

Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

30 November 2018

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 10 December 2018** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects : -

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. PROCEDURAL MATTER

Further to Minute 42, Council 15 October 2018, Council is advised that, should it so determine, use of Electronic Voting will require suspension of the current Standing Order 18.

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 30)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 October 2018.

5. PETITIONS

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To deal with questions from members of the public, in accordance with Appendix 1 to Standing Orders – up to 30 minutes.

7. LEADER'S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' AND CHAIRS REPORTS (Pages 31 - 60)

To receive the written reports of the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs, and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports in accordance with Standing Orders 10(2)(a) and 11.

8. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To consider Members' general questions to the Civic Mayor, Executive or Committee Chair in accordance with Standing Orders 10 (2)(b) and 11.

9. MATTERS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES OR OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

To consider and determine any references from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and any other Council Committees.

'Call-In' of the decision taken by the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (Cabinet Committee) (Pages 61 - 68)

A referral from the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 27 November, 2018.

Report of the Director: Governance and Assurance, Monitoring Officer that includes the resolution of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is **attached** (Minute 32, 27 November 2018 **to follow**).

Item: 'Call-In' of the decision taken by the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (Cabinet Committee) on 16 October, 2018 relating to 'Wirral Health and Care Commissioning Pooled Fund Arrangements'.

Supporting documentation can be viewed on the Council website [here](#).

10. VACANCIES

(Pages 69 - 72)

To consider a report of the Director of Governance and Assurance on the appointment of Committee places, **attached**.

To receive nominations, in accordance with Standing Order 25(6), in respect of any proposed changes in the membership of committees, and to approve nominations for appointments to outside organisations.

COMMITTEES

Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Labour nominee for the vacant Vice Chair post, to replace Councillor Moira McLaughlin.

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair)

Labour nominee for the vacant Vice Chair post, to replace Councillor Moira McLaughlin.

Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee (Chair)

Labour nominees for the position of Chair and/or Vice Chair.

STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Discharge from Guardianship by Wirral Council under the Mental Health Act 1983 Panel

Labour nominee to replace Councillor Moira McLaughlin.

Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education

Labour nominee to replace Councillor Moira McLaughlin.

Schools' Joint Consultative Committee

Labour nominee to replace Councillor Moira McLaughlin.

11. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

To consider any recommendations of the Executive or Council Committees which require the approval or consideration of the Council.

A. Revised Pension Board Terms of Reference

(Pages 73 - 86)

A referral from the Pensions Committee of 16 July, 2018 (minute 10 refers) **attached**.

The Council is requested to agree the revisions to the Pension Board's Terms of Reference (**attached**) and their adoption into the Council's Constitution.

Supporting documentation can be viewed on the Council website [here](#).

B. Draft Statement of Policy - Gambling Act 2005
(Pages 87 - 134)

Licensing Act 2003 Committee, 17 October 2018, (Minute 9 refers) **attached**.

The Council is requested to approve the Statement of Policy – Gambling Act 2005 **attached**.

The committee report and appendices can be viewed on the Council website [here](#).

C. Code of Corporate Governance **(Pages 135 - 148)**

Audit and Risk Management Committee, 19 November 2018, (Minute 36 refers) **attached**.

The Council is requested to approve that the Council's Constitution be updated to include the revised Code of Corporate Governance and new governance framework **attached**.

The committee report and appendices can be viewed on the Council website [here](#).

D. Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring Report - Revenue
(Pages 149 - 150)

Cabinet, 26 November 2018, (Minute 35 refers) **attached**.

The Council is requested to approve that Capital Receipts funding for the Children's Services transformation program be brought forward from 2017/18 in the amount of £1.1 million.

The report and appendices can be viewed on the Council website [here](#)

E. Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring Report - Capital
(Pages 151 - 152)

Cabinet, 26 November 2018, (Minute 36 refers) **attached**.

The Council is requested to approve the revised Capital Programme of £60.9 million for 2018/19, as set out in Table 1 of the report and below:

£000

Programme agreed by Cabinet on 16 July 2018

Re-profiling

Additional requirements

Reduced requirements

Revised 2018/19 Programme

Table 1: Capital Programme 2018/19 as at 30/9/18

	Capital Strategy	June	September	Actual Spend Sept 2018
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Adult Care & Health	7,912	8,543	3,468	381
Business Management	4,990	3,729	5,489	777
Children's Services	19,099	20,852	18,341	7,542
Delivery Services	25,775	34,280	22,724	7,435
Economic & Housing Growth	16,785	18,987	10,926	157
Total expenditure	74,561	86,391	60,948	16,292

The report and appendices can be viewed on the Council Website [here](#).

F. Council Tax 2019/20 (Taxbase, Discounts and Exemptions and Council Tax Support Scheme) (Pages 153 - 154)

Cabinet, 26 November 2018, (Minute 39 refers) **attached**.

The Council is requested to agree the following recommendations of Cabinet:

- 1 The figure of 93,497.8 be approved the Council Tax Base for 2019/20.
- 2 The level and award of each local discount for 2019/20 be:-

Wirral Women's & Children's Aid

To continue to award Wirral Women & Children's Aid 100% discount

Care Leaver's Discount

To award Care Leaver's the requisite discount to reduce their Council Tax liability to zero until they are 25, from 1st April 2019. This remains unchanged from 2018/19.

Empty Property Discounts

Discount category D = 0% Full charge on properties undergoing renovations.

Discount category C = 0% Full charge on empty properties from date they become unoccupied.

Both remain unchanged

Empty Property Premium = 200%. Unfurnished properties empty for more than two years. This is a change from 150% in 2018/19 allowed by the Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act 2018.

This change was reported in last year's report.

Council Tax Discretionary Relief Scheme

The Council Tax Discretionary Hardship Relief Scheme continues in its current format for 2019/20.

Council Tax Support Scheme

3. The Council Tax Support Scheme approved for use in 2018/19 is also approved as the Scheme for 2019/20 with additional amendments to incorporate the introduction of Full Service for Universal Credit, including backdating of reduction for up to 3 months.

The report and appendices can be viewed on the Council website [here](#).

G. Wirral Together: Getting the Basics Right - A New Model for Community Engagement (Pages 155 - 158)

Cabinet, 26 November 2018, (Minute 41 refers) **attached**.

The Council is requested to agree the recommendation of Cabinet that:

The provisions relating to Constituency Committees be removed from the Council's Constitution (Council's executive arrangements).

The report and appendices can be viewed on the Council website [here](#).

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 159 - 170)

Notices of motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7(1), are attached. They are listed in accordance with Standing Order 7(2), and the full text of each motion is attached. The Mayor, having considered each motion, in accordance with Standing Order 7(4) has decided that each will be debated:

1. On-going impact of New Ferry explosion

2. Post Office Services
3. Taking every opportunity to reform Universal Credit
4. Climate Emergency
5. Cuts to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
6. A Free School for Wirral
7. Time to end the Hoylake Golf Course Development
8. Paid Leave for Domestic Abuse Victims
9. Police Crime Commissioners to rethink Policing priorities in the interests of Wirral residents
10. Taking back control of our buses



Director: Governance and Assurance

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