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Council Annual Meeting (Part 2 – Business)

Town Hall Wallasey

4 May 2018

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Tuesday**, **15 May 2018 (Part 2 – Business)** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects:

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Council are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest, in connection with any matter to be debated or determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 22)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 March, 2018.

4. PETITIONS

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

5. ELECTION RESULTS - 3 MAY 2018 (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive and note the report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Local Government Election held on 3 May, 2018.

6. 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).

7. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

To consider the reports of the Director of Governance and Assurance on the following matters:

- A. APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2018/19 (Pages 25 44)
- B. APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND PANELS 2018/19 (Pages 45 54)
- C. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS (AND / OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS) TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS 2018/19 (Pages 55 68)

Director of Governance and Assurance

1. July

COUNCIL

Monday, 19 March 2018

<u>Present:</u>	The Civic Mayor (Councillor Ann McLachlan) in the Chair
	Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Geoffrey Watt)

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

121 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members, the following declarations of interest were made:-

- (1) A declaration of personal interest in agenda item 9a Local Development Framework' was declared by Councillor Doughty by virtue of professional employment (minute number 131 refers).
- (2) Declarations of personal interest in agenda item 10 'Notice of Motion', insofar as it related to Motion 1 and the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority, were declared by Councillors Kenny, Meaden, Rennie and Stapleton by virtue of their appointment by the Council to the

- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (minute numbers 128 and 141 refers).
- (3) Declarations of personal interest in agenda item, 10 'Notices of Motion', insofar as it related to Motion 7 and trades union membership, were declared on behalf of members the Labour Group (minute number 147 refers).
- (4) Declarations of personal interest in agenda item 10 'Notice of Motion', insofar as it related to Motion 8 and Merseytravel, were declared by Councillors Foulkes, Norbury, Rowlands and Williams by virtue of their appointment by the Council to the Merseytravel Committee (minute number 148 refers).

122 CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Mayor advised on the recent retirement from membership of the Council by John Hale following 43 years service as a member of the Council. The Mayor, supported by the Leaders of the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups paid tribute to Mr Hale's exemplary service to the Council and his constituents, and wished him well in his retirement.

Mr Hale addressed the Council and expressed his thanks to the Mayor and the Council for their words.

The Council gave Mr Hale a round of applause following his address.

- (b) The Mayor advised that Dan Stephens, Chief Fire Officer, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority, along with Councillor Dave Hanratty, Chair of the Authority, had been invited to address the Council in connection with the first Notice of Motion at agenda item 10. The Chief Fire Officer would be invited to address the Council prior to item 6 on the agenda.
- (c) The Mayor noted that as this was the final Council meeting of the Municipal Year, it would be her last full Council meeting as Mayor and also as an elected member, as she was to retire at the forthcoming elections following 18 years as a member of the Council. The Mayor expressed her thanks to Members of the Council, the Deputy Mayor and her husband / consort, Bill for their support in her Mayoral year. Thanks were also expressed to senior officers and the Monitoring Officer for their help, and to staff in Democratic Services for their support and help at Council meetings.
- (d) The Mayor announced that the Andy Day Memorial Cup, awarded to the backbench member of the Council who had shown dedication and selflessness during the Municipal Year in memory of the late Councillor Andy Day, was to be awarded to Councillor Julie McManus.

The Leader of the Labour Group, supported by the Leaders of the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups, thanked the Mayor for her service as Mayor and first citizen of the Borough over the past year.

123 PROCEDURAL MOTION

It was moved by Councillor Anita Leech and seconded by Councillor Phil Davies that Standing Order 9(1) be suspended and Motions 1, 2 and 3 at agenda item 10 be debated with the guillotine coming into effect after that.

Upon being put to the vote, it was -

RESOLVED (46:6) –

That Standing Order 9(1) be suspended and Motions 1, 2 and 3 at agenda item 10 be debated with the guillotine coming into effect after that.

124 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Budget Council held on 5 March 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

125 **PETITIONS**

In accordance with Standing Order 21, the Mayor received one petition submitted by Councillor Stuart Kelly on behalf of nine residents of Duncote Close and Eldon House asking for yellow lines to be placed at the junction with Village Road.

RESOLVED:

That the petition be noted and referred to the appropriate Chief Officer in accordance with Standing Order 34.

126 CABINET MEMBER QUESTION TIME AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with Standing Order 8(c), Councillor Chris Blakeley moved and Councillor Lesley Rennie seconded that agenda item 9F 'Cabinet Member Question Time at Council Meetings' have precedence and that the recommendation of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee at a meeting held on 27 February 2018 (Minute 11(2) refers) such that Cabinet Member question time at meetings of the Council be extended to 45 minutes be approved.

Upon being put the vote the Motion was declared to be carried. It was therefore -

RESOLVED (52:0) -

That the agenda item 9F 'Cabinet Member Question Time at Council Meetings' have precedence and the recommendation that Cabinet Member question time at meetings of the Council be extended to 45 minutes be approved.

127 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr J Brace, having given the appropriate notice in accordance with Standing Order 10, asked a question on the management of financial risks associated with the Hoylake Golf Resort project and Councillor Phil Davies, Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Growth, responded accordingly.

Mr Brace asked a supplementary question in accordance with Standing Order 10, and Councillor Phil Davies, Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Growth, responded accordingly.

128 MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Dan Stephens, Chief Fire Officer, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority had been invited to address the Council in connection with the first Notice of Motion at agenda item 10 which related to cuts to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority and the impact on delivering public safety. Councillor Dave Hanratty, Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority, also attended for consideration of this item.

The Council was advised that the Authority had faced significant challenges since 2004, including a 50% real terms cut in revenue support since 2010/11. The financial challenges would, by 2020, see a loss of 350 firefighters and 200 support staff when compared to 2010, with a 50% reduction in immediately available appliances.

The impact of the cuts in financial support had been significant. Changes the Authority had had to make on Wirral would not have been recommended had it not been for the financial challenge, and had only been approved as the 'least worst' option. Despite the challenge, it had been ensured that each appliance was staffed by five fire fighters; this was not necessarily the case elsewhere.

The current position meant that large incidents presented a significant challenge. Such large incidents did not prevent other ongoing calls on the service, and the level of support provided by Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester fire and rescue services following the major incident at

the Echo Arena on new years day 2018 would not have been required a decade ago. The Home Office had been briefed on issues related to that incident, and a meeting was to be held with the relevant government Minister to express concerns.

The Council was asked to support the Motion before the Council that had been supported by the members of the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority.

129 LEADER'S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' AND CHAIRS REPORTS

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

Councillor Steve Foulkes asked a question of Councillor Stuart Whittingham, Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure referring to recent adverse weather considerations and asking for a report on the response. Councillor Whittingham referred to comments made at the Budget Council meeting and the thanks expressed for those staff who had worked all hours during the adverse condition. The comments had been fed back to the staff concerned and been gratefully received.

Councillor Chris Blakeley asked the Leader of the Council for an update on his recent visit to New York. Councillor Phil Davies advised that the Bloomberg Foundation and Harvard University funded the City Leadership Initiative, inviting Mayors and Leaders from a number of cities around the world to share experiences on matters of common interest and concern. Matters considered included achieving inclusive growth, ensuring local people benefit from investment and job creation, and ensuring children and young people are school ready; the intention was to continue dialogue and the sharing of good practice. Attendance, which had been funded by the Bloomberg Foundation at no cost to the Council, was considered to have benefits for the Liverpool City Region.

Councillor Phil Gilchrist asked Councillor George Davies, Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, whether the creation of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) provided Wirral with further opportunities to increase the number of affordable homes in Wirral, and what work was being undertaken with Housing Associations to meet local needs? Councillor George Davies advised that the MHCLG had a single plan which set out their objectives and how they will achieve them. The plan set out a range of measures which continue to provide opportunities for Wirral to build on its successful record of delivering new affordable homes in the borough, in particular through the existing Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme. The Council was continuing to work with Registered Providers to identify new development sites and opportunities to provide more

affordable homes in the borough. In addition, the Council is continuing to review and identify potential Council sites which could be recommended for sale to Registered Providers for the development of new affordable homes and also has in place capital programmes to provide funding for the development of new affordable housing, including the provision of Extra Care Housing to meet local needs.

Councillor Paul Stuart asked Councillor Matthew Patrick, Cabinet Member for Localism and Engagement for an update on the neighbourhood working review. Councillor Patrick advised that he and Rachael Musgrave had, between them, attended all four Constituency Committees to advise on progress and emerging messages. Informal reports indicated that these sessions had been generally well received, and he hoped that all members felt engaged in the process. Final emails would be sent to community and other interested groups in the near future.

Councillor Lesley Rennie asked Councillor Matthew Patrick, Cabinet Member for Localism and Engagement whether spending £¼M on Wirral View, and a further £140,000 in the next financial year, was delivering value for money on community engagement. Councillor Patrick, acknowledging difficulties with delivery, advised that he believed Wirral View was a sensible approach given previous approaches spent more money with less result.

Councillor Dave Mitchell referring to a number of complications arising with the project, asked Councillor Stuart Whittingham, Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure when the new road bridge at East Float would be in place. Councillor Whittingham advised that a number of events outside the control of the Council had occurred, but that the right combination of tide and weather were now awaited to allow installation.

Councillor Tony Smith raised concerns with Councillor Bernie Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, noting the implications arising from implementation of Universal Credit and the reduction in the income threshold to qualify for school meals. Councillor Mooney advised that the implications regarding Universal Credit and any impact on the pupil premium linked to school meal take-up were difficult to understand and assess. The position was a concern as the poorest children needed help, as being fed was a determinant in increased learning. Schools also had the potential of losing significant education funding sums from any reduction in the Pupil Premium. The Council was making efforts to ensure that as many eligible parents as possible signed up for free school meals.

Councillor Wendy Clements gave notice of a question to Councillor Angela Davies, Cabinet Member for Transformation who was not in attendance, asking when details of the review of libraries, leisure and recreation would be shared with user groups and others.

Councillor Chris Carubia asked a question of Councillor Stuart Whittingham, Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, querying why Members, when recently approached to submit suggested roads for repair, had been asked not to put forward names of roads for repair which had been submitted previously. Councillor Whittingham advised that a list for investment was maintained, and this Highways Officer list was one aspect in determining works which were programmed following site surveys.

Councillor Bruce Berry, in noting that the Safer Wirral Hub was now fully operational, asked Councillor George Davies, Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, whether Wirral would now be better placed to deal with the nuisance of scrambler bikes. Councillor George Davies advised that this was the case, and that the police would now be in a better position to react as concerns were raised.

Councillor Kelly, referring to the removal of free school meals through changes to Universal Credit, asked the Cabinet Member for Children and Families if she would intensify the message to parents to claim before 1 April 2018 to ensure schools retained their pupil premium, including via school websites. He asked whether, as the Council would have names and addresses for the new cohort starting school in September 2018, parents be contacted now about free school meals. Councillor Bernie Mooney agreed to consider the options, and advised that the Council was taking all steps to make sure parents signed up soon.

Councillor Pat Cleary asked a question of Councillor Phill Brightmore, Cabinet Member for the Environment, regarding the commitment to eliminate single use plastics and queried progress in their removal from Council buildings. Councillor Brightmore advised on removal of plastic cups and efforts to ensure that coffee cups were recyclable.

Councillor Les Rowlands asked the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Councillor Stuart Whittingham, what had been done to fill the 12 school crossing patrol vacancies. Councillor Whittingham advised that such roles had been traditionally difficult to recruit to, especially so in light of welfare reforms and the limited hours. Efforts to recruit were still ongoing.

Councillor Chris Carubia queried whether any consultations had been undertaken in respect of direct payments as referenced in the report of the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health. Councillor Christine Jones advised that work was being undertaken to see what approaches suited people best; some consultations had been undertaken and approaches adopted elsewhere had been looked into. She undertook to keep the Councillor updated.

Councillor David Elderton gave notice of a question to Councillor Chris Spriggs, Cabinet Member for Delivering Differently who was not in

attendance, asking when the report by PricewaterhouseCoopers costing £79,000 for integrating health and social care services was to be published.

Councillor Ian Lewis, noting the reported drop of 11% in anti-social behaviour complaints reported to Merseyside Police as contained in the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, advised of issues raised concerning bike thefts and asked if the Cabinet Member was prepared to meet with him and a concerned group of bike owners. Councillor George Davies indicated his agreement.

Councillor Dave Mitchell, in referencing road conditions, asked Councillor Stuart Whittingham, Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, what process and what pressure was put on United Utilities to ensure that their access covers were level with the highway, referencing a particular case on the A41. Councillor Whittingham advised these were pursued if reported, and asked for the particular issue to be referred to him to look into.

In response to a query from Councillor Les Rowlands concerning an update on the Pothole Fund, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Councillor Stuart Whittingham, advised that detail was available on the Council's website.

Councillor Ian Lewis, referencing Universal Credit, queried with the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Bernie Mooney, as to whether the Council had taken part in a consultation undertaken free school meals. Councillor Mooney undertook to respond in writing to the query.

Councillor Wendy Clements queried issues that had been raised with regard to the birthing centre being provided at Seacombe Children's Centre. The Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Bernie Mooney, advised of meeting with people who had concerns about the facility, and of the importance for women that attend the unit to have their babies feeling they were in a safe environment.

Councillor Bruce Berry expressed a concern to the Leader of the Council relating to the disposal of land and related costs in association with a development at Girtrell Court. Councillor Phil Davies undertook to respond in writing to the Councillor.

Councillor Steve Foulkes noted to Councillor Bernie Mooney, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, the implications for free school meals linked to Universal Credit would not apply to Northern Ireland.

130 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Phil Gilchrist asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure concerning issues with traffic lights on the New Chester

Road between Bolton Road and Stanley Lane, Eastham. Councillor Stuart Whittingham responded accordingly.

131 VACANCIES

In accordance with Standing Order 25(6) the Council was requested to deal with the following matter in respect of the membership of a committee –

Councillor Ian Lewis to replace John Hall as a full member of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

With the consent of the Council, Councillor Phil Davies moved and Councillor George Davies seconded that Councillor Christina Muspratt be removed as a substitute member of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and that a replacement name be forwarded to the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED -

That the appointments and appointment arrangements be confirmed.

132 MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Standing Order 5(2) several matters had been submitted for approval or consideration by the Council and were determined as indicated in Minutes 132 - 138 below.

133 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Councillor George Davies moved and Councillor Phil Davies seconded the recommendation of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety (and Deputy Leader of the Council) of 21 December 2017 such that the revised Local Development Scheme be adopted and come into effect on the day following the Council resolution.

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed. It was -

RESOLVED (51:0) (One abstention) –

That the revised Local Development Scheme be adopted and come into effect the day following this meeting of the Council.

134 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Councillor Phil Davies moved and Councillor George Davies seconded the recommendation of the Cabinet from a meeting held on 26 February 2018

(minute 87 refers) that the calendar of meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be adopted.

An amendment moved by Councillor Phil Gilchrist and seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell, which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9) and circulated in advance, such that the calendar be adopted subject to an additional meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 17 September 2018 was voted upon and lost (20:31) (One abstention).

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed. It was

RESOLVED (32:17) (One abstention) -

That the calendar of meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year, as recommended by the Cabinet, be adopted.

135 RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCAL CHOICE FUNCTIONS

Councillor Phil Davies moved and Councillor George Davies seconded the recommendation of the Cabinet from a meeting held on 28 February 2018 (minute 95(6) refers) such that Paragraph 16 of Responsibility For Local Choice Functions at Table 1 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution be amended so that the decision making body for the appointment to a body or office reads 'The Council or in respect of executive function the Leader or Cabinet'.

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed. It was

RESOLVED (46:6) (One abstention) -

That paragraph 16 of Responsibility For Local Choice Functions at Table 1 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution be amended so that the decision making body for the appointment to a body or office reads 'The Council or in respect of executive function the Leader or Cabinet'.

136 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19

The Council considered a report setting out the requirement for Councils, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, to determine and publish annual pay policy statements. The statements were required to set out policies relating to Chief Officer remuneration, including salary, allowances, and enhancements at termination; remuneration of the Council's lowest paid employees; and the relationship between Chief Officer remuneration and that of other employees. The report further advised that a new Foundation Living Wage rate was announced by The Living Wage Foundation on 1 November 2017, the new Living Wage rate being £8.75 per hour, an increase of 30p.

Councillor Phil Davies moved and Councillor George Davies seconded the recommendations to introduce the revised National Living Wage rate of £8.75 per hour, effective from 1 April 2018, and to approve the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2018/19.

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed. It was

RESOLVED (51:0) (One abstention) - That -

- (1) the revised National Living Wage rate of £8.75 per hour, be introduced with effect from 1 April 2018; and
- (2) the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2018/19 be approved.

137 ROAD TRAFFIC (VEHICLE EMISSIONS) (FIXED PENALTY) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2002

Councillor Paul Stuart moved and Councillor Steve Foulkes seconded the recommendation of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a meeting held on 30 November 2017 (Minute 33(2) refers) such that the Council adopt Part 6(3) of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002.

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed. It was -

RESOLVED (51:0) (One abstention) -

That the Council adopt Part 6(3) of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002.

138 AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION IN THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

Councillor Moira McLaughlin moved and Councillor Paul Stuart seconded the recommendation of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee at a meeting held on 27 February 2018 (minute 16 refers) for the amendment of the Scheme of Delegation in the Council's Constitution in respect of matters related to the authorisation of Officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to drivers of idling vehicles pursuant to Part 6 of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 and the identification of the Cabinet Member for Environment being the person to hear and determine matters in respect of Schedule 1 s7 of the Scrap Metal Act 2013.

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed. It was

RESOLVED (51:0) (One abstention) -

That the recommended amendments to the Scheme of Delegation in the Council's Constitution be adopted.

139 APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

Councillor Phil Davies moved and Councillor George Davies seconded the recommendation of the Employment and Appointments Committee at a meeting held on 6 March 2018 (Minute 21(9) refers) asking that the Council approve the revision of the post of Assistant Director: Law and Governance to that of Director – Governance & Assurance and to confirm, subject to the Council's standard pre-employment process, the permanent appointment of Philip McCourt to the post of Director – Governance & Assurance (Monitoring Officer).

Upon being put to the vote, the recommendation was agreed. It was

RESOLVED (31:20) (One abstention) -

That the revision of the post of Assistant Director: Law and Governance to that of Director – Governance & Assurance be approved and, subject to the Council's standard pre-employment process, the permanent appointment of Philip McCourt to the post of Director – Governance & Assurance (Monitoring Officer) be approved.

140 NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7(1) were reported to the Council and determined as detailed within Minutes 141 – 148 below.

141 MOTION - CUTS TO MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY AND THE IMPACT ON DELIVERING PUBLIC SAFETY

In standing to move a Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1), Councillor Brian Kenny indicated acceptance of an amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Orders 12(1) and (9) to be moved by Councillor Chris Carubia and seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell. The Council gave its agreement to the variation to the Motion as required by Standing Order 12(1), such agreement being given by general consent.

Accordingly, Councillor Brian Kenny moved and Councillor Janette Williamson seconded the following varied Motion –

"Council recognises the excellent work undertaken by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service (MFRS) in delivering community safety and prevention initiatives across Liverpool City Region, including Wirral.

Council appreciates that MFRS has to deal with a wide range of incidents, both speedily and effectively, and therefore requires diverse and appropriate resources. MFRS also supports National Resilience and is required to respond to incidents regionally, nationally and internationally, such as terrorist threats, severe weather, flooding and any incident that may have an impact on critical infrastructure.

MFRS delivers interventions that meet the needs of our communities including: 'Safe and Well' visits that target our most vulnerable residents. This Service is held in very high regard and gains access to over 50,000 homes annually, to deliver community safety interventions.

Council believes that the Government should recognise the Fire and Rescue Service is a unique public body that plans for 'risk,' not 'demand,' and therefore should fund it accordingly.

Council calls on the Government to recognise that Wirral has a number of COMAH upper tier sites and that the Borough is also at risk of extensive coastal flooding and that these factors should be taken into account.

Council is concerned that MFRS has experienced the worst budget reductions in the whole of the Country. The number of stations, engines and firefighters have all been cut drastically, thereby increasing the risk to the communities that the service works so hard to protect.

The impact of the cuts to MFRS are as follows:

	2010	2017	2020	% Reduction
Appliances (engines)	42	26	22	Minus 48%
Stations	26	25	22	Minus 15%
Fire Fighters	927	646	580	Minus 37%
Support/Control staff	507	349	309	Minus 34%

Council therefore calls on the Government to:

- 1.Cease any further cuts to the MFRS budget
- 2. Fund a real increase in firefighters' pay
- 3. Undertake a full evaluation of the impact of these cuts to date

Council wishes to place on record its wholehearted thanks and appreciation for the work undertaken by MFRS, firefighters and support staff for their dedication, commitment and continuing professionalism, in keeping our communities safe".

Following a debate conducted in accordance with Standing Order 12, and prior to the varied Motion being put to the vote, such Members as required by Standing Order 18(5) rose to request a 'card vote'.

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

For the Motion (50) - Councillors B Berry, C Blakeley, A Brighouse, P Brightmore, D Burgess-Joyce, C Carubia, P Cleary, W Clements, G Davies, P Davies, P Doughty, D Elderton, S Foulkes, P. Gilchrist, P Hackett, P Hayes, T Johnson, C Jones, T Jones, S Kelly B Kenny, A Leech, I Lewis, M McLaughlin, J McManus, C Meaden, D Mitchell, B Mooney, C Muspratt, T Norbury, M Patrick, T Pilgrim, D Realey, I Rennie, I Rowlands, A Smith, J Stapleton, P Stuart, M Sullivan, A Sykes, T Usher, J Walsh, W Ward, G Watt, S Whittingham, I Williams, J Williams, S Williams, J Williamson, G Wood.

Against the Motion (0) – None.

One abstention – Councillor A McLachlan (Civic Mayor).

The varied Motion was declared to be carried. It was

RESOLVED (50:0) (One abstention) -

That the varied Motion be approved and adopted.

142 NOTICE - LABOUR NEC INTERFERENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councillor David Burgess-Joyce moved and Councillor Chris Blakeley seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) –

"Council is concerned that the Leader of Wirral Council is currently unduly influenced in decision-making that directly impacts on the communities he serves.

Council is aware the Leader, along with other Labour council leaders across the country, has written to his party headquarters to voice his concern about National Executive Committee interference in local decisions.

Clearly involvement by a non-elected body such as the Labour Party NEC into Wirral Council workings is anathema to the very tenet of democracy and all right-thinking councillors of every party would feel it wrong.

To this end Council would ask the Leader of the Council to reiterate his disdain for such actions by the NEC and confirm to Council that no actions or

decisions he or his Cabinet have made since his letter to the NEC have, or will be, altered as a result".

Following a debate conducted in accordance with Standing Order 12, the Motion was put and lost (18:31) (Two abstentions).

143 NOTICE - CAR PARKING CHARGES AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMERCE

Councillor Stuart Kelly moved and Councillor Alan Brighouse seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) –

"This Council is concerned that the retail offer in Wirral's main retailing centres, with the range and variety of businesses, needs to be better placed to withstand the impact of online retailing and the challenges facing well know multiple chains.

Council recognises that the warning signs, evidenced in the 2014 review of charges, are becoming yet more relevant.

Council notes that the September 2014 Scrutiny Review into car parking charges at shopping centres

(http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/documents/s50021835/Car%20Parking%20Sc rutiny%20Review.pdf) considered that car parking charges should follow the following Policy Objectives:-

- P01 To support the long-term economic viability of the Borough's shopping and commercial centres.
- P02 To ensure that the price for car parking is fair and not detrimental to the economic well-being of shopping and commercial centres.

Council considers these objectives are not being met and that car parking charges are now used as a 'cash cow' to augment Council income rather than to aid local business and support centre viability.

Council notes that car parking charges make a 'profit' of in access of £800,000.

Council therefore requests Cabinet to instruct officers to work with retail organisations to develop a scheme of car parking charges that meets these objectives first identified in **2014**.

The new scheme should include an offer of a refund of £1 on a ticket where validation by participating retailers of spend of £5 or more has taken place in the shopping retail centres of Birkenhead, Liscard, Heswall and West Kirby".

Councillor Stuart Whittingham moved and Councillor Warren Ward seconded the following amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9) such that the Motion be approved subject to -

The deletion of paragraphs 1 and 2 and the deletion of all after bullet point 2 ending "economic well-being of shopping and commercial centres", and the insertion of -

"Council notes that standard rate parking charges in Liverpool One range from £2.50 to £17.00.

Council notes that here in Wirral our parking charges are reasonable and consistent with neighbouring authorities.

Council notes that many of the car parking spaces in both Birkenhead and Liscard, our major retail areas are under the ownership of the shopping centre operators.

Council notes that in partnership with local businesses in Heswall, a shopper's discount scheme is already in operation there.

Council would welcome the opportunity to work with the business community in other district centres to roll out the initiative further.

Council welcomes the formation of The Wirral Growth Company which will unlock the potential of Wirral and increase the attractiveness of our retail and commercial offer".

Following a debate conducted in accordance with Standing Order 12, the amendment was put and was carried (31:19) (One abstention).

The Motion, as amended, was put and carried. It was

RESOLVED (31:19) (One abstention) -

That Council notes that the September 2014 Scrutiny Review into car parking charges at shopping centres (http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/documents/s50021835/Car%20Parking%20Scrutiny%20Review.pdf) considered that car parking charges should follow the following Policy Objectives:-

- P01 To support the long-term economic viability of the Borough's shopping and commercial centres.
- P02 To ensure that the price for car parking is fair and not detrimental to the economic well-being of shopping and commercial centres.

Council notes that standard rate parking charges in Liverpool One range from £2.50 to £17.00.

Council notes that here in Wirral our parking charges are reasonable and consistent with neighbouring authorities.

Council notes that many of the car parking spaces in both Birkenhead and Liscard, our major retail areas are under the ownership of the shopping centre operators.

Council notes that in partnership with local businesses in Heswall, a shopper's discount scheme is already in operation there.

Council would welcome the opportunity to work with the business community in other district centres to roll out the initiative further.

Council welcomes the formation of The Wirral Growth Company which will unlock the potential of Wirral and increase the attractiveness of our retail and commercial offer.

144 MOTION - ZERO TOLERANCE OF LITTER

Councillor Phill Brightmore moved and Councillor Phil Davies seconded the following Motion, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) –

"This Council reaffirms its support for a zero tolerance approach towards litter in the Borough.

Council rejects criticism by the Green Party that our approach towards people who drop litter in Birkenhead is 'heavy-handed and ineffective' and that smokers are being targeted.

This Labour Administration makes no apology for clamping down on people who drop litter. In the last six months 1,800 litter Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued in the Birkenhead area. This is approximately half of all litter FPNs issued in the Borough. Although 93.6% of these were for cigarette litter, this simply represents the most common form of littering rather than any attempt to target smokers.

Council believes that the Green Party's stance of being soft on litter louts is not shared by the vast majority of residents who are pleased with the priority the Council is giving to tackling this issue. This Council will not tolerate littering and rejects Green party calls to do so within Birkenhead".

Having applied the guillotine pursuant to minute 123 above, the Council did not debate this matter.

Upon being put to the vote, the Motion was carried. It was

RESOLVED (49:1) (One abstention) –

That the Motion be approved.

145 MOTION - SCRAP WIRRAL VIEW

Councillor Wendy Clements moved and Councillor Lesley Rennie seconded a Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) –

"Council is concerned that the Wirral View newspaper continues to be beset with problems – including patchy distribution and low levels of external advertising.

Council believes that £254,000 spent to date, and the further £140,000 planned for 2018/19, is a waste of money and therefore calls on Cabinet to put the publication out of its misery".

Councillor Chris Carubia moved and Councillor Dave Mitchell seconded an amendment submitted in accordance with Standing orders 12(1) and (9) such that the Motion be approved subject to -

Insert after the second paragraph -

"Council notes that advertising 'income' of £85,800 was included in the Budget in 2017-18 but that only £28,000 was realised, requiring savings in services elsewhere.

Council observes that the recent edition of Wirralview incorporated the symbol 'FREE' in white letters on a blue background as part of its masthead. Council requests Cabinet to replace the 'FREE' symbol with an equally prominent statement to clarify that the publication is, in fact, funded by the Wirral Council Taxpayers".

Having applied the guillotine pursuant to minute 123 above, the Council did not debate this matter.

Upon being put to a vote, the amendment was lost (19:31) (One abstention).

Upon being put to the vote, the Motion was lost (19:31) (One abstention).

146 MOTION - SECURING SAFE ENERGY SUPPLIES

In standing to move a Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1), Councillor Phil Gilchrist indicated acceptance of an amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Orders 12(1) and (9) to be moved by Councillor Geoffrey Watt and seconded by Councillor Gerry Ellis. The Council gave its agreement to the variation to the Motion as required by Standing Order 12(1), such agreement being given by general consent.

Accordingly, Councillor Phil Gilchrist moved and Councillor Dave Mitchell seconded, the following varied Motion –

"Council recalls that, at its meeting of 18 July 2011 (Minute 28), Council unanimously approved a Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr Mark Johnston and seconded by Cllr Dave Mitchell.

The Motion responded to and set out this Council's response to public concerns at that time. These concerns remain as shown by the strong opposition to developments in Lancashire and in North Yorkshire.

As part of the motion, it was resolved that Council:

- (a) states its opposition to any application by IGas or other companies to carry out shale gas or coal gas methane testing or extraction in Wirral until such time as the Council is satisfied as to the safety of the process and that the risk of adverse environmental impacts have been fully addressed.
- (b) requests the appropriate chief officer prepare a report for the Planning Committee, the Economy and Regeneration and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees to aid members in better understanding the Council's responsibility and regulatory role in relation to gas exploration.
- (c) further requests the Economy and Regeneration OSC to include a study of the potential economic impacts of shale gas exploration and exploitation in Wirral in its workplan, including whether the impact of a proliferation of shale gas drilling on the Liverpool City Region will adversely impact on it becoming a leading area for the manufacture of low carbon technologies and development of a green economy.

Council also recalls that at its meeting of 14th July 2014 (minute 17) the Mayor had referred a Notice of Motion 'Underground Coal Gasification', which had been proposed by Cllr Geoffrey Watt and seconded by Cllr Gerry Ellis, to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee. That motion was duly considered by the Committee on 22nd September 2014

(minute 15) receiving unanimous support and was referred back to Council on 20th October 2014 (minute 52) where that recommendation again received unanimous approval.

This second motion noted the existing protections afforded to the Dee Estuary, Hilbre Islands, North Wirral Coast and Mersey Narrows, together with the growing evidence of environmental damage emerging from countries where Unconventional Gas Extraction was practiced. It also restated Council's opposition to such practices under Wirral and its surrounding coastal areas, resolved not to facilitate them and further instructed the then Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Wirral's four MPs and six neighbouring coastal authorities, informing them of Wirral's stance and inviting those authorities to pass equivalent resolutions so as to protect our shared environment.

Since the approval of these Motions, there have been a number of developments:

- i. The Prime Minister has spoken of her intention that the UK should have a secure and safe supply of energy in the future (18 October 2017). This includes the continued development of shale gas fields.
- ii. The Oil and Gas Authority issued 'Consolidated onshore guidance' in December 2017

https://www.ogauthority.co.uk/media/4622/160218_consolidated-onshore-guidance-compendium_vfinal.pdf

Within this document, Chapter 7 contains paragraphs 27 and 32 which may have a bearing on our local geology.

iii. The Planning Committee of our neighbouring Council, Cheshire West and Chester, refused application 17/03213/MIN on 25 January 2018, the Committee report and Minute being set out here:

 $\frac{http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/documents/s56155/17032}{13MIN\%20-\%20Final.pdf}$

http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=42393

The Committee felt that the application did not "mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, ensuring the development makes the best use of opportunities for renewable energy use and generation."

iv. The recent comments from the Liverpool City Region Mayor, Steve Rotheram, that there is no need or justification for shale gas extraction in the City Region given the abundance of alternative sustainable energy sources.

In the light of these developments and continuing public concern, Council requests that the Chief executive reports whether or not the eleven letters were ever sent, what if any replies were received and that officers examine

the guidance from the Oil and Gas Authority, the decision of Cheshire West and Chester's Planning Committee, along with the views of the LCR Mayor, and report further on how this Council can best maintain a robust policy and stance on this controversial process".

Having applied the guillotine pursuant to minute 123 above, the Council did not debate this matter.

Upon being put to the vote, the varied Motion was lost (19:31) (One abstention).

147 MOTION - ISS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED AT THE ROYAL LIVERPOOL & BROADGREEN UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

Councillor Matthew Patrick moved and Councillor Brian Kenny seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) –

"Council notes that staff employed by ISS Facilities Management Limited (ISS) provide vital services at the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust (RLBUHT), cleaning hospital wards, transporting patients around hospital departments and cooking for patients, visitors and staff.

Council notes the changes that ISS have made to the sick pay scheme for facilities management workers at RLBUHT and a couple of other NHS Trusts in the country, which has reduced sick pay to 12 days. Council notes that this means that staff who are the most seriously ill and most in need of time away from work, workers suffering from illnesses like cancer, heart problems or physical injuries, are the people who are faced with the difficult decision of either working when medically unfit to do so or facing severe financial difficulties due to not being paid.

Council further notes the collective grievance containing over 270 names submitted by Unite the Union to ISS management calling for the full sick pay scheme to be reinstated, which has so far been repeatedly ignored by ISS management.

Council therefore calls on ISS to negotiate with Unite with a view to reinstating the full sick pay regime so that ISS facilities management staff at RLBUHT have access to a fair sick pay scheme on the same basis available to NHS workers and ISS worker at other NHS Trusts and also calls on the RLBUHT Board and management to put pressure on ISS to make this happen.

Council requests that the Leader of the Council writes to the Chief Executives of ISS and RLBUHT outlining the terms of this motion".

Having applied the guillotine pursuant to minute 123 above, the Council did not debate this matter.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED (50:0) (One abstention) –

That the Motion be approved.

148 MOTION - SUPPORT FOR NEW TRAINS ON THE MERSEYRAIL NETWORK

In standing to move a Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1), Councillor Les Rowlands indicated acceptance of an amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Orders 12(1) and (9) to be moved by Councillor Stuart Kelly and seconded by Councillor Phil Gilchrist. The Council gave its agreement to the variation to the Motion as required by Standing Order 12(1), such agreement being given by general consent.

Accordingly, Councillor Les Rowlands moved and Councillor Chris Blakeley seconded, the following varied Motion –

"Council welcomes the decision by all members of Merseytravel Transport Committee to support the introduction of new trains on the network.

Council believes the new carriages, replacing rolling stock that is 40 years old, will improve the quality of service for all rail users and, in particular, improve access for disabled passengers.

Council also believes that the new carriages should not be used as an excuse by Merseytravel / Merseyrail to reduce security on trains. In the light of concerns that continue to be raised by the RMT and the public, Council is anxious to establish, beyond doubt, that the safety of passengers from abusive and loutish behaviour can be assured".

Having applied the guillotine pursuant to minute 123 above, the Council did not debate this matter.

Upon being put to the vote, it was -

RESOLVED (19:0) (32 abstentions) –

That the varied Motion be approved.

List of Councillors elected on Thursday 3 May 2018

The following persons were elected to fill the vacancies then existing in the wards indicated below and that all such persons will subscribe to the declaration of acceptance of office prior to the Annual Council meetings:

Bebington:

Tony Cottier, 8 Millfield Close, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 2QN

Bidston and St James:

Liz Grey, 14 Hillview Road, Irby, Wirral, CH61 4XH

Birkenhead and Tranmere:

Pat Cleary, 3 Lingdale Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 5DG

Bromborough:

Irene Rose Williams, 49 Parkhill Road, Prenton, Wirral, CH42 9JD

Clatterbridge:

Mary Jordan, 20 Chorley Way, Spital, Wirral, CH63 9LS

Claughton:

Gillian Wood, 74 Vaughan Road, New Brighton, Wirral, CH45 1LP

Eastham:

Chris Carubia, 81 Bridle Road, Eastham, Wirral, CH62 8BU

Greasby, Frankby and Irby

Wendy Jane Clements, 10 Neale Drive, Greasby, Wirral, CH49 1SL

Heswall:

Les Rowlands, 63 Sandham Grove, Heswall, Wirral, CH60 1XN

Hoylake and Meols:

Tony Cox, 2 The Creek, Wallasey, Wirral, CH45 3NW Andrew Mark Gardner, 5 Eastleigh Drive, Irby, Wirral, CH61 4YA

Leasowe and Moreton East:

Sharon Jones, 25 Grafton Street, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4UJ

Liscard:

Janette Williamson, 35 Boundary Road, Port Sunlight, Wirral, CH62 5ER

Moreton West and Saughall Massie:

Bruce Berry, 6 Merlin Close, Saughall Massie, Upton, Wirral, CH49 4PZ

New Brighton:

Christine Spriggs, 22 Hill Road, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 8TL

Oxton:

Allan John Brame, 16 Thurstaston Road, Heswall, Wirral, CH60 6RZ

Pensby and Thingwall:

Kate Marianne Cannon, Rosebank, Thornton Common Road, Thornton Hough, Wirral, CH63 0LU

Prenton:

Samantha Jane Peters Frost, 7 Eldon House, Duncote Close, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 6YA

Rock Ferry:

Moira McLaughlin, 15 Stoneleigh Grove, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 4NH

Seacombe:

Adrian Edward Rowland Jones, 10 Elmswood Road, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8DB

Upton:

Stuart Edward Whittingham, 16 Fender Way, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 7ZJ

Wallasey:

Lesley Ann Rennie, 4 Greenlea Close, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 7RU

West Kirby and Thurstaston:

Jeff Green, 181 Irby Road, Irby, Wirral, CH61 2XE

Agenda Item 7a



ANNUAL COUNCIL

15 MAY 2018

SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2018 / 2019
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND ASSURANCE

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 2018 / 2019.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to:

- (1) agree the constitution and membership of committees in 2018/19 (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 following the elections is as follows:

Labour 39 seats (59.1% of the 66 seats)
Conservative 21 seats (31.82%)
Liberal Democrat 5 seats (7.57%)
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). 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 2017/18 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 Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2017/18 had four co-optees – there is a statutory requirement to have representatives of the Roman Catholic and Church of England dioceses and of parent governors – who are entitled to vote on education matters.

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 2017/2018

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)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	15 May 2017
Council	17 May 2016
Council	19 May 2015
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APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2018/2019

(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 2018/19 following the 3 May 2018 election.

Labour	39 seats		59.1 %
Conservative	21 seats		31.82 %
Liberal Democrat	5 seats		7.57 %
Green	1 seat		1.51 %
	66 seats T	otals	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, 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	
Total	133	79	42	10	2

- (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.

Joint Authorities

(6) 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 2017/2018

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

ADULT CARE AND HEALTH (15 Council Members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
5 Conservative:	D. III.
Mondy Clamenta (C)	Paul Hayes Ian Lewis
Wendy Clements (S) Bruce Berry	David Burgess-Joyce
Gerry Ellis	Les Rowlands
Tracey Pilgrim	Jeff Green
Lesley Rennie	Cherry Povall
	Andrew Hodson
	Geoffrey Watt
9 Labour:	
Julie McManus (Chair)	Tony Jones
Moira McLaughlin (Vice-Chair)	Anita Leech
Paul Doughty	Chris Meaden
Treena Johnson	Denise Realey
Adrian Jones	Mike Sullivan
Christina Muspratt	Tom Usher
Tony Norbury	Joe Walsh
Paul Stuart Irene Williams	Jerry Williams
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1 Liberal Democrat:	
	Alan Brighouse
Phil Gilchrist (S)	Chris Carubia
	Stuart Kelly
	Dave Mitchell

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

BUSINESS (15 Council Members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
5 Conservative	Chris Blakeley
Steve Williams (S)	Lesley Rennie
Eddie Boult	Bruce Berry
Gerry Ellis	David Elderton
Ian Lewis	Jeff Green
Tracey Pilgrim	David Burgess-Joyce Adam Sykes
9 Labour:	
Mike Sullivan (Chair)	Steve Foulkes
Pat Hackett (Vice-Chair)	Tony Jones
Ron Abbey	Christina Muspratt
Anita Leech	Tony Norbury
Julie McManus	Paul Stuart
Jean Stapleton Warren Ward	Tom Usher
Jerry Williams	Joe Walsh Irene Williams
Gillian Wood	Tiene williams
Cilian Wood	
1 Liberal Democrat:	
	Alan Brighouse
Dave Mitchell (S)	Chris Carubia
	Phil Gilchrist
	Stuart Kelly

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

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

DEPUTIES
Steve Williams Bruce Berry David Burgess-Joyce Jeff Green Les Rowlands Kathy Hodson Gerry Ellis Tracey Pilgrim
Paul Doughty Paul Stuart Anita Leech Julie McManus Denise Realey Steve Foulkes Joe Walsh Irene Williams
Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell

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

ENVIRONMENT (15 Council Members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
5 Conservative: Adam Sykes (S) Bruce Berry Andrew Hodson Ian Lewis Tracey Pilgrim	Tom Anderson Paul Hayes Wendy Clements John Hale Jeff Green Eddie Boult Kathy Hodson Lesley Rennie
9 Labour: Paul Stuart (Chair) Steve Foulkes (Vice-Chair) Tony Jones Brian Kenny Christina Muspratt Louise Reecejones Tom Usher Tony Smith Warren Ward	Ron Abbey Paul Doughty Anita Leech Treena Johnson Julie McManus Denise Realey Mike Sullivan Gillian Wood
1 Liberal Democrat: Chris Carubia (S)	Alan Brighouse Phil Gilchrist Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell

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

REGULATORY COMMITTEES

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (9 Council Members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
3 Conservative:	
Jeff Green (S) David Elderton John Hale	Adam Sykes Kathy Hodson Gerry Ellis Andrew Hodson Cherry Povall Les Rowlands Tracey Pilgrim Lesley Rennie
5 Labour:	
Adrian Jones (Chair) Angela Davies Ron Abbey Paul Doughty Christina Muspratt	Tony Jones Anita Leech Julie McManus Matthew Patrick Mike Sullivan Joe Walsh Irene Williams Gillian Wood
1 Liberal Democrat:	
Phil Gilchrist (S)	Alan Brighouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell

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

EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (8 Council Members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
2 Conservative: Lesley Rennie (S) Jeff Green	Tom Anderson Wendy Clements Chris Blakeley Andrew Hodson Adam Sykes Steve Williams Paul Hayes Ian Lewis
5 Labour: Adrian Jones (Chair) Phil Davies (Vice-Chair) George Davies Moira McLaughlin Bernie Mooney	Chris Jones Pat Hackett Chris Meaden Matthew Patrick Jean Stapleton Tony Smith Stuart Whittingham Janette Williamson
1 Liberal Democrat: Phil Gilchrist (S)	Alan Brighouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell

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

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE (15 Council Members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
	No provision for deputies
4 Conservative:	
Andrew Hodson (S) David Burgess-Joyce Les Rowlands Steve Williams	
10 Labour:	
Bill Davies (Chair) Tony Norbury (Vice Chair) Ron Abbey George Davies Adrian Jones Chris Meaden Denise Realey Paul Stuart Mike Sullivan Irene Williams	
1 Liberal Democrat:	
Dave Mitchell (S)	

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

LICENSING, HEALTH & SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(9 Council Members)

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

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

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

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
3 Conservative:	Tom Anderson
Geoffrey Watt (S)	Bruce Berry
Kathy Hodson	Adam Sykes
Cherry Povall	Eddie Boult
	Andrew Hodson
	David Elderton
	Tracey Pilgrim
	John Hale
6 Labour:	
	Pat Hackett
Paul Doughty (Chair)	Treena Johnson
George Davies (Vice-Chair) Adrian Jones	Anita Leech
Tony Jones	Moira McLaughlin Julie McManus
Brian Kenny	Jean Stapleton
Bernie Mooney	Warren Ward
	Stuart Whittingham
1 Green:	
Pat Cleary	
5 Co-opted members:	
The nominees of:	
Liverpool City Council	
Knowsley MBC	
St Helens MBC Seffer MBC	
Sefton MBC plus	
plus Representative of other Pension Fund	
employers	
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10 Council Members to be appointed in 2018/19

3 Conservative 6 Labour (Chair)

1 Green

PLANNING COMMITTEE (13 Council Members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative: David Elderton (S) Eddie Boult Kathy Hodson Ian Lewis	Bruce Berry Tom Anderson Wendy Clements Paul Hayes Cherry Povall Chris Blakeley Geoffrey Watt Lesley Rennie
7 Labour: Anita Leech (Chair) Steve Foulkes (Vice-Chair) Pat Hackett Treena Johnson Denise Realey Joe Walsh Irene Williams	Tony Jones Chris Meaden Brian Kenny Christine Spriggs Paul Stuart Mike Sullivan Tom Usher Warren Ward
1 Liberal Democrat: Stuart Kelly (S)	Alan Brighouse Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist Dave Mitchell
1 Green:	
Pat Cleary	

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

STANDARDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (9 Council Members; 6 Independent Persons)

MEMBERS		DEPUTIES
3 Conservative:		Tom Anderson
Chris Blakeley (S) Gerry Ellis John Hale		David Elderton Paul Hayes David Burgess-Joyce Eddie Boult Kathy Hodson Andrew Hodson Lesley Rennie
5 Labour:		Occurs Day's a
Moira McLaughlin (Chair) Paul Stuart (Vice-Chair) Ron Abbey Bill Davies Brian Kenny		George Davies Pat Hackett Chris Jones Anita Leech Chris Meaden Julie McManus Bernie Mooney Chris Spriggs
1 Liberal Democrat:		
Phil Gilchrist (S)		Alan Brighouse Chris Carubia Stuart Kelly Dave Mitchell
6 Independent Persons:		
Mr G Kerr (appointe Mr JR McCosh (appointe Mrs A Lloyd-Prince (appointe	d until 15 July, 2020) d until 15 July, 2020) d until 10 Dec 2021)	

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

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES

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

WARD	MEMBERS
Bidston and St James	Brian Kenny, Ann McLachlan, Julie McManus
Birkenhead and Tranmere	Pat Cleary, Phil Davies, Jean Stapleton
Claughton	George Davies, Steve Foulkes, Gillian Wood
Oxton	Alan Brighouse, 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)

WARD	MEMBERS
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	Vacancies

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

WARD	MEMBERS
Bebington	Christina Muspratt, Vacancy , 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 Boult, Gerry Ellis, Vacancy
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) Vacancy (Pensby and Thingwall Ward) Elise Wong (Upton Ward) Alisha Butler-Ward (West Kirby and Thurstaston Ward)



Agenda Item 7b



ANNUAL COUNCIL

15 MAY 2018

REPORT TITLE:	APPOINTMENT OF PANELS, STATUTORY / ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES; AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS 2018 / 2019
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND ASSURANCE

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 2018/2019. The membership of the various bodies in 2017/2018 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 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Annual Meeting of the Council is requested to:

- 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 2017/2018.

3.1 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(i). 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.

(ii). 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.

(iii). 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.

(iv). 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.

(v). 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.

3.2 **LEADER, GROWTH**

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.

3.3 SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

(i). Discharge from Guardianship by Wirral Council under the Mental Health Act 1983 Panel (Panel of Members to be drawn from Councillors on the Adult Care and Health OS Cttee)

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

(ii). 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

4.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

The following is a list of advisory and consultative bodies that were retained or created in 2017/2018 to assist the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee itself. For those bodies that are retained, it is suggested that they report to the relevant Committee or Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4.1 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(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.

(iv). 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**

(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). 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

(i). Members' Development Steering Group

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.

(ii). 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 2017/2018

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)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	16 May 2017
Council	17 May 2016
Council	19 May 2015

STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND PANELS – MEMBERSHIP 2017/2018

(1) STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS

(listed under relevant portfolio)

(a) CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

Councillors Paul Doughty Deputies – Councillors Julie McManus

George Davies Chris Meaden Bernie Mooney

Councillors Paul Hayes Deputy – Councillor Wendy Clements

Cherry Povall

Councillor Stuart Kelly Deputies – Councillors Alan Brighouse

Chris Carubia

(ii). School Appeals Panel

Lay Chairs: Mr P Alcock, Mrs A Barker, Mr J Butler, Mrs J Hunter, Mr N Orme, Mrs S Reynolds, 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 George Davies Deputies – Councillors Phill Brightmore

Brian Kenny Julie McManus Bernie Mooney Tony Jones

Moira McLaughlin

Councillors Paul Hayes Deputy - Councillor Wendy Clements

Cherry Povall

(iv). Wirral Children's Trust Board (2:1:0)

Cabinet Member – Councillor Bernie Mooney and Councillors Chris Meaden and Paul Hayes

(v). Wirral Schools Forum (Funding Consultative Group)

Observers (2:1:0)

Councillor Bernie Mooney Councillor Chris Meaden Councillor Paul Hayes

(b) LEADER, GROWTH

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

Vacancy, Ray Allan, Nunzia Bertali, Pauline Brown

(c) SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

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

(Members appointed from membership of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Councillor Moira McLaughlin Councillor Julie McManus Councillor Bruce Berry

(ii). Health and Wellbeing Board

3 Political Group Leaders plus, as co-optees, the Cabinet Members for Social Care and Health and Children and Families, Councillors Chris Jones and Bernie Mooney

Group Leaders' nominees as deputies, Councillor Ann McLachlan, Councillor Lesley Rennie and Alan Brighouse

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

(a) CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(i). Young People's Advisory Group

(8 Council Members - 3:3:2)

Councillors Bernie Mooney Deputy - Councillor Jean Stapleton

Chris Meaden Warren Ward

Councillors Paul Hayes Deputy - Councillor Tracey Pilgrim

Wendy Clements Cherry Povall

Councillors Chris Carubia Deputy – Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Stuart Kelly

(ii). Corporate Parenting Group (2:2:2)

Councillors Chris Meaden, Bernie Mooney Councillors Cherry Povall, Wendy Clements Councillors Alan Brighouse, Phil Gilchrist

(iii). Schools' Joint Consultative Committee

(7 Council Members - 3:2:2)

Councillors Moira McLaughlin Deputies – Councillors Julie McManus

Bernie Mooney Brian Kenny George Davies Gill Wood

Councillors Paul Hayes Deputy – Councillor Tom Anderson

Cherry Povall

Councillors Dave Mitchell Deputies – Councillors Alan Brighouse

Chris Carubia Phil Gilchrist

(iv). Safeguarding Reference Group

The Leader of the Council; the Leaders of the second and third largest groups on the Council; the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, the Chairs and spokespersons from Adult Care and Health and Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Deputies for Members – Councillors George Davies, Lesley Rennie, Dave Mitchell

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

(i). Birkenhead Park Advisory Committee (4:2:2)

Councillors Chris Meaden, George Davies, Gill Wood, Jean Stapleton Councillors Cherry Povall, David Elderton Councillors Stuart Kelly, Alan Brighouse

(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 Brighouse, Stuart Kelly

(iii). Wirral Climate Change Group (1:1:1)

Councillor Phill Brightmore Councillor Andrew Hodson Councillor Dave Mitchell

(c) TRANSFORMATION

(i). Members' Development Steering Group (4:2:1)

Councillors Tony Norbury (Chair), Julie McManus, Brian Kenny, Paul Stuart Councillors Chris Blakeley, Steve Williams Councillor Phil Gilchrist

(ii). Members' Equipment Steering Group (2:2:2)

Councillors Stuart Whittingham and Warren Ward Councillors Ian Lewis and Lesley Rennie Councillors Alan Brighouse and Chris Carubia

Agenda Item 7c



ANNUAL COUNCIL

15 MAY 2018

REPORT TITLE:	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2018 / 2019
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND ASSURANCE

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 2018/2019.

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 and to note those appointments to be made by the Executive, (Appendix 2).

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 2017/2018 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 2018/19. Appendix 2 lists those bodies to which the Executive has the authority to appoint to.
- 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 2017/2018

2. Executive appointments to outside bodies

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)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	16 May 2017
Council	17 May 2016
Council	19 May 2015
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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2017/2018

(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 - GROWTH

(i). Birkenhead Business Improvement District Board

Councillor Jean Stapleton

Alan Evans - Strategic Commissioner: Growth

(ii). Conservation Area Advisory Committees

Conservation Area Councillor(s)

Phillip Brightmore Barnston Julie McManus Bidston Warren Ward Bromborough Pool Bromborough Society Irene Williams Caldy Jeff Green Clifton Park Jean Stapleton Eastham Chris Carubia Frankby Wendy Clements Jerry Williams Friends of Birkenhead Park Gayton and Heswall Kathy Hodson Hoylake Meols Drive/King's Gap Gerry Ellis Jerry Williams Lower Bebington

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

(iii). Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

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

(iv). Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel (2:1:0)

Councillors Gillian Wood and Mike Sullivan* Councillor Tom Anderson *Appointed as Authority Scrutiny Link

(v). Liverpool City Region Boards

Employment and Skills Board Councillor Pat Hackett Housing and Spatial Planning Board Councillor George Davies

(vi). Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership - Director

Leader of the Council - Councillor Phil Davies

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

Councillors Phil Davies

George Davies

Bernie Mooney

Councillor Ian Lewis

(viii). Mersey / Dee Alliance (1:1:1)

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

(ix). North Western Local Authorities Employers' Organisation

Councillor Adrian Jones (Deputy – Councillor Phil Davies)

(x). 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)

(xi). 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.)

(xii). Wirral Chamber of Commerce

Alan Evans - Strategic Commissioner: Growth

(xiii). Wirral Partnership

Leader of the Council – Councillor Phil Davies (Chair)

(B) CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(i). Birkenhead Sixth Form College Governing Body

Gill Wood (4 year appointment until 31 Oct 2019)

(ii). C E Gourley VC Endowment Fund

Councillors Geoffrey Watt Gerry Ellis

(iii). Lower Bebington School Lands Foundation (1:1:1)

Councillor Christina Muspratt
Councillor Cherry Povall
Councillor Phil Gilchrist

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

Councillor Bernie Mooney

(v). St Bridget's Educational Trust

Councillor Gerry Ellis

(vi). West Kirby Residential School

Councillor Eddie Boult

(vii). Wirral Play Council Executive Committee (1:1:0)

Councillor Chris Meaden Councillor Cherry Povall

(viii). Wirral Play Partnership (1:1:1)

Councillor Chris Meaden
Councillor Cherry Povall
Councillor Alan Brighouse

(C) ENVIRONMENT

(i). Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Ron Abbey

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

Councillor Stuart Whittingham (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport)

(iii). Manchester Port Health Authority

Councillor Ron Abbey (Deputy – Vacancy)

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

Deputies – Councillors Stuart Whittingham Councillors Ron Abbey

> Paul Stuart Phill Brightmore

Mike Sullivan

Councillors Steve Williams Deputies – Councillors David Burgess-Joyce

> Gerry Ellis **Eddie Boult**

Councillor Deputy – Councillor Chris Carubia Alan Brighouse

Merseyside Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Partnership

Councillor Phill Brightmore (Cabinet Member – Environment)

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

Councillor Tony Norbury* Councillor Steve Williams.

(D) HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

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

Councillor Christina Muspratt Wendy Clements Councillor Phil Gilchrist Councillor

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

Councillors Ron Abbey*

> Steve Foulkes Jerry Williams

Les Rowlands Councillor

(iii). National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee

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

^{*}Nominated for the purposes of Section 41, Local Government Act 1985

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(E) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

(i). Leasowe Community Homes (Prima LCH) (nominees)

Councillor Adrian Jones Councillor Anita Leech

(ii). Magenta Living: Community Fund Working Group

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

(iii). Magenta Living: Governance and Membership Committee

Councillor George Davies

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

Councillors Chris Meaden*

Brian Kenny Jean Stapleton

Councillor Lesley Rennie

(v). Merseyside Police and Crime Panel (1:1)

Councillors Tony Smith

Cherry Povall

(vi). Wirral Community Safety Partnership (1:1:1)

Councillors George Davies

David Burgess-Joyce Alan Brighouse

(F) LOCALISM AND ENGAGEMENT

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

Councillors Phil Davies

Gill Wood Jean Stapleton Chris Meaden

^{*}Nominated for the purposes of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985

(ii). Gautby Road Play & Community Centre Joint Management Committee

Councillors Julie McManus

Gill Wood Brian Kenny

(iii). The Lauries Centre

Councillor Jean Stapleton

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

Councillors Ron Abbey

Treena Johnson Anita Leech

(v). 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

(vi). Seacombe Community Association (Council)

Councillor Paul Stuart

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

Councillor D M Elderton (appointed until 7 September 2021) (appointed until 16 October 2021) Councillor E Boult (appointed until 30 October 2018) Mr David Stevenson (appointed until 18 October 2020) Ms Nadine Smith Councillor Geoffrey Watt (appointed until 26 April 2020) Mrs Alison Wright (appointed until 30 October 2019) Mrs Victoria Gawith (appointed until 18 April 2019) Ms Johanna Wynne (appointed until 30 January, 2021)

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

Councillor Brian Kenny
Councillor lan Lewis
Councillor Stuart Kelly

Councillor Phil Davies (Ward Councillor)

(G) SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

(i). Age UK

Councillor Chris Jones

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

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

(iii). Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust

Councillor Mike Sullivan (Appointed for 3 years until 27 September 2020)

(iv). John Lloyd Corkhill Trust

Councillor Chris Jones

(v). Merseyside Society for the Deaf (1:1:0)

Councillor Irene Williams

Councillor David Burgess-Joyce

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

Councillor Kathy Hodson)

Councillor Tony Jones) 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 Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(H) TRANSFORMATION

(i). Merseyside Cultural Forum

Councillor Angela Davies (Cabinet Member for Transformation)

(ii). Tam O'Shanter Cottage Trust

Councillors Gill Wood

Chris Meaden George Davies Steve Foulkes Bruce Berry

- (I) LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
- (i). North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Councillor Phill Brightmore

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE (FOR INFORMATION)

(i). Chrysalis (General Partner) Limited - Director

Councillor Phil Davies

(ii). Mersey Maritime Group Ltd

Councillor Lesley Rennie Councillor Phil Davies

(iii). Mersey Maritime Ltd

Councillor Phil Davies

(iv). North Birkenhead Development Trust (Director)

Councillor Brian Kenny

(v). Wirral Growth Company Ltd

David Armstrong (Assistant Chief Executive) - Director

(vi). Edsential Community Interest Company

David Armstrong (Assistant Chief Executive)

(vii). Wirral Evolutions Ltd

Councillor Phil Davies Ms C Bamber Mr M Naden (Chair) Ms J Stephens

