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## CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WIRRAL SOUTH

Wednesday, 7 March 2018

<u>Present:</u>	Councillors	C Carubia P Gilchrist C Muspratt C Povall L Rowlands	J Walsh W Ward I Williams J Williams
	Community Reps	P Wright K Sutton	M Wright M Craig
<u>Apologies</u>	Councillors	D Mitchell A Hodson K Hodson	T Pilgrim A Sykes R Squires

### 82 **MINUTE SILENCE**

All Present stood in silent tribute to Councillor Walter Smith, who had died since the last Committee Meeting.

### 83 **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in connection with any items on the agenda and to state the nature of the interest.

A non- pecuniary interest was made by Councillor C Muspratt by virtue of one of her children working for Merseyside Police.

### 84 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Mitchell, A Hodson, K Hodson, T Pilgrim, A Sykes and R Squire (Community Rep) and D Armstrong (Officer).

### 85 **MINUTES**

The Assistant Director for Law and Governance submitted the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 October 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the Committee held on 4 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.**

**86 UPDATE PROVIDED BY MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**

In the absence of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, the Constituency Manager provided the Committee with an update between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and 4 March 2018

- Deliberate secondary fires – 33
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- Deliberate vehicle fires – 6 (2 x van, 2 x motorcycle, 1 x dumper truck & 1 x car)
- There is no particular fire hotspot in Wirral South however over the past few weeks there have been a number of deliberately started fires on Heswall Dales.
- Operation Banger – 41% reduction in deliberate secondary fires (Wirral wide) compared to 2016 There have been 3 deliberate secondary (ASB) fires in Wirral South

Cllr L Rowlands – major house fire caused by a washing machine urged everyone to check their electrical appliances.

Cllr P Gilchrist- No figures on house fires. Request that these figures to be included in the presentation for future constituency meetings.

**RESOLVED: - That Members note the update from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.**

**87 UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE**

Neighbourhood Inspector Georgina Minnery addressed the committee. Sergeant Mark Kennedy has been promoted so has moved departments. The new neighbourhood sergeant will be Angela Norstrom There is now a Police Facebook page.

Crime statistics October 2017- March 2018

- Burglaries have shot up in the affluent areas car keys been taken via letter boxes and entry via patio doors.

These cover the following criteria (acquisitive crime) - Burglary Other - Burglary Community/ Business– Burglary Dwelling + Residential – Theft of and Theft from.

- 1st April – 30th June 2017 -> 133 incidents
- 1st July - September 2016 -> 183 incidents
- 1st July - September 2017 -> 197 incidents  
(Increase of 14 incidents when comparing the two)

Updated on recent crimes

Car crash in the Tunnel 3 arrested and charged 1 a juvenile.

PCSO Phil Roberts (Bebington)

Gave an update on rewarding good behaviour, and events that had been organised; football competitions, Boxercise, Narrow boat trips and looking to provide dance/ drama events.

New mobile police station, with PlayStations games this can be sent to an area if requested.

Questions

Initiative Pedestrian Groups – damage caused to pavements, grass verges. Cards are put on vehicles to make drivers aware not to park on them. Is there anything you can do to stop this? Any incidents email Phil Roberts.

Thanks were expressed to Inspector Minnery and her hard pressed team which comprises of 4 neighbourhood sergeants, 4 police constables and 28 PCSO's.

Home Watch Scheme- contact Ray Squires for any information.

Using Facebook this is a good source to use to find information on any crime in your area.

**RESOLVED**:- That members note the update from Merseyside Police

Rachael Musgrave- Consultant Public Health gave a presentation on the work commissioned last summer by Councillor M Fitzpatrick.

Presentation attached to the minutes.

The report has been used to reflect back on what has been done with the budgets allocated to Constituencies and focusing on the next steps to take forward.

#### Questions

Cllr. Rowlands- Interesting work gone into it not surprised Wirra South got best value for our money as collaboration between all parties focusing on the parks.

Cllr. Gilchrist – Residents survey 3 years ago 30,000 through Mori when will we receive the results- concerns. Careful management of the budget year ago to carry forward can't plan continuity unless know more money going forward?

Cllr Fitzpatrick has no proposal to cut on constituency committed to going forward.

Cllr Muspratt- Agreed a lot of work has been done. Any change in the funding? She felt it was important to note that Wirral South received better return on their investments.

## 89 **WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE**

Fergus Adam's Constituency Manager presented the attached report which updated on the priorities for 2017/18 and made specific reference to the following issues or events.

3.1.2 Showcase Eastham Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 between 1pm & 3pm at the Delamere Centre.

Eastham Connect social Isolation Fund.

3.2.2 Gaps in Youth Provision - Recommendation 1.

3.3.2 Update on expenditure of the New Ferry Park's budget.

3.3.3 Update on expenditure of the Torr Park budget.

4.1 Love where you live anti dog fouling campaign - Recommendation 2.

4.2 Wirral South in Bloom applications closed 3pm Friday 2 March 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** Extend the current service level agreement with Response to provide a final twelve month period of service from the 1st of May 2018 to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at a cost of £11,093

**Resolved –** That the Councillor’s agreed the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The Love Where You Live Task & Finish Group Members meet before the end of March 2018 to agree further spend against the remaining budget.

**Resolved-** That the Councillor’s agreed the recommendation.

90 **WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Community Reps Report.

Proposed P Gilchrist seconded C Muspratt **defer consideration till next meeting to consider documents and take view on it (agreed).**”

91 **WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW UPDATE 2017-18 QUARTER THREE**

The Constituency Manager presented the Wirral Plan Overview Update 2017-18 Quarter One.

**Resolved :-** The report was unable to be sent out with the minutes so as the members have not had time to read the report this item is deferred till the next meeting.

92 **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER(APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES) INCLUDING RESPONSES ASKED AT THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chair reported to the meeting due to the number of emails relating specifically to Hoylake Golf Resort that a statement would go out with the minutes he opened the issues up for comments.

Councillor’s who are on the Planning Committee as members or deputies noted an interest and didn’t take part in the discussions.

1. New Ferry Disaster and the funding still required for the rebuild to properties. Where was the money going to come from?  
The major issues for existing traders trying to continuing to trade what can be done to help them survive?

2. Fouling by Horses why can't fixed penalty notices be issued?

Ans. The make of the material is neither offensive nor toxic.

3. Road Flooding Issues- many areas's where highlighted by members and it was agreed that members would get together and draw up a list and approach North West water to address the issues collectively.

4. Susan Brown (Creative Arts) Promoted the Libraries in the communities and the difficulties they face with limited resources and a way to increase footfall for the libraries an new initiative of The Troll Trail asking everyone to make a troll with the salt dough provided and take to their local library and asked everyone present spread the word to all the residents in your communities to take part and use their Libraries.

Mr G Roberto

Q1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and partners have decided to close the services at Eastham Walk in Centre and announced it 5 days before the ceasing of services. As far as I can tell they have not adhered to their Statutory Duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to fully engage with the public, patients, carers and service users. Can you supply list of stakeholders and patients, service user's reps, who have been involved, copies of governance papers and correspondence, related to this matter?

Q2. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and partners, have stated that the recent closure is only a "temporary measure" and therefore I would appreciate confirmation of when Eastham Walk in Centre will fully re-opening?

Q3. Can you set out your long-term plans for developing services at Wirral NHS Eastham Walk in Centre and at other Wirral South locations?

Mr D Bird

Q4. Closer cross party working on Eastham Walk in Centre he has organized a petition on change .org and also has a written petition, a face book page has been set up Friends of Eastham NHS Walk in Centre; please encourage people to make posts on it.

Mr L McDonald

Q5. The Delamere Centre Eastham provided an update in the Social Isolation Scheme met with Constituency Manager as Community Rep. K Sutton not well the launch date has been delayed.

Ms S Bramwell

Q6. Wirral Society of Arts an open invitation had been sent to all Councillors for 6 October very few responses, if unable to make that date group ward visits could be arranged.

Ms L Clyne

Q7. Cross party working this doesn't appear to be happening now over the New Ferry Disaster as the Conservatives are going back on the agreement to pursue funding from the Government.

The Council have used money from the reserves but more is still needed from Central Government.

It was brought up that the victims in the Grenfell Towers Fire all were given £5,000 but nothing given as New Ferry not seemed by Central Government a big enough disaster.

93 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is 6pm, 20th June 2018, venue to be confirmed.

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# Wirral South Constituency Committee

Minute Annex C



# Councillor Walter Smith 1934-2017

## Item 1

# MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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## Item 2

# APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Tracey Pilgrim
- Cllr Dave Mitchell
- Cllr Kathy Hodson
- Cllr Andrew Hodson
- David Armstrong
- Ray Squire (Com Rep Heswall)

## Item 3

# MINUTES (Pages 1-46 reports pack)

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## Item 4

# UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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Delivered by Constituency Manager (Fergus Adams) on behalf of Mike Buratti – Arson Officer Wirral

## Item 4

**Date range:** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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# UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Insp Georgie Minnery

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## Item 6

# WIRRAL TOGETHER- WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Rachael Musgrave- Consultant in Public Health

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# WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

## 20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

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Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

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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

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

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# '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 models 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.

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- 19 projects funded for the period 2013 – 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,607</b>	<b>139,132</b>	<b>100,493</b>	<b>175,369</b>	<b>567,601</b>

- More spend on green space and mental health
- Wirral South - Tackling Social Isolation SROI £1.08 for every £1
- Wirral South - Support for Parks – Dawstone, Mayer, New Ferry, Torr Parks SROI £8.30 for every £1
- Wirral South – One to One Youth Counselling Service SROI £7.20 for every £1

# 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

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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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# WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE (Pages 47 - 58)

Constituency Manager, Fergus Adams.

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3.1.2 Eastham Connects (see appendix two)

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# SHOWCASE EASTHAM

**SAT 10th MAR, 1 - 3PM**

Delamere Centre, Delamere Ave, Eastham CH62 9ED

Are you interested in getting involved in a new activity locally? Why not come along and meet the people behind the groups and activities across Eastham?

There's no pressure to join any of the groups on show, just have a brew and a chat. There will be something on offer for all ages with play equipment for tots and young children too. Tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches will be provided.

*So why not join us and see what Eastham has to offer you?*

Find us on Facebook [@easthamconnects](#) or ring Kevin Sutton (of the Delamere Centre) on [07948 251 171](tel:07948251171) for more info.



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## 3.2.2 Gaps In Youth Provision

- The current service level agreement is due to conclude on the 30th of April 2018
- The original tender process allowed for two by one year extensions, one of which has already been initiated
- Elected members that sat on the last extension evaluation panel in favour of a further 12 month extension
- Funding exists within the current Gaps in Youth Provision budget to facilitate this proposed extension (see recommendation one)

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### Appendix Four:

"I see Kate every Thursday she has helped me with my anxiety and my suicidal thoughts and my low mood. She is so funny she always makes me feel 100% better every Thursday her personality makes me happy and understand I'm ok"

**"Kate is really funny and she makes me feel relaxed and able to talk. She is my happy angel!"**

"Having our sessions at Heswall Library has been a great place as it's easier for me to get to after school as well as me being more comfortable area"

"I see Kate on a Friday in Eastham, I like to come and have a chat with her about my mum"

"I see Kate in Heswall because I struggle with my emotions around food. When I came to see Kate I had a bad relationship with food but now coming here Kate has helped me to realise that food was never the problem, it was what I thought about the food. I feel in control again and happy being me thanks to Kate"

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3.3.2

New Ferry Park spent £3,027 so far with remaining budget of £6,113.29

Work completed so far includes:

- 2 bin relocations
- 1 new bin
- 7 thermoplastic Dog Fouling Signs
- 2 small entrance signs
- 1 large entrance sign
- 1 heritage board – Longfellow Drive

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### 3.3.3

Torr Park advisory board have spent £24,456.63 with £34,683.66 left to be allocated.

Work completed so far includes:

- 2 picnic benches
- 5 double sided benches
- Relocation of existing backed bench
- 1 bin
- 1 large entrance sign
- 1 small entrance sign
- Re-alignment of Eastham Village Road path
- Resurfacing of Lodge entrance path
- Rotation of 5-a-side pitch
- Paint for goalposts (Friends/Volunteers will paint in the Spring)
- Play equipment
- Hedgehog
- Snake trail
- Palisades
- Re-location of Springer

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4.1

## Love Where You Live Anti Dog Fouling Campaign

The initiative ran for 5 consecutive Saturdays and featured a mixture of engagement, education and enforcement across all five wards in Wirral South (table two details the specific dates and locations).

Throughout the 5 week period: **3 dog fouling Fixed Penalty Notices** were issued, the table below details the number of **Litter** related FPNS (throughout the entire 5 week period)

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Ward	5 Week Total	On Event Specific Saturday
Bebington	24	1
Bromborough	28	0
Clatterbridge	0	0
Eastham	4 + 3 re. dog	1
Heswall	10	0

See Recommendation two re. remaining spend

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### 4.2 Wirral South In Bloom

Applications closed 3pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March

15 applications received totaling £3,050

Applicants will be contacted by the end of week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2018

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## Item 7 Pg 47

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**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The Love Where You Live Task & Finish Group Members meet before the end of March 2018 to agree further spend against the remaining budget

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# WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Verbal update from Wirral South Community  
Representatives

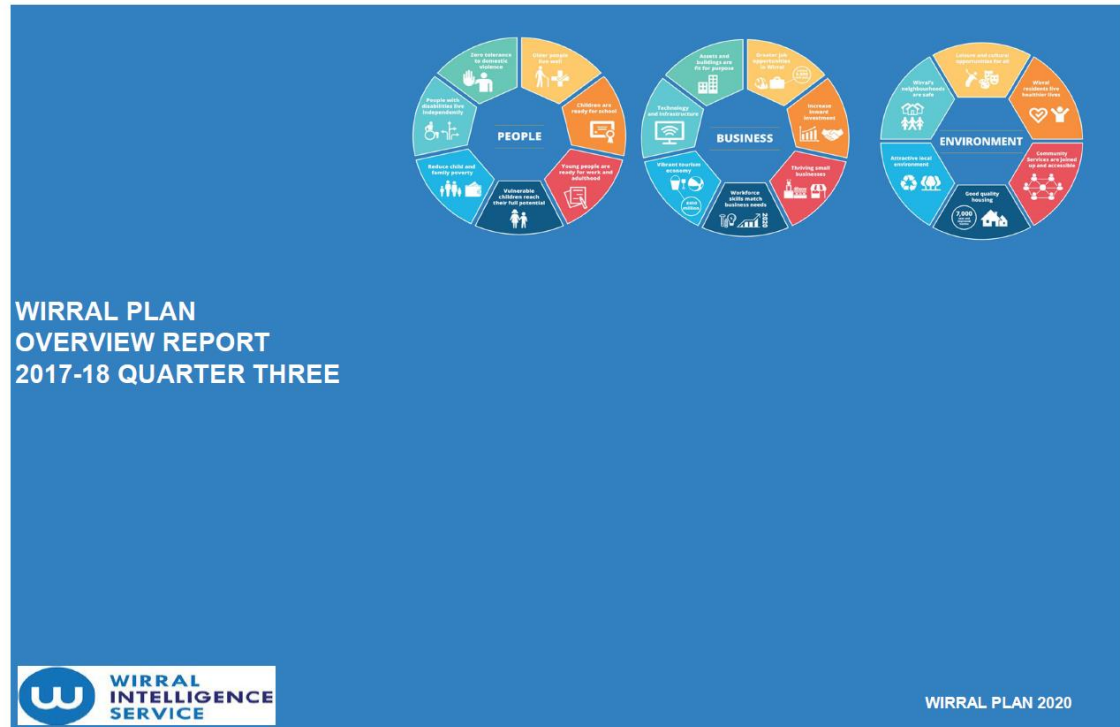
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## Item 9

# WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW UPDATE 2017- 18 QUARTER THREE

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Verbal update from  
Constituency Manager-  
Fergus Adams



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## Item 10

# PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

(APPROXIMATELY 20  
MINUTES)

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## Item 11

# DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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