which nominations are made represent such groups as the elderly, ethnic minorities and those with disabilities.

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## APPENDICES

1. Outside Organisations' Membership 2016/2017

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

Previous reports on the appointments to outside organisations and amendments made during the year and the Council's Constitution.

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>17 May 2016</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>19 May 2015</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>9 June 2014</b>

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## APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2016/2017 (grouped under portfolio or Committee)

**Note:** Where ratios are quoted, the first figure refers to the entitlement of the Labour Group, then Conservative, then Liberal Democrat.

### (A) LEADER – STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND DEVOLUTION

#### (i). Birkenhead Business Improvement District Board

Councillor Jean Stapleton  
Alan Evans - Strategic Commissioner: Growth

#### (ii). Birkenhead Market Limited/Birkenhead Market Services Limited – Director

Vacancy

#### (iii). Chrysalis (General Partner) Limited - Director

Councillor Ann McLachlan

#### (iv). Conservation Area Advisory Committees

<u>Conservation Area</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>
Barnston	Phillip Brightmore
Bidston	Julie McManus
Bromborough Pool	Warren Ward
Bromborough Society	Irene Williams
Caldy	Jeff Green
Clifton Park	Jean Stapleton
Eastham	Chris Carubia
Frankby	Wendy Clements
Friends of Birkenhead Park	Jerry Williams
Gayton and Heswall	Kathy Hodson
Hoyle Meols Drive/King's Gap	Gerry Ellis
Lower Bebington	Jerry Williams
Mount Wood	Angela Davies, Tony Norbury, Denise Realey
Oxton	Paul Doughty
Port Sunlight	Warren Ward
Rock Park	Chris Meaden
Saughall Massie	Bruce Berry
Thornton Hough	Cherry Povall
Thurstaston	David Elderton
Wellington Road, New Brighton	Pat Hackett, Tony Jones, Christine Spriggs
West Kirby Society	David Elderton

**(v). Liverpool City Region Combined Authority**

Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Davies  
Councillor Ann McLachlan (substitute member)

**(vi). Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel (2:0:0)**

Councillors Anita Leech and Mike Sullivan\*  
\*Appointed as Authority Scrutiny Link

**(vii). Liverpool City Region Boards**

Employment and Skills Board                      Councillor Phil Davies

Housing and Spatial Planning Board      Councillor George Davies

**(viii). Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership - Director**

Leader of the Council – Councillor Phil Davies

**(ix). Mersey Maritime Group Ltd (1:1:0)**

Councillor      Jean Stapleton  
Councillor      Lesley Rennie  
Councillor      Phil Davies (Co-opted Member)

**(x). Mersey / Dee Alliance (1:1:1)**

Councillor      Stuart Whittingham (or nominee)  
Councillor      Steve Williams              (or nominee)  
Councillor      Dave Mitchell                      (or nominee)

**(xi). North Birkenhead Development Trust (Director)**

Councillor Ann McLachlan

**(xii). North Western Local Authorities Employers' Organisation**

Councillor Adrian Jones  
(Deputy – Councillor Phil Davies)

**(xiii). NW Regional Leaders' Board (Nomination)**

(Under review as part of the LCR governance review. Currently the 3 Merseyside representatives are chosen by the Leaders and Mayor)

**(xiv). Wirral Chamber of Commerce**

Alan Evans - Strategic Commissioner: Growth



**(xv). Wirral Growth Company Ltd**

David Armstrong (Assistant Chief Executive) - Director

**(xvi). Wirral Partnership**

Leader of the Council – Councillor Phil Davies (Chair)

**(B) ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

**(i). Age UK**

Councillor Chris Jones

**(ii). Arch Initiatives - Wirral Management Committee**

(Appointments no longer required as has been taken over by Kaleidoscope Project with different board structure)

**(iii). Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership Trust: Appointed Governor**

Councillor P N Gilchrist (Appointed for 3 years until 17 October 2019)

**(iv). Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust**

Councillor Mike Sullivan (Appointed for 3 years until 27 September 2017)

**(v). John Lloyd Corkhill Trust**

Councillor Chris Jones

**(vi). Merseyside Society for the Deaf (1:1:0)**

Councillor Louise Reecejones

Councillor David Elderton

**(vii). Wirral Evolutions – Shareholder Board**

Councillor Chris Jones

**(viii). Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust - Governors (1:1)**

Councillor Kathy Hodson )

Councillor Christina Muspratt) Appointed for 3 years until 17 October 2019

Deputy: Director for Health and Care

*(Members appointed to the trust cannot also be members of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee or its proposed replacement, the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee)*

**(C) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**(i). Birkenhead Sixth Form College Governing Body**

Vacancy (1 Nov 2015 to 31 Oct 2019)

**(ii). C E Gourley VC Endowment Fund**

Councillors Geoffrey Watt  
Gerry Ellis

**(iii). Edsential – Shareholder Board**

Councillor Tony Smith  
David Armstrong (Assistant Chief Executive)

**(iv). Lower Bebington School Lands Foundation (1:1:1)**

Councillor Christina Muspratt  
Councillor Cherry Povall  
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

**(v). National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children**

Councillor Tony Smith

**(vi). St Bridget’s Educational Trust**

Councillor Gerry Ellis

**(vii). West Kirby Residential School**

Councillor Eddie Boulton

**(viii). Wirral Play Council Executive Committee (1:1:0)**

Councillor Chris Meaden  
Councillor Wendy Clements

**(ix). Wirral Play Partnership (1:1:1)**

Councillor Chris Meaden  
Councillor Cherry Povall  
Councillor Alan Brighthouse

**(D) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**(i). West Kirby Charities** (the Council is able to nominate up to 8 trustees)

Councillor D M Elderton (appointed until 7 September 2017)

Councillor E Boulton	(appointed until 16 October 2017)
Mr David Stevenson	(appointed until 30 October 2018)
Ms Nadine Smith	(appointed until 18 October 2020)
Councillor Geoffrey Watt	(appointed until 26 April 2020)
Mrs Alison Wright	(appointed until 30 October 2019)
Mrs Victoria Gawith	(appointed until 18 April 2019)
Mrs Gill Conlon	(appointed until 30 January, 2017)

(ii). **Wirral Council for Voluntary Service - Management Committee**  
(Management structure changed – appointments no longer required)

(iii). **Wirral Multicultural Organisation (1:1:1 plus a Ward Councillor)**

Councillor	Ann McLachlan
Councillor	Ian Lewis
Councillor	Stuart Kelly
Councillor	Phil Davies (Ward Councillor)

**(E) ENVIRONMENT**

(i). **Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee**

Councillor Bernie Mooney

(ii). **Local Government Association Coastal Issues Special Interest Group**

Councillor Stuart Whittingham  
(Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure)

(iii). **Manchester Port Health Authority**

Councillor Ron Abbey  
(Deputy – Vacancy)

(iv). **Mersey Port Health Committee (3:2:1)**

Councillors	Ron Abbey	Deputies – Councillors	Tony Jones
	Bernie Mooney		<b>Vacancy</b>
	Stuart Whittingham		

Councillors	Steve Williams	Deputies – Councillors	David Burgess-Joyce
	Gerry Ellis		John Hale

Councillor	Alan Brighthouse	Deputy –	Councillor	Chris Carubia
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(v). **Merseyside Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Partnership**

Councillor Bernie Mooney (Cabinet Member – Environment)

**(vi). Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (1:1:0)**

Councillor Tony Norbury\*  
Councillor Steve Williams.

*\*Nominated for the purposes of Section 41, Local Government Act 1985*

**(F) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**(i). Leasowe Community Homes Management Board**

Councillors Treena Johnson  
Adrian Jones  
Anita Leech  
Bernie Mooney  
Christine Spriggs

**(ii). Magenta Living – Board members (3:1)**

Councillors Stuart Whittingham  
Steve Foulkes  
Vacancy  
Councillor Jeff Green

**(iii). Magenta Living: Community Fund Working Group**

Councillor George Davies (Cabinet Member)  
Lisa Newman (Head of Operational Housing Services)  
Tom Sault (Assistant Director: Finance)

**(iv). Magenta Living: Governance and Membership Committee**

Councillor George Davies

**(v). Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (3:1:0)  
(Not an Approved Duty)**

Councillors Chris Meaden\*  
Brian Kenny  
Jean Stapleton  
Councillor Lesley Rennie

*\*Nominated for the purposes of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985*

**(vi). Merseyside Police and Crime Panel (1:1)**

Councillors Moira McLaughlin  
Cherry Povall

**(vii). Wirral Community Safety Partnership (1:1:1)**

Councillors George Davies  
David Burgess-Joyce  
Alan Brighthouse

**(G) TRANSFORMATION, LEISURE AND CULTURE**

**(i). Beechwood Play and Community Centre Joint Management Committee**  
(Has moved outside the Council's control – appointments no longer required)

**(ii). Charing Cross Play, Youth and Community Centre Joint Management Committee**

Councillors Phil Davies  
**Vacancy**  
Jean Stapleton  
Chris Meaden

**(iii). Gautby Road Play & Community Centre Joint Management Committee**  
(Bidston and St James Ward Councillors)

Councillors Julie McManus  
Ann McLachlan  
Brian Kenny

**(iv). The Lauries Centre**

Councillor Jean Stapleton

**(v). Leasowe Play, Youth & Community Association Joint Management Committee**

Councillors Ron Abbey  
Treena Johnson  
Anita Leech

**(vi). Local Government Association: General Assembly (3:1:0)**

Councillors Phil Davies  
George Davies  
Ann McLachlan  
Councillor Jeff Green

**(vii). Mayer Trust, Bebington**  
(Appointments to this body will be subject to review as the Trust is currently reviewing its constitution)

Councillors Jerry Williams  
Cherry Povall

Dave Mitchell

**(viii). Merseyside Cultural Forum**

Councillor Ann McLachlan (Cabinet Member for Transformation, Leisure & Culture)

**(ix). New Ferry Village Hall Joint Management Committee**

(Has moved outside the Council's control - appointments no longer required)

**(x). Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society**

(Notified by the Society that appointments no longer required)

**(xi). Seacombe Community Association (Council)**

Councillor Paul Stuart

**(xii). SIGOMA (LGA Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities)**

Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Davies, or nominee

Councillor George Davies is the Leader's current nominee, and the other Group Leaders or their nominees have been authorised to attend as observers.

(Councillor Chris Blakeley is an observer.)

**(xiii). Tam O'Shanter Cottage Trust**

Councillors **Vacancy**

Chris Meaden  
George Davies  
Steve Foulkes  
Bruce Berry

**(H) TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**(i). Active Travel Forum (1:1:1)**

Councillor Christina Muspratt

Councillor Wendy Clements

Councillor Phil Gilchrist

**(ii). Merseytravel Committee of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority  
(Not an Approved Duty) (3:1:0)**

Councillors Ron Abbey\*

Steve Foulkes

Jerry Williams

Councillor Les Rowlands

*\*Nominated for the purposes of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985*

**(iii). National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee**

Councillor Stuart Whittingham  
(Deputies – Councillors Lesley Rennie and Dave Mitchell)

**(I) LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE**

**(i). North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority**

Councillor Bernie Mooney

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