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### Council

Town Hall Wallasey

Date 3 July 2009

#### Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.15 pm on Monday, 13 July 2009** 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. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The members of the Council are invited to consider whether they have a personal or prejudicial 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.

#### 3. PETITIONS

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

#### 4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 38)

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the meeting(s) of the Council held on 11 and 18 May 2009.

### 5. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 39 - 40)

To consider matters referred to the Council for determination. The following minute is attached; copies of the related report can be provided for Council members on request.

minute 39 (Cabinet – 25 June) Mersey Heartlands New Growth Point Funding 2009/10 and 2010 /11

#### 6. MATTERS FOR NOTING

The following matters, determined by the Cabinet, are drawn to the Council's attention in accordance with the Constitution (copies of the related reports can be provided for Council members on request).

- (i) Cabinet minute 50 (25 June) Future Jobs Fund (Reason: waiving of call-in)
- (ii) Cabinet minute 51 (25 June) Merseyside Information Service (Reason: compliance with Contract procedure rule 5.2)

#### 7. QUESTIONS

To deal with questions from councillors and from members of the public, in accordance with Standing Order 11.

### 8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

To consider and determine any references from overview and scrutiny committees.

#### 9. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 41 - 48)

Notice has been given, in accordance with Standing Order 8(1), of motions on the following subjects. They are listed in the order received, and the full text of each motion is attached.

- (1) DECLINE IN BEE POPULATION
- (2) KITCHEN WASTE COLLECTION TRIAL SCHEME
- (3) LANDFILL IN WIRRAL
- (4) EP ELECTIONS
- (5) ID CARDS
- (6) CABINET'S FAILURE TO DEFEND THEIR DECISION AT LIBRARY INQUIRY
- (7) MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
- (8) EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION
- ON COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES
- (9) COUNCIL FINANCE
- (10) SUCCESS OF WIRRAL BUSINESSES
- (11) PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC GRADE 11\* HANGARS ASSOCIATED WITH 610 SQUADRON OF THE ROYAL AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

#### 10. MATTERS FOR DEBATE

Pursuant to Standing Order 5(1)(m), and in accordance with Standing Order 5(3), to consider written comments, objections or amendments to minutes submitted under Standing Order 7(2), together with those motions, submitted under item 9 above, that the Council agrees to debate at this meeting and any minority reports submitted in accordance with Standing Order 35(4).

#### 11. VACANCIES

To receive nominations, in accordance with Standing Order 25(5), in respect of any proposed changes in the membership of the Cabinet and committees, and to approve nominations for appointments to outside organisations.

#### 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Director of Law, HR and Asset Management



G Watt

R Wilkins

J Williams

P Williams

K Wood

#### COUNCIL

#### Monday, 11 May 2009

The Mayor (Councillor Jones) in the Chair

	Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hodson)		
Councillors	RL Abbey T Anderson C Blakeley A Bridson S Clarke IO Coates J Crabtree G Davies P Davies	J Hale K Hayes P Hayes A Hodson S Holbrook A Jennings P Johnson AER Jones J Keeley	C Povall A Pritchard J Quinn S Quinn L Rennie D Roberts L Rowlands J Salter H Smith
	WJ Davies F Doyle	S Kelly B Kenny	W Smith P Southwood
	W Duffey	D Knowles	S Taylor
	D Elderton	I Lewis	C Teggin

L Fraser C Meaden
G Gardiner D Mitchell
P Gilchrist R Moon
JE Green S Moseley
J Hale S Mountney
S Niblock

AR McLachlan

M McLaughlin

Apologies: Councillors J George P Reisdorf

G Ellis

S Foulkes

T Harney T Smith
D Kirwan J Stapleton
M Redfern A Taylor

#### 1 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Present:

The Mayor thanked all those within the Council and throughout the Borough who had supported him in the wide variety of activities that he had undertaken throughout his year of office and in the work of the Mayor's Charity Fund, in particular the staff of Civic and Member Services for their valued assistance and the former Mayor, Councillor Gilchrist, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hodson, for their encouragement and support. All of the Mayor's remarks were warmly endorsed by the whole Council.

At the Mayor's request Lizz Clark, Wirral's Young Poet Laureate, read a poem specially composed for the occasion.

#### 2 **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The Mayor invited nominations for election of the Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

On a motion moved by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Foulkes, and in the absence of any other nominations, it was –

<u>Resolved</u> - That Councillor Andrew Chapman Hodson be elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the 2009/10 municipal year.

Councillor Hodson made the declaration required by law, and the retiring Mayor (Councillor Adrian Jones) vacated the chair. Councillor Hodson occupied the chair.

#### 3 **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

On a motion moved by Councillor Holbrook and seconded by Councillor Foulkes, and in the absence of any other nominations, it was –

Resolved (unanimously) - That Councillor Alan Thomas Jennings be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral for the 2009/10 municipal year.

Councillor Jennings made the declaration required by law.

#### 4 MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 April 2009, having been circulated to all members, it was –

Resolved - That the minutes be approved and adopted.

#### 5 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council agreed, without a vote, pursuant to paragraph 46 of the Annual Council procedure, that the meeting stand adjourned to 6.15pm on Monday, 18 May 2009.

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#### COUNCIL

Monday, 18 May 2009

The Mayor (Councillar Andrew Lledgen) in the Chair

Present:		The Mayor (CouncillorAndrew Hodson) in the Chair Deputy Mayor (Councillor Alan Jennings)		
	Councillors	RL Abbey T Anderson C Blakeley S Clarke IO Coates J Crabtree G Davies P Davies WJ Davies F Doyle W Duffey D Elderton G Ellis S Foulkes L Fraser G Gardiner J George P Gilchrist JE Green J Hale	K Hayes P Hayes S Holbrook P Johnson AER Jones J Keeley S Kelly B Kenny D Kirwan D Knowles I Lewis AR McLachlan C Meaden D Mitchell R Moon S Mountney S Niblock C Povall A Pritchard J Quinn	S Quinn M Redfern L Rennie D Roberts L Rowlands J Salter H Smith T Smith W Smith P Southwood J Stapleton A Taylor S Taylor C Teggin G Watt R Wilkins J Williams P Williams K Wood
<u>Apologies</u>	Councillors	A Bridson T Harney M McLaughlin	S Moseley P Reisdorf	

#### 6 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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The Mayor welcomed Sarah Howarth, Head of Wirral Lifelong and Family Learning Service, who gave a brief presentation on Wirral Jobs, a new programme, which supported disabled people in their goal of gaining employment.

The Mayor referred to recent comments in the press regarding the catering arrangements for the meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2009. For clarification, he confirmed that the choice of caterers was his alone. He was pleased to advise members that the price was very competitive and that the catering company had used local labour.

On behalf of himself and the Mayoress, the Mayor thanked members of the Council and the public for the support and good wishes they had received.

With the agreement of the Council, Councillor D Knowles read a personal statement and advised the Council that he had resigned from the Labour group and intended to join the Conservative Party.

Councillor Foulkes, as Leader of the Labour Group, responded to the comments made by Councillor Knowles.

#### 7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor asked members to consider whether they had personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any of the matters to be debated and, if so, to declare them and state what they were.

No such declarations were made.

#### 8 **PETITIONS**

In accordance with Standing Order 21, the Mayor received a petition submitted by Councillor A Jones on behalf of 67 residents of Hillcroft Road, Seacombe requesting that a charge for cleaning debris, resulting from a criminal act, be waived.

Resolved - That the petition be noted and referred to the appropriate chief officer and/or agency in accordance with Standing Order 34.

#### 9 MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Standing Order 7(1) a number of matters were submitted for approval by the Council.

#### Resolved -

- (1) That Cabinet minute 477 (23 April) (A Sustainable Community Strategy for Wirral) be approved.
- (2) That with the exception of any amendments that may be upheld, the proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 May 2009, insofar as they contain recommendations, be approved and adopted and the following minutes be confirmed –
- (i) Minute 3 (Cabinet and Committees – Duties and Terms of Reference)
- (ii) Minute 4 (Appointment and Constitution of Cabinet and Committees)
- (iii) Minute 5
  (Appointment of Panels, Statutory/Advisory Committees and Working Parties and Miscellaneous Appointments)
- (iv) Minute 6 (Appointments to Outside Organisations)
- (3) That any outstanding nominations from the party groups be dealt with under minute 16 (Vacancies) below.

#### 10 MATTERS FOR DEBATE

The matters listed for debate in accordance with Standing Order 5(1) were dealt with as indicated in minutes 11 and 12 below.

### 11 AMENDMENT: CABINET MINUTE 4 (APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES)

Proposed by Councillor Green Seconded by Councillor Mrs Rennie

That the following paragraphs of minute 4 be deleted: (1), (2), (3) and (4) (i) to (iv) and (vii); the following paragraphs substituted; and the remaining paragraphs be renumbered accordingly:

- (1) This Council recognises the outcome of the most recent Wirral Local Council Elections on 1 May 2008, which saw the residents of Wirral clearly reject the joint Labour/Liberal Democrat administration.
- (2) This Council notes the actions of the joint Labour / Lib Dem administration and its total disregard for over 60,000 people who signed petitions opposing the ill conceived and ill thought out strategic asset review which was brought forward when the ruling parties knew they would not have to answer to the electorate at local elections in 2009.
- (3) Council now agrees that it was wrong not to support the Conservative Group's call to appoint an Executive drawn from the Conservative Group following the 2008 local elections and compounded this error by not accepting the Conservative Group's leadership when it called for the SAR to be scrapped in December 2008. Council now resolves itself to renounce the back room deal which has driven us into the current mess and start listening to the residents of Wirral. Therefore Council now accepts the desire of the public, as expressed at the ballot box, for a fresh approach in the way Wirral Council is lead and managed and requests the Conservative Group to form an administration of ten executive members; appoints the Leader of the Conservative group to be Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Conservative group to be Deputy Leader of the Council.
- (4) This Council believes that, in order to be open, transparent and effective, the overview and scrutiny committees should be clearly independent of the Executive. Noting the powers and responsibilities held by the chairmen of these committees, Council believes they should be held by parties not represented in the Cabinet and recommends that they should be allocated on the basis of three Labour and three Liberal Democrat members.
- (5) Council also notes the role of the following Council committees:

**Employment and Appointments** 

**Planning** 

Audit and Risk Management

**Pensions** 

Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes

Licensing Act 2003 Committee

and believes that the chairmanships of these committees should be allocated to reflect the proportionality of the Council; two Conservative, two Labour and one Liberal Democrat member (assuming that, as in previous years, the two Licensing Committees have the same person as Chair).

Following a debate and Councillor Foulkes having replied to it, the amendment was put and lost, with the Council dividing as follows:

For the amendment (24) - Councillors T Anderson, C Blakeley, SL Clarke, WA Duffey, DM Elderton, GJ Ellis, Mrs L Fraser, JE Green, J Hale, Karen Hayes, Paul Hayes, AC Hodson, PSC Johnson, J Keeley, DT Knowles, I Lewis, SR Mountney, C Povall, A Pritchard, Mrs LA Rennie, SL Rowlands, Sue Taylor, GCJ Watt, and Mrs K Wood.

Against the amendment (34) - Councillors RL Abbey, I Coates, JA Crabtree, George Davies, PL Davies, WJ Davies, F Doyle, S Foulkes, G Gardiner, John George, SA Holbrook, AT Jennings, AER Jones, SE Kelly, Brian Kenny, Ann McLachlan, CM Meaden, GD Mitchell, RK Moon, S Niblock, Jean Quinn, Sarah Quinn, M Redfern, DE Roberts, J Salter, H Smith, PA Smith, WW Smith, PM Southwood, JV Stapleton, A Taylor, CM Teggin, R Wilkins and KJ Williams.

Abstainers (3): Councillors P Gilchrist, D Kirwan and Mrs P Williams.

Resolved – That it be noted that Cabinet minute 4 is therefore confirmed.

### 12 AMENDMENT: CABINET MINUTE 6 (APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS)

Proposed by Councillor Green Seconded by Councillor Mrs Rennie

That, as the largest party, the Conservative Group be allocated one of the two positions on the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority, and the position on the Manchester Port Health Authority.

Resolved (23:35 with one abstention) – That the amendment be not approved and minute 6 be confirmed accordingly.

#### 13 **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councillor Foulkes, seconded by Councillor PL Davies, it was

Resolved – That the Council adjourn for 10 minutes (until 7.30pm) in order to consider further proposals for the appointment of the Cabinet, Committees and the representatives on various bodies including outside organisations.

#### 14 **PROCEDURE**

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (1), it was moved by Councillor Holbrook and seconded by Councillor Foulkes that Standing Order 7 (2) be suspended in order to permit the Council to consider any further amendments to the minutes of the Cabinet that might be considered necessary as a result of the proceedings so far.

The motion was agreed without a vote.

#### 15 **AMENDMENT: CABINET MINUTES 4, 5 AND 6**

The Council accepted as a composite motion an amendment moved by Councillor Foulkes and seconded by Councillor Holbrook:

"That the adjustments to the number of committee places and places on outside and other bodies allocated to each political group, which are necessary to comply with proportionality or to reflect the wishes of each group, be reported to the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management for inclusion in appendices to the minutes of this meeting."

Following a brief debate it was

Resolved – That the motion amending minutes 4 (Appointment and Constitution of Cabinet and Committees), 5 (Appointment of Panels, Statutory/Advisory Committees and Working Parties and Miscellaneous Appointments) and 6 (Appointments to Outside Organisations) be approved.

#### 16 VACANCIES

Resolved – That any nominations to vacancies outstanding from the lists submitted pursuant to Cabinet minutes 4, 5 and 6 be lodged with the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management and accepted.

#### 17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Foulkes advised the Council that Mike Archbold (Principal Committee Officer) was attending his last meeting of the Council prior to retirement in June. He commended Mike for his service to the Council in 41 years of service. Councillors Green and Holbrook associated themselves with the comments made by Councillor Foulkes.

Resolved – That the thanks of the Council be accorded to Mike Archbold with best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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# APPENDIX TO CABINET MINUTE 4

#### **MEMBERSHIP of CABINET and COMMITTEES**

In the absence of nominations from the Conservative Party these have been left blank

#### **CABINET (10 councillors – 5 Labour, 5 Liberal Democrat)**

Portfolio	Councillor	Party	Address	Ward
Finance & Best Value	Steve Foulkes Leader of the Council	Labour	8 Snowdrop Avenue Claughton CH41 0EA	Claughton
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	Phil Davies	Labour	9 Hillfield Drive Pensby CH61 5UH	Birkenhead & Tranmere
Community & Customer Engagement	Stuart Kelly	LibDem	37 Tabley Close Oxton CH43 2LB	Oxton
Corporate Resources	Simon Holbrook  Deputy Leader	LibDem	20 Reedville Oxton CH43 4UH	Prenton
Culture, Tourism & Leisure	Bob Moon	LibDem	68 Fairway North Bromborough CH62 3NA	Bromborough
Environment	Gill Gardiner	LibDem	173 South Parade West Kirby CH48 3HX	Greasby, Frankby & Irby
Housing & Community Safety	George Davies	Labour	46 Shamrock Road Claughton CH41 0EQ	Claughton
Regeneration & Planning Strategy	Jean Stapleton	Labour	85 Grange Road West Birkenhead CH41 4XB	Birkenhead & Tranmere
Social Care & Inclusion	Moira McLaughlin	Labour	15 Stoneleigh Grove Rock Ferry CH42 4NH	Rock Ferry
Streetscene & Transport Services	Jean Quinn	LibDem	84 Black Horse Hill West Kirby CH48 6DT	Greasby, Frankby & Irby

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD (4 councillors – 2 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat)**

Councillors: Foulkes (Chair), PL Davies, Holbrook (Vice-Chair) and G Gardiner

# **AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** (6 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
2 Conservative:  Leah Fraser (S) Cherry Povall	Chris Blakeley David Elderton Geoffrey Watt Paul Hayes Lesley Rennie Jeff Green John Hale Simon Mountney
2 Labour:  Ron Abbey (S) Jim Crabtree	IO Coates WJ Davies A Jones B Kenny ARC McLachlan JJ Salter PA Smith W. Smith
2 Liberal Democrat:  Peter Reisdorf Paula Southwood (Ch)	Frank Doyle Tom Harney Dave Mitchell Steve Niblock Sarah Quinn Alan Taylor Chris Teggin Bob Wilkins

# **EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE** (6 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
2 Conservative:  Jeff Green (S) Lesley Rennie	Gerry Ellis Sheila Clarke Chris Blakeley Paul Hayes John Hale Simon Mountney Leah Fraser David Elderton
2 Labour: Iris Coates (Chair) Phil Davies	G Davies S Foulkes B Kenny ARC McLachlan M McLaughlin D E Roberts H Smith J Stapleton
2 Liberal Democrat:  Sarah Quinn (S) Tom Harney	Simon Holbrook Gill Gardiner Stuart Kelly Bob Moon Jean Quinn Frank Doyle Alan Taylor Chris Teggin

# LICENSING, HEALTH & SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(10 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative:  Sue Taylor (C) Tom Anderson lan Lewis Geoffrey Watt	Sheila Clarke Denis Knowles Chris Blakeley Paul Hayes Bill Duffey Peter Johnson Leah Fraser Gerry Ellis
3 Labour:  Bill Davies (S) D Roberts J J Salter	R L Abbey I O Coates J Crabtree J F George C Meaden H Smith PA Smith W Smith
3 Liberal Democrat:  Steve Niblock Alan Taylor (S) Bob Wilkins	Ann Bridson Tom Harney Alan Jennings Dave Mitchell Sarah Quinn Mike Redfern Paula Southwood Chris Teggin

# LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE (15 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
	No provision for deputies
5 Conservative:	
Sue Taylor (C)	
Sheila Clarke	
Bill Duffey	
Cherry Povall	
Denis Knowles	
4 Labour:	
- Labour.	
I C Coates	
Bill Davies (S)	
H Smith	
John Salter	
5 Liberal Democrat:	
Steve Niblock	
Alan Taylor (S)	
Chris Teggin	
Bob Wilkins	
Dave Mitchell	
1 Independent	
David Kinyan	
David Kirwan	

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

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative:  Geoffrey Watt (S) Bill Duffey Cherry Povall Denis Knowles	Peter Johnson Suzanne Moseley Sheila Clarke Tony Pritchard Kate Wood Chris Blakeley Ian Lewis John Hale
3 Labour:  Ann McLachlan (Chair) George Davies Harry Smith	R Abbey I O Coates J Crabtree J George B Kenny M McLaughlin J Stapleton A Jones
3 Liberal Democrat:  Tom Harney (S) Frank Doyle Bob Moon	Ann Bridson Alan Jennings Dave Mitchell Steve Niblock Sarah Quinn Mike Redfern Paula Southwood Alan Taylor
5 Co-opted members:  The nominees of:  Liverpool City Council  Knowsley MBC  St Helens MBC  Sefton MBC  plus  Representative of other Pension Fund employers	

# PLANNING COMMITTEE (12 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative:  David Elderton (C) Paul Hayes Peter Johnson Simon Mountney	James Keeley Denis Knowles Tony Pritchard Geoffrey Watt Tom Anderson Les Rowlands Cherry Povall Gerry Ellis
4 Labour:  Jim Crabtree John George Brian Kenny (S) John Salter	R Abbey WJ Davies A Jones CM Meaden DE Roberts H Smith PA Smith KJ Williams
3 Liberal Democrat:  Alan Jennings Dave Mitchell Mike Redfern (S)	Ann Bridson Frank Doyle Tom Harney Sarah Quinn Paula Southwood Alan Taylor Chris Teggin Bob Wilkins
1 Independent	
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# STANDARDS COMMITTEE (9 Council members; 4 independent members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
3 Conservative:  Chris Blakeley (S) Leah Fraser Karen Hayes	Les Rowlands Jeff Green Lesley Rennie Bill Duffey Paul Hayes Tom Anderson James Keeley Suzanne Moseley
3 Labour:  Bill Davies Ann McLachlan (S) Chris Meaden	G Davies PL Davies B Kenny S Foulkes M McLaughlin DE Roberts W Smith J Stapleton
3 Liberal Democrat:  Ann Bridson Alan Taylor Chris Teggin (S)	Tom Harney Dave Mitchell Jean Quinn Sarah Quinn Peter Reisdorf Paula Southwood Bob Wilkins
4 Independent:  Mr Brian Cummings (Chair) (to 31 October 2011)  Mr Ken Harrison (Vice-Chair) (to 31 October 2010)  Mr Alex Nuttall (to 31 October 2012)  1 Vacancy (from 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2013)	

#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

## SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD (10 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative:  Sheila Clarke John Hale (S) James Keeley Denis Knowles	Geoffrey Watt Les Rowlands Suzanne Moseley Leah Fraser Sue Taylor David Elderton Tony Pritchard Chris Blakeley
3 Labour:  A Jones C Meaden (S) H Smith	I O Coates J George B Kenny A McLachlan DE Roberts PA Smith W Smith J Williams
3 Liberal Democrat:  Ann Bridson Dave Mitchell (Ch) Paula Southwood	Frank Doyle Tom Harney Alan Jennings Sarah Quinn Peter Reisdorf Alan Taylor Chris Teggin Bob Wilkins

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(10 Council members; 5 co-opted members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
member to	DEI 01120
4 Conservative:	Geoffrey Watt
Sheila Clarke (C)	Tony Pritchard
Karen Hayes	Chris Blakeley
Paul Hayes	Suzanne Moseley
Cherry Povall	Leah Fraser
	Lesley Rennie
	James Keeley Denis Knowles
	Denis Knowles
3 Labour:	
	I O Coates
J F George	W Davies
P A Smith (S)	A Jones
W W Smith	J Williams
	A R C McLachlan
	C Meaden D E Roberts
	J J Salter
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3 Liberal Democrat:	
	Ann Bridson
Frank Doyle (S)	Dave Mitchell
Tom Harney	Paula Southwood
Alan Taylor	Mike Redfern
	Peter Reisdorf Chris Teggin
	Bob Wilkins
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Co-opted members:	
2 Diocesan representatives (with voting rights):	
<b>2 Diocesan representatives</b> (with voting rights):  Roman Catholic – Mr Michael Clarke	
Church of England – Mrs Margaret Liddy	
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2 Parent Governor representatives (with voting rights):	
Mrs Jacqui Kearney (until 28 October 2011)	
Mrs Maureen Cain (until 8 February 2013)	
1 representative of the Voluntary and Community	
sectors:	
Mrs Jane Owens - Local Involvement Network (LINk)	

# ECONOMY AND REGENERATION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative:  John Hale (C) Peter Johnson Tony Pritchard Kate Wood	Gerry Ellis James Keeley Bill Duffey Chris Blakeley Leah Fraser Lesley Rennie Suzanne Moseley Simon Mountney
3 Labour:  R Abbey B Kenny A R C McLachlan (S)	J Crabtree W J Davies J George A Jones I Coates C M Meaden H Smith J Williams
3 Liberal Democrat:  Alan Jennings (S) Steve Niblock Alan Taylor	Ann Bridson Frank Doyle Dave Mitchell Mike Redfern Peter Reisdorf Paula Southwood Chris Teggin Bob Wilkins
2 Co-opted members:  Wirral Federation of Tenant and Resident Associations:  Ann Holme	
Peter Smith }	

#### HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative:  Geoffrey Watt (S) Sheila Clarke James Keeley Simon Mountney	Les Rowlands Ian Lewis Cherry Povall Sue Taylor Lesley Rennie Jeff Green Tony Pritchard Karen Hayes
3 Labour:  I C Coates D Roberts (S) P A Smith	R Abbey WJ Davies B Kenny ARC McLachlan C M Meaden J J Salter W W Smith K J Williams
3 Liberal Democrat:  Ann Bridson (Ch) Mike Redfern Chris Teggin	Frank Doyle Tom Harney Alan Jennings Dave Mitchell Peter Reisdorf Paula Southwood Alan Taylor Bob Wilkins
2 Co-opted members:  Sandra Wall - Older People's Parliament Diane Hill - Local Involvement Network (LINk)	OPP representative LINk representative

#### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Council members)

Peter Johnson Kate Wood
Paul Hayes Gerry Ellis Ian Lewis Denis Knowles Bill Duffey Cherry Povall
J Crabtree W J Davies J George A McLachlan C M Meaden D E Roberts J Salter P A Smith
Ann Bridson Frank Doyle Alan Jennings Steve Niblock Sarah Quinn Paula Southwood Alan Taylor Bob Wilkins

#### COUNCIL EXCELLENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Council members)

MEMBERS	DEPUTIES
4 Conservative:  Les Rowlands (S) David Elderton Gerry Ellis Tony Pritchard	John Hale Suzanne Moseley Simon Mountney Cherry Povall Paul Hayes James Keeley Lesley Rennie Jeff Green
3 Labour:  J F George A Jones C M Meaden (Chair)	R L Abbey I O Coates J Crabtree W Smith A McLachlan J Salter H Smith K J Williams
3 Liberal Democrat:  Sarah Quinn Chris Teggin (S) Bob Wilkins	Ann Bridson Frank Doyle Alan Jennings Steve Niblock Mike Redfern Peter Reisdorf Paula Southwood Alan Taylor

# APPENDIX TO CABINET MINUTE 5

### APPOINTMENT OF PANELS, STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

**Note**: figures in brackets indicate the political ratio, i.e. (Conservative: Labour: Liberal Democrat); asterisk indicates party spokesperson.

#### (1) STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS (listed under relevant portfolio)

#### (a) CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LIFELONG LEARNING

(i) Complaints Panel (School Curriculum and Related Matters) (1:1:1 plus named deputies)

Councillor S L Clarke (Deputies – Councillors K Hayes, I Povall, P Hayes)
Councillor P L Davies\* (c) (Deputies - Councillors A E R Jones, W Smith, P A Smith,
C Meaden)
Councillor T Harney (Deputies - A Bridson, F Doyle)

(ii) Education Staff Panel (3:2:2 plus named deputies)

Councillors SL Clarke, Karen Hayes, I Povall (Deputies – P Hayes, T Anderson) Councillors G Davies, P L Davies(c), (Deputies – I O Coates, W Smith, A E R Jones, D E Roberts, C Meaden) Councillors T Harney\*, F Doyle (Deputy – A Taylor)

(iii) Headteacher Appointments Panel (2:1:1 plus named deputies)

Councillor S L Clarke, Karen Hayes (Deputies – I Povall, P Hayes, T Anderson) Councillors P L Davies\* (c) (Deputies - P A Smith, W Smith, A E R Jones, I O Coates, D E Roberts) Councillor T Harney\* (Deputies - S A Holbrook, J Quinn)

#### (iv) Parental Appeals Panel

Chair Mrs H A Wells

Deputy Chairs Mrs C Muspratt, Mr J Smallthwaite and Dr N Eden

(v) Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE) (2:2:2)

Councillors A Pritchard, Karen Hayes (Deputy – S R Mountney)
Councillors P A Smith, W Smith (Deputies – W J Davies, I O Coates,
Mrs C M Meaden, A E R Jones)
Councillors F Doyle, G D Mitchell (Deputy – Tom Harney)

(vi) Wirral Schools Forum (Funding Consultative Group) - Observers (1:1:1)

Councillor S L Clarke Councillor P A Smith

#### Councillor F Doyle

#### (vii) School Admissions Forum (1:1:1)

Councillor S L Clarke Councillor P L Davies Councillor F Doyle

#### (viii) Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board

Cabinet member (Chair) and Councillors S L Clarke and J Quinn

#### (ix) Adoption / Fostering Panels

Adoption: Councillor S L Clarke

Fostering: Councillors S L Clarke, A E R Jones and T Harney

#### (b) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

#### (i) Housing Review Panel (1:1:1 plus named deputies)

Councillor A Pritchard (Deputies - Mrs K Wood, L Fraser)
Councillor G Davies (c) (Deputies - A R C McLachlan, R L Abbey, J V Stapleton)
Councillor A Taylor (Deputies - A T Jennings, P T C Reisdorf)

### (ii) Unified Waiting List Management Advisory Board (2:2:1 plus named deputies)

Councillors Leah Fraser, A Pritchard\* (Deputy - Mrs K Wood)
Councillors G Davies\*, A R C McLachlan (Deputies - R L Abbey, J V Stapleton,
H Smith)
Councillor A Taylor\* (Deputy - A Jennings)

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

#### (a) CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LIFELONG LEARNING

#### (i) Youth and Play Service Advisory Committee (8 Council members - 3:3:2)

Councillors SL Clarke, Karen Hayes, T Anderson (Deputies – I Povall, L Fraser, S D Moseley)

Councillors PA Smith, C M Meaden, W Smith (Deputies – A E R Jones, D E Roberts)

Councillors T Harney\*, S Quinn (Deputies - A T Jennings, J Quinn)

#### (ii) Virtual School Governing Body (2:2:2)

Councillors S L Clarke, G C J Watt Councillors P L Davies (c), M McLaughlin Councillors T Harney, F Doyle

### (iii) Headteachers and Teachers Joint Consultative Cttee (7 Council members - 3:2:2)

Councillors S L Clarke\*, Karen Hayes, I Povall
Councillors G Davies, P L Davies (c) (Deputies – A E R Jones, I O Coates,
K J Williams, D E Roberts)
Councillors F Doyle\*, J Quinn (Deputies – P M Southwood, T Harney)

#### (iv) SEN Advisory Committee (1:1:1)

Councillor A Pritchard Councillor PA Smith (Deputies – K J Williams, W W Smith, C Meaden) Councillor T Harney (Deputy - A Bridson)

#### (v) Wirral Schools' Music Service Consultative Committee (1:1:1)

Councillor S L Clarke Councillor W W Smith Councillor P M Southwood

#### (b) CORPORATE SERVICES

#### (i) Members' Training Steering Group (1:1:1)

Councillor C Blakeley Councillor I O Coates Councillor P Southwood

#### (ii) Members' Equipment Steering Group (1:1:1)

Councillor J Green Councillor A E R Jones Councillor P Southwood

#### (c) CULTURE, TOURISM AND LEISURE

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

Councillors S L Clarke\*, I Povall Councillors Brian Kenny, P L Davies, G Davies (c), D E Roberts Councillors S E Kelly, S A Holbrook

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

Councillors G J Ellis, J Hale, J E Green\*, G C J Watt Councillors K J Williams P A Smith Councillors G Gardiner\*, A Taylor

#### (iii) Heritage Champion

Councillor K J Williams (subject to annual review).

#### (iv) Parks and Countryside Service Options Group (2:2:2)

Councillors J Hale, S Taylor Councillors PA Smith, KJ Williams Councillors R Moon, J Quinn

#### (d) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership Body**

(Three Cabinet members, plus spokespersons for Housing and Community Safety):

Councillors G Davies, P L Davies, M McLaughlin, S Taylor and A Taylor

#### (e) REGENERATION AND PLANNING STRATEGY

#### (i) Birkenhead Town Centre Consultative Group (2:2:1)

Councillors S R Mountney, D M Elderton Councillors Brian Kenny, J V Stapleton Councillor S E Kelly

#### (ii) Telecommunications Working Party (3:2:1)

Councillors C Blakeley, G J Ellis, A Pritchard Councillors A E R Jones, Brian Kenny Councillor A T Jennings

# APPENDIX TO CABINET MINUTE 6

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (grouped under portfolio)**

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

#### (a) CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LIFELONG LEARNING

#### (i) Birkenhead Sixth Form College Governing Body

Councillor D E Roberts (1 Nov 2007 to 31 Oct 2011)

#### (ii) Children's Services District Boards (See note at end)

One councillor from each area forum (eleven in total, divided 4:4:3) to be appointed to serve on the relevant district board, as follows. Whilst the actual names are put forward by the area forums, the Council decides which party the representatives should come from (based on which had the majority of members on each forum).

<u>District</u>	Area Forum
Birkenhead District Board	(Bidston / Claughton) (Lab) (Prenton / Oxton) (LibDem) (Birkenhead & Tranmere / Rock Ferry) (Lab)
Wallasey	(Liscard / Seacombe) (Lab) (New Brighton / Wallasey) (Cons) (Leasowe & Moreton East / Moreton West & Saughall Massie) (Cons)
South Wirral	(Clatterbridge / Bebington (Lab) (Bromborough / Eastham (LibDem)
West Wirral	(Pensby & Thingwall / Heswall) (Cons) (Hoylake & Meols / West Kirby & Thurstaston) (Cons) (Greasby, Frankby & Irby / Upton) (LibDem)

#### (iii) C E Gourley VC Endowment Fund

Councillors G J Ellis, G C J Watt

#### (iv) Connexions (Greater Merseyside) Ltd

Stephen Maddox (Chief Executive) or nominee

#### (v) Lower Bebington School Lands Foundation (1:1:1)

Councillors S L Clarke, A T Jennings, K J Williams

#### (vi) National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Councillor M McLaughlin

#### (vii) Oaklands Centre Management Committee (2:1:1)

Councillor A Pritchard, S Mountney Councillors W W Smith Councillor F Doyle

#### (viii) St Bridget's Educational Trust

Councillor G J Ellis

#### (ix) University of Liverpool Court (1:1:1)

Councillor P S C Johnson Councillor A E R Jones Councillor A Bridson

#### (x) West Kirby Residential School

Councillor J Hale

#### (xi) Wirral Alternative School Programme (WASP) (formerly PRU) (1:1:1)

Councillor S L Clarke Mrs C Muspratt Councillor T Harney

#### (xii) Wirral Metropolitan College Governing Body

Councillor P L Davies Mr S Maddox (Chief Executive)

#### (xiii) Wirral Play Council Executive Committee (1:1:0)

Councillor Mrs L A Rennie Councillor C Meaden

#### (xiv) Wirral Play Partnership (1:1:1)

Councillor S L Clarke Councillor C M Meaden Councillor R K Moon

#### (b) CORPORATE RESOURCES

#### (i) Birkenhead Market Limited / Birkenhead Market Services Limited – Director

Councillor Brian Kenny

#### (ii) \* Local Government Association: General Assembly (2:1:1)

Councillor J E Green, Mrs L A Rennie Councillors S Foulkes Councillor S A Holbrook \* See also item (vii) below

#### (iii) Merseyside Co-ordinating Committee (1:1:1)

Councillor J E Green (Deputies - Mrs L A Rennie, D M Elderton, Mrs K Wood) Councillor S Foulkes (Deputies - P L Davies, G Davies, M McLaughlin, J V Stapleton)

Councillor S A Holbrook (Deputies – G Gardiner, R K Moon, S E Kelly, T Harney)

The same members/deputies normally comprise the Merseyside Police Authority Appointments Committee – see section (g) (iv) below.

#### (iv) Merseyside Valuation Tribunal

No new appointments required - see Council minute 143 (16/4/07).

#### (v) North West Regional Chamber/Assembly

Councillor J F George (Deputy - Councillor G Davies)
Councillor Mrs L A Rennie\*
Councillor G Gardiner\*\*

In addition, Councillor George serves as the Council's representative on the North West Local Government Association.

#### (vi) North Western Local Authorities Employers' Organisation

Councillor S A Holbrook (Deputy – P M Southwood)

#### (vii) SIGOMA (LGA Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities)

Leader of the Council (Councillor S Foulkes), or nominee\*

Councillor George Davies is the Leader's current nominee, and the party leaders have been authorised to attend as observers.

#### (viii) West Kirby Charities (the Council is able to nominate up to 7 trustees)

Councillor D M Elderton (re - appoint to 7 September 2013)
Councillor D Kirwan (appointed to 16 October 2009)
Mr Peter Morris (appointment to 30 October 2010)
Mrs D Robinson (appointed to 18 October 2012)
Councillor G C J Watt (appointed to 26 April 2012)
Mrs Irene Whitehurst MBE (appointed to October 2011)

<sup>\*</sup> Personal nomination to maintain political balance

<sup>\*\*</sup> Nominated as an observer

#### (c) COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

(i) Beechwood Play and Community Centre Joint Management Committee

Councillors J Crabtree, D E Roberts, A R C MacLachlan, H Smith

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

Councillors PL Davies, Brian Kenny, DE Roberts, JV Stapleton

(iii) Gautby Road Play & Community Centre Joint Management Cttee (Bidston & St James Ward Councillors)

Councillors J Crabtree, A R C MacLachlan, H Smith

(iv) Greasby Community Centre Joint Management Committee (Greasby, Frankby and Irby Ward Councillors)

Councillors G Gardiner, J Quinn, P T C Reisdorf

(v) Hoylake Youth and Community Centre Joint Management Committee (Hoylake and Meols Ward Councillors)

Councillors G J Ellis, J Hale, D S Kirwan

(vi) Kylemore Community Centre Joint Management Committee (Pensby and Thingwall Ward Councillors)

Councillors R Wilkins, Sarah Quinn, M Redfern

(vii) The Lauries Centre

Councillor Brian Kenny

(viii) Leasowe Play, Youth & Community Association Management Cttee

Councillors R L Abbey, I O Coates, S D Moseley, I Lewis

(ix) Liscard Community Facilities Complex Joint Management Cttee (Liscard Ward Councillors)

Councillors Leah Fraser, J Keeley, Karen Hayes

(x) Livingstone Street Community Centre Joint Management Cttee (Bidston and St James Ward Councillors)

Councillors J Crabtree, A R C McLachlan, H Smith

(xi) Moreton Community Centre Joint Management Committee (Moreton West and Saughall Massie Ward Councillors)

Councillors C Blakeley, S D Moseley, S R Mountney

#### (xii) New Ferry Village Hall Joint Management Committee

(Bromborough Ward Councillors)

Councillors R K Moon, S A M Niblock, A Taylor

### (xiii) Overton Community Centre Joint Management Committee (Upton Ward Councillors)

Councillors T Anderson, J F George, P A Smith

#### (xiv) Seacombe Community Association (Council)

Councillor J Salter

### (xv) Vale House Community Centre Joint Management Committee (New Brighton Ward Councillors)

Councillors W A Duffey, Sue Taylor, A Pritchard

#### (xvi) Westbourne Community Centre Joint Management Committee

Councillors G J Ellis, J E Green, J Hale

#### (xvii) Wirral Multicultural Organisation (1:1:1, plus a ward councillor)

Councillor Paul Hayes Councillor Brian Kenny Councillor S Holbrook Councillors P L Davies (Ward Councillor),

### (xviii) Woodchurch Community Centre Joint Management Committee (Upton Ward Councillors)

Councillors T Anderson, J F George, P A Smith

#### (d) CULTURE, TOURISM AND LEISURE

#### (i) Mayer Trust, Bebington

Councillors S L Clarke, A T Jennings, K J Williams

#### (ii) Merseyside Arts, Culture and Media Industries Board

Councillor I O Coates

#### (iii) Merseyside Cultural Forum

Councillor R K Moon (as Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Leisure)

#### (iv) North West Regional Libraries System

Councillor R K Moon (as Cabinet member for Culture, Tourism and Leisure)

#### (v) Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society

Councillor D E Roberts

#### (vi) Tam O'Shanter Cottage Trust

Councillors D E Roberts (appointed until 7 September 2008)

S D Moseley (appointed until 7 September 2009)

J Crabtree (appointed until 7 September 2010)

G Davies (appointed until May 2010)

S Foulkes (appointed until May 2010)

#### (e) ENVIRONMENT

#### (i) Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee

J Salter

(Councillor Knowles on by virtue of him being appointed Chair)

#### (ii) Liverpool Bay Coastal Forum

Councillor D E Roberts

#### (iii) LA 21 Forum (2:1:1)

Councillor Mrs L A Rennie, I Povall Councillors D E Roberts Councillor G Gardiner

#### (iv) LGA Urban Commission (1:1:0)

Councillor Denis Knowles Councillor J Crabtree

#### (v) Manchester Port Health Authority

Councillor J Salter (Deputy – Denis Knowles)

#### (vi) Mersey Port Health Committee (2:2:2)

Councillors P S C Johnson, G Ellis (Deputies – W Duffey, S Clarke) Councillors R L Abbey, J J Salter (Deputies – Brian Kenny, H Smith) Councillors G D Mitchell, C Teggin (Deputies – A Bridson, Bob Wilkins)

#### (vii) Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (0:1:1)

Councillor J J Salter Councillor G Gardiner\*

#### (viii) National Rivers Authority - Flood Defence Advisory Committee

<sup>\*</sup>Nominated for the purposes of Section 41, Local Government Act 1985

Councillor Harry Smith

### (ix) North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee (1:1:0)

Councillor D T Knowles
Councillor H Smith

### (x) Groundwork Merseyside

Councillor G Gardiner

### (f) FINANCE AND BEST VALUE

(i) Strategic Partnership Assembly (formerly Local Strategic Partnership)

Party leaders: Councillors S Foulkes; J E Green, S A Holbrook (or nominees) and Chief Executive (Stephen Maddox)

(ii) Local Strategic Partnership Executive Board (formerly Local Area Agreement Management Board

Party leaders: Councillors S Foulkes; J E Green, S A Holbrook (or nominees) and Chief Executive (Stephen Maddox)

### (g) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

(i) Beechwood and Ballantyne Community Housing Association - Board (3 Council members - Ward Councillors for Bidston and St James)

Councillors C Meaden, A R C McLachlan, H Smith

### (ii) Leasowe Community Homes Management Board

Councillors R L Abbey, I O Coates, I Lewis Mr David Smith (Deputy Director of Finance)

### (iii) Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (Not an approved duty) (2:1:1)

Councillor Mrs L A Rennie, G Ellis Councillors D Roberts\* Councillor S A M Niblock

### (iv) Merseyside Police Authority Appointments Committee (1:1:1)

Membership is the same as for Merseyside Co-ordinating Committee - see paragraph (b) (iii) above - except for Liberal Democrat deputies, who are Councillors G Gardiner and T Harney

### (v) Merseyside Police Authority (Not an approved duty) (1:1:0)

Councillor Mrs K Wood

<sup>\*</sup> Nominated for the purposes of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

### Councillor A E R Jones\*

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

### (vi) Newheartlands Partnership Board (HMRI)

Councillor G Davies (as Cabinet member for Housing and Community Safety)

### (vii) Wirral Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (1:1:1)

Councillors C Blakeley, G Davies and A Taylor

### (viii) Wirral Partnership Homes – Board members (2:2:1)

Councillors Karen Hayes, T Anderson Councillors J Crabtree, D E Roberts Councillor T Harney

### (ix) Wirral Partnership Homes: Community Fund Working Group

Councillor G Davies (Cabinet member)
Mr A Stennard (Director of Regeneration)

Mr B Norman (Director of Law, HR and Asset Management)

### (h) REGENERATION AND PLANNING STRATEGY

### (i) Conservation Area Advisory Committees

Conservation Area	<u>Councillor(s)</u>
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Bromborough Pool R K Moon
Oxton P M Southwood, S Kelly
Barnston R Wilkins, S Quinn, M Redfern

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Caldy J E Green
Frankby G Gardiner
Gayton and Heswall P S C Johnson
Thornton Hough A T Jennings
Thurstaston D M Elderton

Wellington Road, New Brighton S Taylor and A Pritchard

Saughall Massie S Moseley
Port Sunlight S A M Niblock
Rock Park Mrs C M Meaden

**Bidston** H Smith Eastham T Harney Hoylake (Meols Drive/King's Gap) G J Ellis Friends of Birkenhead Park K J Williams West Kirby Society D M Elderton **Bromborough Society** A Taylor Mount Wood A Bridson Clifton Park **Brian Kenny** 

### (ii) Egerton House Trust (1:1:0)

Councillor D M Elderton

### Councillor J Stapleton

### (iii) Intermediate Labour Market Company (Pentra Services)

Councillor J Stapleton

### (iv) Local Strategic Partnership

Party Leaders: Councillors S Foulkes, J E Green, S A Holbrook And Chief Executive (Stephen Maddox)

### (v) Mersey / Dee Alliance (1:1:1)

Councillor Denis Knowles Councillor J George Councillor A Jennings (or nominees)

### (vi) Mersey Partnership

Councillor P L Davies (or nominee)

### (vii) Mersey Waterfront Regional Park

Councillor J Stapleton (as Cabinet member for Regeneration and Planning Strategy)

### (viii) North Birkenhead Development Trust (Director)

Councillor H Smith

### (ix) Wirral Council for Voluntary Service - Management Committee (1:1:0)

Councillor D M Elderton Councillor M McLaughlin

### (x) Wirral Investment Network

**Director of Corporate Services** 

### (xi) Wirral Citizens' Advice Bureau (1:1:1)

Councillor D M Elderton Councillor W Smith Councillor S A M Niblock, plus Director of Corporate Services (or nominee)

### (xii) Woodchurch Neighbourhood Management Board

(Councillors for Greasby, Frankby & Irby and Upton wards)

Councillors G Gardiner, J Quinn and P T C Reisdorf Councillors T Anderson, J F George and P A Smith

### (i) SOCIAL CARE AND INCLUSION

### (i) Age Concern

Councillor M McLaughlin

### (ii) Arch Initiatives - Wirral Management Committee (1:1:1)

Councillor I Lewis
Councillor I O Coates
Councillor Jean Quinn

### (iii) Bebington Day Centre Advisory Body

(Bebington Ward Councillors)

Councillors SL Clarke, W W Smith, K J Williams

### (iv) Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership Trust: Appointed Governor

Councillor C Teggin (appointed until September 2011)

# (v) Joint Scrutiny Committee for Cheshire & Wirral NHS Partnership Trust (2:2:2)

Councillors S Clarke, G C J Watt (Deputies – S Mountney, J Keeley)
Councillors IO Coates, D E Roberts (Deputies – J J Salter, A E R Jones)
Councillor A Bridson, P T C Reisdorf (Deputies - G Gardiner, R Wilkins)

### (vi) Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology Foundation Trust

Councillor Cherry Povall

### (vii) John Lloyd Corkhill Trust

Councillor M McLaughlin

### (viii) Girtrell Court Residential Centre Advisory Body (1:1:1)

Councillor S Mountney Councillor J George Councillor A Bridson

### (ix) Heswall Advisory Body (Heswall ATC) (1:1:1)

Councillors PSC Johnson Councillor I O Coates Councillor R Wilkins

### (x) Merseyside Society for the Deaf (0:1:1)

Councillor M McLaughlin Councillor S A M Niblock

### (xi) North Regional Association for the Blind

Councillor D E Roberts

## (xii) North Regional Association for the Deaf - General Council / Executive Committee

Councillor M McLaughlin

### (xiii) Relate

Councillor I O Coates

### (xiv) Riverside Centre Advisory Body (1:2:0)

Councillor S Mountney
Councillors P L Davies, D E Roberts

### (xv) Wallasey Day Centre Advisory Body (2:1:0)

Councillors W A Duffey, A Pritchard Councillor J J Salter

### (xvi) Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust - Governors (1:1:1)

Councillor J Green )

Councillor C Meaden ) (appointed until September 2010)

Councillor Jean Quinn)

Deputy: the Director of Adult Social Services

# (xvii) Wirral Information Resource on Equality and Disability (WIRED) (Disability Advisory Forum)

Councillor IO Coates

### (j) STREETSCENE AND TRANSPORT SERVICES

### (i) Local Government Association Coastal Issues Special Interest Group

Councillor J Quinn (Cabinet member for Streetscene & Transport Services)

## (ii) Merseyside Passenger Transport Authority (Not an approved duty) (2:1:1)

Councillor C Blakeley, I Lewis Councillors R Abbey Councillor G D Mitchell\*

### (iii) Merseytravel Advisory Panel (Wirral Division) (1:1:1)

Councillor D M Elderton Councillor R Abbey Councillor G D Mitchell

<sup>\*</sup> Nominated for the purposes of Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

## (iv) Merseyside Strategic Transportation and Planning Committee (0:1:1)

Councillor H Smith Councillor J Quinn

## (v) National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee

Councillor J Quinn (Deputies – H Smith and P Hayes)

## (vii) Wirral Cycle Forum (1:1:1)

Councillor Paul Hayes Councillor K J Williams Councillor J Quinn

### CABINET MINUTE 39 – 25 JUNE 2009

### NEW HEARTLANDS NEW GROWTH POINT FUNDING 2009/10 AND 2010/11

The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services reported upon proposals for the allocation of government grant of £6,332,389 to the Mersey Heartlands Partnership for the years 2009/10 (£2,466,176) and 2010/11 (£3,866,213 subject to Parliamentary approval).

The funding would be used to help deliver additional homes before 2016/17 and in Wirral it was focused on Wirral Waters and the surrounding Housing Market Renewal Initiative Area. Direct housing provision was limited in the current economic climate and Wirral's projects aimed to support new homebuyers in the HMRI area, strategic acquisitions and the planning of infrastructure to put in place the conditions for new development when the market improved.

Cabinet was asked to agree (i) the allocation of grant between Liverpool City Council and Wirral Council in the proportion 60:40, reflecting the relative population of the City and Wirral, and; (ii) an allocation of £150,000 revenue funding to Peel Holdings (a capital funding allocation of £150,000 is to be made by the City Council).

Cabinet was also asked to agree the prioritisation of projects set out in the Appendix to the report, recognising that re-prioritisation might occur. These projects would also to be incorporated within relevant Council revenue or capital programmes.

### Resolved -

- (1) That Cabinet agree the distribution of New Growth Point Grant allocation at a ratio of 60:40 between Liverpool City Council and Wirral Council respectively.
- (2) That Cabinet agrees an allocation of £150,000 revenue funding to Peel Holdings, £60,000 in year 2009/10 and £90,000 in year 2010/11 (the latter subject to CLG confirmation) and note that Liverpool City Council is to make an allocation of £150,000 capital funding from year 2009/10.
- (3) That Cabinet agrees the prioritisation of projects as set out in this report, subject to variation due to re-prioritisation within Liverpool or Wirral being delegated to the Steering Group and that re-prioritisation is reported to the next available meetings of the Executive Group and Wirral Cabinet.
- (4) That Cabinet agrees that Wirral projects will be incorporated within the relevant Council revenue or capital programmes.

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## **COUNCIL - 13 JULY 2009**

### **MOTIONS**

The following motions have been submitted in accordance with the notice required by Standing Order 8(1) and are listed in the order received. The actual order in which they are debated will be determined by the party groups in accordance with Standing Order 5(3).

## (1) DECLINE IN BEE POPULATION

Proposed by: Councillor Phil Gilchrist Seconded by: Councillor Steve Niblock

This Council shares the concerns expressed by the Women's Institute at its Annual General Meeting over the decline in the bee population and widespread concern about the decline of pollinators.

Council notes that the WI called on local authorities to plant verges, derelict land and public parks with bee friendly flowers.

In December 2008 Council recognised that the decline in vital contribution that bees make to pollination and to sustainable agriculture when it called for research and action to halt their decline.

Many of Wirral's management plans already recognise the need for sensitive management but that there is a pressing need to respond to the decline in the bee population.

Council requests, therefore, that Wirral's existing practices in managing open spaces and verges should be reviewed and updated to take account of this concern and brought back to the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

As part of this process Council officers are asked to consult with the local branches of the Women's Institute and other organisations to develop this initiative.

### (2) KITCHEN WASTE COLLECTION TRIAL SCHEME

Proposed by: Councillor Gill Gardiner Seconded by: Councillor Mike Redfern

### (1) Council notes that:

The Government has awarded Wirral a '3-star' rating for its environmental performance and has named Wirral as 'the most improved metropolitan borough' for recycling in 2007/08.

Wirral's recycling rates have soared from 14% in 2006/07 to 35% in 2008-09 and around 38% now, peaking at 43% last summer thanks to the garden waste collections.

With landfill taxes rising, this commitment to recycling will save Wirral council tax payers money and at the same time reduce our impact on climate change.

(2) Council welcomes the recent raising of the national recycling target to 55% by the Government.

### (3) Council also notes that:

- (a) The Government is encouraging Local Authorities to collect food waste separately from other household waste and have commissioned a report to consider the implications of banning of kitchen waste from landfill.
- (b) Kitchen waste makes up approximately 18% of our household waste stream, and it has been estimated that the introduction of a kerbside collection of food waste across Wirral would divert between 6,500 and 9,500 tonnes of waste from landfill, increasing our recycling performance by around 7%.
- (c) That the treatment of kerbside collected food waste is being actively considered by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority and that the planning stages of the treatment facility are being pursued.
- (4) Council therefore proposes that in preparation for the time Merseyside Districts are required to make a decision as to whether food waste is separately collected, a study is carried out to establish the most effective methods for households to safely separate this waste and for its efficient kerbside collection.
- (5) Council therefore resolves:
- (a) to request that officers present the details of a short term trial of the collection of food waste to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration in September. The details of any trial options should include cost implications, timescales and coverage.
- (b) that the findings of the trial are reported to the Scrutiny Committee in January with a detailed options report on the future of kitchen waste collections in Wirral.

### (3) LANDFILL IN WIRRAL

Moved by Councillor Chris Blakeley Seconded by Councillor Leah Fraser

- (1) Council is disappointed to note that Merseyside Environmental Agency Services (MEAS) has moved to the next stage of investigations for landfill sites in Wirral, at Moreton and Prenton.
- (2) Council supports the views expressed of local residents, the Council, Wirral Wildlife and other interested stakeholders during the first stage of consultation, rejecting both sites

- (3) Council further notes that MEAS has republished their initial report, having omitted the responses from local residents, elected members and other agencies in the first version.
- (4) Council again urges MEAS to reject the use of the North Wirral Brickworks, Carr Lane Moreton (MIN027) and the site in Prenton (MIN030) and asks MEAS to remove, without delay, both of these sites from their proposals.

### (4) EP ELECTIONS

Moved by Councillor Jeff Green Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Council regrets the election of a BNP Member of the European Parliament to represent Wirral, however Council further notes that the vote for the BNP rose by only a single ballot in Wirral and recognises that the Government's decision to introduce Proportional Representation for European elections in 1999 has enabled Nick Griffin to be elected a decade later.

Council fully rejects the racist policies of the BNP and calls upon the Chief Executive and all council officers to refuse to meet with Mr Griffin and his colleagues in the BNP (in any official capacity) and deny them access to information held by the Council or entry to council owned premises, unless to do so would be unlawful.

Council warmly congratulates Rt Hon Sir Robert Atkins, Sajjad Karim, Jaqueline Foster, Arlene McCarty, Brian Simpson, Paul Nutall and Chris Davies upon their election to the European Parliament and invites them to meet with Council officers and the leaders of the three main political parties in Wirral to discuss how best they can promote the interests of Wirral in the European Parliament.

### (5) ID CARDS

Moved by Councillor Jeff Green

Proposed by Cllr Lesley Rennie

This Council notes Her Majesty's Government's intention to push ahead with a National Identity Card and Database Scheme despite rising costs and continued opposition from many organisations, including a growing number of Local authorities.

This Council believes that such a scheme will be ineffective in the fight against crime, and that the vast amount of public money needed to execute the scheme would be better spent on more proven crime prevention measures, or paying down the excessive government debt.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Take part in no pilot scheme or feasibility work in relation to the introduction of national identity cards.

- 2. Assert that national identity cards will not be required to access any council services or benefits, unless required to do so by law.
- 3. Asks that the Chief Executive writes to the Home Secretary expressing this Council's opposition to the National Identity Card and Database Scheme.

### (6) CABINET'S FAILURE TO DEFEND THEIR DECISION AT LIBRARY INQUIRY

Moved by Councillor Tom Anderson Seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes

Council condemns the Leader of the Council's failure to give oral evidence in front of the public at the Library Inquiry.

Council notes that not one Labour or Liberal Democrat Cabinet member chose to give public testimony at the Inquiry and denounces the Council's Cabinet for hiding behind officers leading to a gross failure of transparency and accountability for the closure process and the decisions they have taken.

Council notes that the administration found it necessary to hire a barrister at Council Tax payer's expense to defend the Cabinet's decision and is concerned at the indicated costs.

This Council believes that the decision of the Labour/Liberal Democrat Cabinet not to defend their decision to close 11 Wirral Libraries in person at the Inquiry demonstrates contempt for the users of those libraries.

Council believes that the public of Wirral have lost confidence in the Leader of Wirral Borough Council and its Cabinet and therefore demands their immediate resignation.

### (7) MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Moved by Councillor Lesley Rennie Seconded by Councillor Chris Blakeley

This Council thanks Councillor John George for the loyal service he has given over many years as this Council's Labour representative on the Fire Authority, and expresses its belief that his presence and experience will be sorely missed.

This Council also thanks Councillor Denis Knowles for his invaluable contribution to the work of the Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority.

### (8) EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

Proposed by: Councillor Steve Foulkes Seconded by: Councillor Phil Davies Council notes that there is considerable public and press interest in the level of allowances being paid by taxpayers to members of public bodies.

Council further notes that Wirral Councillors have been frugal in their approach to allowances with an increase of just 1.9% in five years, that income tax and national insurance is paid on allowances and that Councillors on Wirral do not have access to a pension fund.

Although a lot of information is available in the public domain, Council believes that information on councillor allowances should be easily accessible to all those who wish to see it.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to place on the Council website a detailed list of all the allowances actually paid to individual Councillors, both by the Council and by those bodies funded from the Council Tax through a precept or levy.

## (9) COUNCIL FINANCE

Proposed by: Councillor Steve Foulkes

### Seconded by:

Council recognises the hard work of the last two years that has gone into creating a sustainable budget for this Council, in line with the Council's Corporate Plan, with a projected gap for 2010/11 of just 5.5m, (assuming a 4% increase in Council Tax), which is much lower than projected gaps in previous years.

Council further recognises that this achievement has placed the Council in a much healthier position to face the consequences of the current global recession, which will affect all local authorities in the coming years, as the next Comprehensive Spending Review takes account of the country's changed financial circumstances.

Council notes that Wirral's projected budget for 2011-14 takes the impact of the recession into account and currently shows a deficit of between £50m and £67m over the three years.

Council understands that, if Wirral residents are to continue to show the current high levels of satisfaction with the area in which they live, it will be essential to find new ways of providing the best possible services at the lowest possible costs and that these ways may be different from the way in which services have been traditionally delivered in the past.

### Council therefore:

- 1. Asks all Chief Officers to prepare for the years ahead by doing everything in their power to find new, cost effective ways of delivering good services to the people of Wirral
- 2. Calls on the Conservatives locally to explain, were they ever to achieve their stated ambition of running an administration, exactly how they will meet their financially reckless opposition promises, and the costs of their continued opposition to financially beneficial changes, without unscrupulously raiding reserves and balances and completely wrecking the Council's finances as they did the last time they had any power.
- 3. Calls on the Conservative members to explain exactly how they square their generous spending plans with the calls from their party nationally for a 10% cut in Council spending.

### (10) SUCCESS OF WIRRAL BUSINESSES

Proposed by: Councillor Jean Stapleton Seconded by: Councillor Ann McLachlan

This Council congratulates those Wirral businesses who won awards or were shortlisted at the recent Liverpool Daily Post Regional Business Awards event.

In particular, Council congratulates Cammell Laird on winning the KPMG Business of the Year award for its continued growth after it secured major long term contracts for the whole life maintenance of some of its vessels, as well as being shortlisted to build flight (decks) for the Royal Navy's next generation of aircraft carriers.

Council notes that this success comes at the end of a lengthy period during which a Labour led Council kept faith with the shipbuilding industry and with Wirral's skilled workers, refusing to give up hope for its revival at a time when all current advice said shipbuilding on Wirral was finished, and encouraging all efforts to use the unique facilities available for shipping repair. Council welcomes the fact that this award shows the shipbuilding industry has also kept faith with the people of Wirral, building a thriving business and employing local people.

Council also welcomes the approach to inward investment on Wirral, which forms part of the Vision put forward by the Labour/Liberal Democrat administration, and recognises the success of the Bromborough based T-systems which created 40 new jobs last year at Wirral International Business Park and won the Liverpool Vision Investment of the Year Award.

Council is delighted that a Wirral painting and decorating firm, the Roy Hankinson Group, won the Royal Mail Green award for finding ways to recycle over 50,000 used paint tins.

Council believes that the success of Wirral's businesses is a tribute to all the hard work put in by Wirral workers and their employers and that the continuing partnership on Wirral between businesses and the Council which encourages inward investment and growth can only be to everyone's advantage.

# (11) PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC GRADE 11\* HANGARS ASSOCIATED WITH 610 SQUADRON OF THE ROYAL AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Proposed by: Councillor Jerry Williams Seconded by: Councillor Walter Smith

This Council recognises the historic importance of the 610 (County of Chester) Squadron of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and its close association with Wirral.

Council notes that the Squadron was formed at Hooton Park in 1936 and that the importance of Hooton Airfield goes back much further. Council also notes that, even with the boundary changes over the years, a large proportion of this historic airfield is still within Wirral Council's boundaries.

Council further recognises that the 610 squadron was to become one of the most famous Battle of Britain Squadrons flying from Biggin Hill and its forward base Hawkinge and that during the height of the battle in July and August 1940 many local

pilots were killed and others had died before over Dunkirk. Many of those pilots had worked at Lever's, the Post Office, Bibby's and other Wirral firms and many of the indispensable and hardworking ground crew also came from the Wirral.

The most famous photograph of Spitfires in formation is that of 610 Squadron aircraft bearing their famous 'DW' markings in 1940. Even after the airfield's closure, 610 Squadron Association remained closely associated with the Grade II\* Belfast hangars and fought hard to save them from demolition.

Wirral Council fully endorses the campaign to preserve the historic hangars on site as part of Britain's and Wirral's rich heritage, and wishes the 610 Squadron Association all the best for the future."

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