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CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WALLASEY

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

<u>Present:</u>	Councillor	B Mooney (Chair)	
	Councillors	B Berry P Hackett C Jones T Jones A Leech I Lewis	L Rennie P Stuart T Usher J Williamson S Williams
<u>Apologies</u>	Councillors	RL Abbey C Blakeley P Hayes	T Johnson AER Jones C Spriggs

21 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

Councillor Anita Leech declared a personal interest, by virtue of her being Chair of the Planning Committee, in any discussion that might arise with regard to questions on a proposed golf resort in Hoylake, agenda item 4, 'Public Question Time'.

Councillors Pat Hackett and Tony Jones declared prejudicial interests by virtue of them being a member and a deputy, respectively, on the Planning Committee, if there was any discussion with regard to questions on a proposed golf resort in Hoylake, agenda item 4, 'Public Question Time'.

Councillor Ian Lewis declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, 'Wirral Pedestrians' Association Request: Nomination of a Road Affected by Pavement Parking', by virtue of his membership of the Wirral Pedestrians' Association'.

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Ron Abbey, Chris Blakeley, Paul Hayes, Treena Johnson, Adrian Jones and Chris Spriggs, and also community representative, Sarah Spoor.

23 **MINUTES**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Wallasey Constituency Committee meeting held on 27 September, 2017, be approved.

24 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chair informed the meeting that before opening the floor to questions, Susan Brown, Chair of the Wirral Society of Arts would address the Committee on the Wirral Libraries Troll Trail.

The objective of the 'Troll Trail' was to increase usage of the Borough's libraries. The need for an increase in income was acknowledged, and an increase in usage of and footfall at libraries was needed. The Society had undertaken a survey into library usage and it had found that many people did not know their library opening times and that, in some areas where many people did not have computers, many did not know that they could access IT at libraries.

With the 'Troll Trail' young people would be encouraged to make their own troll with salt dough and take it to their local library up to 1 June, 2018; the trolls would be judged and small prizes awarded. The 'Troll Trail' was supported by leaflets providing links to library opening times and details of facilities available, and samples of leaflets and the salt dough were circulated at the meeting. The approach had been supported by and would be promoted through the Wirral Festival of Firsts.

The Chair then thanked Susan Brown for her presentation.

The Chair then asked for questions from Rev. Father Leon Ostaszewski, and he asked about the proposed artwork for the Liscard 'gateways'. He also raised the matter of bus stop markings at the Belvidere Road / Wallasey Road junction and the road surface at Leander Road.

In response, Caroline Laing, Constituency Manager, stated that the artwork would be funded by the Wirral Chamber of Commerce and would be replaced very shortly.

Caroline Laing then informed the meeting that a number of questions had been received in advance of the meeting and each of these together with the responses were read out to the meeting; the questions and responses were also appended to the minutes. Those people who had submitted questions in advance and had indicated that they would be present at the meeting were asked if they would like to personally ask their question, Mr Simpson of Greasby asked his question in respect of affordable housing.

A number of questions had also been received in respect of the proposed Golf Resort in Hoylake and she read out each of these in turn.

The Chair informed the meeting that a list of frequently asked questions and responses in respect of the proposed Hoylake Golf Resort were provided and copies were available at the meeting. They could also be viewed [here](#). She also informed the meeting that there were no officers present at the meeting to answer any of these questions but that the proposed resort had not yet been agreed and feasibility studies were still to be considered.

The Chair then invited any further questions from members of the audience.

Questions were raised regarding the condition of the highway and pavements at the junction of Atherton Street and St George's Mount, New Brighton and also the pavement and a redundant vehicle crossing near to the corner of Dudley Road and Albion Street.

Another questioner raised the issue of parking charges to be introduced at New Brighton asking when they would be implemented, how much money would be raised and what would it be spent on.

Councillor Pat Hackett stated that he would respond to both questioners.

A further question was asked regarding the correlation between air pollution and Alzheimer's and the proposed Hoylake Golf Resort.

Public Questions and Responses attached

25 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' UPDATE

Jenni Jones gave an update to the Committee and informed the meeting of real positive shifts in local communities getting involved.

26 WIRRAL TOGETHER - WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee received a presentation from Rachael Musgrave, Consultant in Public Health on matters relating to the future of neighbourhood working.

A review considering the effectiveness of current neighbourhood working arrangements had been undertaken. The Constituency Committees were part of the current approach, the Committees being formed several years ago to replace Area Forums to provide an opportunity for residents to hear updates on local services and to raise issues. Reference was made to a study indicating that 97% of people felt that local communities would improve if people had an input, but that around 51% of Wirral residents felt they had no influence; this suggested that things had to change if the Council wished to

increase participation. This was important as 75% of the actions related to the 2020 Vision and Pledges required local working and resident involvement.

The review into Constituency Committee effectiveness had considered what other models there were for neighbourhood working in use elsewhere; what value could be placed on investment to date; and what were the views of partners, residents and councillors.

Rachael Musgrave advised that a review of approaches elsewhere revealed a variety of approaches but none that had been formally evaluated. While there were some success factors, such as in differing ways of engagement and in ensuring ownership and transparency, there was no particular answer but to find the best way forward for Wirral. Looking at social value and return on the Committees' budget expenditure since 2013, while acknowledging that individual Committee's adopted their own priorities and approaches the review had shown an average £2.68 return for every £1 Committee grant. In seeking the views of others, there was a consensus that work with partners and the community had both to be done and be valued, and that community action made a difference.

It was concluded that one size would not fit all, and that existing networks should be used to engage with agencies and with communities, as opposed to expecting them to come to the Council. It was felt that a Committee meeting was not necessarily the best way to approach this. Other considerations from consultation were that small grants and seed funding was really useful; that the dedicated officer support for Councillors benefited the process in tackling issues and making connections; there was a need for a 'community builder' to better connect local groups; but there was a feeling of apathy with the political system.

A Member expressed the view that he felt that this was just tinkering at the edges and that what was needed was not just an evaluation but more funds to support community groups. Another Member expressed the wish to see the development of stronger ties with local communities.

The Chair thanked Rachael Musgrave for her presentation and it was then –

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

Working with Local Communities Presentation attached

27 **WIRRAL PEDESTRIANS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST: NOMINATION OF A ROAD AFFECTED BY PAVEMENT PARKING**

Councillor Ian Lewis informed the meeting that the Wirral Pedestrians' Association was asking each Constituency Committee to nominate a road affected by pavement parking which would then be monitored.

Councillors then suggested the following four roads:

- Grosvenor Road, New Brighton
- Digg Lane , Moreton
- Maldwyn Road, Liscard
- Gardenside, Leasowe

Councillor Lewis stated that the Association would be grateful to receive all four suggestions and then decide which would be selected.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Heaton, Wallasey

Question:

How many dogs are allowed to be kept in a single dwelling and how long can they be left alone for?

Answer:

Colin Clayton (Senior Manager Environmental Health/Trading Standards)

There is no definitive answer as it would come down to the welfare needs being met for that particular dog and situation. Useful information from DEFRA's (the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs will be emailed to Mr Heaton.

Any concerns about a dog's welfare should be reported to the RSPCA or Wirral Council Environmental Health.

Additionally, if the property is rented from a private or social landlord there may be limitations on whether pets can live at the property or alternatively, restrictions on the number and type.

Mr Croston, Wallasey

Question:

What is happening to the vacant land in Walmsley Street, Egremont. A surveyor has been taking measurements, what are they relevant to?

Answer:

Planning permission was granted to Wirral Methodist Housing Association on 22 February 2018 for the construction of two semi-detached wheelchair accessible bungalows (reference: APP/18/00002).

Mr Ellis, Moreton

Question:

The streetlights in the car park next to Moreton Library have not been working for months now. Is there any plan to have them repaired?

Answer:

Paul Graves (Senior Assistance Engineer - Street Lighting)

Jeannette Royle (Senior Manager – Asset Management)

Repairs were undertaken on some of the lights recently, however a number of these columns require full replacement. Any longer term replacement required will be

incorporated into the regeneration activity which will be undertaken by the Wirral Growth Company.

Mrs Mullen, Wallasey

Question:

I would like to see police presence on Leasowe Road for a time, because of the now continual under-taking that has become dangerous on the road. This is happening at the traffic lights by Wallasey Village station and by the junction of Bayswater Road. Frightening to see, and there are a number of schools in the vicinity. Possibly a speed camera would help.

Answer:

Inspector Paul Harrison (Merseyside Police) has raised this issue with the schools officer for the area Constable Kelly Atherton and the local Leasowe/Moreton team to review. Contact will be made with the questioner to discuss and progress.

Mr McCracken, Wallasey

Question:

I filled an online questionnaire concerning the proposed change over our recycling system. I received a letter asking me to display a NO to this system, which I have done. Why does the council want to spend £1.5 million pounds on this when it is obvious as soon as you step out of your front door (depending on where you live) that this money could be used to improve other areas?

Answer:

Claire Brandwood, Team Leader (Waste Prevention)

The Council carried out a thorough investigation into the potential changes to the waste collection system, which are required for the Council to meet the national 50% recycling target by 2020. At this time, a final decision is yet to be confirmed, we do not anticipate a service change in the near future.

In the meantime, the Council has implemented a new Waste Management Plan, to maximise the efficiency of our current collection systems and help our residents to manage their waste correctly and recycle all that they can from the kerbside.

This plan includes:

- A full review of the additional bin authorisation list – to ensure that only those residents that meet the criteria and demonstrate that they are recycling fully are permitted to present an additional green rubbish bin.
- Implementation of the new requirement for a waste audit to be carried out for any new additional bin requests – where a property meets the thresholds to be considered for an additional bin, but is not recycling correctly, advice will be provided.
- Continuing subsidy of the grey recycling bins.
- Targeted recycling communications to those areas where recycling participation is low.
- Review of the Council's own waste management arrangements.

- Working with partners to promote recycling.

Mr Dodd, Wallasey Village

Question:

Can something be done about the parking/abandoning of vehicles in Village Way during term time they are causing hazards to services such as the refuse collection and access to Emergency vehicles. At the end of the school day parents totally disregard waiting and parking restriction signs and wait on pavements and block access to junctions again causing access restrictions to all vehicles.

Answer:

Sgt Marc Roberts (Merseyside Police)

The local PCSO has been tasked to call into the school and ask them to put signs up re double parking. It will also be ensured that staff are made aware of the issues and be visible during dropping off times. If they are clearly blocking junctions or parked dangerous then police have the power to issue obstruction notices if appropriate.

Andy McCartan (Commissioning Services Manager)

Our enforcement officers have visited this location and a request has been made for the yellow lines to be re-painted on the highway, this should enable a more proactive enforcement of vehicles that are parked in contravention of the restrictions. It has been noted that the main occurrences are during a short period at the end of the school day.

Miss Stothard, Birkenhead

Question:

When will WBC stop spending public money on the felling of and dismemberment of trees across the Borough and in all settings? Since 2011 many thousands of trees have been felled for no scientifically verifiable reason at enormous cost to the public. The rate at which this has happened is increasing year on year. Many are felled during the nesting season, which is illegal under the Wildlife & Countryside Act. Twenty plus healthy white poplars at the Gunsite, Leasowe and all of the willows surrounding one of the Greasby ponds on Saughall Massie Road are just two examples of multiple fellings.

Parks & Countryside employs 150 plus persons and yet [named officer] has proved unable and unwilling to meet with me and/or to justify this Borough-wide policy.

No investment is required to leave trees standing in the ground. So my question is, when will WBC stop committing public spending on this willful destruction, instead of saving money, trees and our future at the same time?

Answer:

Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council recognises that trees present across the council's estate provide a wide variety of benefits to the organisation, to individuals, visitors, the local

community and to society as a whole. As a consequence, WMBC accepts, among a number of responsibilities in connection with the estate, a commitment to protect and enhance the benefits provided by the trees as far as possible as part of the overall estate. The benefits provided by the trees within WMBC's estate include:

- Public and visual/landscape amenity
- Leisure/recreation
- Ecological – biodiversity/habitat/protected species
- Public health and well being
- Historic/landscape/heritage
- Timber production/coppice products
- Environmental – global climate change and local climate regulation

In addition to protecting and preserving the benefits provided by the trees across WMBC's estate, WMBC acknowledges that it has a legal duty to take such reasonable care that might be considered to be expected of a reasonable and prudent landowner and to manage risks to a level that can be considered to be as low as reasonably practicable.

WMBC aims to exercise a balanced and proportionate management strategy with regard to tree risk and risk management decisions are made whilst also taking into account the benefits of trees within the estate.

Questions to which the individual has requested to ask themselves:

Mr Ogorman, Upton

Question:

Stop Magenta and Bamboo selling our houses is it lawful?

Answer:

Magenta Living:

Magenta Living has provided an extract from a recent tenants' newsletter which explains the position.

Mr Simpson, Greasby

(first question)

Question: Does Wallasey, Seacombe, Moreton, need affordable homes, when the homeless and people using food banks are crying out for social housing. Is this council once again, ignoring the wishes of its residents.

Answer:

Lisa Newman (Head of Housing)

Nationally it is recognised that there is a shortage of affordable homes and Wirral is no different with some 2,200 people registered on the Council's housing register with a priority need. There is need for affordable accommodation across a number of areas in the borough and that includes Moreton, Seacombe and Wallasey. The Council works on a number of levels to deliver affordable housing for people who need it including working with registered provider partners (such as Magenta, Regenda, Wirral Methodist Housing Association to name a few). We do this by working together to secure funding from Government and

using our own local authority land assets to build on. The Leader of the Council also specifically set aside a programme of investment to target new build provision in areas including Seacombe, Moreton and Wallasey so they could benefit from affordable housing. Since 2011 301 units of affordable homes have been built in these areas through the Council and partners working and investing together with a further 61 units currently on site and another approx. 150 in design stage, a demonstration of our commitment and recognition.

In respect of foodbanks we are aware by working in partnership with the Food Bank that many people who are using this service are not homeless they have homes and are feeling the financial pressure due to a range of issues. In 2018 alone we know that 49% of people referred into the service was because of needing help due to benefit changes and delays - increasing as a result of the roll out of Universal Credit, 1% of those accessing the service were homeless demonstrating that access to this service is wider than a homelessness issue. However through programmes such as those highlighted we are helping increase the provision of accommodation that is affordable for local people.

Golf Resort

Mr Simpson, Greasby

Question:

Why does WBC, ignore the wishes of the majority to accommodate the few. I am talking of course about the closures within the constituency. That of Girtrell Court, the closure of Upton fire station and the removing of the night shift at Wallasey fire station. The building of Hoylake Golf Resort, when so many people are against it at a current rate of 15 to 1 against. The impact of the New Service Road will have on Saughall Massie. The borrowing and then loaning of £26m to a flawed joint venture vehicle, when shops in New Brighton, Wallasey and other areas are closing. Would this money be better spent elsewhere to help the community? Why are WBC going against Labour Party Policy and that of the Local campaign forum. Do you think that this is what we have voted for?

Mr McDonald, Liscard

Question:

Why is Wirral Council lending money to a developer to fund a speculative housing/ golf course development on green belt land? Could the money not be better used to fund local social care budgets?

Ms Adamson, Saughall Massie

Question:

In light of budget proposals, reduced services and staff how can Wirral council justify borrowing 26 million pounds to build a Luxury housing complex and golf course, borrow millions of pounds to other councils and print a paper the vast majority of Wirral people have never seen?

Miss O'Rourke, West Kirby

Question:

New research by Newcastle University has found that urban areas could be much more severely affected by climate change than previously thought. In some cases the amount of water per flood could double. With properties in Moreton already having regular flooding problems, is it a good idea to be reducing the capacity of the Birket flood plain by building a golf resort and luxury housing estate on it?

Ms Clough, Upton

Question:

Wetlands are increasingly being seen as a sustainable way to manage flood risk. With climate change, Moreton is likely to suffer even more flooding problems. So why is Wirral Council refusing to fund a £10k feasibility study into a wildfowl and wetlands centre as an alternative to the Hoylake Golf Resort?

Dr Jones, West Kirby

Question:

I would like to ask what the effect of the proposed Hoylake Golf resort will be on the risks of flooding downstream of the Birket as the flood plain will be affected.

Also, whether there is a greater need for affordable housing in Saughall Massie, Moreton and Wallasey than for high value housing in the West Wirral constituency.

Ms Stothard, Prenton

Question:

1. The CPRE has released a study into new roads that were justified on the basis that they would benefit the local economy. It found that economic benefit was slower than expected, did not materialise at all or was just as likely to suck money out of the local area as to bring it in. So why is the Council proposing to spend £16million on roads straight from the motorway to the Hoylake golf resort and what impact will it have on passing trade in Moreton?

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Mr Barnes

(question sent to Michelle Gray, Engagement Officer)

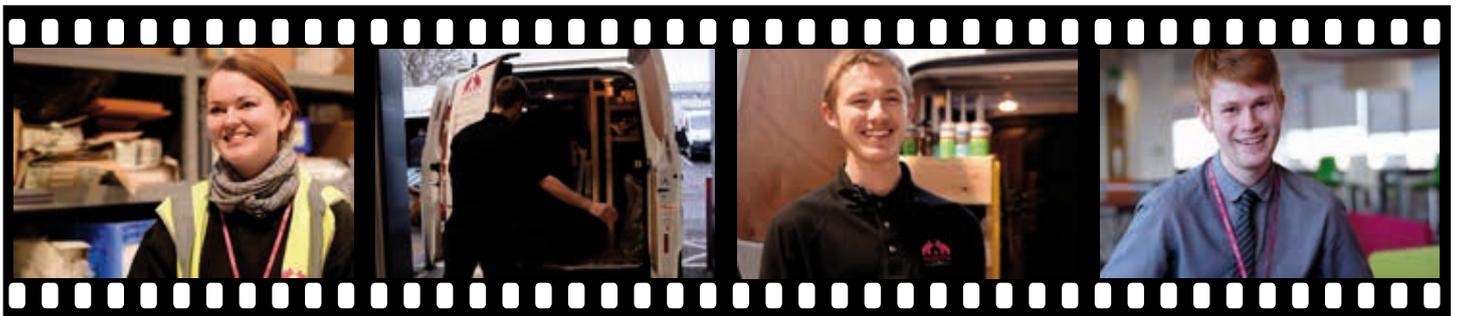
Properties in Moreton have suffered repeated flooding because the surface water sewers are unable to discharge into the River Birket and Arrowe Brook. Why is the Council proposing to add to the problem by increasing flood flows discharging into these rivers from a proposed golf resort and housing estate built in a known flood zone?

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Bamboo Lettings was established in August 2016 following the Government announcing a 1% rent reduction to housing association rents over a four-year period. Magenta Living had to make savings of many millions of pounds to meet the Governments' rent reductions. In order to help fund existing services and build new affordable housing we looked at other ways to bring income in to meet the shortfall.

Bamboo Lettings is a joint venture company between Magenta Living and St Helens/Warrington based housing association Torus Housing Group. Both organisations have similar issues with a drop in income and by working together we could share the costs of setting up the new venture.

Bamboo's purpose is to let a small number of properties (less than 1% of our total stock) at market rent as opposed to the social and affordable rents charged by Magenta Living. Any surplus that Bamboo makes is reinvested back into Magenta Living to support other activities and projects that we deliver, to ensure we focus on our vision of providing homes and building communities where all can thrive. The properties let by Bamboo are for a period of up to five years and the properties remain owned by Magenta Living during this time. The additional income will help subsidise Magenta Living's work.



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Magenta Living is supporting this year's National Apprenticeship Week with the theme for this year being 'Apprenticeships Work'.

To find out more about how apprentices work at Magenta Living look out for our short films on our website magentaliving.org.uk and on our social media channels.

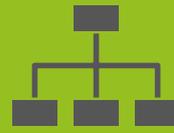
The following provides an overview of Bamboo Lettings to help you understand more about its function as part of Magenta Living's structure.

Bamboo Lettings offers assured short-hold tenancies



Magenta Living carries out any required work to properties before letting, but paid for by Bamboo Lettings

Repairs are carried out by Magenta Living technicians



Bamboo Lettings is part of the Magenta Living structure

Magenta Living has around

13,000

properties



Bamboo Lettings will have a small number of properties

100

properties



Properties are spread across Wirral



Income generated from Bamboo Lettings will be re-invested back to Magenta Living



Details about Bamboo Lettings have been shared with Magenta Living's Umbrella Group.



WIRRAL TOGETHER

Working with our local communities

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

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- ❑ **97% of residents** agree that their local communities could be improved if there was a greater input from residents. (LGIU).
- ❑ 51% of residents identified 'working closely with residents' as **the best possible solution** to the current concerns about public service funding. (LGIU).
- ❑ Half of Wirral residents (51%) **do not believe** that they can influence decisions affecting their area, a feeling which extends across all constituencies. (Residents' Survey).
- ❑ 75% of the Pledge Delivery Action Plans **require local working and resident involvement & action**, as do many of the new service delivery models.



WHAT WE'VE DONE

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- ❑ During Summer 2017 Cllr Patrick led a review to explore how the Council, and the wider Wirral Partnership, currently works with local people. This looked at:
 - *Models of 'neighbourhood' working*
 - *The social value of investments made through Constituency Committees*
 - *Views from community groups/networks, staff, partners and elected members to identify opportunities to deliver the Wirral Plan with communities.*

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- ❑ Visited other areas to explore how they work with communities.
- ❑ Work with our partners to develop ideas for working with local people.



'NEIGHBOURHOOD' WORKING MODELS

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- Identified that most areas use a variety of different approaches and arrangements for how Council's work with residents and that these vary across the country.
- There are no formally evaluated models therefore evidence on whether some models have advantages over others is lacking.
- 'Success' factors: initial investment, different ways of engagement with local people, ownership and transparency.
- 'Challenging' factors: cultural change by residents and local authority staff, differing views on allocation of funds, finding ways to involve residents, pooling budgets and realising savings.
- There is an increasing move to engagement approaches away from disaggregated service models.

SOCIAL VALUE OF CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE INVESTMENTS

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- Appraised the core budget (e.g. £50k/Committee) expenditure only for the period 2013 – 2017.
- £566,000 has been spent on approximately 269 projects; 20 projects were funded in Birkenhead, 39 in Wallasey, 19 in Wirral South and 191 in Wirral West.
- Varied investment model operate in each Committee area e.g. small scale commissioning or grant schemes.
- Investments reflected the local priorities identified in the Residents Survey e.g. ASB and clean ups in Birkenhead and Wallasey and green space in Wirral South and Wirral West.
- An evaluation of a cross section of projects resulted in an estimated average social value of around £2.68 per £1 spent.
- Recommended that investments should continue to be evaluated, that there should be clarity on local and central investments and establish ways to sustain projects that have been tested locally.

SOCIAL VALUE OF WALLASEY CC INVESTMENTS

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- 39 projects funded for the period 20 13 – 2017.

Category	Birkenhead	Wallasey	Wirral South	Wirral West	Total
Antisocial behaviour	3,111	837			3,948
Cleanups e.g. Community cleanup days, fly tipping removal	26,954	2,489	1,063	2,000	32,506
Community projects eg small grants programme, celebration days	62,742	41,160	1,250	23,245	128,397
Projects to reduce food poverty such as food banks or community food hubs, and lunch clubs	47,800			5,347	53,147
Individual level programmes eg young people mental health, dementia support, playschemes	2,000	35,005	41,432	26,051	104,488
Information - eg noticeboards and local newsletters/papers	-	2,547		7,260	9,807
Insight - understanding more about population	-			1,000	1,000
Lighting (mainly Xmas)		56,737	2,750	8,457	67,944
Repairs and improvements, including workshop equipment, kitchens, floors, halls, furniture	10,000	357	15,367	35,874	61,599
Sports and sports clubs				14,466	14,466
Parks, green spaces, allotments, and plants			38,631	38,932	77,563
Other				12,737	12,737
Total	152,607	139,132	100,493	175,369	567,601

- More spend on antisocial behaviour and clean-ups and the most spend on lighting

VIEWS FROM LOCAL PARTNERS*

* communities, staff, partner orgs and Cllrs

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- Collaborating with communities requires a partnership approach to be effective and is highly valued by all stakeholders. Examples cited; Improving Life Chances, Eastham Connects, litter picks, door knocks etc.
- Wirral communities are diverse and have varying assets, needs and interests. Better use of existing community networks and engagement through action was suggested. Constituency committees were not considered to be the right forum for engaging with local people for a variety of reasons.
- Small grant/seed funding was reported as enabling community action. Support for community groups to leverage external funding, skills for community organising and information about what's happening in local areas were all highlighted as ways to facilitate resident action.
- Dedicated officer support for Cllrs is valued to support speedy resolution of concerns in local areas. Views from community stakeholders suggested that 'community builder' support was needed to better connect local groups.
- Community insight highlighted apathy regarding the political system and that the relationship between residents and organisations is fragile.

NEXT STEPS

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

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- Feedback and engage with all Constituency Committees throughout March 2018
- Present a report to Cabinet reflecting the findings from this work in the new municipal year
- Continue to work with the Wirral Partnership to deliver the Wirral Plan with communities

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Thanks for listening Any questions?

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