

COUNCIL

Monday, 9 July 2018

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Geoffrey Watt) in the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Tony Smith)

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

Apologies Councillors T Cox L Grey
S Frost T Norbury

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Prior to the meeting formally commencing and at the invitation of the Civic Mayor, Rev David Chester led the Council in prayer.

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

Name	Item No. and Nature of Declaration
Councillor Paul Hayes	Item No. 10(4) – Notice of Motion (Minute 32 refers). Personal and prejudicial – by virtue of his employment.

Councillor Phill Brightmore	Item No. 10(5) – Notice of Motion (Minute 33 refers). Prejudicial – by virtue of his employment.
Councillor Stuart Whittingham	Item No. 10(3) – Notice of Motion (Minute 31 refers). Personal – by virtue of his employment.

15 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Tony Cox, Sam Frost, Liz Grey and Tony Norbury.

The Civic Mayor informed the Council that Steve Baker, Executive Head Teacher at Kilgarth School, had been invited to address the Council in respect of Notice of Motion No. 6, 'Remembering Srebrenica'.

The Civic Mayor commented on the 77 engagements which he and the Mayoress had undertaken over the first seven weeks of his Mayoralty and referred to a number of highlights, including the reception at Birkenhead Town Hall for the Tranmere Rovers Football Club on their return to the Football League, the events for the Tall Ships on the River Mersey and the Wirral Coastal walk, which the Mayoress had undertaken with Councillor Ian Lewis and Councillors Cherry Povall and former Councillor Sheila Clarke for part of the walk.

The Civic Mayor also referred to the recent visit of children from Riverside Primary School, one of seven Wirral primary schools awarded School of Sanctuary status making a welcoming environment for refugees and asylum seekers. Some pupils from the Riverside school, with their teachers, then gave a short musical performance to the meeting in celebration of ethnic diversity and welcoming refugees.

The Civic Mayor then invited Councillor Warren Ward to read out a personal statement as follows:

"Mr Mayor - Thank you for the opportunity to address full council this evening.

I have had the honour and privilege to serve this borough over the past 2 years and it is with great regret that I announce that this evening's full council will be my last duty as an elected member in this chamber.

I have always been a believer in dedicating 100% of time and effort into everything that I do. It is this reason why I have taken the decision to resign.

I have a new role at the Chamber of Commerce supporting the local economy and supporting the creation of more enterprises here in

Wirral. This is an important and demanding role which requires my full attention.

Mr Mayor - I was elected to this council aged 18, the youngest elected councillor in this borough's history and one of the youngest in the country. I knew that being a young councillor was always going to be difficult with many hurdles along the road, but I hope that I have been able to inspire other young people to get involved in local politics to make a difference and to change their communities.

Though I am leaving politics for now, I will remain active in the local community and in particular, I will remain in post as Chairperson of the New Ferry Town Team.

I am absolutely passionate about supporting the New Ferry community. It's my home town, and I am so proud of what we have been able to achieve together over the past two years. Nobody could have ever imagined that the community would be at the centre of a major explosion we still continue the carry on and fight for funding.

New Ferry and Port Sunlight has an exciting future. I look forward to leading its growth and re-incarnation, not as a politician, but as a young lad who cares about his town's future.

My final words in this chamber have to be to thank all of our dedicated officers, the people of Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry and to all of our elected members.

But most importantly, I want to thank my partner, Steven McCulloch, my parents, Andy & Clare and all of my family. It is those closest to us who make the biggest sacrifices for our public service."

The Leader of the Council expressed his thanks to Councillor Warren Ward for his service to the people of Bromborough and New Ferry over the last two years and paid tribute to him and his ward colleagues for all their work in the aftermath of the explosion in New Ferry and wished him all the very best for the future.

Councillors Ian Lewis and Dave Mitchell added their tributes to Councillor Ward echoing the sentiments expressed by the Leader.

16 **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

It was moved by Councillor Ron Abbey, seconded by Councillor Phil Davies and –

Resolved (55:6) (One abstention) – That Standing Order 9(1) be suspended and the guillotine come into effect at 8.30pm or after motions (i), (ii) and (iii) have been debated.

17 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Council meetings held on 14 and 15 May, 2018 had been circulated to Members and it was –

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

18 **PETITIONS**

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

- (i). Councillor Bernie Mooney on behalf of 65 residents requesting the introduction of residential parking on Wright Street, Egremont.
- (ii). Councillor Jerry Williams on behalf of 160 residents requesting improvements to the traffic situation in Village Road, Bebington.
- (iii). Councillor Pat Cleary on behalf of 63 residents requesting effective calming measures be put in place to address the speed of traffic travelling along Elmswood, Tranmere.
- (iv). Councillor Adam Sykes on behalf of 320 residents requesting repairs to Brookhurst Children's Play Area.
- (v). Councillor Paul Hayes on behalf of 161 residents against the planning application APP/18/00694 for the erection of two dwellings on land to the rear of 240 – 240b Wallasey Village, Wallasey.
- (vi). Councillor Gerry Ellis on behalf of 463 residents against coastal car parking charges in West Kirby.
- (vii). Councillor Julie McManus on behalf of 50 residents requesting the replacement of the grass verge at the front of 1 Westpark Gardens to 45 Westpark Gardens, Beechwood with car parking spaces for residents' cars.
- (viii). Councillor Chris Blakeley on behalf of 15,063 residents opposing the proposal for a dog control public space protection order.

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

19 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Ms K O'Rourke, having given the appropriate notice in accordance with Standing Order 11, submitted a question on the subject of the Hoylake Golf Resort.

Councillor Phil Davies, Leader of the Council, responded accordingly.

Ms O'Rourke asked a supplementary question in accordance with Standing Order 10, and Councillor Phil Davies responded accordingly.

20 **LEADER'S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' AND CHAIRS REPORTS**

The Mayor introduced the Wirral Plan Annual report and Overview and Scrutiny Annual report and invited questions to Cabinet Members on the report.

Councillor Mike Sullivan asked a question of Councillor Janette Williamson, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, regarding a community wealth building strategy. Councillor Williamson responded that this was a new approach to regeneration framed around co-operative values, self-help, participation, social responsibility and democratic accountability. It was a place based approach enabling local people to create and retain wealth and help local anchor institutions spend within the local supply chain wherever possible, keeping wealth within the community. Members of the Cabinet had visited Preston City Council where it was in operation.

Councillor Chris Blakeley asked a question of Councillor Phil Davies, Leader of the Council, on the projected increase in income from fines from the proposed Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders. Councillor Davies agreed that he would supply an answer in writing to this question. Councillor Blakeley then asked a question of Councillor Janette Williamson, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources on how the budget gap of £250,000 would be filled now that the Leader had decided to drop his plan for car parking charges at coastal locations. Councillor Williamson responded that the Cabinet were looking at alternatives to fill this gap in the budget.

Councillor Chris Carubia asked a question of Councillor George Davies, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, on new build homes and where new home owners originate from and if enough affordable homes and house types were being built for local residents. Councillor Davies responded that with regard to affordable housing schemes it was known from the housing register and allocations system that the majority of people who moved into new schemes were local people of Wirral. The Council had never commissioned a report to ascertain where people in new private developments had moved from as unfortunately there was no requirement for

developers to provide this information to the authority. Keepmoat Homes had been able to advise the Council that houses had been bought by local people in the borough and also the local areas of Claughton, Birkenhead etc. In terms of local need and affordable housing, Councils had to undertake a Strategic Housing Market Assessment which set out the broad needs and objectives for new housing including the tenure and property types, including affordable homes.

Councillor Chris Carubia then asked a question of Councillor Angela Davies, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Growth, on the proposed Hoylake Golf Resort project. In response Councillor Davies commented that the Council was aware of the resignations from Branded Hotel Management but this did not create concerns as people resigned from Directorships for a number of reasons and the companies cited were continuing to perform their roles within the project. The Council would continue to do its due diligence at all stages of the Golf Resort Project.

Councillor Lesley Rennie asked a question of Councillor Phil Davies, Leader of the Council, regarding the proposed introduction of Public Space Protection Orders for dogs. Councillor Davies responded that the Council was still in the middle of a consultation period until 15 July on the proposal and this process would have to play out. He would be listening carefully to residents and had received a number of representations. He condemned those irresponsible dog owners and also people who littered the borough. He would like to have more resources but the Government had cut £250m from the Council's budget since 2010. Lord Porter, Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association had, just last week at the LGA Annual Conference, stated that the Government needed to put £8 billion into Local Authorities by 2023 just to stand still.

Councillor Pat Cleary asked a question of Councillor Matthew Patrick, Cabinet Member for Environment, regarding work being done to make sure Wirral reached its 50 per cent target of recycling all waste. Councillor Patrick acknowledged the difficult times caused by austerity and the need to educate people as to what they could and could not recycle. Any ideas as to how recycling rates could be increased would be very welcome.

Councillor Pat Cleary then asked a question of Councillor Angela Davies, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Growth, on what specific commitments had been given to the Growth Company partner as to the amount of time it would take to process relevant planning applications. Councillor Davies agreed that she would supply an answer in writing to this question.

Councillor Andrew Hodson asked a question of Councillor Matthew Patrick, Cabinet Member for Environment, regarding the proposed dog control Public Space Protection Orders. Councillor Patrick responded that the consultation was still ongoing until 15 July but it was not acceptable for people to allow

their dogs to foul in any area and he welcomed a proposed increase in fines from £50 to £100 for those irresponsible owners who allowed their dogs to foul in any area. Parts of the proposals have had complete support from lots of people and many interesting responses so far to the consultation.

In respect of £80m held in reserves and loans to other Councils, Councillor Janette Williamson, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, responded that loans to other Councils were good financial practice which Councils all over the country undertook and it was important that the Council maximised its cash flow with £300,000 in interest being generated a year and that she would be happy to receive any ideas on how monies could be generated.

Councillor Paul Hayes asked a question of Councillor Stuart Whittingham, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, regarding the length of time it had taken for the bridge between Wallasey and Birkenhead to be replaced and whether any financial penalties had been imposed and would he take political responsibility for this and resign. Councillor Whittingham responded no.

Councillor Stuart Kelly asked a question of Councillor Matthew Patrick, Cabinet Member for Environment, regarding the modernisation of waste collection. Councillor Patrick responded that there was no deviation from the previous plan and that he was looking at best practice across each authority in the City Region and across the country and he would welcome any ideas to improve waste collection and recycling.

Councillor Stuart Kelly then asked a question of Councillor Phil Davies, Leader of the Council, on Wirral Together and review of Constituency Committees. Councillor Davies responded that he would be bringing more proposals forward in the autumn on Wirral Together which was a partnership with residents and other key agencies in the public and private sector. It was based on a Wigan Council model and the need to be honest and open with residents over the funding constraints which the Council had, having lost 40 per cent of its funding in the last 8 years. With regard to Constituency Committees one size did not fit all and there were some which worked well and others not so well so there could be no uniform model and individual views across all four constituencies would need to be taken account of.

Councillor David Elderton asked a question of Councillor Angela Davies, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Growth, on how commitments could be made to drive significant progress on major development projects such as Hoylake Golf Resort before any viability assessments had been published. Councillor Davies responded that the commitment was to make sure the Council did have these feasibility studies, after which it would then become a planning matter.

Councillor David Burgess-Joyce asked a question of Councillor Bernie Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, regarding making Wirral an, 'employer of choice for social workers' and how many 'heads had rolled' following the resignation of her predecessor and the Director of Children's Services last year. Councillor Mooney responded that Wirral did want to have the best social workers providing an environment where they felt safe to work, supported properly with a proper management structure; some agency staff had already transferred to permanent employment with the Council. With regard to staff leaving the Council she stated that this information was already available.

Councillor Allan Brame asked a question of Councillor Stuart Whittingham, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, regarding the restoration of a bus service through Oxton Village. Councillor Whittingham responded that Avon's No. 90 service was withdrawn from 22 April 2018 as part of their own review of services rather than being due to the full area Network Review. As part of the changes made in April, services 90 and 92 were withdrawn, and service 91 was revised to incorporate sections of these routes, but did not include Oxton Village. Residents in the area were all within Merseytravel's policy guideline of being 400m from a bus service. It was acknowledged that the gradients were steep and following representations from local councillors Avon were asked if it was possible to divert the new 91 into Oxton Village. They looked into the possibility in detail, but determined that it was not possible due to the additional time required in the timetable. To include Oxton Village would have required either an additional vehicle (at a cost of £100,000 per year) or the omission of a section of route which would have been left outside of the 400m buffer. There was no proposed replacement bus service for Oxton Village, however both Merseytravel and Avon were aware of the issues and would give them due consideration should circumstances alter in the future.

Councillor Jeff Green asked a question of Councillor Phill Brightmore, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Recreation, on whether anymore consultants would be commissioned to undertake leisure reviews and whether monies spent up to now on reports had been wasted. Councillor Brightmore responded that it was not his intention to commission anymore consultants' reports and all reports commissioned up to this point formed part of an important evidence base for the leisure review which would soon conclude.

Councillor Bruce Berry asked a question of Councillor Bernie Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, regarding a new Government £1,000 bursary for care leavers to undertake an apprenticeship and what the Children's Department was doing to make care leaver's aware of this. Councillor Mooney responded that she would check with Children's Services staff and supply a written response. Agreement had been reached with Biffa to provide 10 apprenticeships a year for care leavers.

Councillor Cherry Povall asked a question of Councillor Bernie Mooney, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, on whether the Council's review of school provision would include giving school children on Wirral the opportunity to attend the new University of Liverpool Mathematics School. Councillor Mooney responded that she would provide a written response to the question.

Councillor Andrew Gardner asked a question of Councillor Janette Williamson, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, on how much advertising revenue was received from external organisations for advertisements placed in the Wirral View publication. Councillor Williamson responded that she would provide a written response.

Councillor Steve Williams asked a question of Councillor Matthew Patrick, Cabinet Member for Environment, regarding his predecessor's plans for food waste recycling bins. Councillor Patrick responded that there were no plans for food waste recycling.

Councillor Wendy Clements asked a question of Councillor Chris Jones, Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health, on whether the Council had been given any indicative figures for the share that Wirral NHS would get from the additional £20 billion announced by the Government for the NHS. Councillor Jones responded that she would provide a written response.

Councillor Kathy Hodson asked a question of Councillor Janette Williamson, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, regarding whether the Council would be applying for a share of the £7.5m fund to improve digital services for local authorities announced by the Government. Councillor Williamson responded that she would provide a written response.

Councillor Gerry Ellis asked a question of Councillor Angela Davies, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Growth, regarding the Hoylake Golf Resort. Councillor Davies responded that the consultants on the project were being funded by the company, not the Council and once the outcome of these reports was known the matter would then be a planning decision.

Councillor Julie McManus asked a question of Councillor Paul Stuart, Cabinet Member for Law and Order, regarding the development of phase two of the Safer Wirral Hub and how it would respond to the needs of residents particularly concerning anti-social behaviour. Councillor Stuart responded that anti-social behaviour still blighted some areas, including the issues with scrambler bikes, and he would be working with officers to seek greater integration and to consider aligning services with a responsibility to enforce and regulate across the borough into the Safer Wirral Hub. He was keen to see more proactive work in preventing the borough's citizens from becoming offenders in the first place and phase two would build on the current model offering a single unit for professionals and residents to contact to resolve anti-social behaviour issues.

Councillor Ian Lewis asked a question of Councillor Paul Stuart, Cabinet Member for Law and Order, regarding rough sleeping and homelessness and whether it should fall within his portfolio which risked criminalising people who had done nothing wrong but be homeless and would this not sit better within the Housing and Planning portfolio. Councillor Stuart responded that Cabinet Members worked together and this was not about criminalising homeless people as his portfolio cut across most other portfolios and he was happy for this to sit within his brief.

Councillor Paul Doughty asked a question of Councillor Matthew Patrick, Cabinet Member for Environment, regarding the need for all political groups to come together and face up to the issue of the need in the future to collect food waste, as was happening across all Welsh Councils. Councillor Patrick responded that he was keen for the Council to be forward thinking with regard to recycling but there were currently no plans to recycle food waste.

At the conclusion of questions an amendment was moved in respect of the Wirral Plan 2020 Annual Report as follows:

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist, seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

"Council notes that the Foreword to the Annual Report refers to the original purpose of the Report as giving.....*"open, honest appraisals"* of the Council's *"progress"*.

The document states *"We're also continuing to get the basics right "* (page 4), an impression that is not shared by the public who are able to see, first hand, daily, the weeds and potholes and neglected appearance of their communities.

The key performance indicators referred to in the 2017 MORI survey of Wirral's residents referenced some decline in the satisfaction with local government but clearly stated that ...

"Although Wirral's drop in key measures follows the national trend, it should be noted that, across the board, performance indicators are significantly lower compared to its peers." (Ipsos MORI North, page 11)

The Liberal Democrat Group's concern over 'getting the basics right' was reported in the Wirral Globe on 21 February 2018 (page 30).

The Annual Report for 2016/17 (page 25) promised that in 2017/18.....
".....we will redouble our efforts to improve the public realm....."

The current Annual Report also states.....
"we will redouble our efforts to improve the public realm....." (page 35)

What has doubled is the size of the documentation, from 28 to 56 pages, when residents look for practical action rather than words.

The belated recognition of the need to tackle the state of Wirral is welcome, as set out in the priorities of the 2018/19 Delivery Plan (page 3). The general thrust of the policies and concerns as set out is worthy. It should be noted, though, that:

- (i). the need to place Children's Services on a 'solid' foundation flows from failings that were not recognised in the 2016 Annual Report;
- (ii). the 2017 Annual Report declared that the Leader was confident that residents would, as a result of the Growth Company, see "spades in the ground" .."within the next twelve months";
- (iii). the Major Project on "Stronger and more sustainable services" assures Council that the administration will "find the most appropriate, sustainable model to deliver parks, leisure libraries and cultural services".
It is a year since pre-decision scrutiny was promised at the Call In held on 19 June 2017. There was substantial expenditure on consultants' reports which were only made public after repeated requests.
- (iv). the Key Project 'Keep Wirral Moving' refers to the investment in "improving" potholes. Council is anxious that the new in-house arrangements will tackle this issue. The public simply want the potholes mended with a common sense logical approach.
- (v). the Major Project "creating jobs driving regeneration" refers to the Celtic Manor Golf Resort. Council places on record that it remains sceptical over this project and calls for the publication of all exempt material relating to it.

Council fully understands the uncertain financial climate under which the Council is operating. References to the removal of the Revenue Support Grant and the removal of 'core' grant reinforce the need to work with the Local Government Association to establish a respected and fairer grant funding system. The 'Major Project' does not refer to the consultation undertaken by the Secretary of State on the new funding formula. Council remains anxious that every opportunity should be taken to secure replacement funding."

Following speeches by movers and seconders and Councillor Phil Davies having replied, the amendment was put and lost (25:36) (One abstention).

The motion was put and carried (36:25) (One abstention).

Resolved – (36:25) (One abstention) – That the Wirral Plan 2020 Annual Report 2017/18, be noted.

The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18 was then considered by the Council and it was moved by Councillor Mike Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Anita Leech and –

Resolved (61:0) (One abstention) – That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18, be noted.

21 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

Councillor Phil Gilchrist asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Environment in relation to the proposed Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order. Councillor Matthew Patrick replied accordingly.

Councillor Lesley Rennie asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Law and Order in relation to the Authority's response to the Government's draft Domestic Abuse Bill and also whether the Council would submit a bid for a share of the £19m fund established by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to expand support for survivors of domestic abuse. Councillor Paul Stuart replied accordingly.

22 VACANCIES

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

COMMITTEES

Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Sharon Jones to replace Warren Ward and Councillor Tony Cottier to replace Sharon Jones as deputy.

Environment Overview and Scrutiny

Councillor Gillian Wood to replace Warren Ward and Councillor Adrian Jones to replace Gillian Wood as deputy.

Pensions Committee

Councillor Sharon Jones to replace Warren Ward as deputy.

Planning Committee

Councillor Liz Grey to replace Warren Ward as deputy.

STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND PANELS

Members' Equipment Steering Group.

Councillor Steve Williams to replace Lesley Rennie and Councillor Janette Williamson to replace Warren Ward.

Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education

Councillor Liz Grey to replace Councillor Brian Kenny.

Young People's Advisory Group

Councillor Liz Grey to replace Warren Ward.

OUTSIDE BODIES

North West Housing Consortium / NW Housing Forum

Councillor George Davies to be appointed

Resolved – That all the above appointments and nominations be approved.

23 MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Standing Order 5(2) six matters had been submitted for approval or consideration by the Council (see minutes 24 to 27 post).

24 COUNCIL CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The first matter requiring consideration was in relation to the Council Constitution update for the inclusion of the amended Contract Procedure Rules, noting amendments to be made to the Council Constitution by the Monitoring Officer and the intention of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee to undertake a major review of the Constitution.

On a motion by Councillor Adrian Jones, seconded by Councillor Moira McLaughlin, it was –

Resolved (57:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within minute 68 of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (12 March, 2018) and minute 6 of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee (12 June, 2018), be approved.

25 ADOPTION OF THE MODEL COUNCIL MEMBERS' PLANNING CODE

The second matter requiring consideration was in relation to the adoption of the Model Planning Code and to agree its inclusion in the Council

Constitution, as recommended by the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee of 12 June, 2018 (minute 4 refers), supported by the Planning Committee of 21 June, 2018 (minute 24 refers).

On a motion by Councillor Moira McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Anita Leech, it was –

Resolved (59:0) (Two abstentions) – That the recommendations contained within minute 4 of the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee, be approved.

26 **FEE SETTING FOR 2018/19 - CABINET, 26 MARCH, 2018 (MINUTE 99 REFERS)**

The third matter requiring consideration was in relation to Fee Setting 2018/19, as recommended by Cabinet of 26 March, 2018 (minute 99 refers).

On a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Bernie Mooney, it was –

Resolved (59:0) (One abstention) – That the recommendations contained within minute 99 of Cabinet, be approved.

27 **WIRRAL CORE STRATEGY LOCAL PLAN - WIRRAL EMPLOYMENT LAND AND PREMISES STUDY - CABINET, 26 MARCH, 2018 (MINUTE 102 REFERS)**

The fourth matter requiring consideration was in relation to the Wirral Core Strategy Local Plan - Wirral Employment Land and Premises Study 2017 and its approval as a material consideration for use by the Planning Committee in the determining of planning applications, as recommended by Cabinet of 26 March, 2018 (minute 102 refers).

On a motion by Councillor Phil Davies, seconded by Councillor Bernie Mooney, it was –

Resolved (54:0) (Six abstentions) – That the recommendations contained within minute 102 of Cabinet, be approved.

28 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7(1) were reported to Council. The Civic Mayor having considered each motion, in accordance with Standing Order 7(4) had decided that they would each be debated and they were determined as detailed in Minutes 29 to 35 below.

MOTION - TACKLING POVERTY AMONG WOMEN AND GIRLS ON LOW INCOMES

Councillor Moira McLaughlin moved and Councillor Anita Leech seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7 –

“One of the hidden effects of living on a low income is the startling fact that 40% of teenage girls in that situation cannot afford to buy proper sanitary protection and have to use unsuitable and degrading alternatives.

Council recognises the excellent work being done by volunteers involved in the ‘Feeding Birkenhead’ project in initiating their Pink Box campaign to address this and we are pleased that it is now being rolled out to other parts of the country through Feeding Britain and that Women’s Aid and other charities are providing similar help.

However, this is only a small part of what is needed and we are looking to gather support from across all political parties and faith and community groups in Wirral and across the country that are working to tackle the impact of poverty, to ask the government to recognise the extent of this as a problem and develop the approach taken in Scotland to ensure all women and girls living on low incomes have the sanitary protection they need to maintain their self-respect and dignity.

Council agrees that the Leader of the Council should write to the Prime Minister and ask that the government supports this campaign”.

Councillor David Burgess-Joyce moved and Councillor Wendy Clements seconded the following amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(9) such that the Motion be approved subject to –

The deletion of “.” In the final paragraph and the insertion of –

“and, as soon as practicable following our withdrawal from the European Union, applies a zero rating for Value Added Tax (VAT) to all sanitary products.

In the meantime, Council agrees to encourage all appropriate local organisations including ‘Feeding Birkenhead’ to apply for grants from the Tampon Tax Fund, established by the Government, which ring-fences VAT receipts from sanitary products to support projects working with women and girls.”

Following a debate conducted in accordance with Standing Order 12, and Councillor McLaughlin having replied, the amendment was put and carried (60:0) (One abstention).

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and carried (60:0) (One abstention).

Resolved (60:0) (One abstention) –

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30 MOTION - KEEPING WIRRAL PARKS AND COASTAL AREAS AVAILABLE FOR THE MANY NOT THE FEW

In standing to move a Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7, Councillor David Elderton sought the agreement of the Council to the variation of the Motion. The Council gave its agreement to the variation of the Motion as required by Standing Order 12(1), such agreement being given by general consent.

Accordingly, Councillor David Elderton moved and Councillor Gerry Ellis seconded the following varied Motion –

“Council believes the introduction of car parking charges at Wirral’s coastal areas and promenades, following the introduction of charges in our country parks:

- Will bring in relatively small amounts of money
- Will have a health and happiness cost, by discouraging residents from using green spaces and the beaches
- Will disproportionately impact on poorer residents, for whom access to the country parks and beaches is a relatively cheap activity, and for whom travel on public transport with children and associated equipment will be more expensive and inconvenient

Council also notes the views of Members in the Wards affected by the proposals for coastal parking charges (Wallasey, Hoylake & Meols and West Kirby & Thurstaston) who have highlighted the potential impact on small and medium sized businesses reliant on visitor and tourist trade.

Council therefore welcomes the rejection of coastal parking charges as proposed by the Cabinet Member for Highways following the rejection of similar proposals for our high streets and shopping areas in 2017 and urges the Leader of the Council to similarly remove parking charges in our country parks forthwith”.

Councillor Stuart Whittingham moved and Councillor Phil Davies seconded the following amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(9) such that the Motion be approved subject to –

The addition to bullet point one of “compared to the £250 million slashed from Wirral Council’s budget by Tory austerity policies”; and the deletion of the final paragraph and its replacement with “Council congratulates the Leader of the Council for having considered the results of the consultation on proposed parking charges and taking the sensible step of rejecting them, demonstrating his administration’s un-wavering support for Wirral’s visitor economy, and despite the enormous pressures Tory cuts are placing on the council, for his commitment to listen and act in the best interests of Wirral residents”.

Following a debate conducted in accordance with Standing Order 12, and Councillor Elderton having replied, a number of Members rose to request a ‘card vote’.

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

For the amendment (36) R Abbey, P Brightmore, K Cannon, T Cottier, A Davies, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, S Foulkes, P Hackett, AER Jones, C Jones, S Jones, T Jones, B Kenny, A Leech, M McLaughlin, J McManus, C Meaden, B Mooney, C Muspratt, M Patrick, PA Smith, C

Spriggs, J Stapleton, P Stuart, M Sullivan, T Usher, J Walsh, W Ward, S Whittingham, I Williams, KJ Williams, J Williamson and G Wood.

Against the amendment (24) T Anderson, B Berry, C Blakeley A Brame, D Burgess-Joyce, C Carubia, P Cleary, W Clements, D Elderton, G Ellis, A Gardner, P Gilchrist, J Green, P Hayes, A Hodson, K Hodson, M Jordan, S Kelly, I Lewis, D Mitchell, C Povall, L Rennie, L Rowlands and S Williams.

One abstention - Councillor G Watt (Civic Mayor).

Prior to voting on the substantive motion, as amended, a number of Members rose to request a 'card vote'. A recorded vote was then taken and the Council divided as follows:

For the amendment (36) R Abbey, P Brightmore, K Cannon, T Cottier, A Davies, G Davies, P Davies, W Davies, P Doughty, S Foulkes, P Hackett, AER Jones, C Jones, S Jones, T Jones, B Kenny, A Leech, M McLaughlin, J McManus, C Meaden, B Mooney, C Muspratt, M Patrick, PA Smith, C Spriggs, J Stapleton, P Stuart, M Sullivan, T Usher, J Walsh, W Ward, S Whittingham, I Williams, KJ Williams, J Williamson and G Wood.

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One abstention - Councillor G Watt (Civic Mayor).

Resolved (36:24) (One abstention) –

Council believes the introduction of car parking charges at Wirral's coastal areas and promenades, following the introduction of charges in our country parks:

- **Will bring in relatively small amounts of money compared to the £250 million slashed from Wirral Council's budget by Tory austerity policies.**
- **Will have a health and happiness cost, by discouraging residents from using green spaces and the beaches**
- **Will disproportionately impact on poorer residents, for whom access to the country parks and beaches is a relatively cheap activity, and for whom travel on public transport with children and associated equipment will be more expensive and inconvenient**

Council also notes the views of Members in the Wards affected by the proposals for coastal parking charges (Wallasey, Hoylake & Meols and

West Kirby & Thurstaston) who have highlighted the potential impact on small and medium sized businesses reliant on visitor and tourist trade.

Council congratulates the Leader of the Council for having considered the results of the consultation on proposed parking charges and taking the sensible step of rejecting them, demonstrating his administration's un-wavering support for Wirral's visitor economy, and despite the enormous pressures Tory cuts are placing on the Council, for his commitment to listen and act in the best interests of Wirral residents.

31 **MOTION - BETTER ACCESS TO HOSPITAL**

With the agreement of the mover and seconder of this motion and the whole Council, the guillotine, previously agreed as being after debate on the first three motions (see minute 16 ante), was brought forward as the whole Council was in agreement on this motion.

Councillor Dave Mitchell moved and Councillor Phil Gilchrist seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7 –

“This Council recognises and appreciates the concerns expressed by the Wirral South Constituency Committee at its meeting on 21 June 2018 when the Motion, reproduced below, was proposed by Cllr Dave Mitchell, seconded jointly by Councillors Christina Muspratt and Mary Jordan, and agreed unanimously:

“This Constituency Committee is concerned at the inconvenient, lengthy and time-consuming bus journeys, affecting residents in southern Wirral when travelling to Arrowe Park Hospital and back.

The Committee recognises that, since the changes to bus services introduced in September 2017, patients and visitors have been faced not only with less frequent but also indirect services, part of a complex deal negotiated between Merseytravel and the bus companies.

We consider it totally unsatisfactory that residents face journeys that might involve changes in New Ferry or Birkenhead Bus Station, adding extra journey time, stress and the possibility of additional costs to their journeys.

Whilst some work has been started on ways to alleviate or tackle this situation, such as the meeting attended by Merseytravel, representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group, this Council and Councillors Muspratt and Gilchrist, the issues have not yet been resolved.

In addition the Urgent Care Review also needs to take account of the need to access services.

This Committee, therefore, requests that the Leader of the Council and appropriate Cabinet members take this issue up with the LCR Transport Committee and the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region with a view to restoring a better and more direct service to Arrowe Park Hospital from those areas of southern Wirral most affected.”

Council requests that, in order to respond to the Motion, the Leader of the Council...

- takes steps to look into and raise these concerns and
- helps set up and progress meetings between Wirral South members, along with officers that serve the Liverpool City Region at a senior level ...with the aim of securing solutions to the problems experienced by people in southern Wirral and the needs of staff who require convenient and reliable services to enable them to travel to and from work”.

Having applied the guillotine, the Council did not debate this matter.

Resolved (60:0) (One abstention) – That the motion be approved.

32 **MOTION - SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL ACTION TO TACKLE OBESITY**

Having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor Paul Hayes vacated the Council Chamber and did not take part in the voting thereon (minute 14 refers).

Christine Jones moved and Councillor Bernie Mooney seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7 –

- (1) The Council notes that obesity is a major public health concern with the majority of adults in England being overweight or obese and more than a third of our 10 to 11 years old being overweight or obese.
- (2) It is estimated that obesity is responsible for more than 30,000 deaths each year. Being overweight or obese increases the risk of a wide range of diseases including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and many cancers. It also negatively affects quality of life and mental wellbeing.
- (3) No one is ‘immune’ to obesity, but some people are more likely to become overweight or obese than others. Factors of income, social deprivation and ethnicity all have an important impact on the likelihood of person becoming obese. Data from the National Child Measurement Programme shows that obesity levels in the most deprived 10% of children is approximately double that of the least deprived 10%.
- (4) Obesity places a huge strain on health and social care as well as having a broader impact on economic development. The estimated

annual cost of obesity in England is around £32.5billion and if no action is taken these costs will increase.

- (5) Council recognises that the causes of obesity are complex. Environmental, physiological and behavioural factors all interrelate and play their part in influencing the prevalence of obesity. This is why at a local level Wirral has a wide range of activities to tackle obesity. This includes providing a 0 to 19 service working with schools and 0-5s to be health promoting, a number of services providing weight management support and having health promoting planning policies.
- (6) However, Council feels more needs to be done by national government to support the efforts of local areas and we call upon the Government to lead on three areas of action:
- (7) **Firstly Implement the Food Revolution actions.**
- (8) This is a campaign led by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation and its Australian partners at the Good Foundation. It is committed to inspiring real, meaningful, positive change in the way children access, consume and understand food.
- (9) Working with medical experts and professionals Food Revolution has created a six-point plan for action which they believe governments across the world should be working towards as a priority.
- (10) Council welcomes that the UK government has implemented the first action, which is the introduction of a sugary drink tax, but strongly advocate that the government also acts upon the other 5 actions. These are;
- (11) 1. The introduction of sugar reformulation targets to reduce excessive sugar in all products and have penalties for non-compliance;
- (12) 2. Introduce fair marketing which would include a ban on food advertising targeted at children and cutting promotion of sugary products;
- (13) 3. Making clearer labelling mandatory with clear on-pack sugar information, such as traffic light labelling and having restrictions on portion sizes for confectionary and sugary drinks;
- (14) 4. Improving access to healthy food at schools for all children and prioritise food education in schools and,
- (15) 5. Providing greater education including clear national guides on what nutritious daily meals look like. This would include practical resources for both parents and teachers and better consistency between the classroom and home.

(16) Secondly Tackle Food Poverty

- (17) An affordable healthy diet is vital for good health. However, we know many people, due to rising food prices, low wages and reductions in benefits, have an insufficient income to buy healthy food. This ‘food poverty’ trap results in families cutting back on fresh fruit and vegetables and buying cheap, sweet, fatty, salty, or processed foods that need little cooking.
- (18) This results in poorer people having worse diets, greater levels of obesity and poorer health. Across the Liverpool City region many families are living in poverty and there is high demand on food banks.
- (19) Whilst there is considerable work across the Liverpool City Region (LCR) to tackle poverty, illustrated in the commitment set out in The LCR Child Poverty and Life Chances Strategy, more needs to be done nationally. We call upon the UK government as the world’s sixth largest economy to do more to end food poverty. Food banks should not become a substitute for an effective welfare system and fair work which includes earning a living wage.

(20) Thirdly introduce a fairer and greater obesity focus of the use of sugar levy funding

- (21) Council welcomes the government’s sugary drinks levy with the money raised to improve PE and sport for primary-aged pupils to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.
- (22) The funding is to be allocated directly to primary schools, based on the number of pupils in years 1 to 6. There is no adjustment for deprivation. We believe to make the greatest impact the funding should be weighted to those with greatest health needs. The National Child Measurement Programme figures show it is the areas with greater deprivation which have a comparably higher proportion of children who are obese, compared to areas in the least deprived areas. If the funding was allocated direct to Local Authorities, rather than to individual schools, there would be greater potential to ensure resources were utilised to meet the needs across the local area.
- (23) Furthermore as obesity is influenced by both energy expended and energy consumed to tackle obesity we would like to see the criteria for this funding to also include activities which will help children and families make healthier food and drink choices.
- (24) In conclusion we strongly believe that more needs to be done on a national level to address the public health issue of obesity.

- (25) This Council therefore agrees that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health should write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and ask him to give healthy weight a greater priority by:
- (26) Implementing all of the Food Revolution actions;**
(27) Tackling Food Poverty and,
(28) Having a fairer and greater obesity focus of the use of sugar levy funding including allocation to Local Authorities rather than to individual schools

Councillor Chris Blakeley, in the absence of Councillor Adam Sykes, moved and Councillor Wendy Clements seconded the following amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(9) such that the Motion be approved subject to -

In paragraph 7, delete the word 'Implement' and insert the word 'Review'; and insert the words "with a focus on promoting healthy choices" to the end of the paragraph;

In paragraph 10, delete the words "acts upon" and insert the words "investigates the potential benefits, keeping in mind maintaining choice for citizens, of";

In paragraph 17, delete the words "However, we know many people, due to rising food prices, low wages and reductions in benefits, have an insufficient income to buy healthy food. This 'food poverty' trap results in families cutting back on fresh fruit and vegetables and buying cheap, sweet, fatty, salty, or processed foods that need little cooking.";

in paragraph 18, delete the words "This results in" and insert the words "Evidence shows";

Insert the following words after paragraph 20 - "The cost of a £1 cheeseburger could also buy a kilo of sweet potatoes, two kilos of carrots or 10 apples, a 2017 study showed. Whilst, acknowledging the energy costs of cooking meals, healthier choices are still cheaper than their more unhealthy counterparts. Data from 78 common food products across Tesco and Asda found that healthier options are generally cheaper than healthier alternatives. In fact, it was found that subsidising healthy foods would be unlikely to change eating habits and would instead transfer money from the poor to the rich. Therefore, more must be done to understand the reasons behind this phenomenon without jumping to conclusions that fit an ideological narrative.";

In paragraph 22, delete the words "There is no adjustment for deprivation" and "The National Child Measurement Programme figures show it is the areas with higher greater deprivation which have a comparably higher proportion of

children who are obese, compared to areas in the least deprived areas. If the funding was allocated direct to Local Authorities, rather than to individual schools, there would be greater potential to ensure resources were utilised to meet the needs across the local area.”;

In paragraph 26, delete the word “Implement” and insert “Review”; and add the words “with a focus on promoting healthy choices, while respecting freedom of choice”;

In paragraph 28, delete the words “including allocation to Local Authorities rather than to individual schools”; and

Insert a final paragraph to the motion “Council also notes that, as well as healthier food options, promoting more active lifestyles including walking, running, cycling and dog walking also have a part to play and therefore Council believes that those on the lowest incomes should not be discouraged from using Wirral’s leisure and recreation facilities including through the imposition of parking charges at our country parks”.

Having applied the guillotine the Council did not debate this matter.

The amendment was put and lost (17:42) (One abstention).

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

Resolved (59:0) (One abstention) – That the motion be approved.

33 **MOTION - CAMPAIGN FOR A PEOPLE'S VOTE**

Having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor Phill Brightmore vacated the Council Chamber and did not take part in the voting thereon (minute 14 refers).

Councillor Allan Brame moved and Councillor Dave Mitchell seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7 –

“Council notes that two years have passed since the EU Referendum and little concrete progress has been made in negotiating the terms of the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the EU.

Council:

- (a) recognises the significant support it has received through EU funding over many years;
- (b) recalls that a clear majority of Wirral residents voted to remain in the EU;
- (c) notes the stark warnings from companies such as Airbus, Vauxhall Motors, Jaguar Land Rover and BMW about the impact of Brexit on British manufacturing;

- (d) recognises the mounting popular concern at the prospect of leaving the EU with either a bad deal or no deal at all;
- (e) notes the participation of over 100,000 people in the march for a People's Vote in London on 23 June;
- (f) shares the anxiety of EU citizens living in the Wirral who feel unwelcome in the land where they have made their homes, and uncertain about their future;

and accordingly supports the call for a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU, and urges Wirral's MPs to join the campaign for a People's Vote in the interests of the residents and businesses on Wirral".

Councillor Stuart Whittingham moved and Councillor Steve Foulkes seconded the following amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(9) such that the Motion be approved subject to the deletion of the final paragraph and its replacement with –

"Council believes that it is of grave concern that, when challenged by business over the threat to jobs and investment, a Cabinet Minister should use a four letter expletive to describe his apparent approach towards this country's business interests. The Financial Times summed this up in that: "It may have been a casual aside but it was also a revealingly contemptuous one, not least in its indifference to the fate of Airbus's [and other industrial] UK staff. This is the strategic nihilism of a spoiled child lashing out."

Council is therefore of the view that an open joint letter should be sent from the leaders of the Wirral political parties to Theresa May, stressing the importance of employers such as Airbus, Vauxhall and Jaguar Land Rover to Wirral, the wider region and the potentially devastating effect on those businesses, the wider supply chain and our local economy in the event of the UK leaving the EU with a bad deal or no deal. The letter should also set out that any deal with the EU must encompass the following:

- (a) Put the national interest first
- (b) Prioritise jobs and living standards
- (c) Protect rights at work
- (d) Protect environmental standards
- (e) Provide certainty to EU nationals living here in the UK and UK nationals who have chosen to live elsewhere in the EU
- (f) Give a meaningful role to Parliament throughout negotiations."

Having applied the guillotine the Council did not debate this matter.

The amendment was put and carried (35:24) (One abstention).

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and carried (36:23) (One abstention).

Resolved (36:23) (One abstention) –

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- (e) Provide certainty to EU nationals living here in the UK and UK nationals who have chosen to live elsewhere in the EU**
- (f) Give a meaningful role to Parliament throughout negotiations.**

34 **MOTION - REMEMBERING SREBRENICA**

Councillor Phil Davies moved and Councillor Stuart Whittingham seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7 –

“This Council:

- Notes that 2018 is the twenty-third anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.
- Notes that in 2009 the European Parliament passed a resolution that 11 July should be recognised as the day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide all over the EU; and in 2015 urged the development of educational and cultural programmes that promote an understanding of the causes of such atrocities and raise awareness about the need to nurture peace and to promote human rights and interreligious tolerance. All UK political parties have supported the work of Remembering Srebrenica in this regard.
- Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all.
- Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

The Council resolves to:

- Support Srebrenica memorial events in July each year throughout Wirral as part of the UK-wide Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week.
- Support the work of Remembering Srebrenica in communities across Wirral to learn the lessons from Srebrenica to tackle hatred and intolerance to help build a better, safer and more cohesive society for everyone.
- Support the work of schools and education providers to bring the lessons of Srebrenica to young people across Wirral”.

Councillor Wendy Clements moved and Councillor Paul Hayes seconded the following amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(9) such that the motion be approved subject to the insertion after the final bullet point of a further bullet point followed by the words

“Thanks Wirral’s Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE) and their colleagues for the work to mark Holocaust Memorial Day which includes the genocide in Srebrenica”.

Having applied the guillotine the Council did not debate this matter.

The mover of the motion accepted the amendment which was then put and carried (61:0).

The Motion, as amended, was put and carried.

Resolved (61:0) –

This Council:

- **Notes that 2018 is the twenty-third anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.**
- **Notes that in 2009 the European Parliament passed a resolution that 11 July should be recognised as the day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide all over the EU; and in 2015 urged the development of educational and cultural programmes that promote an understanding of the causes of such atrocities and raise awareness about the need to nurture peace and to promote human rights and interreligious tolerance. All UK political parties have supported the work of Remembering Srebrenica in this regard.**
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- **Support the work of schools and education providers to bring the lessons of Srebrenica to young people across Wirral”.**
- **Thanks Wirral’s Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE) and their colleagues for the work to mark Holocaust Memorial Day which includes the genocide in Srebrenica.**

35 **MOTION - OUR NHS AT 70**

Councillor Phil Gilchrist moved and Councillor Dave Mitchell seconded the following Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7 -

“This Council records its grateful thanks to all those who work within and for our National Health Service as its 70th Anniversary is reached.

Council recalls the vision and contribution of those who helped to plan for this during the Second World War and in the years leading up to 1948.

Council recognises the considerable pressures that staff have faced in recent years, along with their work to tackle what used to be called the ‘winter pressures’ that now exist throughout the year.

Council is determined, therefore, that the Prime Minister’s recent announcements should be backed by genuine increases in funding. The concerns expressed by The King’s Fund and the Institute for Fiscal Studies should be considered and addressed.

Council remains anxious that the crisis facing social care funding is addressed as repeatedly called for by the Local Government Association.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/nhs-funding-must-be-matched-social-care-funding-says-lga>

‘The long-term funding for the NHS needs to be matched by a significant investment in adult social care and public health services otherwise it won’t be as effective or as sustainable.’

Council, therefore, supports the work of that Association in making the case for the funding of local services as the Government plans for the Autumn Budget and next Comprehensive Spending Review”.

Having applied the guillotine the Council did not debate this matter.

The Motion was put and carried (61:0).

Resolved (61:0) – That the motion be approved.