



Council

Town Hall
Wallasey

4 December 2009

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.15 pm on Monday, 14 December 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. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - 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 - 20)

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the meeting(s) of the Council held on 2 November, 2009.

5. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL (Pages 21 - 162)

To consider matters referred to the Council for determination.

(a) The relevant minutes are attached; copies of the related reports can be provided for Council members on request.

- (i) Minute 183 (Cabinet - 5/11/09) Inflation Provision
- (ii) Minute 186 (Cabinet - 5/11/09) Procurement 2010-2011
- (iii) Minute 195 (Cabinet - 26/11/09) Birkenhead High School Academy
- (iv) Minute 200 (Cabinet – 26/11/09) Local Development Framework - Public Consultation on Spatial Issues

(b) To consider the following reports from:

- (i) the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management, regarding the review and implementation of its new governance arrangements.
- (ii) the Director of Finance - Council Tax Base 2010/2011
- (iii) the Director of Finance – Capital Programme and Financing 2010 - 2013
- (iv) the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services – Local Development Framework for Wirral - Annual Monitoring Report 2008/09

(c) To consider the recommendation of the Standards Committee Appointments Panel on 7 December, 2009 regarding the appointment of a new independent member.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING (Pages 163 - 164)

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).

Minute 179 (Cabinet – 5/11/09) - Parking Strategy Development (Waiving of call-in).

Minute 199 (Cabinet – 5/11/09) – Update on New Brighton (Waiving of call-in).

7. QUESTIONS

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

Note: Questions from members of the public must be submitted in writing or by email by no later than 5.00pm on Monday 7 December, 2009.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 165 - 178)

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.

- (i) ID CARDS
- (ii) RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
- (iii) CARBON BUDGET
- (iv) CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS
- (v) TOWN MEADOW LANE SHOPS AND MAISONNETTES
- (vi) SURE START
- (vii) ELDERLEY CARE
- (viii) SUE CHARTERIS LIBRARY INQUIRY
- (ix) PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGNS
- (x) WIRRAL COUNCIL DELIVERS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS
- (xi) RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE LIBRARIES INQUIRY
- (xii) ACHIEVING LEVEL 3 EQUALITY STANDARD
- (xiii) ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS
- (xiv) CONTROL OF DANGEROUS DOGS

9. 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).

10. VACANCIES (Pages 179 - 180)

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.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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



Director of Law, HR and Asset Management

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COUNCIL

Monday, 2 November 2009

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Andrew Hodson) in the Chair
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Alan Jennings)

Councillors	RL Abbey	P Hayes	J Quinn
	T Anderson	A Hodson	S Quinn
	C Blakeley	S Holbrook	L Rennie
	A Bridson	A Jennings	D Roberts
	S Clarke	P Johnson	L Rowlands
	J Crabtree	AER Jones	J Salter
	G Davies	J Keeley	H Smith
	P Davies	S Kelly	T Smith
	WJ Davies	B Kenny	W Smith
	F Doyle	D Kirwan	P Southwood
	W Duffey	D Knowles	J Stapleton
	D Elderton	I Lewis	A Taylor
	G Ellis	AR McLachlan	S Taylor
	S Foulkes	M McLaughlin	C Teggins
	L Fraser	C Meaden	G Watt
	G Gardiner	D Mitchell	R Wilkins
	J George	R Moon	J Williams
	P Gilchrist	S Mountney	P Williams
	JE Green	S Niblock	K Wood
	J Hale	C Povall	
	K Hayes	A Pritchard	

Apologies Councillors IO Coates M Redfern
T Harney P Reisdorf

45 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor welcomed pupils from West Kirby Residential School who had been invited to speak to the Council regarding their school council. They each gave a brief presentation of their school's work in this area and the benefits in terms of their own personal development, good citizenship, and the opportunity for pupils to bring forward their ideas on improvements to the running of the school.

The Mayor congratulated the staff and pupils of West Kirby for their involvement in the school council on behalf of the Council and wished them well for the future.

46 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors C Blakeley, A McLachlan and A Taylor, asked the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management, to record a personal interest on behalf of all Members of the Council in respect of Motion 4 - Council Halls and Community Centres due to their membership of Joint Management Committees.

The members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any further personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any matter to be debated or determined at the meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest. The following declarations were made:-

Councillor L Fraser declared a personal interest in respect of Motion 7 (Free Access to Leisure Facilities for Servicemen and Direct Dependents) by virtue of a family member serving in the armed forces.

Councillor M McLaughlin declared a personal interest in respect of Motion 1 (Adult Social Care – Public Interest Disclosure) by virtue of her friendship with the former Director of the Department.

Councillor J Quinn declared a personal interest in respect of Motion 7 (Free Access to Leisure Facilities for Servicemen and Direct Dependents) by virtue of a family member serving in the armed forces.

Councillor S Kelly declared a personal interest in respect of Motion 2 (The Wirral Apprentice) by virtue of his employment as a tutor of apprentices.

Councillor I Lewis declared a personal interest in respect of Motion 10 (Opposition to Air Passenger Duty) by virtue of his membership of an organisation which is opposed to the new banding system for air passenger duty.

Councillor D Kirwan declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Motion 1 (Adult Social Care – Public Interest Disclosure) by virtue of his law firm representing the whistleblower.

Councillor S Quinn declared a personal interest in respect of the following matters:-

Motion 1 (Adult Social Care – Public Interest Disclosure) by virtue of her employment.

Motion 7 (Free Access to Leisure Facilities for Servicemen and Direct Dependents) by virtue of a family member serving in the armed forces.

Councillor S Teggin declared a personal interest in respect Motion 7 (Free Access to Leisure Facilities for Servicemen and Direct Dependents) by virtue of him being a member of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Councillor S Holbrook declared a personal interest in respect Motion 3 (Quangos) by virtue of his employment.

Councillor P Williams declared a personal interest in respect Motion 1 (Adult Social Care – Public Interest Disclosure) by virtue of her involvement in the grievance panel meeting.

Councillor G Ellis declared a personal interest in respect Motion 1 (Adult Social Care – Public Interest Disclosure) by virtue of his involvement in the grievance panel meeting.

47 **PETITIONS**

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

(a) Councillor A Jennings on behalf of 30 signatories requesting the introduction of waiting restrictions and improved signing at the junction of Tudor Avenue and Church Road, Bebington.

(b) Councillor S Taylor on behalf of 61 signatories requesting measures to minimise disruption to neighbours of the Stoneacre Garage, Rowson Street, New Brighton.

(c) Councillor A McLachlan on behalf of 160 signatories requesting traffic calming measures in the Boundary Road/Worcester Road/Gautby Road area, Birkenhead.

(d) Councillor I Lewis on behalf of 72 signatories requesting the redesign of speed humps on the road leading to Leasowe Recreation Centre off Twickenham Drive, Leasowe.

(e) Councillor J Salter behalf of 42 signatories requesting traffic calming measures in Percy Road, Palatine Road and Palermo Road, Seacombe.

(f) Councillor P Williams on behalf of 3,529 signatories expressing their opposition to the school reorganisation proposals for Ridgeway, Park High and Rock Ferry High School.

48 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 13 July, 12 and 13 October, 2009 had been circulated to members, and it was:-

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

49 **MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL**

Resolved – That the following matters be approved, as required by the Constitution:-

(i) Minute 63 (Cabinet - 23/7/09) Local Development Framework for Wirral – Review of Local Development Scheme

(ii) Minute 73 (Cabinet -23/7/09) Street Lighting (Electricity) Contract Renewal

(iii) Minute 80 (Cabinet -23/7/09) Proposed Extension to Landican Crematorium – Scheme and Estimate report

(iv) Minute 114 (Cabinet -24/9/09) Annual Review of the Corporate Plan

(v) Minute 157 (Cabinet -15/10/09) Local Development Framework for Wirral – Employment and Premises Study

** (vi) Minute 163 (Cabinet -15/10/09) Terms of Reference – Scrutiny Programme Board (subject to an objection to this minute – item 11 Matters for Debate)

(vii) Minute 164 (Cabinet -15/10/09) Terms of Reference – Health and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee

50 **NEW OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT - LGA COMMUNITY WELL BEING BOARD**

Resolved – That the appointment of Councillor M McLaughlin to this body be confirmed.

51 **MATTERS FOR NOTING**

Resolved – That the following matters be noted, as required by the Constitution:-

Minute 57 (Cabinet – 23/7/09) – Appointment of Technical Adviser to the Wirral Academy/BSF Programme (Contract Procedure Rule 5.2)

Minute 64 (Cabinet – 23/7/09) – Sustainable Communities (Waiving of call-in)

Minute 91 (Cabinet – 3/9/09) – Home Purchase Loan Scheme (Contract Procedure Rule 5.2)

Minute 98 (Cabinet – 3/9/09) – PACSE (Contract Procedure Rule 5.2)

Minute 105 (Cabinet – 3/9/09) – Financial Assistance to a Company (Waiving of call-in)

Minute 106 (Cabinet – 3/9/09) – Intensive Business Start Up Service (Waiving of call-in)

52 **QUESTIONS**

Two members of the public, having given the appropriate notice in accordance with Standing Order 5(1)(j), submitted questions:

(1) Mr John Brace

In the Financial Year 2007/08, the Merseyside Pension Fund lost £45.6m.

In the Financial Year 2008/09, the Merseyside Pension Fund lost £733.8m.

In 2007/08 the pension contributions to the Merseyside Pension Fund receivable from Wirral Council were £32m – in 2008/09, this jumped to £36.5m

As this is a defined benefits pensions scheme, the employees and pensioners in the scheme are guaranteed specific benefits. At the end of 2007 it was only 80% funded (with a shortfall of over a £billion).

The employers in the scheme have to make up the shortfall in the Pension Fund through increased contributions. What will be the cost of the extra pension

contributions to Wirral Council in this financial year (2009/10), due to a drop in Pension Fund Assets?

Councillor Ann McLachlan responded to the questioner.

(2) Mrs Leonora Koeipland Bowring-Williams Brace

A petition of over 150 signatures was handed to the Bidston and St James Councillors at the Area Forum on 8 October 2009. This petition called for road safety measures in Worcester Road, Brow Road and Boundary Road. There have been many complaints from residents in this area about damage to their parked cars, as well as a number of near-accidents to pedestrians.

A number of parents in the area are concerned about their children's safety on these roads due to speeding and other bad driving practices. Numerous cars have been damaged and there has been damage to private property.

When and how will Wirral Council deal with this problem?

Councillor Harry Smith responded to the questioner.

Councillor Phil Davies responded to the following question from Councillor Phil Gilchrist :-

Though an Appendix to the Cabinet papers of 1st October relating to the Boys Academy refers to the track record and acumen of the lead sponsor Mr David Hughes, reservations have been reported in the Times Educational Supplement where a DCSF spokesperson is reported as saying ..'we carried out due diligence checks which found no reason for him not to be an academy sponsor.', what steps have officers and Members taken to satisfy themselves that the due diligence required has been sufficient and thorough and what contacts and discussions have taken place with DCSF on this issue in view of these concerns and should not this be re-examined in the light of the recent events in Portland?

Councillor Davies explained that the new guidance on the accreditation process had only recently been received but he was prepared to seek an opinion from the DCSF on the sponsor for the Boys Academy in the light of the new guidance.

53 **MATTERS FOR DEBATE**

The matters listed for debate in accordance with Standing Order 5 (1) (1) were dealt with as indicated in minutes 54 to 64 below.

The leader of the Council requested that standing order 7 (8) be applied from 8.30 p.m.

Resolved (unanimously) - That Standing Order 7 (8) be applied from 8.30 p.m.

MOTION: ADULT SOCIAL CARE - PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE

(Councillor Kirwan, having previously declared a prejudicial interest in respect of this matter, left the meeting during its consideration)

Proposed by Councillor Simon Mountney
Seconded by Councillor Geoffrey Watt

(1) This Council recognises that a number of concerns were raised by a Council 'whistleblower' in October 2007 under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998, which in turn has resulted in the Audit Commission issuing Wirral Council with a Public Information Disclosure report.

(2) Council notes the findings of the report:

- Although 30 accredited providers are used by the Council only 12 contracts have been signed and returned by providers.
- No formal arrangements have been established for the contract monitoring of supported living providers.
- There are no arrangements at present for feedback from service users where there is dissatisfaction with services or where quality standards have not been met.
- There remains a substantial risk that users receiving services from one of the Councils service providers are being charged unfairly.
- The Council does not always know the actual contributions that the provider requires service users to contribute for services they provide. Consequently the Council is not in a position to know whether the aggregate of charges levied on service users by the Council and contributions required by the provider are in compliance with the guidance of fairer charging. It is not clear who is currently ensuring that these service users are receiving adequate protection for the risk of financial abuse.

(3) Council notes the fact that these findings had previously been raised with officers of the Council by the whistleblower and, whilst thanking the Audit Commission for the production of this report and bringing the matter out into the open, condemns the fact that the Council's own procedures are so defective as to have needed the Audit Commission's intervention to bring them to the notice of the Council and the public.

(4) Council believes that this PIDA report and the Department's unwillingness to bring to the Council's attention the whistleblower's concerns regarding the treatment of those in our care demonstrates a lack of effective governance, management and leadership within the Department.

(5) Therefore this Council instructs the Chief Executive to appoint an independent person of sufficient standing and experience to investigate these matters fully, speedily and rigorously and to bring their findings to the Council's attention, including any disciplinary action, if required, at the earliest possible occasion.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Denise Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Ron Abbey

Delete all text after the end of section (2) and replace with the following:

(3) Council notes the serious implications of the findings and recognises that they point to serious management failings in adult social services in the past over a long period of time. Council acknowledges these findings and notes that the Director of Adult Social Services has prepared a report addressing these failings and their consequences and that this will be presented to Audit and Risk Management Committee on 3rd November.

(4) In relation to allegations of bullying of the whistleblower, Council notes and supports Cabinet's decision to instruct the Director of Law HR and Asset Management to commence an investigation into the treatment of the individual, in relation to allegations of bullying. Council also notes that an outside, independent person will conduct this investigation.

(5) Council welcomes the Audit & Risk Management Committee recommendation to reimburse service users at Bermuda Road, Curlew Way and Edgehill Road Moreton, between April 2003 and February 2006.

(6) Council also notes that the audit and risk management committee will tomorrow (3 November 2009) receive a report providing further information with respect to the charging that took place between the period 1997 - 2003, and based on that will make a recommendation on whether re-imburement will take place for that period.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried (32:23) (4absts)

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Leah Fraser
by Councillor Jeff Green

In addition to the existing Conservative Notice of Motion add the following:

(6) This Council recognises that the concerns raised by Mr Martin Morton in October 2007 under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998, and earlier to Senior Officers, are both well-founded and serious.

(7) Council further notes that in the twelve months since the PIDA was published

- (a) It has now been established that a vulnerable group of people with learning disabilities in the care of this Council were unlawfully financially abused by this Council over many years. The full extent of this financial abuse and the level of unlawfulness is yet to be established, however, the original figure of £78,499.62 first quoted by the Director of DASS is now recognised as woefully short of the total amount improperly obtained from the residents within our care.
- (b) Despite the contributions made by Directors and the most senior officers in its production, the most recent report by Internal Audit has gone only part of the way to revealing the truth. What is much clearer is that much of the evidence presented by Mr Morton and all of his relevant knowledge of this

ongoing financial abuse has been ignored or mistakenly omitted from the report.

- (c) This Council continues to applaud the efforts of Mr Martin Morton in attempting to ensure that the full extent of the financial abuse and wrong doing is brought into the open
- (d) Council expresses its concern that the Cabinet member for Adult and Social Care is yet to make a full comment to the Audit committee or Council regarding how aware she was of this situation and why she had not taken any action prior to the publication of the PIDA report.
- (e) Therefore this Council requests that the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the three party leaders selects a person of suitable standing, who is totally independent and fully qualified to carry out a full public inquiry into the PIDA report, in order to draw this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

The further amendment was put to the vote and lost, with the Council dividing as follows:-

For the amendment (23)- Councillors T Anderson, C Blakeley, SL Clarke, WA Duffey, DM Elderton, Mrs L Fraser, JE Green, J Hale, Karen Hayes, Paul Hayes, AC Hodson, PSC Johnson, J Keeley, D 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 (32) - Councillors RL Abbey, A Bridson, JA Crabtree, WJ Davies, George Davies, PL Davies, F Doyle, S Foulkes, G Gardiner, John George, PN Gilchrist, SA Holbrook, AT Jennings, A Jones, SE Kelly, Brian Kenny, Ann McLachlan, CM Meaden, GD Mitchell, RK Moon, S Niblock, Jean Quinn, DE Roberts, J Salter, PA Smith, WW Smith, PM Southwood, JV Stapleton, A Taylor, CM Tegin, R Wilkins, and KJ Williams.

Abstentions (4) Councillors G Ellis, M McLaughlin, H Smith and P Williams

Resolved – That the motion, as now amended, be approved

55 **MOTION: THE WIRRAL APPRENTICE**

Proposed by Councillor Jean Stapleton
Seconded by Councillor Phil Davies

(1) Council welcomes the innovative new programme launched recently to create one hundred new apprentice positions in local companies, with Wirral Council paying their salaries for the next 18 months and the National Apprenticeship Service paying for their training.

(2) Council notes that this is a key element of the authority's pro-active strategy aimed at tackling the impact of the global recession.

(3) Council congratulates all the officers who have worked hard to get this excellent scheme off the ground.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Leah Fraser
Seconded by Councillor Simon Mountney

After paragraph 2 insert:

Council notes that, according to the Office of National Statistics, the impact of the recession has seen the number of JSA claimants in Wirral (aged 18-24) rise from 2,105 in April 2008 to 3,290 in September 2009.

After paragraph 3 insert:

Council also welcomes the launch of 'Britain Works' by Microsoft, with the aim of helping 500,000 people in Britain into work over the next three years and notes their offer to work with local authorities, such as Wirral, to deliver this programme, including apprenticeships, technology start ups, training vouchers and a skills portal.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to contact Microsoft to discuss potential opportunities for Wirral residents.

The amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment to the motion.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion, as now amended, be approved.

56 **MOTION: QUANGOS**

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

(1) This Council welcomes the launch of the Local Government Association document 'Who's in charge? Putting power in local hands' in July 2009.

(2) In particular, Council welcomes the vision set out therein:

- (a) that quangos should carry out their functions 'as efficiently as possible'
- (b) that decisions about public services should be taken by 'locally elected representatives' and not by 'unelected boards'
- (c) that 'openness' should be the key feature

(3) Council recognises the balanced approach being adopted by the LGA in its 'report card' approach, seeking evidence of good practice and establishing where these bodies are working well with councils, through developing effective scrutiny. In so doing, this Council points to the effective arrangements and practices emerging locally since the National Health Service Act 2006 and looks forward to the results of the report card approach.

(4) Council also notes that the consultation paper 'Strengthening Local Democracy' issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in July writes of 'a strong, revitalised local democracy' and makes it clear (para 150) that the Government;

'want to ensure that existing and planned mechanisms for joint working between authorities at the sub regional or city regional level are as accessible, transparent and accountable as possible.'

(5) Council believes that it is essential that, in this new period of restraint and austerity requiring tight control of public expenditure, the growth of quangos and their existence should be challenged to determine whether they are needed, efficient or where reform could improve their performance.

(6) Council believes that resources must be directed to 'front line' services rather than structures and organisations.

(7) Council therefore welcomes the approach being adopted by the Local Government Association in their detailed study and resolves to provide such advice and assistance to the LGA as required with the aim of securing more efficient use of funds and cutting out overlapping bureaucracy and duplicated programmes.

(8) Council also requests that Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as appropriate and as part of their work plans, look to identify best practice partnership working arrangements with quangos and identify opportunities for quango organisations to contribute further to enhancing partnership working in Wirral.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion be approved.

57 **MOTION: COUNCIL HALLS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Proposed by Councillor Gerry Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Sheila Clarke

(1) Council recognises the excellent work conducted and the value placed on Wirral's Community Centres and Halls by local residents.

(2) Council notes the current policy of closing any hall or community centre that has not been transferred out of Council ownership by January 2011, is causing, concern and distress to users, residents and those charged with discussing these matters with Council Officers.

(3) Council is particularly disturbed at the concerns expressed by JMC's about the level of engagement by officers in the process, the delay in receiving full structural surveys, the quality of surveys conducted and the lack of clarity and criteria about any 'dowry' to be received.

(4) Council believes that in the light of the recent policy U-turn on the SAR characterised as 'decisive leadership' by the administration, the current policy on Halls and Community Centres should be amended to:

- (a) Remove the threat that any Hall or Community Centre not transferred by January 2011 will be closed.
- (b) Ensure Council Officers provide the level of support required to assist those JMC's who have indicated their ability and willingness to work towards asset transfer
- (c) Ensure accurate full structural surveys are carried out as a matter of urgency at all Halls and Community Centres currently in the Council's ownership and prior to any transfers

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Bob Moon
Seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Delete all text after first paragraph and replace with the following:

(2) The Council re-affirms its commitment to community asset transfer and recognises the potential of asset transfer to help local people turn their aspirations for the community into reality.

(3) This Council is keen to ensure that community organisations can continue to engage in asset transfer, particularly at a time when public sector spending restraint makes it difficult for the council to continue to provide these services itself.

(4) Council notes:

- The high level of interest being shown in community asset transfer and is encouraged by these positive signs that the energies of local groups and communities are being engaged to own or manage community buildings, bringing people together from different backgrounds to enhance local services.
- Significant progress being made to transfer assets to the community.

(5) Therefore, Council re-affirms its commitment to:

- Carry out essential repairs in respect of community centres that are to be transferred.
- Make provisions, in line with its agreed policy, for funding to help support the transfer process for up to two years whilst the transfer process progresses towards a successful outcome.
- The provision of financial assistance using the Community Fund to support capacity building, asset repairs and time-limited financial support whilst local community groups become self-sufficient.
- Help community run organisations to access outside support and funding such as lottery grants, which is not available to council run facilities, to make improvements.

(6) Council requests that quarterly summary reports are brought to Cabinet as part of the overall Change Programme reporting process on the progress made and identifies at the earliest stage those facilities where community asset transfer is unlikely to be achieved by January 2011, setting out options and the risks to delivery.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried (36:25)

Resolved – That the motion, as now amended, be approved.

58 MOTION: NATIONAL TRAINING AWARD

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies

Seconded by Councillor Chris Meaden

(1) Council is delighted to note that Wirral has recently been awarded a National Training Award from UK Skills for training in Courtroom Skills, provided by the Children and Young People's Department in association with a private training provider.

(2) Officers from a number of services, including social care, human resources, and licensing, have benefited from these courses which are designed to make them as effective as possible when they have to appear in court as part of their duties.

(3) The training has also proved very useful for 6th Form students who have been offered the chance to participate as part of their 'A' level studies.

(4) Council wishes to congratulate all staff involved in providing this training, and in particular recognises the work of Norma Gordon who has played a key role in the planning and organisation of these courses over several years.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion be approved.

59 MOTION: COUNCIL EXECUTIVE PAY

Proposed by Councillor Simon Holbrook

Seconded by Councillor Chris Teggins

(1) Council recognises the public concern being expressed over the level of senior officer pay within the public sector.

(2) Council notes the recent comments from all three political parties:

- Vince Cable has proposed zero growth overall for public sector pay (saving £2.4 billion a year), and a 25 per cent reduction in the total pay bill of staff earning over £100,000.
- George Osborne has promised to freeze the pay of 4 million public sector workers earning more than £18,000 a year to save an estimated £3.2bn a year from 2011.
- The Communities Secretary, John Denham has said, although the Government could not freeze the pay of local authority bosses like it had done for judges and NHS chiefs that the time has come for ruling parties on UK councils to prove that every penny of their spending is justified. "There's precious little evidence that changing your executive actually improves the

performance of your local authority... I am setting some pretty clear mood music about the demand for value for money we would expect to see".

(3) The Chief Executive of the Local Government Association, John Ransford, (April 2009) argues high salaries are needed to encourage the most talented people to work in the public sector, but warned town halls that pay deals need to be reasonable. He said "Councils need talented people in top management positions but they have to balance this with the need, in a tight financial situation, for all salaries to be demonstrably reasonable."

(4) In light of these concerns, Council believes that greater transparency and clarity is needed to ensure that senior officers' salaries are in proportion to their responsibilities and their level of performance.

(5) Therefore, Council instructs the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management to bring forward proposals for amendments to the Council's Constitution which would establish, as a responsibility of the Employment and Appointments Committee, powers analogous to that of non executive directors in private companies, specifically:

- Policy on senior officer pay (Chief Officers and Heads of Service), having regard to job evaluation, equal pay and other relevant HR policies of the Council.
- The establishment, maintenance and supervision of a performance framework for Chief Officers and Heads of Service.
- The carrying out (alongside the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council) of Chief Executive appraisals.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies
Seconded by Councillor Steve Foulkes

Delete final paragraph and insert:

(5) Therefore, Council instructs the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management to investigate best practice in other authorities before bringing forward proposals for amendments to the Council's Constitution which would review the role and responsibilities of the Employment and Appointments Committee with a view to setting up a clear member route for establishing:

- Policy on senior officer pay (Chief Officers and Heads of Service), having regard to job evaluation, equal pay and other relevant HR policies of the Council
- The establishment, maintenance and supervision of a performance framework for Chief Officers and Heads of Service
- The carrying out (alongside the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council) of Chief Executive appraisals

(6) Council asks that these proposals are referred to both the Cabinet and to the Employment and Appointments Committee before any recommendations are made to Council.

The amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion, as now amended, be approved.

60 **MOTION: FREE ACCESS TO LEISURE FACILITIES FOR SERVICEMEN AND DIRECT DEPENDENTS**

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green

Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

At this time of remembrance and in an effort to offer a tangible symbol of our eternal gratitude to those service men and women who are presently fighting with great courage for this nation, Council, as a demonstration of the appreciation of the people of Wirral, instructs Officers to make provision for granting serving and reserve forces and their direct dependants who reside in, or who visit, Metropolitan Borough of Wirral, free access to our leisure facilities.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Jerry Williams

Seconded by Councillor John Salter

Delete everything after "Council, as a demonstration of the appreciation of the people of Wirral" and insert:

"asks officers to make provision for granting free access to Wirral's leisure facilities, on production of a Warrant/ID card, to service personnel currently in the forces who live in the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral."

The amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment.

The following further amendment was withdrawn

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Ann Bridson (7 minutes)

Seconded by Councillor Gill Gardiner (3 minutes)

Delete all after "courage for this nation," and insert:

Council requests the relevant overview and scrutiny committee to consider ways in which the appreciation of the people of Wirral can best be expressed, taking evidence from the armed forces and representative groups as appropriate, bringing forward sustainable and costed proposals in a Scrutiny Report for possible inclusion in the Council's Budget.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion, as now amended, be approved.

61 **MOTION: 20MPH ZONES AROUND SCHOOLS**

Proposed by Councillor Jean Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

(1) Council is pleased to note:

- (a) The significant progress being made in improving safety on Wirral's roads, in particular the early achievement of the Government's national 2010 target for reducing the number of serious accident casualties involving children.
- (b) The success of our "Accidents Two Zero" initiative involving the introduction of advisory 20mph signs in residential areas which has now progressed onto a third tranche of sites across the Borough.

(2) Council believes that improving safety on Wirral's roads, particularly for vulnerable road users such as children and adult pedestrians and cyclists should continue be a top priority.

(3) Council notes that the Department for Transport guidance on setting local speed limits highlights that local authorities can consider introducing 20mph speed limits, variable 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones in residential areas and around schools if they believe it appropriate to do so.

(4) Council therefore requests the Director of Technical Services to review speed limits around Wirral schools and, in partnership with Merseyside Police, examine the feasibility of introducing either permanent or variable "time specific" 20 mph restrictions as appropriate.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Leah Fraser
Seconded by Councillor Tom Anderson

Add to paragraph 2:

Council also recognizes and applauds the invaluable work carried out by school crossing patrols, to keep our primary school children safe.

Add the following paragraphs:

(5) Council was disappointed with the lack of consultation with schools and parents over the removal of school crossing patrols across Wirral and recognizes that schools have been adversely affected.

(6) Council therefore, requests the Director of Technical Services to reinstate the six school crossing patrols.

The amendment was put to the vote and lost (24:36)

The motion was put to the vote and carried (unanimously)

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion be approved.

62 MOTION: FINANCES

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green
Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

(1) This Council notes the recent campaign by the Taxpayers Alliance and George Osborne MP to provide greater disclosure to the public of what their money is being spent on.

(2) Council believes the publication of all Council items of revenue and capital expenditure of £10,000 and above will increase transparency and therefore accountability.

(3) Council resolves, as a first step, to instruct the Director of Finance to make any Council expenditure of £10,000 and above available to the public online within three months of the transaction.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Simon Holbrook
Seconded by Councillor Chris Tegg

Delete all after 1st paragraph and insert:

(2) Council also notes the recent move by the London Mayor to publish online details of all GLA expenditure over £1000, detailing all payments for goods and services.

(3) Council believes that the publication of all Council items of revenue expenditure of £1,000 and above; and capital expenditure of £10,000 and above will increase transparency and therefore accountability.

(4) Therefore, Council resolves to instruct the Director of Finance to bring forward proposals to publish online from the start of the 2010 financial year, details on all such items of Council expenditure on a monthly basis within three months of the transaction.

The amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Resolved (41:19)– That the motion, as now amended, be approved.

63 MOTION: OPPOSITION TO AIR PASSENGER DUTY (APD)

Proposed by Councillor Denis Knowles
Seconded by Councillor Tom Anderson

(1) The Council notes this Government's plans to introduce and increase the cost of a new banding system for air passenger duty in 2010 but believes that any duty should be based on the level of carbon emissions produced by flights, rather than arbitrary zones based on the location of a country's capital city but agrees that actual distance travelled is a good approximation for estimating carbon emissions.

(2) The Council believes that replacing the air passenger duty with a per plane tax would be fairer for passengers flying on busy routes; and calls on the Government to abolish the air passenger duty and replace it with a per plane aviation duty based on the actual distance travelled.

(3) The Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive writes to the appropriate Government department expressing the councils' views as soon as possible.

Resolved (unanimously) – That the motion be approved.

64 **OBJECTION: MINUTE 163 (CABINET - 15 OCTOBER) TERMS OF REFERENCE - SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD**

Moved by Councillor John Hale

Seconded by Councillor James Keeley

(1) Council notes that the recommendation from the Scrutiny Programme Board, held on 14th September 2009 had all party support, recognising that the independence and rights of members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to examine matters of which they have particular knowledge is fundamental to the process and that to remove those rights defeats the purpose of overview and scrutiny and simply increases the powers of the Executive.

(2) Therefore, Council rejects the recommendation of Cabinet and moves its deletion and agrees the following:

“The Chair and party spokespersons of the Scrutiny Programme Board shall consider call-in notices in relation to the Executive functions which fall within the terms of reference of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee and allocate such notices to those committees affected by the decision.”

Resolved (24:36) (1abst) – That the objection be not approved.

65 **VACANCIES**

The Council was requested to deal with the following appointments:

Children & Young People O&S

Add Councillor Pat Williams as Deputy

Council Excellence O&S

Add Councillor Phil Gilchrist as Member
Add Councillor Pat Williams as Deputy
Remove Councillor Bob Wilkins as Member
Remove Councillor Alan Jennings as Deputy

Sustainable Communities O&S

Councillor T Anderson to replace former Councillor__Suzanne Moseley as spokesperson.

Add Councillor Pat Williams as Deputy
Remove Councillor Frank Doyle as Deputy

Audit & Risk Management Committee

Add Councillor Phil Gilchrist as Deputy
Remove Councillor Bob Wilkins as Deputy

Licensing Act 2003 Committee

Add Councillor Pat Williams as Member
Remove Councillor Dave Mitchell as Member

Licensing H&S & GP Committee

Add Councillor Pat Williams as Deputy
Remove Councillor Ann Bridson as Deputy

Planning Committee

Add Councillor Pat Williams as Deputy
Remove Councillor Tom Harney as Deputy

Standards Committee

Add Councillor Pat Williams as Member and as Spokesperson
(Councillor Chris Teggins remains as Member)
Add Councillor Phil Gilchrist as Deputy
Remove Councillor Alan Taylor as Member

Panels, Statutory & Advisory Committees

(1) Statutory Committees & Panels (listed under relevant portfolio)
(a) Children's Services & LLL
(v) Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE):
Add Councillor Phil Gilchrist & Councillor Pat Williams as Deputies
Remove Councillor Tom Harney as Deputy

(b) Housing & Community Safety
(i) Housing Review Panel
Add Councillor Pat Williams as Deputy

(2) Advisory Committees & Working Parties
(a) Children's Services & LLL
(ii) Virtual School Governing Body
Add Councillor Pat Williams as Member
Remove Councillor Frank Doyle as Member

Outside Bodies

(a) Children's Services & LLL
(ii) Children's Services District Boards
Add Councillor Pat Williams to Birkenhead District Board

(b) Corporate Resources
(iii) Merseyside Co-ordinating Committee
Add Councillor Phil Gilchrist as Deputy

(viii) West Kirby Charities
Mr E Boulton to replace Councillor Kirwan (term runs for 4 years)

(c) Community and Customer Engagement
(viii) Leasowe Play, Youth and Community Association Committee
Vacancy (Conservative nominee to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley) -
deferred

(xi) Moreton Community Centre Joint Management Committee
Vacancy (Conservative nominee to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley) -
deferred

(d) Culture, Tourism and Leisure
(vi) Tam O'Shanter Cottage Trust
Councillor D Roberts (appoint until July 2010)
Vacancy (Conservative nominee to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley)
(appointed until July 2010) - deferred

(h) Regeneration & Planning Strategy
(i) Oxtan Conservation Area Advisory Committee
Add Councillor Pat Williams as Member
Remove Councillor Stuart Kelly as Member

Saughall Massie Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Vacancy (Conservative nominee to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley) -
deferred

(j) Streetscene & Transport Services

(vii) Wirral Cycle Forum
Add Councillor Phil Gilchrist as Member
Remove Councillor Jean Quinn as Member

(i) Social Care and Inclusion
LGA Community Well Being Board
Councillor M McLaughlin

(v) Joint Scrutiny Committee for Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership Trust

Councillor C Teggin to replace P Reisdorf

Deputies

Conservative: S Mountney
Labour: J Salter
Liberal Democrat: R Wilkins

WIRRAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL 14 December 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, HR AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

GOVERNANCE REVIEW- PROPOSED GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Executive Summary

- 1.2 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the Act”) requires the Council to review its governance arrangements and move to either:
 - a. a new style ‘Leader and Cabinet’ model; or
 - b. a ‘directly elected Mayor and Cabinet’ model.
- 1.3 Before drawing up its governance proposals, the Council is required to take reasonable steps to consult local government electors and any other interested persons, in the authority’s area.
- 1.4 The Council’s consultation period commenced on 6 October 2009 and ended on 30 November 2009. The steps taken to consult local government elector and interested parties included:
 - a. a press release placed in a local newspaper (Wirral Globe) on 8 October 2009 (although the press release was issued on 7 October 2009);
 - b. the Council’s Website amended to advertise the new governance arrangements and invite local electors and other interested persons to make comments and express their views/opinions on the proposals;
 - c. the Cabinet Report dated 24 September 2009 detailing the proposed governance arrangements were highlighted at all eleven Area Forums by the Chairperson and copies of the Report made available to the public.
- 1.5 Furthermore, both the Daily Post and Wirral News featured a discussion forum on the proposed governance arrangements; and Heart FM Radio, Severn Waves Radio and BBC Radio Merseyside all featured the proposed governance proposals. The Wirral Globe further published letters received in relation to the governance proposals on 29 October, 5, 11 and 18 November 2009.

- 1.6 Such measures, articles and features have enabled this matter to maintain a reasonably high public profile during the period of consultation.
- 1.7 According to the Council's PR and Marketing Department, the consultation undertaken by this Council was similar to that undertaken by other Merseyside Local Authorities.
- 1.8 The Council received a total of 45 responses during the consultation period. Whilst it is acknowledged that there has been a low response rate, this Council has received a similar response to the consultation as other neighbouring Councils (and in one case a considerably greater response). A summary of the responses are set out at Appendix 1. Of the total number of responses received 62.2% [28 replies] have indicated a preference for the directly elected 'Mayor and Cabinet' model with 20% [9 replies] preferring the new style 'Leader and Cabinet' model. The remaining 17.8% of responses (8 replies) either failed to indicate a preference or their reply too ambiguous for a preference to be drawn.
- 1.9 Given the limited number of responses received, Council should give careful consideration to the level of weight that ought to be attached when deciding which model of governance it should adopt.
- 1.10 The Act requires the Council adopt its new governance arrangements by 31 December 2009.
- 1.11 The Council's Cabinet considered this matter on 9 December 2009 and the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management shall provide a verbal update to Council in relation to any comments and/or recommendations made by Cabinet.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires the Council to review its governance arrangements and move to either a new style 'Leader and Cabinet' model of governance or a directly elected 'Mayor and Cabinet' model. The Council must undertake appropriate reasonable consultation and draw up and publicise proposals for new executive arrangements. The change can only be made by a resolution within the 'permitted resolution period'. For Metropolitan Districts including Wirral, that must be before 31st December 2009. As required by the Act, an extraordinary meeting of Council has been scheduled for 21 December 2009 in order that all final resolutions can be passed.
- 2.2 The Council is required to take reasonable steps to consult upon its proposed new governance arrangements but is not required to hold a referendum since its current arrangements were not approved by a referendum. Alternatively a referendum will be necessary if the Council receives a valid petition for the election of a Mayor. The Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, received royal Assent on 12 November 2009, and includes clauses dealing with electronic petitions and petition schemes which reduces the percentage of electors required to sign any petition. However, the relevant provisions have yet to come into force. The current requirement is 5% which equates to 12,118 electors within Wirral.

- 2.3 The guidance on consultation is not prescriptive but the emphasis is on giving the local community the opportunity to indicate their views on the options between the two new differing models of governance.

3. OLD-STYLE LEADER AND CABINET EXECUTIVE

- 3.1 Where a local authority is operating an 'old-style leader and cabinet executive', the authority can continue to operate such arrangements until the end of the transitional period. An old-style leader and cabinet executive means a leader and cabinet executive specified in Section 11 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000, which the form of executive arrangements is currently operating at the Council. The transitional period starts when Section 62 (5) came into force (31 December 2007) and ends with the third day after the Wirral Council election in May 2010.

4. NEW STYLE LEADER AND CABINET EXECUTIVE

- 4.1 Under the 2007 Act, the Executive Leader would be elected at the relevant annual Council meeting. This would be the first annual meeting to be held after the local authority starts to operate the 'Leader and Cabinet Executive (England)' arrangements. The term of office of the Leader, where, as in Wirral, there are partial council elections, would start on the day of his/her election and end, when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor.
- 4.2 The Council can, if it so chooses, retain the power to remove the Leader by resolution.
- 4.3 These provisions are subject to Regulations by the Secretary of State, which may require, for example, a Council resolution to be passed by a minimum number or a proportion of members present and voting. The Executive Leader would have power to appoint Councillors to the Executive (Section 11 (2A) Local Government Act 2000). The maximum number of Executive members (including the Leader) remains at 10.

5. MAYOR AND CABINET EXECUTIVE

- 5.1 The alternative form of executive arrangements is for the Council to hold elections for a directly elected Mayor.
- 5.2 A directly elected Mayor would hold office for a term of four years and would appoint his/or her own Cabinet of Councillors and allocate all executive functions.
- 5.3 Unlike the 'Leader and Cabinet Executive (England)' arrangements, Council would NOT be able to remove the directly elected Mayor.
- 5.4 An authority may be required to hold a governance referendum on proposals for a move to a Mayor and Cabinet Executive, either by virtue of being petitioned by local people (as detailed above) or if directed or ordered by the Secretary of State.

6. DETERMINATION

- 6.1 Following the consultation period the Council must determine whether it wishes to move to a 'new style Leader and Cabinet' model or a 'directly elected Mayor and Cabinet' model of governance arrangement.
- 6.2 Once the Council has determined its preferred governance model, the Council is required under the Act to draw up proposals for the change in its governance arrangements and must give consideration to the extent to which the proposals would be likely to help in securing continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 6.3 The draft proposals for both models are set out at Appendix 2 and 3 in respect of which Council approval is also sought (as applicable).
- 6.2 The new governance proposals must be made available to the public. The Council must ensure that the new arrangements can be inspected by the public at its principal office at all reasonable times and must publish the details in one or more newspapers circulated within the area a public notice stating that the Council has drawn up proposals for changes in its governance arrangements and specifying where copies of the detailed proposals can be inspected. The arrangements will need to include a timetable with respect to the implementation of the proposals and details of any necessary transitional arrangements.
- 6.4 A further report will need to be considered by Council at an extraordinary Council meeting on 21st December 2009, seeking approval of the new proposals for the new governance arrangements.
- 6.5 Following Council's approval of the new governance arrangement proposals, the Council must ensure that the adopted proposals can be inspected by the public at its principal office at all reasonable times and must publish in one or more newspapers circulated within the area a public notice stating that the Council has resolved to operate the new governance arrangements, specify when they take effect, describe the main features and specify where copies of the detailed proposals can be inspected.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The costs incurred in respect of the proposed alternative governance arrangements will be found from departmental budgets.

5. Staffing implications

- 5.1 There are none arising directly from this report

6. Equal Opportunities implications

6.1 An equality impact assessment will be carried out on this report

7. Community Safety implications

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8. Local Agenda 21 implications

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

9. Planning implications

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

10. Anti-poverty implications

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11. Human Rights implications

11.1 There are none arising directly from this report

12. Social Inclusion implications

12.1 The proposed governance arrangements will enable public involvement in the proposed change in governance arrangements

13. Local Member Support implications

13.1 New governance arrangements have relevance to all wards.

14. Background Papers

14.1 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

15. Recommendations

15.1 That Council:

- a. resolves to adopt:
 - i. the new style 'Leader and Cabinet' model of governance (including provision of the power for Council to remove the Leader by resolution); or
 - ii. the 'directly elected Mayor and Cabinet' model of governance.
- b. subject to the model of governance adopted under 15.1a above, approves the applicable draft governance proposals as set out in Appendix 2 or 3 to this report (subject to any amendments agreed by Council); and officers be authorised to undertake all steps necessary to give effect to the proposals and ensure compliance with the Local Government and Involvement in Health Act 2007; and
- c. in relation to the extraordinary meeting of Council on 21 December 2009, agrees to amend paragraph 5 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, Part 4 of the Constitution, so as to allow copies of any report(s) relevant to that Council meeting to be made open to the public at least "five days" before the meeting as opposed to "five clear working days".

Bill Norman

Director of Law, HR and Asset Management

CONSULTATION ON GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

RESPONSES	DATE	COMMENTS	An Elected Mayor with Cabinet Executive	A Leader with Cabinet Executive (New Style)
1	08/10/2009	I have just read a report asking for opinions from the public about having a directly elected mayor for Wirral. Before I can comment, could you please tell me who initiated the decision to hold consultation about having a mayor? Did it come from the cabinet, the current leader, council officer or one of the political party members? Presumably, after the public consultation, the final decision will rest with the vote of councillors, is that correct?	No preference made	
2	08/10/2009	With regard to the proposed changing form of local government. I have reached the reluctant conclusion that our so called democracy is no longer serving the public interest. The abuse of the whip system by the political parties has negated whatever benefits it might have had a hundred years ago when introduced. The public too must take a share of the blame for the failure of what might have been a beneficial system of government. They have in the last fifty years insisted in voting for the politician who promised what they wanted to hear, regardless of the facts... The consequent practise of lying (renamed spin) has been a necessity to any party wanting office. The Election of a Mayor could find a way of removing the pressure a self indulgent populace puts on those who supply the services we need. I suggest the practise of holding failed politicians to account on tower Hill might have a beneficial affect. A very wise man said about 20500 years ago that if you increase a man, sense of security you will decrease his self sufficiency. I would give my life to protect the health service but fear the welfare state has got out of hand A less democratic and less corrupt system is now needed. Churchill rallied the Nation with a promise of blood sweat and tears. I heard him make that speech and witnessed the way the people rallied to him. It is the population who have to measure up to trhe challenge as well as the politician . I am so sorry for my granchildren being fed on a diet of self indulgence.	X	
3	08/10/2009	I wish to inform you that I would prefer to be elected by the people of Wirral so that they have a direct in working of local government	X	
4	08/10/2009	I choose to opt for a directly elected mayor by a direct public vote for a 4 year term. The provision must be included for the elected incumbent of the Office of Mayor to be voted	X	

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		out of office by the public if considered to be unsuitable. Councillors should not have any powers to elect or terminate the publicly elected Mayor..		
5	08/10/2009	I fully support the system of an elected Mayor for Wirral He should have a Mandate to be non Political, have full executive powers, and be elected by the population at regular periods. His first job should be to reduce the total council costs, but not needlessly by reducing staff.	X	
6	09/10/2009	New style, please.		X
7	10/10/2009	I support the idea of Wirral Having an elected Mayor, when will this happen, send me details	X	
8	12/10/2009	This email is to register my support for the idea of a directly elected mayor for Wirral. I would like to see also a mechanism which could remove any mayor from office during his term by members of the public and not councillors. The Wirral electorate are fed up with the lack of responsibility and accountability with the current 'shared responsibility' cabinet system. One last thing would make the whole idea work better for the public and that is to continue the current arrangement of a non-party political mayor i.e. an independent. Otherwise we will be back to where we are now in everything but name	X	
9	12/10/2009	Further to the above notice on the Council website. Please advise whether it is possible to view further details held by the Council of these proposed changes. I did follow the link included to the Communities.gov.uk site, however I was unable to locate much additional information. In addition please can you advise where I can find details of the workings of the consultation process.	No preference made	
10	13/10/2009	The proper consultation would be to ask the electorate in a ballot which they would prefer and not just through a consultation process via the web site. This will reach only a few of the residents, whereas a call for a referendum will reach the vast majority of the people, unless of course, councillors would prefer that to be the case. It should be pointed out that a Mayor elected by councillors is unlikely to be unpartisan, with buggins turn being observed by the main three political parties. A direct election would give all councillors, including the independants an opportunity to stand for election for Mayor and I hope that there will be significantly more of them, at the next election.	No preference made	

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11	15/10/2009	I would like to endorse the view that the future Mayor of Wirral should be elected by the electorate.If he could be persuaded ,the ideal candidate would the honourable Frank Field M.P.,a man with proven track record of trust by the people of Wirral	X	
12	15/10/2009	Please add my details to the vote on an elected mayor instead of an elected leader	X	
13	15/10/2009	<p>A Mayor directly elected by the electorate of Wirral</p> <p>Under this option there would be a separate election process to elect a Mayor. This would mean that the electorate would get a vote for a person to lead the Council, rather than Wirral Councillors voting on a Leader. The Mayor would be elected for four years and would be able to choose his/her Cabinet. However as he or she has been directly elected by the public Councillors would not be able to vote to replace him or her.</p> <p>I believe this would be the best option.</p> <p>If it was necessary to remove the Mayor for whatever reason to again put the proposals to the public.</p>	X	
14	15/10/2009	After reading the documentation I fully support the idea of an Elected Mayor for Wirral.	X	
15	15/10/2009	The two systems are not as good as the existing system as the Mayor is elected for four years and is not easily stopped. The lesser of the two evils is the election of a Councillor as Mayor, by other politicians. They know who the candidates are and what they stand for. John Barnes could be elected as Mayor if the wider electorate (excluding Tranmere fans) was consulted. Popular figures are not necessarily good at governance, Boris Johnson being a prime example of incompetent rule.	X	
16	16/10/2009	I personally support the idea of a directly elected Mayor. I believe this system would make the council more accountable to the electorate. Please add my name in support of this system	X	
17	16/10/2009	I have sent the following email to the three Councillors representing the New Brighton ward:	No preference	

		<p>Re : Possible elected Mayor for Wallasey / A leader with a new style of cabinet executive.</p> <p>After reading the attached article from the Wirral Globe of 14 Oct 2009, I asked five neighbouring households if they knew anything about these proposed changes to our local democracy.</p> <p>I'll print the least severe comments:</p> <p>"It was news to me Jim."</p> <p>"Nope, I've not heard of any consultations.....here we go again!!!"</p> <p>"I haven't got a clue; have I lost the plot or what?"</p> <p>So it appears that none of us know about any proposed changes and none have heard about meetings or "consultations." Yet suddenly we appear to be having these changes thrust upon us.</p> <p>As one of our local Councillors, could you explain why this is?</p> <p>It seems local democracy can be given and be taken away by central government without any reference to the electorate.</p> <p>Do you think this is right?</p> <p>Could you and your colleagues arrange some meetings in the New Brighton Ward - quickly by the sounds of it - so that we can make some informed suggestions about the proposed changes?</p> <p>It would be the democratic thing to do, would it not?</p>	made	
18	20/10/2009	<p>If the last year has confirmed anything it is that Wirral Council is not terribly good at Consultation a suspicion long held amongst residents of the Borough.</p> <p>We have a situation currently where Cabinet Style governance has produced a kind of elective dictatorship and although your preamble tells us that this "may" reflect all the political parties you know perfectly well that it does not currently do so. You also tell us that all the Councillor's elect the Cabinet which may well be the theory but practice as you</p>	X	

		<p>are well aware is rather different.</p> <p>The main difference in the "new style" Leader and Cabinet is the election for four years. However our electoral cycle is actually three years and a gap year which is surely something that needs to be addressed before adopting another "new" system.</p> <p>There is no mention of a new committee system which would bring more transparency with a greater power to full Council to re-examine controversial decisions and ensure that all our elected Councillors had a proper role to play.</p> <p>The direct election of a Mayor who then picks his Cabinet which then could be a Cabinet of all the talents and possibly all the parties and independents' is an interesting one. The elected Mayoralty in London seems to have worked reasonably well. It would also seem to me to work just as well with a revised committee system even if the current "Government knows best" attitude still prevails by not giving us the option. We could get rid of the poorly attended Area Forums by giving power back to our local Councillors so that each of them had the opportunity to intervene on our behalf.</p> <p>The options before us are inadequate and uninspiring but of those I would definitely back "The directly elected Mayor as the best way forward and if it is for a four year term then sort out our electoral cycle at the same time. Let us hope that this would bring back some transparency to Wirral Governance.</p>		
19	22/10/2009	Having considered the information available, I would like to register my view that I would be in favour of having an elected mayor.	X	
20	23/10/2009	<p>Further to the article on p. 2 of the Wirral Globe of 14th October, I prefer the first of the two possible procedures, i.e. that the Mayor should be chosen by councillors. There are two reasons for this:</p> <p>1) It is difficult for members of the general public to identify a Livingstone/Johnson type of person in Wirral who could handle the job; which leads onto</p> <p>2) Councillors, from their experience, could more readily identify such a person.</p>	X	
21	23/10/2009	<p>I would like to register my comments re: possible elected mayor.</p> <p>Firstly I feel it is wrong that the present council should make this decision the members of the present cabinet have a vested interest and any decision should be left until the</p>	No preference made	

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		<p>council elections when the public could decide at the same time as electing their councillors.</p> <p>It seems like another attempt by the present cabinet to force through something whether the people of Wirral want it or not. Remember the library fiasco.wake up Councillor Faulkes you are there for the people of Wirral not your own power building.</p>		
22	29/10/2009	I think that Wirral should have an elected mayor.	X	
23	01/11/2009	<p>I wish to record my view that the position of Mayor should be filled by public election and that this process would demonstrate a fairness and equity presently not transparent. Candidates should have to demonstrate how they are best fitted for the position and what they will achieve within this role and this should be within the public arena, the alternative would be worrying as we would then have the possibility of a Mayor with little or no understanding of the complexities of the position under the new system. Under the present system the mayor tends to be a figurehead with no defined powers or role in the eyes of the public and a councillor who has given his/her best service to the community served would not necessarily have the skills to undertake the new role.</p> <p>I hope that the people of Wirral are fully informed and consulted on this process.</p>	X	
24	11/11/2009	i was wondering if the council will be sending out voting slips to all of us? and indeed whether they were going to contact us personally (take all reasonable steps to contact people) to explain this process in more detail or rely on people having access to the internet and the wirral site in particular.it seems that the council have not learnt the lessons from the library scandal. it would also be nice to know when the people of wirral will get to see the library report that we paid for.	No preference	
25	12/11/2009	<p>If our comments are to be made public please omit all our personal details including our names.</p> <p>We do not feel that this consultation process has been made easy to respond to & would suggest that all Wirral residents on the electoral roll should be informed by mail when major changes come up for consultation in the future.</p> <p>With regards to this consultation, we feel that better option would be A Leader with Cabinet Executive (New Style).</p>		X

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		<p>We believe that this would offer better value for money for the tax payer as well as provide the electorate with the possibility of the leader being removed/ replaced, should the need/ momentum require it.</p> <p>Should you wish any more detail on our thoughts with regards to this then please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>		
26	18/11/2009	ELECTED MAYOR???-----NO NO NO NO NO NEVER NO NO NO NO NO NOT EVER		X
27	20/11/2009	<p>In response to the request on the Wirral website I would like to give my response as a registered voter in Wirral.</p> <p>I feel that a directly elected mayor, able to choose their own cabinet, would provide clear direction and would be more accountable.</p> <p>I can foresee that there will be problems when the Council and Mayor disagree, and I am not clear from the the information what procedures will be in place to avoid deadlock. I would also be concerned if an elected Mayor turned out to be some sort of Derek Hatton like figure i.e.. very unrepresentative of the real interests of the voters, so I hope there would be ways to recall a Mayor in circumstances where he or she is seen to fail in serving the interests of the public.</p> <p>If safeguards are in place the Mayor could be a positive force for good in delivering a high quality service efficiently and accountably.</p>	X	

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28	24/11/2009	<p>Given the two options, I would select the A Leader with Cabinet Executive (New Style) My gut feeling is that a Mayor would be even less democratic than what we have at present as he/she could not be voted out for four years. Have we anyone in Wirral who is of such stature that we could trust them with running the Council with no checks.</p> <p>I would point out that the Council has performed very badly in fulfilling its duties under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, by virtue of which it is required to take 'reasonable steps to consult people in its area.'</p> <p>It would not seem that asking people to send comments either by post or email, without providing a proper response form in either paper format or on line is very poor procedure and falls far short of taking 'reasonable steps to consult', as required by the Act..</p> <p>Surely it does not take much to devise a simple questionnaire nor to set up a simple voting section on a website – 'What do you Think ?'. If Strictly Come Dancing can do it surely it is not beyond the capacity of WBC ?</p>		X
29	25/11/2009	<p>Since my email to you on the 16th October, I have received no replies from either yourself or any Councillors regarding meetings to discuss the changes in the way we are governed locally. (The issue was not discussed at the Wallasey & New Brighton Area Forum on 21st October).</p> <p>I would like it to be made known that there should be many meetings throughout Wirral to discuss the changes.</p> <p>In the last 30 years, central government has removed more and more decisions from local governments. If Wirral Council continues to ignore the local electorate, then they will become more and more remote from them, leading to the conclusion that they do not represent us in any shape or form.</p> <p>We are way past the time when it was just appropriate to tick a box every four years. People want more involvement in local decision-making. From the current financial crisis that the country faces, there is a direct line to the disconnection of local politicians from the electorate. The electorate are exactly the people whom the Councillors should be connecting with, so that less power leaches away to central government.</p> <p>According to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, before</p>	No preference made	

		<p>drawing up its proposals the authority must take reasonable steps to consult people in its area.</p> <p>In fact, a Wirral Council Cabinet meeting document of 24 Sept 2009 states: "The guidance on consultation is not prescriptive but the emphasis is on giving the local community the opportunity to choose between directly Elected Mayors and indirectly Elected leaders."</p> <p>Are there going to be meetings to discuss the changes? We don't want stuff forced down our throat. And we may decide that the current system isn't that bad, though, as I've stated, the connections are badly broken.</p>		
30	26/11/2009	<p>I feel strongly that the election of a mayor would be the better option.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If one purpose of the change is to get more consistency in policy execution, the elected mayor will last longer as there are a number of circumstances in which a leader elected by councillors will cease to operate before the termination of the four years. 2. One of the weaknesses of the current party political system is that there is so little willingness in the parties to listen to and take into account the views of the opposition. An elected mayor would have more authority to seek compromise even if he was the candidate put forward by a political party. 3. In selecting the cabinet an elected mayor would be freer to select the best person for the job without regard to the balance of power within parties. He could also take into account other issues such as ensuring that there is as far as possible representation in the cabinet of different areas. 4. The election process would give an opportunity for the electorate to question candidates about how they proposed to exercise their authority and to receive reassurances about this. <p>I presume that we will be given an analysis of the results of the is consultation and an indication of how this influenced the decision of the Council on the next steps.</p>	X	
31	27/11/2009	<p>regarding the consultation, my husband and I have discussed this and would like to register that we both feel that the elected mayor would be the best option.</p>	X	
32	27/11/2009	<p>at a meeting of the Liscard & Egremont Partnership, held on the 24th November 2009 we considered the issues in this paper. It was decided without dissent that we would prefer a directly elected Mayor. There was a strong feeling that this was the democratic way of appointing a leader. Some members also felt that this might prove to be a good way to reduce political party antagonism and reach appropriate compromises. Under the present</p>	X	

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		<p>system we noted that Wallasey has no representation in the cabinet, with an elected mayor it is possible to have assurances on issues like this before the election.</p> <p>We are expecting a full analysis of this consultation in the New Year , together with a statement on how the information from the consultation had influenced the council decision.</p>		
33	27/11/2009	<p>I wish to respond to the consultation on the new proposals for governance in Wirral. I cannot understand the pressure for yet another change in local government. There have been a large number of changes over the past ten years and we really need time for the last one to settle before embarking on yet another. For this reason, I believe the best option for Wirral would be a Leader elected by the whole Council. This would cause the least disruption to services and the operation of the Council.</p> <p>Wirral is a very diverse community with diverse needs ranging from very poor to very rich residents. It includes poor inner city areas, industry (including docks) urban and suburban areas, rural villages and farms. Therefore, it would be impossible for the needs of everyone to be served by one person, which is what an elected mayor represents. Why an imported American idea is deemed appropriate for Britain escapes me. To misquote a famous politician: "You can please some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time!" I also think it is an extremely dangerous idea to give one individual power over issues such as a budget and appointing members of a Cabinet. The essential of our democratic system is that there is always room for an opposition. An elected mayor eliminates this option. The turn-out in local elections is falling and I cannot believe it would be any better in that for an elected mayor. It is therefore highly unlikely that a successful candidate would receive more than 50% of those eligible to vote and therefore claim that s/he had the support of the people of Wirral.</p> <p>I hope, therefore, that the Council will adopt the option of an elected Leader.</p>		X
34	27/11/2009	<p>As a local resident, I am writing to express my support for the option of an elected mayor with cabinet executive for the future governance of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral.</p>	X	
35	27/11/2009	<p>Until the beginning of this year and the Strategic Asset Review, I had taken little or no interest in my local council on the basis that I paid my council tax and the services I used were of an adequate standard.</p>	X	

	<p>Having now had the opportunity to attend meetings of the full Council, scrutiny committees and to review the detailed output of both councillors and officers, I now have a greater sense of the significant weaknesses of the current system and structure.</p> <p>The implementation of revised governance arrangements should provide the strong, effective and accountable leadership that will address these weaknesses in a timely manner.</p> <p>The analysis of the options available needs to be put in the context of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the challenges and issues faced by the Wirral; • how these challenges shape the requirements of the role of leader, whether directly elected or not; and • which of the two alternative systems gives the better chance of the Wirral getting the leader it deserves and needs. <p>Challenges and issues faced by the people of the Wirral</p> <p>All levels of government are going to be faced with tough budgetary decisions over the coming years and all local authorities are going to have to contend with the current trend for increased micro-management from central government. Further outsourcing will also be high on the agenda, but none of these issues are unique to the Wirral.</p> <p>There are also those issues that politicians at all levels are seeking to avoid. The best example here is defined benefit pensions for local authority workers. Neither local or central government is willing to face up to the real cost of providing these pensions in the future and to take the necessary remedial actions as many in the private sector have done so already.</p> <p>On the Wirral, there are a number of specific challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need for economic regeneration. The Wirral has lost much of its traditional industry and its role as a commuter area for Liverpool and Chester cannot sustain the borough; and • the demographics of the Wirral mean that it is very difficult within the confines of the three party system to get a truly representative council. Given the inherent majorities in many wards, people do not feel that their votes count. This sense of disenfranchisement is heightened by the fact that the Conservatives form the 		
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		<p>largest group yet the Council is controlled by a Labour/Liberal coalition.</p> <p>It is essential for the future of Wirral that the governance review provides the best model for future leadership. Having identified the challenges and issues, the requirements of the role must be considered.</p> <p>Requirements of the role</p> <p>The Communities and Local Government website states that the governance arrangements should “enable local leaders to use their wider influence as well as their powers to get things done for their communities”.</p> <p>To do this, the leader must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish an appropriate strategy for Wirral; • build a team to implement the agreed strategy; • compete effectively for scarce resources from central government and other sources of funding; • be an effective communicator within the council, the business community and with the people of the Wirral; • be able to cut through the bureaucracy and jargon that is endemic in local government; and • provide the leadership to get things done. <p>The key question is “which governance arrangements will provide the most effective route to ensuring that Wirral has the leader who has all of these qualities?”.</p> <p>Advantages of the a directly elected mayor</p> <p>The directly elected mayor model has the better chance of success because it provides a direct linkage between the people of the Wirral and its leadership.</p> <p>A directly elected mayor has a number of advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they would have an mandate directly from the people of Wirral, addressing the dis-enfranchisement issue highlighted above; • the prestige of the role would attract candidates, with suitable qualifications, who may not be attracted to the more traditional, and time consuming, route of working 		
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		<p>their way up through the political group;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the political parties could source excellent candidates from outside the current pool of councillors; • encourage voters to participate in local elections because of the “presidential style” of the office; and • it would allow independent candidates to stand more easily. <p>Consultation process</p> <p>I have read the “New Council Constitutions: Consultation Guidelines for English Local Authorities” on the Communities and Local Government website and note that local authorities should view this process “as much an opportunity as a duty”.</p> <p>The Council have failed to grasp this opportunity. Apart from a couple of small pieces in the local free newspapers and a brief technical announcement on the Council’s website (sandwiched between announcements relating to the BBC’s Gardeners’ Question Time programme and the retention of the Investors in People award), coverage and active consultation has been very poor.</p> <p>Qualified recommendation</p> <p>For the reasons set out above, a directly elected mayor provides the greater chance of Wirral getting the leader it needs and deserves. However, we are very much in the hands of the politicians and their current leaders to ensure that they identify, possibly at the expense of personal ambition, suitable candidates for the position of directly elected mayor.</p>		
36	28/11/2009	<p>I am an employee of Wirral Council, and a resident of Wallasey. I would like to offer my opinion on this important decision for the future of Wirral.</p> <p>I believe that Elected Mayors are the way forward. As shown by London, irrespective of party affiliation, the election process generated direction for the region, and a Mayor would be someone who could not evade responsibility. The Mayor would not be just a figurehead, but someone with real power, who could speak up for the people of Wirral, because they would have a direct mandate.</p> <p>As the development at Wirral Waters progresses, I foresee that Wirral will become an equal to Liverpool for employment prospects and investment. We will need someone with</p>	X	

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		the direct authority to make crucial decisions on behalf of the people of Wirral.		
37	28/11/2009	I would like to give my support for an elected Mayor for Wirral, I would like to see an elected representative who put the people of Wirral above Party Dogma and Whitehall pollicy, an elected mayor of the right calibre could stand up to the local quangos and councillors who want Wirral to be part of Lliverpool without a democratic mandate.	X	
38	29/11/2009	<p>May we offer the following views regarding the 2 Local Governance Options -</p> <p>* An elected Mayor with Cabinet Executive -</p> <p>A) Such an election would appear to burden an electorate hardly versed nor enthusiastic with yet another version of the democratic process, in consequence this would also incur further Administrative procedures & costs.</p> <p>B) With little or no recourse in accountability throughout the 4 yr term would ineffect render the new post as unchallengeable (at least in the interim), in turn furthering apathy amongst the electorate.</p> <p>* Leader with Cabinet Executive -</p> <p>A) Limiting the Elected Representatives the right to remove the 'New Leader' from office should the need be required.</p> <p>B) It is an assumption that the Leader election & Cabient selected would merely be a reflection of the Council's balance of power.</p> <p>Whilst the latter offers lesser changes to the present system of Governance, with Elected Members right of recourse then it would appear to safeguard democratic representation throughout the 4yr tenure.</p> <p><u>Therefore, our preference would be for Wirral Council to opt for - A Leader with Cabinet Executive (New Style).</u></p>		X
39	30/11/2009	<p>Local Authorities (Referendum) (Petitions & Directions) Regulations 2000</p> <p>Having read the details given in this Notice I would vote in favour of "A Leader with Cabinet Executive (New Style)</p> <p>I must draw attention that there has been extremely limited public information given to this matter to enable a wider consideration on these proposals which is a direct failure by the local authority in their duty under the requirements of the above Regulations.</p>		X
40	30/11/2009	I am responding to your request for comments on the two proposals for the governance of the Borough, in particular for Leadership positions on the Council. May I say at once that I should wish to see a third option – that of a return to the Committee system which	X	

		<p>operated before 2001 and of which I had first hand experience.</p> <p>Either of the proposed options would move us further in the direction of concentrating power in the hands of fewer people. We have 66 councillors but some fifty of them are already effectively sidelined.</p> <p>The issue of governance should certainly be subjected to public scrutiny and discussion. I am fairly conscientious in my attendance at Local Forum meetings, as an ordinary voter representing no community grouping or interest. I would have expected an issue of such importance as the possibility of an elected mayor to be thoroughly examined and debated locally. No such exercise was attempted to my knowledge, raising the question as to whether such forums are capable of addressing serious issues.</p> <p>Have we had articles in the local papers by proponents of the two options in preparation for full and open discussion in public meetings across the Borough such as those which followed the publication of proposals on Sports Centres and libraries? Not that I have seen. How can it be argued that the Council has taken reasonable steps to consult the people in its area?</p> <p>My choice would be for an elected executive mayor but only after a long period of preparation and education of the electorate. Time must be allowed for serious experienced executives from outside the ranks of local government to consider and prepare for standing for election.</p> <p>With either of the proposals initiated too hastily and in the present climate of distrust of established politicians, we could well end up with a chump in a gorilla suit in charge of our affairs.</p>		
41	30/11/2009	<p>It is the view of the persons named below that, under the new arrangements for Council, there should be a Mayor elected independently by all Wirral residents.</p> <p>Terry Edgar John Hankey Joyce Hockey Rev. Father Leon Ostaszewski</p> <p>'Committee for the Centenary of the Wallasey Borough Charter 1910'</p>	X	

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42	30/11/2009	<p>I believe that it would be for the good of the electorate to have a directly elected mayor. It may also cause the community to become more involved with council affairs. Also it may mean that the council becomes more accountable to the electorate.</p>	X	
43	30/11/2009	<p>After private discussion we wish to make the following points:</p> <p>This consultation has not been carried out in a manner which would lead to maximum contribution from the public - Information about the consultation was not widely publicised (for instance, staff in the drop in centres seemed unaware of the existence of the information sheets or of the nature of the public consultation). We became aware of it only towards the end of November - we do normally attend our local area forum but understand the issue was raised at the one recent forum we were unable to attend.</p> <p>Basically, we do not want either of the forms of governance arrangements suggested and object to it being forced upon us as both seem to be lacking in democratic principals - in option A the leader, having been elected by the full council. would be able to be the sole decider of members of the cabinet. The cabinet (chosen by one councillor) would then have complete control. In option B a similar problem exists as, although the Mayor would be elected by the full electorate, s/he would then still have total control over which councillors were to be in 'cabinet'.</p> <p>This is a totally undemocratic way of managing local government. In neither option A nor option B is there any point at all in having local councillors (particularly if the councillor for the ward in which one voted was not a member of the majority party) as decisions will be made by a small group of councillors selected by one person.</p> <p>Does this mean that we no longer have a Mayor for ceremonial purposes as now? Who will perform the role of representing the people of the borough in the many local events which now benefit from the presence of the Mayor?</p>	No preference made	
44	30/11/2009	<p>Having read the document thoroughly, I have decided that I would prefer <u>A leader with Cabinet Executive (New Style)</u>.</p> <p>This, in my view, would provide a more democratic system, that electing a Mayor possessing overall power for four years despite any shortcomings he/she might have and there being no means of replacing him/her.</p>		X

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45	30/11/2009	<p>I consider that the powers given to politicians should be limited to the minimum necessary to fulfil a particular governance function.</p> <p>do not like the prospect of a publicly elected Mayor, apparently irremovable for a period of 4 years.</p> <p>I therefore prefer WBC to have a Leader elected by the whole council, who could 'in extremes' be removed by them.</p>		X
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SUMMARY

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	A Directly Elected Mayor and Cabinet Executive	A Leader and Cabinet Executive (New Style)	No Preference Indicated	TOTAL
No. of Responses	28	9	8	45
% of Total No. of Responses	62.2%	20%	17.8%	100%

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PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE TO EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

This document sets out Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council's proposals for changing its executive arrangements as required by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (2007 Act).

The proposals have been drawn up after consultation as required by the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the 2007 Act).

1. FORM OF EXECUTIVE

The Council proposes to adopt the "new style" Leader and Cabinet (England) form of executive (the "Executive").

2. EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

- 2.1 The Executive will consist of the Leader of the Council and between 2 and 9 other councillors ("Executive Members") appointed by the Leader of the Council.
- 2.2 The Leader of the Council will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council following elections in May 2010 and will (subject to paragraph 2.3 below) hold office until his/her term as Councillor expires.
- 2.3 The Council may by resolution remove the appointed Leader of the Council from office. If such a resolution is passed, Council will elect a new Leader of the Council at the same meeting or a subsequent meeting of Council.
- 2.4 The Leader of the Council will determine the portfolios of the Executive Members and also which executive functions will be discharged by:
 - a. the Executive;
 - b. an individual Executive Members;
 - c. a committee of the Executive Members; or
 - c. an officer of the Council.
- 2.5 The Leader of the Council may appoint one of the Executive Members to be his/her deputy (the "Deputy Leader of the Council").
- 2.6 The Leader of the Council may remove any Executive Member from the Executive and appoint another councillor.
- 2.7 The existing arrangement regarding the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board & Committees and other Council committees and panels will remain unchanged and continue under the Executive.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

Local Choice Functions

Responsibility for functions specified in regulations under Section 13(3) (b) of the Local Government Act 2000 (known as “local choice functions”) will remain unchanged from the current allocation between the Council and the executive.

However it is possible, subject to any statutory limitations, for the Council prior to the change in executive arrangements to alter the allocation of these functions. The local choice functions are set out in Part 3 Table 1 of the Council’s Constitution.

Constitution Amendments

Constitutional amendments will be required to implement the “new style” Leader and Cabinet (England) form of executive as detailed in paragraph 2 above.

Following the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 21 December 2009, Council’s approval will be sought to amend the Constitution in order to give effect to the proposals set herein.

The key amendments that will be made shall relate to the following parts of the Constitution:

PART	
2	Article 2
	Article 7
	Article 12 - 13
	Article 15
	Article 16 – Schedule 1
3	Table 3
	Table 4 – Schedules 1-5
4	As necessary
5	As necessary
6	Members’ Allowances Scheme
Any other ancillary amendments required to give effect to the preferred model of governance	

4. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

In drawing up these proposals, the Council has considered the extent to which the proposals, if implemented, would be likely to assist in securing continuous improvement in the way in which the Council's functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The "new style" Leader and Cabinet (England) form of executive is considered:

- a. to provide strong leadership and effective decision making;
- b. more cost effective to implement given that the Council is currently operating a form of 'leader with cabinet' model of executive arrangement; and
- c. in the Council's opinion likely to provide best value to the inhabitants of Wirral.

5. TIMETABLE & TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Council is required to set up a timetable for the implementation of the proposals and to provide details of any transitional arrangements which are necessary for the implementation.

Timetable

The timetable is outlined as follows:

- 9 November 2009 Cabinet recommends to Council its preferred governance model together with the relevant proposals.
- 14 December 2009 Council gives consideration to the recommendations of Cabinet and determines its preferred governance model together with the relevant proposals.
- 21 December 2009 Council resolves to adopt and formally confirm the new governance arrangements and proposals.
- May 2010 Implementation of new governance arrangements and proposals to take effect three days after the date when the local elections are held.

Transitional Arrangements

With regard to the transitional arrangements, the Council is not in any way prohibited from continuing to operate its current "old-style" Leader and Cabinet Model which will expire three days after the date when the 2010 local elections are held.

The Council will therefore continue to operate this model in accordance with the Constitution until the new 'leader and cabinet' model replaces it.

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The proposals have been drawn up after consultation as required by the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the 2007 Act).

1. FORM OF EXECUTIVE

The Council proposes to adopt the "directly elected mayor and cabinet" form of executive (the "Mayor Executive").

2. EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

- 2.1 The Mayor Executive will consist of the Mayor and between 2 and 9 other councillors ("Mayor Executive Members") appointed by the Mayor.
- 2.2 The mayor will be elected by Wirral local government electors in May 2010 and will hold office for a period of 4 years (the 'Elected Mayor').
- 2.3 The Elected Mayor is not a Councillor. He or she does not have an electoral Ward to represent and would work full time as an Elected Mayor.
- 2.4 The Elected Mayor would be in addition to the sixty six councillors who currently sit on the Council.
- 2.5 The Council would not be able to remove the Elected Mayor as is the case in the "new style Leader and Cabinet (England)" form of executive.
- 2.6 The Elected Mayor would be responsible for all executive functions.
- 2.7 The Elected Mayor must also appoint a Deputy Mayor who will hold office until the end of the directly elected Mayor's term.
- 2.8 The Deputy Mayor can, however, be removed and replaced by the directly Elected Mayor.
- 2.9 The Elected Mayor would determine the portfolios of the Mayor Executive Members and also which executive functions will be discharged by:
 - a. the Mayor Executive;
 - b. an individual Mayor Executive Members;
 - c. a committee of the Mayor Executive Members; or
 - c. an officer of the Council.

- 2.10 Save for changes required for legal reasons, the existing arrangements regarding the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board & Committees and other Council committees and panels will remain unchanged and continue under the Mayor Executive.
- 2.11 Other councillors would have the same functions as at present.
- 2.12 The Elected Mayor will hold the title of 'Mayor' and may lead the Council and carry out ceremonial functions; or the Council may decide to keep its 'ceremonial' Mayor as well. If the Council decides to keep the 'ceremonial' Mayor, he/she will normally be given a new title.
- 2.13 The Elected Mayor would be reliant upon the Council to pass the Annual Budget and other major policy and strategic framework plans specified in the Constitution and would need to work with Councillors to ensure that these are approved.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

Local Choice Functions

Responsibility for functions specified in regulations under Section 13(3) (b) of the Local Government Act 2000 (known as "local choice functions") will remain unchanged from the current allocation between the Council and the executive.

However it is possible, subject to any statutory limitations, for the Council prior to the change in executive arrangements to alter the allocation of these functions. The local choice functions are set out in Part 3 Table 1 of the Council's Constitution.

Constitution Amendments

Constitutional amendments will be required to implement "directly elected mayor and cabinet" form of executive (the "Mayor Executive") as detailed in paragraph 2 above.

Following the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 21 December 2009, Council's approval will be sought to amend the Constitution in order to give effect to the proposals set herein. The key amendments that will be made shall relate to the following parts of the Constitution:

PART	
1	
2	Article 1 – 4
	Article 7
	Article 12 - 13
	Article 15
	Article 16 – Schedule 1
3	Table 2 - 34
4	As necessary
5	As necessary
6	As necessary
Any other ancillary amendments required to give effect to the preferred model of governance	

4. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

In drawing up these proposals, the Council has considered the extent to which the proposals, if implemented, would be likely to assist in securing continuous improvement in the way in which the Council’s functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The ““directly elected mayor and cabinet” form of executive is considered:

- a. to provide strong leadership and effective decision making;
- b. to have significant status as a directly elected figure with a mandate endorsed by the majority of the Wirral electorate;
- c. although more costly to implement given that the Council is currently operating a form of ‘leader with cabinet’ model of executive arrangement, it is considered that the benefits associated with this model of governance outweigh the cost implications; and
- d. in the Council’s opinion likely to provide best value to the inhabitants of Wirral.

5. TIMETABLE & TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Council is required to set up a timetable for the implementation of the proposals and to provide details of any transitional arrangements which are necessary for the implementation.

Timetable

The timetable is outlined as follows:

- 14 December 2009 Council gives consideration to the recommendations of Cabinet and determines its preferred governance model together with the relevant proposals.
- 21 December 2009 Council resolves to adopt and formally confirm the new governance arrangements and proposals.
- May 2010 Implementation of new governance arrangements and proposals to take effect three days after the date when the local elections are held.

Transitional Arrangements

With regard to the transitional arrangements, the Council is not in any way prohibited from continuing to operate its current "old-style" Leader and Cabinet model which will expire three days after the date when the 2010 local elections are held.

The Council will therefore continue to operate this model in accordance with the Constitution until the 'directly elected mayor' governance model replaces it.

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

9 DECEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report details the method used to calculate the Tax Base for the 2010/2011 Council Tax and recommends a figure for tax setting purposes.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. The Tax Base is used to calculate the individual amounts of Council Tax that need to be raised to cover expenditure. Within the Council Tax are amounts for the Precepting Authorities (Police and Fire and Rescue). These Authorities are formally advised as to the Tax Base to allow them to calculate their own requirements.
- 2.2. The legislation requiring this calculation is the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992. This requires the Authority to declare by means of Council resolution the Tax Base it will use to calculate the tax level. Council must make this resolution no later than 31 January in the year preceding the Tax.
- 2.3. The calculations below show the numbers of dwellings in each band. The number of likely discounts, reliefs and exemptions to be awarded is then taken into account. These figures are used with the proportions for each band to arrive at an equivalent number of Band D properties. This equated figure is adjusted for the collection rate and is the Council Tax Base.
- 2.4. The figures used are an estimate based on the Valuation List of 5 October 2009. There will be amendments that need to be undertaken and these continue to take place throughout the year.

3. THE CALCULATION OF THE TAX BASE

- 3.1. The Valuation List contains 145,446 properties (145,132 in 2008). Within each band there is an assessment made of how many reductions, reliefs and exemptions apply. These reduce the number of dwellings proportionately. 25% discounts for single dwellings, 50% discount for no residency, 100% for exemptions and one band reductions for disabled relief all contribute to this reduction. This figure is then converted to a Band D equivalent by using the ratio of each band charge.

3.2.

	VALUE	No. of Properties	No. of Discounted Dwellings	Band Ratio	Band D Equivalent
A	Up to £40,000	58,641	47,574.25	6/9	31,716.2
B	£40 - £52,000	30,900	26,997.50	7/9	20,998.1
C	£52 - £68,000	27,203	24,401.25	8/9	21,690.0
D	£68 - £88,000	13,006	11,827.50	1	11,827.5
E	£88 - £120,000	8,047	7,403	11/9	9,048.1
F	£120 - £160,000	4,278	3,954.50	13/9	5,712.1
G	£160 - £320,000	3,102	2,872.75	15/9	4,787.9
H	Over £320,000	269	225.25	18/9	450.5
		145,446			106,230.4
	Add contributions for Government Dwellings				2.0
	Add Band A Disabled Relief Band D equivalent				51.4
	Total				106,283.8

3.3. The total Band D equivalent is then adjusted by the estimate of the collection rate for 2009/2010 to give the Council Tax Base. Having taken into consideration previous experience and current collection rates, I recommend no change in the projected collection rate of 98.5%. The collection rate is the rate that best reflects collection over more than just the current year and will therefore take longer than the following financial year to achieve. I can confirm that all previous year collections have ultimately met or exceeded my projections. I am satisfied that this rate should be achieved for 2010-11.

3.4. The calculation for 2010/2011 is $106,283.8 \times 98.5\% = 104,690$.

For information the Tax Base in previous years was as follows:-

2004/05 :	103,701	2005/06:	104,582	2006/07:	104,781
2007/08	104,256	2008/09:	104,009	2009/10:	104,276

4. SETTING OF THE TAX

4.1. The level of Council Tax is set at each Budget Council. The Budget Council for 2010/2011 is scheduled for 1 March 2010.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. The approval of the Tax Base allows the Authority to continue with tax collection.

6. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

6.1. There are none arising from this report.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. There are none arising from this report.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

8.1. There are none arising from this report.

9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1. There are none arising from this report.

10. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

10.1. There are none arising from this report.

11. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

11.1. There are none arising from this report.

12. LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

12.1. The report has no specific implications for any Member or Ward.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1. Local Government Finance Act 1992

13.2. Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992

13.3. AMA Policy Finance Circular 109/92

14. RECOMMENDATION

14.1. That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the figure calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2010/2011 shall be 104,690.

IAN COLEMAN
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

9 DECEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND FINANCING 2010-2013

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report provides Cabinet with a draft Capital Programme for 2009/13 for consideration and referral to Council for approval. It also includes the related capital financing requirements based upon the prudential indicators that inform the Treasury Management Strategy.

2. CAPITAL STRATEGY

- 2.1 Achieving Council objectives requires capital investment. The Capital Strategy sets a framework that enables the Council to work with partners and stakeholders to prioritise and effectively deliver capital investment that contributes to the achievement of Council objectives.
- 2.2 The Capital Strategy is key to drawing together the capital requirements emerging from the Investment Strategy and service strategies to prioritise the capital needs of services and to maximise opportunities for joined-up investment with local partners. Bids for inclusion in the capital programme are prioritised against criteria taking account of the priorities identified in the Corporate Plan.
- 2.3 The Capital Strategy was reviewed to reflect the revised Corporate Plan and was agreed by Cabinet on 24 September 2009. It considers issues at a strategic level and is used to determine the Capital Programme.

3. CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

- 3.1 To increase understanding of the capital programme across the Council the procedures and key guidance have, since 2005, been consolidated into one document. The latest version of the document was agreed by Cabinet on 23 July 2008 and covers :-
- a) identification and prioritisation of schemes for inclusion in the programme.
 - b) approval process and implementation of the approved projects.
 - c) monitoring and reporting of the approved programme.
- A number of key documents are incorporated as appendices including the Contract Procedure Rules.

- 3.2. Schemes identified are the subject of a Business Case which details how the proposed project meets Council objectives, how it will be managed, including resource implications and the outcomes expected. The various schemes are then prioritised using criteria that reflect the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan,

4. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

- 4.1. The programme covers three years and is aligned to other plans and strategies, including the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Corporate Plan. It is reviewed, updated and considered by Council each December and informs the annual budget setting process.
- 4.2. The out-turn figures for 2009/10 are assumed to be in line with those reported to Cabinet. Capital receipts offer flexibility in their use to either balance the current programme or to address future budgetary issues. A year-end report for 2009/10 will be presented in June 2010 identifying the final spend and financing for the year.
- 4.3. In preparing the programme for 2010/13 the process has followed that set out in the Guidance document. All submissions for inclusion in the capital programme required the completion of a Business Case and have been assessed against the prioritisation criteria and recommendations made.
- 4.4. The general principle adopted was that existing schemes and programmes would continue. Consequently the programme reflects the fact that the investment into schools and the Local Transport Plan will be maintained. Similarly the external support in respect of the Housing Market Renewal Initiative is dependant upon a level of resources being input by the Authority. At this stage assumptions have been made upon the continuation of Government support beyond 2010/11. It is recognised that given the current economic climate, changes as a consequence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Pre-Budget Report and the next Comprehensive Spending Review will be influential upon the level of Government support and future programmes.
- 4.5. Financing is from a combination of borrowing (part of which is Supported Capital Expenditure and part Prudential Borrowing), grant, contributions from revenue and reserves, and capital receipts. Further information on financing is contained in Section 5 of this report.
- 4.6. The prioritisation of schemes has been based upon the appraisal criteria linking the Corporate Plan and the Capital Strategy and approved by Cabinet on 24 September 2009. This is included at Appendix A. Appendix B details the on-going approved capital programme whilst Appendix C outlines the highest scoring capital submissions.

- 4.7. Another important aspect of the 2009 capital programme process is the need to address issues raised by the Audit Commission in the Annual Governance Report. The Commission highlighted a risk arising from Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 15 in that items may be charged to capital when they should be classed as revenue expenditure.
- 4.8. Under FRS 15 capital expenditure is defined as expenditure incurred on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of an asset. Enhancement works are defined as leading to at least one of the following:
- Substantially lengthening the useful life of the asset
 - Substantially increasing the open market value of the asset
 - Substantially increasing the extent to which the asset can be used in connection with the functions of the Local Authority.
- Expenditure which purely maintains the useful life or open market value of an asset should be charged to revenue.
- 4.9. To comply with FRS 15 expenditure which does not clearly fit the definition will be removed from the capital programme and placed within revenue. The sums originally earmarked to fund the borrowing for this expenditure can be similarly transferred to fund the expenditure that will now be within the revenue budget. Appendix D details the schemes being transferred from the capital programme to revenue.
- 4.10. I have also removed from the capital programme those previously approved capital schemes which have not progressed and which were being funded through the use of Council borrowing. These schemes are detailed in Appendix D.

5. **CAPITAL FINANCING**

5.1. Supported Capital Expenditure

- 5.1.1. As part of the annual Local Government Finance Settlement local authorities are issued with a Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue) (SCE(R)) figure. This is the total amount of borrowing that the Government is prepared to support. The funding to cover the revenue cost of this borrowing is distributed as part of the Formula Grant.
- 5.1.2. The figures are within the Local Government Finance Settlement which will not be confirmed until February 2010. It should be noted that Government departments do give indicative allocations which are not reflected in the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement. Wirral currently expects to receive support for around £5 million of borrowing.

5.2. Prudential Borrowing (unsupported borrowing)

- 5.2.1. The Prudential Capital Finance system was introduced in 2004 and it allows local authorities to self-finance borrowing for capital expenditure without Government consent. The system seeks to facilitate the use of borrowing for capital projects, provided it is affordable. Local authorities must manage their debt responsibly and decisions about debt repayment should be made through the consideration of prudent treasury management practice.
- 5.2.2. As a rough guide, borrowing incurs a revenue cost of approximately 10% of the loan each year, comprising the interest charges and money set aside to cover the repayment of the debt. For a loan to be prudent the Council needs to be satisfied that it can afford this annual revenue cost which is a combination of interest charges and minimum revenue provision (MRP).
- 5.2.3 The Government has given local authorities greater freedom in the way that they provide for their debts. As mentioned above local authorities have to earmark revenues each year as provision for repaying debts incurred on capital projects. This "Minimum Revenue Provision" (MRP) regime changed on 31 March 2008 when the Government removed the complex MRP regulations in favour of a simple duty on each local authority to make provision for debt which the Authority considers prudent.
- 5.2.4 The Council has determined that the most prudent method of earmarking revenues to repay unsupported borrowing is by matching the debt repaid each year to the life of the asset which the borrowing helped to finance (known as MRP option 3). As an example, if the Council borrowed £5 million to build a new asset with a life of 20 years then revenue costs would be £0.25 million each year for 20 years plus the interest cost of the borrowing.

5.3. Government Grants

- 5.3.1. These are specific to schemes and are therefore allocated in accordance with the terms of the grant approval, primarily being within the areas of Education and Regeneration. These include the Building Schools for the Future pathfinder scheme and the Housing Market Renewal Initiative. Changes in grant levels reflect the timing of individual initiatives.
- 5.3.2 Having regard to the implications of FRS 15 the Government is intending to review the grant arrangements to clarify whether the support constitutes support for capital or revenue expenditure. This is expected to form part of the Local Government Finance Settlement.

5.4. Revenue / Other Contributions

- 5.4.1. There is presently limited support for specific schemes. The Prudential Code allows for the use of additional revenue resources within agreed parameters.

5.4.2. Implementing the Strategic Asset Review will involve maximising opportunities for the provision of facilities with other local agencies. It is anticipated that, as the proposals are developed, contributions will be forthcoming from these partners although, at this stage, this has not been assumed.

5.5. Capital Receipts

5.5.1. Capital receipts are estimated and are based upon the likely sales of assets as identified under the Asset Management Plan. These include development sites, former school sites and the agreement with Wirral Partnership Homes for the sharing of receipts from sales of former Council houses. The Strategic Asset Review provides additional scope for receipts in the future.

5.5.2. The use of receipts has been estimated at £4 million for 2009/10 and £3 million for the next three years. This reflects the likely timing of such receipts and is based upon the latest projections of sites either available or which could become available over the period.

5.5.3. The Local Public Service Agreement resulted in the receipt of a reward grant with 50% of the sum to support capital schemes. This £2.1 million, as with capital receipts, provides flexibility over the timing and use of the resource.

6. MONITORING

6.1. Cabinet on 9 April 2009 agreed the process and timing of the Performance and Financial Monitoring reports. This includes a section on capital comparing progress against the approved programme.

6.2. Whilst a presentation is made to Cabinet at the end of each quarter a summary report plus the departmental reports of Chief Officers is placed in the Members Library. The departmental reports of Chief Officers are appended and provide greater detail on the progress of specific schemes within the programme. There are references to the approved programme, agreed variations, the latest forecasts concerning spend and the resourcing of schemes.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Capital Programme commitments

7.1.1. The programme detailed in Appendix B incorporates all the committed schemes including those referred to in Section 4 above. This indicates the resources required to fund the existing, and planned, commitments.

7.1.2. The Capital Programme 2009/12 and Capital Financing Requirements 2009/10 were agreed by Cabinet on 10 December 2008 and updated as part of the Estimates 2009/10 reported to Cabinet on 23 February 2009.

- 7.1.3 On 25 June 2009 the Capital Out-turn and Determinations report was submitted as part of the year-end accounts for the 2008/09 financial year and detailed the slippage into the 2009/10 financial year.
- 7.1.4 On 23 July 2009 Cabinet approved updated resources for the Landican Crematorium scheme. Other variations in the year reflect additional grants such as the Early Years Quality Grant, Playbuilder Programme and Practical Cooking Spaces Programme.
- 7.1.5 On 1 October 2009 Cabinet recommended to Council the revocation of the decision to develop Neighbourhood Centres.
- 7.1.6 In summary the changes to the Capital Programme since it was originally approved have increased the 2009/10 programme from £80 million to £100 million. This reflects additional Government support by bringing schemes forward from future years which are within Children & Young People and Regeneration; the Adult Social Services programme now including the scheme at the former Mendell Lodge which is grant funded and the Cabinet decision to cease the investment into Neighbourhood Centres. The other main impact has been the slippage from 2008/09.

7.2. Capital Programme submissions

- 7.2.1. Appendix C details the ranking of the new schemes in accordance with the prioritisation criteria. When the previous programme was agreed this built in annual allocations such as Property Maintenance for the period of the programme. This has reduced the number of new submissions for subsequent years. Based on those now received the ranking would result in the following being included:-

NEW SUBMISSIONS FOR APPROVAL	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000
Cultural Services assets			
- Programme of investment to be developed	2,000	4,000	4,000
CCTV / IT project			
- To proceed if tenders realise savings	530	0	0
Adaptations			
- Additional to Disabled Facilities Grants	500	0	0
Oval Sports Centre			
- Improvements to artificial pitches	160	0	0
Europa Pool			
- Improved heating systems	200	0	0
Wirral Traffic Model (contribution)			
- Support Liverpool City Region scheme	100	0	0

7.2.2. A number of the submissions related to Cultural Services assets with the planned works comprising primarily of refurbishment and repair. The requirement for extensive investment was identified as part of the Strategic Asset Review and with the retention of a number of libraries there is an increased need to undertake a programme of investment. Under the definition of what constitutes capital expenditure much of this investment is of a repair nature and therefore a revenue liability. Given the ongoing work by the Directors of Law, Human Resources & Asset Management and Regeneration into the works required which are to be aligned with the future strategy developments for the services it is proposed to bring a more detailed report to Cabinet on 14 January 2010.. The areas subject to consideration are Williamson Art Gallery, Birkenhead Central Library, Wallasey Central Library, Parks (PACSPE including football pitches, golf courses, cemeteries) and Sports Centres.

7.2.3. Within the submissions recommended for approval there are submissions which realise benefits of an 'Invest-to-Save' nature:-

- a) CCTV / IT project although the level of saving is subject to the outcome of the tendering exercise.
- b) Adaptations as there will be benefits through deferring individual pressures onto the Adult Social Services community care budget.
- c) Oval Sports Centre as it ensures maintenance of income levels.
- d) Europa Pool will realise energy savings of £40,000 per year.

7.3. Capital Programme variations

7.3.1 Schemes transferred to revenue

The schemes in Appendix D are now classed as revenue expenditure and will be transferred to departmental revenue budgets.

SCHEMES TO REVENUE	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Schools – Property Works	400	400	400	400
Schools – Boiler Renewals	250	250	250	250
Schools – Health & Safety	200	200	200	200
West Wirral Schemes	200	200	200	200
Property Maintenance	1,510	1,510	1,510	1,510
Disabled Access Provision	100	100	100	100
Cultural Services–Property Wks	300	300	300	300
Highways Works	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

7.3.2 Schemes deleted from the programme

The schemes in Appendix D are being deleted either through the scheme not being developed along the lines of the original approval or because it was dependant upon grant funding which was not subsequently obtained.

SCHEMES DELETED	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
In House Residential	354	0	0	0
Girtrell Court	1,000	0	0	0
Adult Accommodation	943	0	0	0
Children's Invest-To-Save	1,300	0	0	0

7.4 Prudential Indicators

7.4.1. In considering the programme for 2010/13 Cabinet is advised that:-

- a) The existing commitments require additional borrowing of around £26 million for 2009/10 with the additional requirements reducing in subsequent years.
- b) To accommodate the additional items detailed in section 7.2.1 would increase the level of borrowing by £3.5 million in 2010/11 and by £4 million in each of the next two financial years.
- c) The adjustments referred to in section 7.3 would reduce the need to borrow by £8 million in 2009/10 and £4 million per year in subsequent years.
- d) The borrowing requirements for future years will be confirmed as part of the Treasury Management Strategy report to Cabinet in February 2010. Assuming the changes are approved the requirements are:-

Year	Increase in borrowing	Revenue costs (cumulative)
2010/11	£14 million	Increase of £2.9 million
2011/12	£11 million	Increase of £2.0 million
2012/13	£10 million	Increase of £1.9 million
2013/14	£10 million	Increase of £1.9 million

- e) In terms of key Prudential Indicators the ratio of financing costs to the net revenue stream continues to increase as the capital programme increases. Based upon the latest projections it remains around 8%.

- f) If the decision is taken to spend in excess of the level of identified resources then this would require increased use of borrowing which incurs annual revenue costs at the rate of £100,000 per £1 million of capital expenditure. In considering the impact upon Council Tax levels each 1% rise in Council Tax equates to £1.3 million of increased expenditure.

8. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. There are none arising directly from this report as any implications will be identified against individual projects at the scheme and estimate stage.

9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. These will be identified as part of the individual scheme proposals.

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. These will be identified with the individual scheme proposals.

11. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

12. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1. These will be identified with the individual scheme proposals.

13. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

14. MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 15.1. Capital Investment Programme Guidance Document - July 2008
15.2. Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities - CIPFA - 2003
15.3. Local Authorities Capital Finance and Accounting Regulations 2008.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 16.1 That the new submissions as detailed in section 7.2 be approved.

- 16.2 That the re-allocation of schemes to revenue, with any associated funding, as detailed in section 7.3.1 be approved.
- 16.3 That the removal from the programme of the schemes detailed in section 7.3.2 be approved.
- 16.4 That, if the changes are approved, the capital financing requirements be reflected in the Projected Budget.
- 16.5 That the Prudential Indicators be noted and reported as part of the Treasury Management Strategy in February 2010.
- 16.6 That update reports on the progress of the programme be presented in accordance with the Performance and Financial Monitoring reporting cycle.
- 16.7 That a report be presented to Cabinet on 14 January 2010 on building maintenance requirements to include the review of Regeneration - Cultural Services facilities.
- 16.8 That the options for funding building maintenance be presented to Cabinet on 14 January 2010.

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

PRIORITISATION EVALUATION CRITERIA AND WEIGHTINGS

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	%	CORPORATE OBJECTIVE
1 Will the scheme create employment opportunities or assist in attracting private sector investment?	15	To create more jobs, achieve a prosperous economy and regenerate Wirral.
2 Will the scheme have environmental or streetscene benefits or impact on crime or health and safety?	15	To create a clean, pleasant, safe and sustainable environment.
3 Will the scheme cater for vulnerable people or address health inequality or contribute towards healthy lifestyle?	15	To improve health and well-being for all, ensuring people who require support are full participants in mainstream society.
4 Will the scheme have any educational attainment or learning opportunities or training benefits?	15	To raise the aspirations of young people.
5 Will it impact on revenue or attract significant external funding and build upon partnership working?	15	To create an excellent Council.
6 Does the scheme contribute towards more than one Corporate Strategy or the achievement of cross-cutting aims?	10	Partnership working is seen as integral to the future of the Council
7 Does the scheme provide value for money for the Council in terms of the use of its resources?	10	Value for money is desired in the delivery of all services
8 Are the outcomes clear and result in improvements in performance?	5	Performance, and improved performance, is recognised as a priority

NOTES

- 1 Schemes, as per the Business Cases, will be scored against the criteria on the basis of not meeting to fully meeting the objectives on a 0-2 basis.
- 2 The % shown are the weightings that apply to each of the criteria.
- 3 Schemes which score in excess of 50% will be recommended for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

APPENDIX B

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/13

(EXCLUDES THE SCHEMES PER APPENDIX C
AND ADJUSTMENTS IN APPENDIX D)

SUMMARY

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure				
Adult Social Services	5,830	471	141	0
Children & Young People	49,909	44,377	18,493	11,593
Corporate Services	3,248	2,250	500	500
Finance	1,753	1,500	1,500	1,500
Law, HR & Asset Management	1,710	1,710	1,610	1,610
Regeneration	18,876	15,895	13,912	13,912
Technical Services	13,222	12,045	10,702	9,735
Total Expenditure	94,548	78,248	46,858	38,850
Resources				
General Resources	19,441	12,575	8,661	7,694
Supported Borrowing	10,092	5,235	5,235	5,235
General Resources	29,533	17,810	13,896	12,929
Grants – Education	38,922	41,300	15,466	8,566
Grants – HMRI	7,265	7,485	7,485	7,485
Grants - Regional Housing Pot	5,241	4,577	4,577	4,577
Grants - Local Transport Plan	3,515	4,243	4,243	4,243
Grants – Other	9,572	2,483	891	750
Revenue, Reserves				
Contributions	500	350	300	300
Specific Resources	65,015	60,438	32,962	25,921
Total Identified Resources	94,548	78,248	46,858	38,850

General Resources	£000	£000	£000	£000
<u>Borrowing</u>				
Supported Capital Expenditure	10,092	5,235	5,235	3,441
Unsupported Capital Expenditure	15,441	9,575	5,661	6,488
<u>Capital Receipts</u>	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total General Resources	29,533	17,810	13,896	12,929

ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure				
In House Residential	354	0	0	0
Girtrell Court	1,000	0	0	0
Adult Accommodation	943	0	0	0
Information Management	127	134	141	0
Mental Health Single Capital Pot	348	173	0	0
Social Care Single Capital Pot	328	164	0	0
Extra Care Housing facility	2,730	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	5,830	471	141	0
Resources				
General Capital Resources	2,297	0	0	0
Grant Other	3,533	471	141	0
Total Identified Resources	5,830	471	141	0

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure				
Children's Centres - Phase 3	1,390	178	0	0
City Learning Centres	527	0	0	0
Early Years Quality & Access	2,367	1,239	0	0
Aiming Higher Disabled Children	252	359	0	0
Children's Invest-To-Save	1,300	0	0	0
Condition / Modernisation	8,238	2,479	3,679	3,679
Formula Capital	5,833	4,592	4,592	4,592
Extended Schools	783	301	301	301
Schools - Access Initiative	623	611	611	611
Schools - Harness Technology	2,581	1,310	1,310	1,310
Schools - Property Works	980	400	400	400
Schools - Boiler Renewals	250	250	250	250
Schools - Health & Safety	200	200	200	200
Building Schools For The Future	19,373	7,454	0	0
Birkenhead High Girls Academy	450	11,370	0	0
Oaklands Centre	574	0	0	0
Private Finance Initiative	50	50	0	0
Primary Reorganisation - Surplus	250	250	250	250
Primary Schools Programme				
- Park Primary School	600	5,839	0	0
- Pensby Primary School	100	4,000	900	0
- Our Lady & St Edwards	406	0	0	0
School Meals Uptake & Quality	200	254	0	0
Practical Cooking Spaces	1,045	200	0	0

Co-Location Fund	168	759	0	0
Music Service	86	0	0	0
Playbuilder Programme	531	0	0	0
Play Lottery	100	100	0	0
Old Final Accounts	18	0	0	0
SEN and Disabilities	0	2,000	6,000	0
Youth Capital Fund	634	182	0	0
Total Expenditure	49,909	44,377	18,493	11,593

Resources

General Capital Resources	3,687	1,233	1,233	1,233
Supported Borrowing	7,100	1,794	1,794	1,794
Grant – Education	38,922	41,300	15,466	8,566
Revenue, reserve, contributions	200	50	0	0
Total Identified Resources	49,909	44,377	18,493	11,593

CORPORATE SERVICES

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000

Expenditure

Think Big Investment Fund	442	300	300	300
West Wirral Schemes	406	200	200	200
Destination West Kirby	1,100	150	0	0
Wirral Country Park	1,300	1,600	0	0
Total Expenditure	3,248	2,250	500	500

Resources

General Capital Resources	1,898	1,250	500	500
Grant – Other	1,350	1,000	0	0
Total Identified Resources	3,248	2,250	500	500

FINANCE

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000

Expenditure

Strategic Asset Review – IT	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
One Stop Shops	253	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	1,753	1,500	1,500	1,500

Resources

General Capital Resources	1,753	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Identified Resources	1,753	1,500	1,500	1,500

LAW/HR/ASSET MGT	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure				
Strategic Asset Review	0	0	0	0
Property Maintenance	1,510	1,510	1,510	1,510
Disabled Access Provision	100	100	100	100
Microregeneration	100	100	0	0
Total Expenditure	1,710	1,710	1,610	1,610
Resources				
General Capital Resources	1,650	1,650	1,610	1,610
Grant – Other	60	60	0	0
Total Identified Resources	1,710	1,710	1,610	1,610

REGENERATION	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure				
Improvement to Stock	3,385	3,380	3,380	3,380
Clearance	8,721	8,682	8,682	8,682
Disabled Facilities - Adaptations	2,390	1,550	1,550	1,550
Bidston Stream	250	0	0	0
Mersey Waterfront Regional Park	280	0	0	0
Working Wirral – SRB	1,600	0	0	0
Landican Mercury Abatement	1,500	1,983	0	0
Hoylake Golf Course	450	0	0	0
Cultural Services - Property Wks	300	300	300	300
Total Expenditure	18,876	15,895	13,912	13,912
Resources				
General Capital Resources	3,036	2,783	800	800
Grant – HMRI	7,265	7,485	7,485	7,485
Grants - Regional Housing Pot	5,241	4,577	4,577	4,577
Grants – Other	3,034	750	750	750
Revenue, reserve contributions	300	300	300	300
Total Identified Resources	18,876	15,895	13,912	13,912

TECHNICAL SERVICES	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expenditure				
LTP – Accessibility	150	155	150	150
LTP - Air Quality	1,500	445	440	440
LTP – Congestion	425	213	210	210
LTP - Road Safety	4,514	5,340	5,340	5,340

LTP – Transportation	579	1,531	1,540	1,540
Highway Structural	500	500	0	0
Street Lighting Columns	300	300	0	0
Coast Protection	55	55	55	55
Marine Lake	1,660	0	0	0
Highways Works	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Bidston Viaduct (contribution)	615	1,304	967	0
Energy Schemes	186	0	0	0
Asset Management	85	0	0	0
Waste Infrastructure	653	202	0	0
Total Expenditure	13,222	12,045	10,702	9,735
Resources				
General Capital Resources	5,120	4,159	3,018	2,050
Supported Borrowing	2,992	3,441	3,441	3,441
Grants - Local Transport Plan	3,515	4,243	4,243	4,243
Grant – Other	1,595	202	0	0
Total Identified Resources	13,222	12,045	10,702	9,734

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/13

RANKING OF CAPITAL SUBMISSIONS

(SCHEMES ARE NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE PROGRAMME IN APPENDIX B)

<u>RECOMMENDED SCHEMES</u>	DEPARTMENT	COST £000
Cultural Services Investment required consisting of improvements and repairs. The Directors of Law, HR & Asset Mgt and Regeneration to produce a programme that secures improvements in assets linked to service priorities. The key areas include Williamson Art Gallery, Birkenhead Central Library, Wallasey Central Library, Parks (PACSPE including football pitches, golf courses, cemeteries) and Sports Centres. Phased investment programme to include capital of £2 million from 2010/11 and £4 million in subsequent years. Detail to be developed by Directors of Law, HR & Asset Mgt and Regeneration.	Regeneration	2,000 (10/11) 4,000 (11/12) 4,000 (12/13)
CCTV / IT project Improvements to equipment and coverage to integrate with Council IT network. Investment will realise benefits with savings offset by the increased IT network costs which are subject to tender in 2009/10. Approved subject to outcome of tender.	Regeneration	530
Adaptations Additional to Disabled Facilities Grant to provide adaptations to support individuals in order to delay the impact upon the Community Care budget. Cases to be individually assessed.	Regeneration (plus Adult Social Services)	500
Oval Sports Centre Improvements to artificial pitches in order to sustain the present income levels of £95,000 per year.	Regeneration	160
Europa Pool Use of new technology to improve heating systems in high consumption area due to essential heating. Aim to generate savings of £40,000 per year.	Regeneration	200
Wirral Traffic Model (contribution) Development of model to support Liverpool City Region. £490,000 scheme has secured funding from Local Transport Plan and New Growth Point Fund.	Technical (plus Corporate Services)	100

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/13

SCHEMES TRANSFERRED FROM CAPITAL TO REVENUE

The following schemes are now classed as revenue expenditure and will be transferred to departmental revenue budgets.

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE				
Schools – Property Works	400	400	400	400
Schools – Boiler Renewals	250	250	250	250
Schools – Health & Safety	200	200	200	200
CORPORATE SERVICES				
West Wirral Schemes	200	200	200	200
LAW, HR & ASSET MGT				
Property Maintenance	1,510	1,510	1,510	1,510
Disabled Access provision	100	100	100	100
REGENERATION				
Cultural Services–property works	300	300	300	300
TECHNICAL SERVICES				
Highways Works	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

SCHEMES DELETED FROM THE PROGRAMME

The following schemes are being deleted either through the scheme not being developed along the lines of the original approval or because it was dependant upon grant funding which was not subsequently obtained.

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£000	£000	£000	£000
ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES				
In House Residential	354	0	0	0
Girtrell Court	1,000	0	0	0
Adult Accommodation	943	0	0	0
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE				
Children’s Invest-To-Save	1,300	0	0	0

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/13
PROJECTED CAPITAL RECEIPTS

DISPOSALS

Oliver Street, Birkenhead
Europa Boulevard Site
New Brighton Development
Mendell Lodge, Bromborough
4 Cavendish Road, Birkenhead
Rullerton Road, Wallasey
Fellowship House
98 Bidston Road, Birkenhead
Rosewarne
5/7 St.Andrews Road
Oliver Street, Birkenhead
Europa Boulevard Site
New Brighton Development
Poulton School, Wallasey
Oliver Street, Birkenhead
Feltree House, Beechwood
Esher House, Beechwood
Dock Road Depot, Wallasey
Bridge Court, West Kirby
Hillcroft, Heswall
Moreton Family Centre
Old Court House, Wallasey

Over the period a number of assets identified as part of the Strategic Asset Review will be made available for sale including those arising from the Accommodation Review.

It is anticipated that the current level of receipts plus those generated will be sufficient to fund a £4 million contribution in 2009/10 and £3 million per year in the subsequent years towards the capital programme.

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET – 9 DECEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR WIRRAL – ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to submit an Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State by 31 December each year. The Report must cover progress on the Council's Local Development Framework over the preceding period from 1 April to 31 March.
- 1.2 There is no requirement for public consultation on the content of the Annual Monitoring Report but copies of the Report must be made available for public inspection on the Council's website.
- 1.3 The report recommends that the draft Annual Monitoring Report for 2008/09, attached to this report, is agreed for submission to the Secretary of State and is placed on the Council's website for public inspection.

2 Background

- 2.1 Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires every local planning authority in the country to make an annual report to the Secretary of State.
- 2.2 The Council's Annual Monitoring Report must be prepared for the twelve month period ending on 31 March each year and must be submitted to the Secretary of State by the 31 December following. There is no requirement for public consultation on the content of the annual report.
- 2.3 The Annual Monitoring Report must report on the progress made in implementing the Local Development Scheme and must report on the extent to which the policies set out in individual Local Development Documents are being achieved. In particular it must:
 - record the stage that each Local Development Document has reached against the key milestones set out in the approved Local Development Scheme;
 - provide a statement of the reasons for any delay in the preparation of an individual Document and outline the steps that will be taken to prepare the document in the future;

- monitor actual performance against any annual number or other number set out in a policy within the Regional Spatial Strategy or a Development Plan Document, from the date the policy was adopted or approved, particularly for housing; and
- identify any policy that the Council is not implementing, alongside the reasons for not implementing it, together with the steps that the Council will take to amend or replace the policy.

2.4 Annual Monitoring Reports must also provide a list of local development orders, made under Section 61A of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended, setting out the reason for the order, its actual effects, and a record of any revocations.

2.5 The Council is required to make the Annual Monitoring Report available for public inspection on the Council's website as soon as reasonably practicable after the Report has been formally submitted to the Secretary of State.

3 Draft Annual Monitoring Report

3.1 The draft Annual Monitoring Report for Wirral for 2008/09 is attached to this report.

3.2 The Report provides an overview of the main challenges facing the Borough. It records the Borough's performance against national Core Output Indicators for business development and town centres, housing, environmental quality, minerals and waste, and sets out the Council's progress on the production of Local Development Documents. It also begins to draw out the implications of the Borough's performance against these indicators for future policy development.

3.3 Revised national Output Indicators were published in July 2008 and this year's Annual Monitoring Report is the first to take account of the new data requirements. A number of indicators are now beginning to reflect the scale and impact of the global and national recession.

3.4 For example, gross housing completions in 2008/09 were 27% lower than in 2007/08. While the net figure for 2007/08 was 515, the net figure for 2008/09 was 334. This was 33% below the target of 500 net new dwellings set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy and 44% below the target for the delivery of the Mersey Heartlands Growth Point of 600 net new dwellings.

3.5 Estimates at the end of Quarter 2 indicate that completions may, again, be more than 30% below the RSS target by the end of 2009/10. The number of dwellings started in 2008/09 was also 30% lower than in 2007/08. Starts have declined markedly since the middle of 2008/09 and estimates at the end of Quarter 2 indicate that they may be over 70% lower in 2009/10 than in 2007/08, with implications for completions in later years.

3.6 The number of new houses completed is a delivery target for the Local Area Agreement. The Director of Regeneration is currently seeking to negotiate a reduction in the LAA target of 500 net new dwellings each year between 2008/09 and 2010/11, to reflect the national downturn in the housing market in response to an invitation from Government Office for the North West. Any alteration to the LAA target will be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

- 3.7 A revised Local Development Scheme setting out the future programme for the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework was submitted to the Secretary of State on 10 August 2009 (Cabinet 23 July 2009, Minute 63 refers). A final response is still awaited.
- 3.8 Progress on the preparation of the Core Strategy was reported to Cabinet on 26 November 2009 (Item 10 refers). A Spatial Options Report will be published for public consultation towards the turn of the Year. The target date for the adoption of the final Core Strategy is now expected to be June 2011.
- 3.9 The timetable for additional site-specific Development Plan Documents is dictated by progress on the preparation of the Core Strategy. The target date for the adoption of a Site Allocations Development Plan Document is now expected to be June 2013.
- 3.10 A revised timetable for the preparation of the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document, being prepared by the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service on behalf of the Merseyside Districts and Halton, was submitted to the DPD Steering Group in October 2009. The target date for adoption is now expected to be April 2012.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
- 4.2 Performance against the programme of plan preparation set out in the Council's approved Local Development Scheme is an assessment measure for the future award of Housing and Planning Delivery Grant.
- 4.3 National Indicator 154 – Net Additional Dwellings, is a delivery target for the Local Area Agreement.

5 Staffing Implications

- 5.1 There are no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

6 Equal Opportunities Implications

- 6.1 There are no implications for equal opportunities arising directly from this report. The publication of Issues and Objectives for the Core Strategy had been held back to allow consultation with under-represented groups.

7 Community Safety Implications

- 7.1 There are no community safety implications arising from this report. The Local Development Framework for Wirral will, however, include policies that will seek to protect and improve community safety.

8 Local Agenda 21 Implications

- 8.1 There are no Local Agenda 21 implications arising from this report. The Council has a legal duty to prepare the Local Development Framework with a view to contributing to the promotion of sustainable development. Documents prepared as part of the

Local Development Framework will be subject to a statutory sustainability appraisal and formal assessment under the Habitats Regulations.

9 Anti-Poverty Implications

9.1 There are no anti-poverty implications arising directly from this report. The Local Development Framework will, however, include policies that will seek to promote opportunities for wealth creation.

10 Social Inclusion Implications

10.1 There are no social inclusion implications arising directly from this report. The Local Development Framework will, however, include policies that will seek to support and promote social inclusion.

11 Local Member Support Implications

11.1 This report has no Ward Member implications.

12 Background Papers

12.1 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 can be viewed at www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2004/20040005.htm

12.2 Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004, No.2204) can be viewed at www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/20042204.htm

12.3 Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning (CLG, 2008) can be viewed at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/pps12lsp.pdf>

12.4 The Plan Making Manual can be viewed at <http://www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pagelId=51391>

12.5 Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide (ODPM, 2005) can be viewed at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/localdevelopmentframework>

12.6 Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework Core Output Indicators (Update 2/2008) (CLG, July 2008) can be viewed at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/coreoutputindicators2.pdf>

12.7 Cabinet 23 July 2009 - Local Development Framework for Wirral Review of Local Development Scheme can be viewed at [http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/Published/C00000121/M00000727/AI00005270/\\$LocalDevelopmentFrameworkforWirralReport.docA.ps.pdf](http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/Published/C00000121/M00000727/AI00005270/$LocalDevelopmentFrameworkforWirralReport.docA.ps.pdf)

12.8 Cabinet 26 November 2009 – Local Development Framework for Wirral – Core Strategy Development Plan Document – Public Consultation on Spatial Options can be viewed at

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report for 2008/09, attached to this report, is approved for formal submission to the Secretary of State; and**
- (2) That the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report for 2008/09, as submitted, is placed on the Council's website for public inspection.**

J Wilkie
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services

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Local Development Framework for Wirral - Annual Monitoring Report 2009

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 The Annual Monitoring Report is a statutory document setting out progress on the delivery of the Council's Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in Local Development Documents are being achieved.

1.2 This is the fifth Annual Monitoring Report for Wirral, covering the period of twelve months ending on 31 March 2009.

Context

1.3 Previous Annual Monitoring Reports have identified that the main challenges for Wirral are to promote economic revitalisation; tackle deprivation and inequality; progress urban regeneration; improve and maintain environmental standards, reduce dependence on the private car; improve public transport; minimise anti-social behaviour; and provide for more sustainable development. Public consultation has confirmed these issues as local priorities.

1.4 The main spatial priorities for the Borough have now been included in a Spatial Options Report, prepared as part of the emerging Core Strategy Development Plan Document for the Borough, which will be made available for public consultation towards the end of 2009. The emerging Vision and Objectives for the Core Strategy are reproduced in Section 6 of this Annual Monitoring Report.

Monitoring Policy Implementation

1.5 Revised National Output Indicators were published in July 2008. This Annual Monitoring Report is the first to take account of the new requirements.

1.6 The recent global and national recession is beginning to have a noticeable impact on a wide range of indicators.

Population

1.7 The Borough's population has continued to decline. The latest national mid-year estimate shows 309,500 residents in 2008, a reduction of 700 people since 2007. The greatest decline continues to be in people of working age.

Economy and Retail

1.8 Economic activity fell back to 75% during 2008. The number of residents who were economically inactive increased by almost 3% to 46,300 people. Working age residents claiming key benefits increased by 9% to 41,360 people between May 2008 and February 2009. The number of residents claiming Job Seekers Allowance increased by 52% between October 2008 and September 2009 (from 6,811 to 10,353).

1.9 While the total amount of completed employment floorspace was 68% higher than in 2007/08, the number of schemes under construction has markedly reduced.

1.10 The amount of completed new retail (Use Class A1) and leisure (Use Class D2) floorspace also reduced during 2008/09.

Housing

1.11 Gross housing completions have reduced by 27% from 820 units in 2007/08 to 599 units for 2008/09. The number of demolitions has remained high at 242. An annual average of 569 net new dwellings now need to be completed to reach the Regional Spatial Strategy requirement of 9,000 new homes by 2021. Initial indications are that completions will continue to run below target during 2009/10.

1.12 The proportion of completed dwellings on previously developed land, nevertheless, continued to exceed the regional target of 80% during 2008/09. The proportion completed within the Newheartlands Pathfinder reached 35%. The proportion completed in areas to the west of the M53 Motorway reduced to 13%.

1.13 The majority of completed dwellings continued to be within 30 minutes public transport time of essential services such as a doctor's surgery, school, retail centre or employment area in 2008/09. The proportion of new dwellings within 30 minutes public transport time of a hospital has improved since 2007/08.

1.14 The number of affordable housing completions increased to 48 units in 2008/09.

Environment and Resources

1.15 Eleven public open spaces have now obtained a Green Flag Award.

1.16 The Environment Agency did not submit any objections to planning applications in Wirral on water quality grounds during 2008/09 but submitted eight objections to issues related to flooding. Of the three permissions granted, two were dealt with by planning conditions and one by the submission of a revised flood risk assessment.

1.17 The amount of waste sent to landfill has reduced by a third since 2004/05 and the amount composted or recycled has more than trebled, to 36% in 2008/09.

Monitoring Plan Preparation

1.18 Consultation on the issues, vision and objectives for the Core Strategy was completed in March 2009. The next stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document will be the publication of a Spatial Options Report for public consultation towards the end of 2009.

1.19 The majority of the additional studies necessary to ensure that the Local Development Framework is founded upon a robust evidence base were completed during 2009. A Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, Renewable Energy Capacity Study, Town Centres Retail and Leisure Study, Open Space and Recreation Audit and an update to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment are still to report.

1.20 The target date for the adoption of the Core Strategy is now June 2011.

1.21 The preparation of a Site Allocations Development Plan Document is scheduled to follow the adoption of the Core Strategy, with a target for adoption by June 2013.

1.22 The Preferred Options for the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document are scheduled to be published for public consultation during early 2010.

Questions and Comments

1.23 Any questions and comments on the data or analysis provided in this Annual Monitoring Report should be directed to Hannah Whitfield, Senior Planning Officer, Corporate Services Department, Wallasey Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 8ED, who can be contacted on 0151 691 8192 or at hannahwhitfield@wirral.gov.uk.

1.24 The Council is keen to identify ways to improve the range and quality of the information provided in its AMR and would encourage approaches to provide regular, up-to-date data sets for relevant indicators.

2 Introduction

Background

2.1 This document is the fifth Annual Monitoring Report for Wirral (AMR) prepared under Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2.2 The AMR is a statutory document setting out progress on the delivery of the Council's Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in Local Development Documents are being achieved.

2.3 This AMR principally covers the period of twelve months ending on 31 March 2009 but also includes more up-to-date information where this is available.

Contents

2.4 Section 3 of the AMR sets out the latest policy context within the area.

2.5 Section 4 of the AMR sets out the extent to which the policy priorities for the area are being achieved under the heading of monitoring policy implementation.

2.6 Section 5 of the AMR sets out progress on the delivery of the Council's Local Development Scheme under the heading of monitoring plan preparation.

2.7 Section 6 provides a summary of the spatial vision and spatial objectives which are now being included the emerging Core Strategy Development Plan Document for the Borough.

3 Policy Context

3.1 This section of the AMR seeks to set out the latest position with regard to existing Development Plans and other significant policy initiatives.

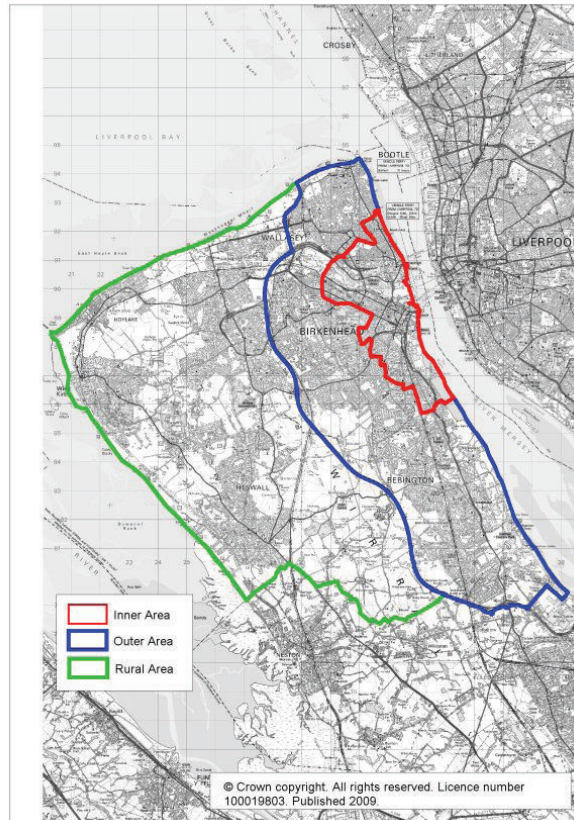
The Development Plan for Wirral

3.2 The statutory Development Plan for the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral currently comprises:

- the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West⁽¹⁾, issued by the Secretary of State in September 2008; and
- the Unitary Development Plan for Wirral, adopted by the Council in February 2000.

Regional Spatial Strategy

3.3 The North West Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) divides Wirral into three spatial areas, which are illustrated on Picture 3.1 below:



Picture 3.1 RSS Areas

3.4 The regional priorities for the sub-region are the Regional Centre of Liverpool and the surrounding Inner Areas. In Wirral, the key priorities include:

- **Inner Area** - to support major regeneration and population growth including housing market renewal at the heart of the urban area, to maximise economic potential and promote urban renaissance and social inclusion;
- **Outer Area** - to promote economic development, maximise employment potential, address worklessness, expand the quality and choice of housing and enhance the role of existing centres.
- **Rural Area** - to focus development on key service centres, address barriers to affordability, meet identified local needs and enhance the value of the rural environment.

3.5 A Partial Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy is being undertaken to make additional provision for gypsies and travellers, travelling showpeople and parking standards. Consultation on the Submitted Draft Policies was completed in October 2009. The examination in public is scheduled for March 2010.

3.6 Work has also commenced on a new single Regional Strategy for the North West (RS2010). Initial consultation on Issues and Principles took place in February 2009. The strategic framework for the Regional Strategy will be published for consultation in early 2010. Legislation will be needed to enable the new single Regional Strategy to formally replace the Regional Spatial Strategy.

Unitary Development Plan

3.7 The Unitary Development Plan for Wirral (UDP) is an old-style Development Plan. It provides for urban regeneration across the Borough, supported by a tight Green Belt, with priority given to regeneration within the older inner urban areas and the (former) outer Council estates.

3.8 The UDP will be progressively replaced by the new-style Development Plan Documents contained within the Council's emerging Local Development Framework. The programme for the preparation of Development Plan Documents is set out in Section 5 of this document.

3.9 A review of the policies set out in the UDP was undertaken during 2007. Appendix 1 lists the policies and proposals that are no longer in force, following the Direction issued by the Secretary of State in September 2007.

Local Development Framework

3.10 The following new-style Local Development Documents have already been adopted and are now in force within the area:

Document	Date of adoption
Local Development Scheme (Second Review) ⁽²⁾	July 2007
Statement of Community Involvement	December 2006
SPD1 - Designing for Development by Mobile Phone Mast Operators	October 2006
SPD2 - Designing for Self-Contained Flat Development and Conversions	October 2006
SPD3 - Hot Food Takeaways, Restaurants, Cafes and Drinking Establishments	October 2006
SPD4 - Parking Standards	June 2007

Table 3.1 Adopted Documents

Liverpool City Region Governance

3.11 A new sub-regional governance structure has been established for the City Region, including a City Region Cabinet and a series of supporting policy boards. A Housing and Spatial Planning Board has been established to deal with spatial planning issues.

3.12 A City Region Development Programme, a City Region Employment Strategy and a City Region Housing Strategy have already been agreed to provide a consistent framework through which sub-regional priorities can be delivered.

3.13 A Multi Area Agreement with central Government, agreed in September 2009, builds on the strategic priorities set out in the City Region Development Programme under four "platforms" and an overarching "Story of Place".

3.14 Story of Place Priorities include:

- tackling worklessness and improving the quality of life of the most deprived people;
- improving the size and depth of the business base;
- equitably closing the wealth gap between the City Region and the rest of the UK;
- significantly raising the skill level of the population;
- developing a sustainable, modern and efficient, digital, transport and energy infrastructure; and
- improving the quality, availability and affordability of the housing stock.

3.15 Employment and Skills Platform priorities include: stimulating employer demand; integrating employment and skills delivery; and securing a more strategic approach.

3.16 Economy Platform priorities include: promoting the visitor economy; Liverpool SuperPort; a low carbon economy; the Mersey Tidal Energy project; next generation distribution networks; and the knowledge economy.

2 A revised LDS was submitted to the Secretary of State on 10 August 2009

3.17 Housing Platform priorities include: supporting growth and renewal; improving the quality of private sector housing; housing energy efficiency; landlord accreditation; and returning housing delivery to levels of mean average completions for 2003-2008 by the end of 2011/12.

3.18 Transport Platform priorities include: improving accessibility to employment and opportunities; improving the capacity and connectivity of the City Region network; reducing emissions; and addressing climate change.

3.19 A Joint Investment Board is being established, to prepare a joint investment plan for the City Region for housing, regeneration and transport.

Wirral Sustainable Community Strategy

3.20 The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)⁽³⁾ prepared by the Wirral Strategic Partnership was adopted by the Council in May 2009.

3.21 The SCS sets out how statutory agencies, the private sector and the community and voluntary sectors will work collectively to improve the quality of life within Wirral and identifies six strategic aims:

- a strong local economy;
- safer, stronger communities in all parts of the Borough;
- the best possible health and well-being for all families and individuals;
- excellent life chances for children and young people;
- a high quality living and working environment;
- sustainable, affordable housing for all.

3.22 The SCS also expresses the intention to ensure that the increased prosperity resulting from a stronger local economy is accessible to all and the intention to narrow the gap between Wirral's most affluent and most deprived communities in terms of health, education and crime.

Wirral Local Area Agreement

3.23 The Local Area Agreement sets out a three-year delivery plan for key elements of the SCS in the form of a contract between central Government and local partners.

3.24 The first Agreement for Wirral runs from 2008/09 to 2010/11 linked to delivery against a series of National Indicators related to: worklessness; skills; business start-ups; employment land and premises; crime and anti-social behaviour; traffic accidents; health; environmental cleanliness; recycling and waste minimisation; social care; homelessness; homes for vulnerable people and housing delivery.

Wirral Council Corporate Plan 2008-2011

3.25 The Council's Corporate Plan demonstrates how the Council will contribute to the delivery of the SCS and the Local Area Agreement, with the following local priorities:

- to create more jobs, achieve a prosperous economy and regenerate Wirral;
- to create a clean, pleasant, safe and sustainable environment;
- to improve health and well being for all, ensuring people who require support are full participants in mainstream society;
- to raise the aspirations of young people; and
- to create an excellent Council.

Wirral Investment Strategy

3.26 Consultation with more than 170 business representatives secured support for an Investment Strategy, which was initially published in March 2007. The first priority is to grow the local economy. Key targets include:

- raising productivity;
- increasing the number of higher value jobs in the Borough;
- encouraging innovation and enterprise;
- tackling disparities in skills and employment;
- developing and improving infrastructure;
- developing the future viability of existing employment space; and
- improving the availability of sites and premises for new investment.

3.27 The Investment Strategy is supported by a Full Employment Strategy; an Enterprise Strategy and an Employment and Investment Framework.

3.28 The Investment Strategy and its supporting documents are being revised and updated to reflect the new statutory duty to prepare an Economic Assessment for the Borough.

Interim Planning Policy for New Housing Development

3.29 The Council initially adopted an Interim Planning Policy for New Housing Development in December 2003 in response to Regional Planning Guidance for the North West (RPG13, March 2003). The Policy was revised in October 2005 to focus new housing development into identified regeneration priority areas, including the Newheartlands Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder.

3.30 The Interim Planning Policy was last reviewed in March 2009, in response to the publication of the North West of England Plan and the findings of two planning appeals. The Policy will now remain unaltered until replaced by the emerging Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

Newheartlands Pathfinder

3.31 Newheartlands, is a long term regeneration project to tackle the causes and symptoms of housing market failure, vacancy and decline at the heart of the conurbation. In Wirral, the boundary designated by the Government in April 2002, includes parts of Bidston, Birkenhead, Liscard, Tranmere and Seacombe.

3.32 While the current programme of activity is funded to 2011, existing commitments could take the programme to at least 2014 and beyond. Additional monies have recently been brought forward from future years to accelerate the programme in response to the national downturn in the housing market.



Picture 3.2

Mersey Heartlands Growth Point

3.33 The Mersey Heartlands Growth Point was designated by the Government in December 2008 to deliver accelerated housing growth within the older urban areas of east Wirral. The boundary to the Growth Point is the same as the Newheartlands Pathfinder.

3.34 The Programme of Development submitted to the Government in October 2008 shows the capacity to deliver up to 19,110 new dwellings (gross), with an annual average contribution of up to 400 dwellings, to raise the Borough's housing delivery to 600 net new dwellings each year between April 2008 and March 2017.

3.35 The Growth Point includes "Wirral Waters", which has the potential to deliver up to 27,000 new jobs and up to 25,000 new dwellings over a thirty year period. The Council has sought to establish a Strategic Regeneration Framework for the emerging proposals, in partnership with Peel Holdings.

3.36 The Council has now commissioned an Integrated Regeneration Study for Birkenhead and Wirral Waters to produce a single comprehensive spatial regeneration plan for Birkenhead to inform the emerging Core Strategy Development Plan Document. The study is forecast for completion in January 2010.

4 Monitoring Policy Implementation

4.1 An overview of the main characteristics of the Borough is now contained within the Spatial Options Report for the emerging Core Strategy Development Plan Document, which will be available for public consultation towards the end of 2009.

4.2 This section of the AMR, therefore, seeks to provide additional background information on the extent to which the policy priorities for the area are being achieved based on contextual information drawn from nationally published data sets and the Borough's performance against a series of national Core Output Indicators for Local Development Frameworks.

4.3 Revisions to the national Core Output Indicators were published in July 2008. The data provided in this section of the AMR has, wherever possible, been re-configured to comply with these new requirements.

Population

4.4 Wirral's population has declined from 355,800 in 1971. The ONS Mid-Year Estimate for 2008⁽⁴⁾ shows a further reduction of 700 people since 2007, to 309,500.

4.5 The latest ONS 2006-based population projections expect Wirral's population to grow to 314,900 by 2031, the level previously expected to be reached in 2009:

People (Thousands)	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	% change 2006-2031
Wirral	311.2	310.8	311.6	313.2	314.5	314.9	1.2%
Merseyside	1353.6	1351.0	1353.4	1358.6	1363.5	1367.2	1.0%

Table 4.1 Population Projections

4.6 The latest CLG 2006-based household projections expect the number of households in Wirral to increase to 150,000 in 2031, the level previously expected to be reached by 2021.

Households (Thousands)	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	% change 2006-2031
Wirral	136.0	139.0	142.0	145.0	148.0	150.0	14.0%
Merseyside	584.0	599.0	615.0	631.0	643.0	654.0	12.0%

Table 4.2 Household Projections

4.7 Table 4.3 demonstrates how Wirral's demographic structure has changed since 2002⁽⁵⁾.

4 Mid-Year Population Estimates 2008 (ONS 2009)

5 the figures were re-based in 2006

Mid Year Population	Young People (0-15 years)	Working Age (males 16-64 & females 16-59)	Retired (males 65 & over & females 60 & over)
2008	58,900	182,300	68,200
2007	59,452	183,307	67,396
2006	60,300	184,200	66,700
2005	56,800	198,500	57,700
2004	57,600	197,900	57,600
2003	58,400	197,900	57,500
2002	59,400	197,500	57,400

Table 4.3 Population Change

4.8 The majority of these changes are due to migration. Annual net out-migration is currently estimated at 800 people per year. Continued out-migration has led to a disproportionate loss of younger age groups and to an ageing population.

Social Context

4.9 Almost a third of the Wirral population lives in areas ranked as having some of the greatest social, economic and environmental needs in England⁽⁶⁾. These localities score poorly across the full range of indicators for income; employment; health and disability; education, skills and training; living environment; and crime and disorder.

4.10 Picture 4.1 demonstrates the spatial distribution of need according to Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007.

4.11 There is a significant gap in life expectancy between the poorest and most affluent areas, with a ten-year gap in average life expectancy at birth between Birkenhead and Heswall⁽⁷⁾. Rates of coronary heart disease, diabetes, obesity and hypertension are all higher than national and regional averages⁽⁸⁾.

4.12 Almost two-thirds (65.7%) of 15 year olds achieved five or more A-C GCSEs in 2008, slightly ahead of the national average⁽⁹⁾.

4.13 Wirral has the lowest rate of recorded crime on Merseyside. Rates of burglaries, violent crimes, robberies and vehicle crimes are among the lowest in the country⁽¹⁰⁾. Crime rates are, however, disproportionately higher in some areas, with 10% of the Borough accounting for a third of recorded crime.

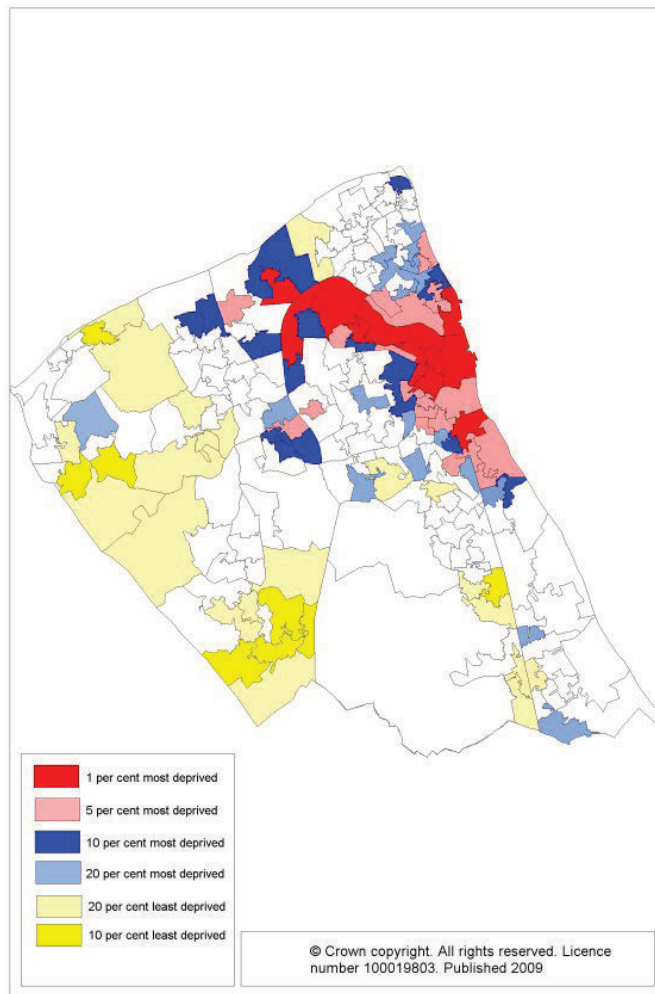
6 Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007

7 Wirral Compendium of Health Statistics (NHS Wirral 2009)

8 Wirral Compendium of Health Statistics (NHS Wirral 2009)

9 GCSE and Equivalent Results in England, 2007/08 (DCSF, 2008)

10 Local Authorities: Recorded Crime for Seven Key Offences (Home Office, 2008)



Picture 4.1 Index of Multiple Deprivation ranking by Super Output Area

Economy

4.14 The general economic context in Wirral continues to be characterised by relatively poor economic performance:

GVA per Capita (£)	1997	2003	2004	2005	2006	Change 2005-2006
Wirral	£7,670	£10,136	£10,505	£10,747	£11,199	4.2%
Merseyside	£8,789	£12,115	£12,595	£13,000	£13,615	4.7%
North West	£11,030	£14,529	£15,196	£15,699	£16,482	5.0%
UK	£12,682	£17,043	£17,855	£18,512	£19,430	5.0%

Table 4.4 Gross Value Added (GVA)

4.15 Growth in GVA per capita in Wirral has continued to lag behind national, regional and sub-regional averages⁽¹¹⁾.

Total Employees (2007)	Full Time (percentage) ⁽¹²⁾	Part Time (percentage) ⁽¹³⁾	Job Density ⁽¹⁴⁾
Wirral	64.3%	35.7%	0.61
Merseyside	67.1%	32.9%	0.72
North West	69.2%	30.8%	0.80
Great Britain	69.0%	31.0%	0.83

Table 4.5 Total Employees

4.16 There were 97,600 employee jobs in Wirral in 2007, an increase of 1.2% from 2006. A higher proportion of jobs were part-time, compared with the averages for Merseyside, the North West and Great Britain. The ratio of total jobs to working-age population (job density) is considerably lower than national, regional and sub-regional averages. Figures for 2008 are not yet available.

Percentage of Employee Jobs (2007)	Wirral MBC	Merseyside	North West	Great Britain
Manufacturing	10.9%	8.9%	12.4%	10.6%
Construction	4.2%	4.3%	5.1%	4.9%
Services	84.3%	86.6%	81.6%	83.0%
Distribution, hotels, restaurants	23.9%	21.7%	23.7%	23.3%
Transport and communications	3.0%	5.3%	5.6%	5.9%
Finance, IT, other business activities	16.6%	17.9%	19.4%	21.6%
Public admin, education, health	36.5%	36.8%	28.2%	26.9%
Other services	4.9%	4.8%	4.6%	5.2%
Tourism-related ⁽¹⁵⁾	8.5%	8.2%	8.4%	8.2%

Table 4.6 Employee Jobs by Industry

4.17 Wirral has a high proportion of employee jobs in services, with a higher than average reliance on jobs in public administration, education and health and a lower representation of jobs in finance, information technology and other business activities. In manufacturing, the Borough is strongest in chemicals and food and drink. The proportion of employees in manufacturing in Wirral declined, in line with national trends, between 2006 and 2007. Figures for 2008 are, again, not yet available.

VAT Registrations (End of Year 2007)	New Registrations (Percentage of End of Year Stock)	De-Registrations (Percentage of End of Year Stock)
Wirral	11.6%	7.5%
Merseyside	11.6%	7.5%
North West	10.6%	7.5%

14 Nomis ONS jobs density, including employees, self employed, Government supported trainees and HM Forces, to the working age population

13 Nomis ONS Annual Business Inquiry Employee Analysis, Employee Jobs (excluding self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces)

12 Nomis ONS Annual Business Inquiry Employee Analysis, Employee Jobs (excluding self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces)

15 Tourism consists of industries that are also part of the services industry

VAT Registrations (End of Year 2007)	New Registrations (Percentage of End of Year Stock)	De-Registrations (Percentage of End of Year Stock)
Great Britain	10.2%	7.3%

Table 4.7 VAT Registered Businesses

4.18 There were 6,140 VAT registered businesses in Wirral at the end of 2007, 5% higher than at the end of 2006. New registrations were slightly ahead of regional and national rates. Figures for 2008 are not yet available.

Percentage of Working Age Population (2008)	Economically Active	In Employment (employees)	In Employment (self-employed)	Economically Inactive
Wirral	75.3%	61.3%	6.7%	24.7%
Merseyside	71.9%	59.0%	6.6%	28.1%
North West	76.5%	62.7%	8.0%	23.5%
Great Britain	78.9%	64.4%	9.0%	21.1%

Table 4.8 Economic Activity

4.19 Economic activity in Wirral has fallen back from 76.4% in 2007. By 2008, 144,100 people were classified as economically active, with 132,000 people in employment including 13,700 self employed. The number of people who were economically inactive increased by almost 3%, from 45,000 in 2007 to 46,300 in 2008.

Average Household Income (£)	2004	2005	2006	2007
Wirral	£28,034	£28,326	£29,800	£31,232
Sefton	£25,839	£29,018	£29,500	£30,932
St Helens	£26,821	£27,868	£29,100	£30,795
Liverpool	£22,511	£25,251	£26,800	£28,239
Knowsley	£22,591	£25,238	£26,600	£28,286
United Kingdom	£29,374	£31,000	£32,342	£33,706

Table 4.9 Household Incomes

4.20 Average household incomes in Wirral have continued to be among the highest in Merseyside and rose by 5% in the year to 2007 ahead of UK growth at 4%. Figures for 2008 are not yet available.

Average Weekly Earnings	Gross Weekly Pay by Workplace (Full-time Workers)		Gross Weekly Pay by Residence (Full-time Workers)	
	2007/08	2008/09	2007/08	2008/09
Wirral	£406.70	£420.00	£430.60	£452.50
Merseyside	£426.60	£447.30	£425.70	£441.60
North West	£434.20	£450.20	£432.70	£451.30
Great Britain	£458.60	£479.10	£459.00	£479.30

4.21 Average weekly earnings for employees working in Wirral remained below national, regional and sub-regional levels and below the average weekly earnings for employees living in Wirral. Gross weekly pay for people working in Wirral increased by 3.3% between 2007/08 and 2008/09. Gross weekly pay for Wirral residents rose by 5.1%.

Claimants (Percentage of Working Age Population)	Key Benefit Claimants (May 2008) ⁽¹⁶⁾	Key Benefit Claimants (February 2009) ⁽¹⁷⁾
Wirral	20.8%	22.7%
Merseyside	22.5%	22.7%
North West	17.3%	19.1%
Great Britain	13.9%	15.6%

4.22 In February 2009, 41,360 working age residents in Wirral were claiming one or more key DWP benefits⁽¹⁸⁾, 8.7 per cent more than in May 2008, ahead of national and regional averages.

JSA Claimants (Percentage of Working Age Population)	JSA Claimants (October 2008) ⁽¹⁹⁾	JSA Claimants (September 2009) ⁽²⁰⁾
Wirral	3.7%	5.6%
Merseyside	4.5%	6.3%
North West	3.0%	4.7%
Great Britain	2.6%	4.1%

4.23 By September 2009, 10,353 people in Wirral were actively seeking work as claimants for Jobseekers' Allowance, an increase of 52% since October 2008. The highest numbers of claimants are focused in the east of the Borough, in the Electoral Wards of Birkenhead and Tranmere; Bidston and St James; and Seacombe.

Floorspace (thousand square metres)	April 2005	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008
Offices	275	281	283	283
Industrial	1,170	1,070	1,070	1,006
Warehousing	481	476	478	493
Total	1,827	1,827	1,831	1,782

Table 4.13 Business Floorspace

17 Nomis DWP Benefit Claimants Working Age Client Group (February 2009)

16 Nomis DWP Benefit Claimants Working Age Client Group (May 2008)

18 key benefits include bereavement benefit, carers allowance, disability living allowance, incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance, income support, Jobseekers' Allowance and widows benefit

20 Nomis ONS Jobseekers Allowance Claimants (September 2009)

19 Nomis ONS Jobseekers Allowance Claimants (October 2008)

4.24 The overall total of business floorspace in Wirral has declined since 2007. The amount of office floorspace (Use Class B1) remained stable, while the amount of industrial floorspace (Use Class B2) has continued to decrease.

4.25 Valuation Office Agency (VOA) reported data for Birkenhead shows that industrial land values in Birkenhead ranged from £190k to £250k per hectare compared with Liverpool at £175k to £330k per hectare in 2009. Land values for Birkenhead and Liverpool have decreased by at least £15k in the last year⁽²¹⁾.

4.26 The average vacancy rate for industrial property in Wirral was 11% for the year to March 2005, unchanged since March 2001, ahead of averages for the North West (10%) and England (9%)⁽²²⁾. Data is not yet available for 2006.

4.27 A higher than average proportion of Wirral's factory, office and warehouse stock originates from between 1940 and 1970. While the percentage of stock built since 1990 has begun to draw slightly ahead of national and regional averages, the proportion of stock built between 1971 and 1990 was comparatively low⁽²³⁾.

Business Development

Floorspace (square metres)	Use Class B1(a)	Use Class B1(b)	Use Class B1(c)	Use Class B2	Use Class B8	Total Floorspace
Total gross completed floorspace	8,803	-	-	19,099	-	27,902
Total net completed floorspace	8,079	-	-	17,297	-	25,376
Total gross completed on previously developed land	8,803	-	-	19,099	-	27,902
Percentage on previously developed land	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	-	100.0%

Table 4.14 Core Output Indicators BD1 and BD2: Amount of Floorspace Developed by Type and on Previously Developed Land

4.28 The total amount of new employment floorspace completed in Wirral during 2008/09 had increased by 68% from 2007/08. Table 4.12 shows the changing trend over time.

Completed Floorspace (square metres)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Use Class B1(a)	961	4,857	8,542	3,801	8,803
Use Class B1(b)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Use Class B1(c)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Use Class B2	23,497	24,407	13,576	12,797	19,099

21 VOA Property Market Report - Capital and Rental Values at 1 July 2009

22 TMP Merseyside Economic Review 2007, Figure 8.2b CLG Commercial and Industrial Property Vacancy Statistics 1998/99 to 2004/05

23 TMP Merseyside Economic Review 2009 Data Annex, Section 8, Figure 6

Completed Floorspace (square metres)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Use Class B8	Nil	Nil	53	Nil	Nil
Total Floorspace	24,458	29,264	22,171	16,598	27,902

Table 4.15 Amount of Floorspace Developed by Type

4.29 Projects to provide 227 square metres of office floorspace (Use Class B1) and 7,483 square metres of industrial floorspace (Use Class B2) were still under construction at the end of the reporting period. This was over 90% lower than the amount of office floorspace under construction at the end of 2007/08 and less than half the amount of industrial floorspace under construction at the end of 2007/08.

Land Area (hectares)	Twelve Quays SRS ⁽²⁴⁾	WIBP SRS ⁽²⁵⁾	Borough Total
Allocated for B1 Uses ⁽²⁶⁾	0.00	0.00	1.50
Allocated for B1, B2 and B8 Uses ⁽²⁷⁾	3.29	19.03	83.09
Primarily Industrial Areas ⁽²⁸⁾	2.05	49.67	90.38
Other Land with Planning Permission ⁽²⁹⁾	0.00	0.00	0.53
Total	5.34	68.70	175.50

Table 4.16 Core Output Indicator BD3: Employment Land Available by Type (April 2009)

4.30 The UDP for Wirral set aside 843 hectares of land across the Borough for employment uses falling within Use Classes B1, B2 and B8, with 658 hectares within the Primarily Industrial Areas and 185 hectares on allocated Employment Development Sites. Just under half the land allocated as an Employment Development Site (46%) remained undeveloped at April 2009.

4.31 The UDP also identified 227 hectares within the Dock Estates at Birkenhead and Eastham, subject to UDP Policy EM10. Land for port-related uses within the Dock Estates is identified by Act of Parliament and is subject to permitted development rights. Policy EM10 of the UDP, which provided for uses falling within Use Classes B1, B2 and B8 to be permitted within the Dock Estates, was removed from the

25 Wirral International Business Park Strategic Regional Site, Bromborough

24 Birkenhead Twelve Quays Strategic Regional Site - the intention to de-designate this Site was announced in July 2009

26 Land allocated in the UDP under Proposal EM2 - Conway Park, is allocated for uses falling within Use Class B1

27 Land allocated in the UDP under Proposal EM1 – Former Cammell Laird’s Shipyard; Proposal EM3 – Land for General Employment Use; Proposal EM4 – Expansion Land for Existing Businesses; and Proposal EM5 – Land at Dock Road South, Bromborough, is allocated for uses falling within Use Class B1 and/or Use Class B2 and/or Use Class B8

28 UDP Policy EM8 provides for uses falling within Use Classes B1, B2 and B8 within Primarily Industrial Areas

29 with planning permission for B1, B2 or B8 Uses

Development Plan as a result of the Direction issued by the Secretary of State in September 2007. The areas formerly subject to UDP Policy EM10, now have no notation and are no longer included in Table 4.16. There was an additional 55.98 hectares of vacant land within the Dock Estates at April 2009⁽³⁰⁾.

4.32 The intention to designate a new Strategic Regional Site, to help bring the Birkenhead Docklands into use as a high quality employment location, was announced in July 2009.

Town Centres

4.33 The Regional Spatial Strategy designates Birkenhead as the sub-regional service and retail centre for the Borough. Croft Retail Park in Bromborough is now the second largest destination for comparison spending behind Birkenhead Town Centre.

4.34 A large amount of spending by Wirral residents on comparison (non-food) goods continues to leak outside the Borough to places like Liverpool, Chester and the Cheshire Oaks retail outlet in Ellesmere Port. Internet sales are also forming an increasingly significant part of comparison expenditure. Expenditure on convenience goods is largely contained within the Borough.

4.35 Liverpool is a significant destination for visits to restaurants, pubs, bars and nightclubs, museums and art galleries and theatres and concerts, in addition to existing centres and attractions in Wirral⁽³¹⁾.

Use Class	Completed Floorspace (square metres)				% in Town Centres	
	Town Centre		Borough Total		Gross	Net
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net		
Use Class A1	607	332	967	559	63%	59%
Use Class A2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use Class B1a	4,329	4,329	8,803	8,079	49%	54%
Use Class D2	-	-	1,826	1,826	-	-

4.36 The table above shows the total amount of new floorspace completed for 'town centre' uses during 2008/09. While over half of the new Use Class A1 (retail) floorspace was located within an existing town centre, none of the new Use Class D2 (leisure) floorspace was located within an existing centre.

Completed Floorspace (square metres)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Use Class A1 (gross)	4,963	5,363	2,385	10,366	967
(percentage in town centres)	36%	11%	28%	66%	63%
Use Class A1 (sales)	4,239	4,602	1,786	7,844	559

30 Further information on the supply of employment land can now be found within the Wirral Employment Land and Premises Study 2009

31 Further information on local spending patterns will soon be published as part of the Wirral Town Centres, Retail and Commercial Leisure Study 2009

Completed Floorspace (square metres)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
(percentage in town centres)	28%	8%	28%	58%	59%
Use Class A2	-	-	-	-	-
(percentage in town centres)	-	-	-	-	-
Use Class D2	522	5,594	488	4,044	1826
(percentage in town centres)	0%	8%	34%	14%	6%

Table 4.18 Completed "Town Centre" Floorspace by Type and Location

4.37 Table 4.14 shows the changing trend over time. There was a marked decrease in both completed new retail (Use Class A1) and leisure (Use Class D2) floorspace during 2008/09.

Tourism

4.38 The Council's Tourism Strategy⁽³²⁾ emphasises the importance of Wirral's countryside and coast. Two primary objectives underlie the Strategy:

- to attract more visitors to the Borough, enhance expenditure in the local economy and help sustain regeneration; and
- to make Wirral an exceptionally pleasant place to live, work and visit.

4.39 Tourism accounts for over 8% of employee jobs in Wirral, broadly in line with the national average. Tourism expenditure increased by 2% between 2006 and 2007⁽³³⁾.

Analysis by Sector of Expenditure (£'s millions)	2006	2007	% change
Accommodation	13.55	13.80	1.85%
Food & Drink	62.95	64.01	1.68%
Recreation	16.19	16.48	1.79%
Indirect Expenditure	95.19	96.71	1.52%
VAT	41.87	42.55	1.62%
Total	376.34	382.39	1.61%

Housing

4.40 Wirral has many areas of attractive high quality housing but large concentrations of poorer stock remain, particularly in east Wirral. Wirral's housing stock is on average older than the stock in the rest of England. Only the post-1980 stock has a lower proportion than the national profile⁽³⁴⁾. It is estimated that 19,900 private sector dwellings (16%) are subject to Category 1 Hazards under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System⁽³⁵⁾.

32 Locum Desintation Consulting (2003)

33 STEAM 2008

34 Wirral Private Sector House Condition and Home Energy Survey 2008

35 Wirral Private Sector House Condition and Home Energy Survey 2008

Dwelling Stock by Sector (number of dwellings)	Total Stock	Vacant	Percentage Vacant
Registered Social Landlord	22,461	812	3.6%
Other Public Sector	9	4	44.4%
Private Sector	122,957	4,265	3.5%
	145,427	5,081	3.5%

Table 4.20 Dwelling Stock 2009

4.41 Wirral had 145,427 residential properties in April 2009. 85% were privately owned and 15% were owned by registered social landlords. The vacancy rate for private sector dwellings and dwellings managed by a Registered Social Landlord were both just ahead of the RSS target of 3%⁽³⁶⁾. The vast majority of vacancies were within the private sector housing stock (84%).

4.42 Average house prices declined by 12% in Wirral, slightly behind the declines for Merseyside (14%) and the North West (13%), in the year to March 2009:

Average House Prices (March 2009)	Wirral	Merseyside	North West
Overall	£120,421	£113,561	£115,149
Detached	£270,867	£225,489	£223,734
Semi-detached	£135,979	£119,927	£117,468
Terraced	£78,290	£68,764	£69,338
Flat/Maisonette	£100,024	£115,203	£109,360

Table 4.21 Average House Prices

4.43 The average property price for the Borough as a whole in March 2009 was approximately five times the average income for the Borough⁽³⁷⁾.

Housing Land Supply

4.44 At 31st March 2009, the Borough's gross housing land supply with planning permission was 3,950 units, up from 3,864 units at March 2008. The proportion of units on previously developed land stood at 91%. Planning permission was granted for 827 dwellings during 2008/09, down from 1,294 dwellings in 2007/08 (gross).

Net Annual Average Dwelling Requirements	Total Net Housing Provision 2003-2021	Annual Average (number of net dwellings)	Net Completions (2003/04 - 2008/09)	Remaining	Implied Annual Average (2009/10 – 2020/21)
RSS (September 2008) Table 7.1	9,000	500	2,169	6,831	569

Table 4.22 H1: Plan Period and Housing Targets

36 RSS Policy L3 (September, 2008)

37 Land Registry House Prices, August 2009

4.45 A summary of the land supply position at April 2009 is provided as Appendix 2 to this AMR. A schedule of sites with planning permission is provided as Appendix 3.

Housing Trajectory

4.46 Gross new build completions reduced to 599 units during 2008/09. The number of demolitions, nevertheless, remained high at 242 units for the year. The majority of demolitions (81%) continued to occur within the Newheartlands Pathfinder Area.

4.47 Picture 4.2 and the table below set out the housing trajectory for Wirral based on the annual housing requirement of 500 net new dwellings set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy⁽³⁸⁾. The trajectory shows the actual net completions achieved between 2003/04 and 2008/09 and projected net completions based on existing identified sites, past trends and developer feedback. The managed delivery target reflects the number of dwellings that will be needed each year to achieve the overall RSS housing requirement by 2021⁽³⁹⁾. The trajectory shows an over-supply across the whole plan period of 308 units against the RSS housing requirement. The trajectory does not take account of windfalls, which during the five years to 2008/09 generated an annual average of 1,006 units⁽⁴⁰⁾. The bottom rows of the trajectory show figures relating to the delivery of Mersey Heartlands Growth Point.

38 North West of England Plan Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021 (Government Office for the North West, September 2008)

39 The managed delivery target has been calculated by subtracting the cumulative net completions to date from the total RSS housing requirement for the period 2003-2021 and dividing this answer by the number of years left in the plan period. For example, the cumulative completions over the period to 2009/10 are 2,169. The total RSS housing requirement for 2003-2021 is 9,000 and in 2009/10 there will be 12 years left of the plan period. The managed delivery target is therefore calculated as follows: $(9000 - 2,169)/12 = 569$. To meet the overall requirement, Wirral would therefore need to register at least 569 net completions for 2009/10.

40 Appendix 2, Table 4 of this AMR refers

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
Actual dwellings completed (net)	443	102	220	506	564	334													
Projected completions (net)							405	440	457	666	786	673	653	636	634	616	603	570	
Cumulative completions	443	545	765	1271	1835	2169	2574	3014	3471	4137	4923	5596	6249	6885	7519	8135	8738	9308	
Target	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	
Cumulative target	500	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000	6500	7000	7500	8000	8500	9000	
Monitor (41)	-57	-455	-735	-729	-665	-831	-926	-986	-1029	-863	-577	-404	-251	-115	19	135	238	308	Overall surplus/deficit over plan period
Managed Delivery Target (42)	503	528	549	552	551	569	584	599	614	608	582	567	550	529	494	433	262		
Number of years left in plan	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Target including Growth Point	500	500	500	500	500	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	500	500	500	500	
Cumulative target	500	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	3600	4200	4800	5400	6000	6600	7200	7800	8400	8900	9400	9900	
Monitor (43)	-57	-455	-735	-729	-665	-831	-1026	-1186	-1329	-1263	-1077	-1004	-951	-915	-881	-765	-662	-592	Overall surplus/deficit over plan period including Growth Point

- 41 difference between cumulative completions and cumulative target to date
- 42 What remains to be completed to achieve the overall RSS target annually for each of the years of the plan period remaining
- 43 difference between cumulative completions and cumulative target to date including Growth Point

(completed dwellings - gross)	RSS Inner Area	RSS Outer Area	RSS Rural Area	Borough	IHPA ⁽⁴⁴⁾
Total Dwellings	211	311	77	599	433
New Build	84	272	66	422	276
Conversions and Changes of Use	127	39	11	177	157
% on Previously Developed Land				99.4%	

Table 4.24 Core Output Indicator H3: New and Converted Dwellings and Percentage on Previously Developed Land

4.48 Development on previously developed land continued to exceed the RSS target of 80%⁽⁴⁵⁾. Almost two-thirds (61%) of gross completions in 2008/09 were flats.

4.49 Table 4.19 sets out a breakdown of the various components of the Borough's housing delivery over the last five years.

(completed dwellings)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Gross New Build	440	442	606	639	422
Demolitions	419	277	215	230	242
Net New Build	21	165	391	409	180
Gross Conversions	91	69	130	181	177
Net Conversions	81	55	115	155	154
Total Gross Additional	531	511	736	820	599
Total Net Additional	102	220	506	564	334

Table 4.25 Components of Housing Delivery

4.50 Table 4.20 shows how the pattern of development has changed across the Borough since April 2004. Housing development has been increasingly focused in the RSS Inner Area⁽⁴⁶⁾, with a declining contribution from areas to the west of the M53 Motorway⁽⁴⁷⁾.

Total Completed Dwellings (gross)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
RSS Inner Area	50	72	177	189	211
	9%	14%	24%	23%	35%
RSS Outer Area	180	306	473	528	311
	34%	60%	64%	64%	52%
RSS Rural Area	301	133	86	103	77
	57%	26%	12%	13%	13%
IHPA ⁽⁴⁸⁾	101	248	354	509	433
	19%	49%	48%	62%	72%

44 Interim Housing Policy Area

45 RSS (September 2008) Table 7.1

46 The boundary to the RSS Inner Area is the same as the boundary to the Newheartlands Pathfinder Area and the Mersey Heartlands Growth Point

47 The RSS Rural Area

48 Interim Housing Policy Area

Total Completed Dwellings (gross)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Total Borough ⁽⁴⁹⁾	531	511	736	820	599

Table 4.26 Distribution of Dwellings Completed

Gypsies and Travellers

4.51 Wirral does not have any existing pitches for gypsies or travellers.

Number	Permanent Pitches	Transit Pitches
Number of pitches provided for gypsies and travellers	0	0

Table 4.27 Core Output Indicator H4: Net Additional Pitches (Gypsy and Traveller)

Affordable Housing

4.52 The number of affordable housing completions increased from 34 new units in 2007/08 to 48 in 2008/09. The new dwellings were located in Birkenhead (24 units), Beechwood (22 units) and Leasowe (2 units).

Affordable Housing (number of dwellings)	Gross Completions
Number of new social rented dwellings	48
Number of new intermediate dwellings	Nil
Total number of new affordable dwellings	48

Table 4.28 Core Output Indicator H5: Gross Affordable Housing Completions

Housing Quality

4.53 A new national Core Output Indicator has been introduced to measure the quality of new housing development based on ratings against the Building for Life criteria developed by CABI. Monitoring procedures for future years are being put in place by the Council's Technical Services Department. Data for 2008/09 is not available.

49 Completions within the IHPA are already counted in either the Inner, Outer or Rural Areas.

	Number of sites with a life assessment score of 16 or more	% of dwellings of 16 or more	Number of sites with a life assessment score of 14 to 15	Number of dwellings with a life assessment score of 14 to 15	% of dwellings of 14 to 15	Number of sites with a life assessment score of 10 to 14	Number of dwellings with a life assessment score of 10 to 14	% of dwellings of 10 to 14	Number of sites with a life assessment score of less than 10	Number of dwellings with a life assessment score of less than 10	% of dwellings of less than 10	TOTAL number of housing sites assessed (or phases of sites)	Number of dwellings on those sites
H6 Housing Quality	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Environmental Quality

Heritage

4.54 Wirral has a significant built heritage, with 1,771 Listed Buildings and structures, twenty-four designated Conservation Areas, nine Scheduled Ancient Monuments and four Historic Parks and Gardens.

4.55 The following Conservation Areas are currently on the English Heritage Register of Conservation Areas at Risk⁽⁵⁰⁾:

- Hamilton Square
- Rock Park

4.56 The following buildings and monuments are currently on the English Heritage Heritage at Risk Register⁽⁵¹⁾:

- Storeton Hall, Storeton Village (North Wing)
- Irby Hall Moated Site (Ice House)
- Fort Perch Rock, New Brighton
- Birkenhead Priory
- Bromborough Court House (Moated Site and Fishponds)
- Overchurch (Site of former Church and Churchyard)

Landscape

4.57 The UDP designated four Areas of Special Landscape Value and three Areas Requiring Landscape Renewal. These designations have now been superseded by the Wirral Landscape Character Assessment 2009, which divides the Borough's open countryside into thirteen character areas.

4.58 Seven of the character areas are identified for conservation but the following character areas are identified as needing some element of enhancement or restoration:

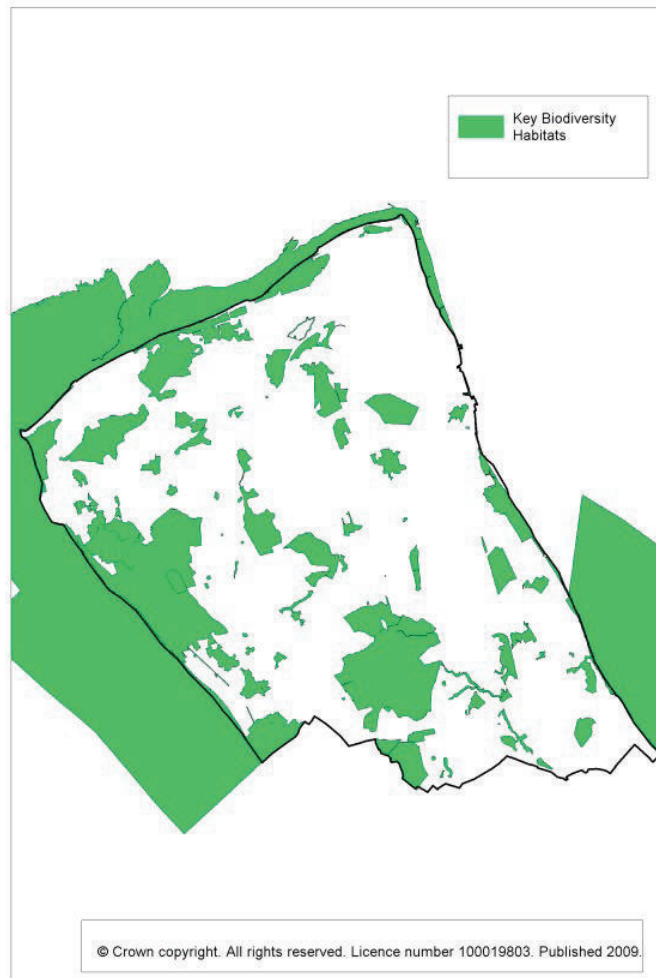
- Birkett Floodplain Farmland - Enhance and Restore;
- Clatterbrook and Dibbin Valley - Enhance;
- Eastham Former Wooded Estate - Enhance and Restore;
- Heswall Dales - Conserve and Enhance;
- Landican and Thingwall Rural Fringe - Enhance;
- North Fender Urban Fringe - Restore and Create;
- Pensby and Irby Urban Fringes - Enhance; and
- Raby Rural Farmland - Conserve and Enhance.

50 English Heritage Conservation Areas at Risk 2009

51 English Heritage Heritage at Risk Register 2009

Biodiversity

4.59 Wirral has an extensive biodiversity resource. The Wirral Biodiversity Audit 2009 has identified the following Key Existing Biodiversity Areas:



Picture 4.3

4.60 The Wirral Biodiversity Action Plan was adopted in February 2003. Action Plans have now been completed for 9 of the 11 priority habitats identified and for 16 of the 19 priority species. Active management is ongoing, with a particular emphasis on improving habitat and site conditions, rather than expanding site areas.

4.61 Monitoring undertaken by the Council's specialist environmental advisors, the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service, indicate that just over 25% of the Borough's Local Wildlife Sites are considered to be under positive management⁽⁵²⁾.

	Impact of completed development	Impact of management programmes	Impact of planning agreements
Change in areas designated for international significance	None reported	None reported	None reported
Change in areas designated for national significance	None reported	None reported	None reported
Change in areas designated for regional significance	None reported	None reported	None reported
Change in areas designated for sub-regional significance	None reported	None reported	None reported
Change in areas designated for local significance	None reported	None reported	None reported

Table 4.30 Core Output Indicator E2: Change in Areas of Biodiversity Importance

4.62 The Council is not aware of any significant changes in designated sites during the reporting period.

4.63 Of the Borough's ten nationally designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), only the three sites at Dee Cliffs, Dibbinsdale and Meols Meadows were considered to be failing to meet the Government Public Service Agreement Target to have 95% of the SSSI in favourable or recovering condition by 2010⁽⁵³⁾.

Public Open Space

4.64 Eleven Council sites have now obtained Green Flag Awards. The percentage of public open space managed to Green Flag Award Standard has, therefore, progressively increased from 1% in 2005/06 to just over 30% in 2008/09.

Total Public Open Space⁽⁵⁴⁾	1,192 hectares
Area of Public Open Space Managed to Green Flag Award Standard	362.74 hectares
Percentage of Public Open Space Managed to Green Flag Award Standard	30.4%

Table 4.31 Amount of Public Open Space Managed to Green Flag Standards

4.65 The amount of public open space managed to Green Flag Award Standard is no longer a national Core Output Indicator.

River Quality

4.66 Water quality within the Dee and Mersey Estuaries and inland watercourses has improved substantially over recent years, mainly due to the continuing programme of capital works undertaken by United Utilities. Wirral's beaches are consistently among the cleanest in the North West. Data on water quality has not been up-dated since 2006:

53 Natural England SSSI Condition Summaries (November 2009)

54 Includes sites in the Green Belt

Quality Assessment 2006 (Percentage of River Length)	Good	Fair	Poor	Bad
Chemical Quality	0%	13.50%	61.20%	25.30%
Biological Quality	0%	34.90%	65.10%	0%

Table 4.32 River Water Quality in Wirral

Environment Agency Objections

4.67 The Environment Agency did not submit any objections to planning applications in Wirral on water quality grounds during 2008/09 but submitted eight objections to issues related to flooding⁽⁵⁵⁾. Of the three planning permissions granted by the Council which were subject to objections from the Environment Agency, two were dealt with by the application of planning conditions and one by the submission of a revised flood risk assessment.

	Flood defence	Water quality
Number of unresolved objections to planning applications	3	0

Table 4.33 Core Output Indicator E1: Number of Planning Permissions Granted Contrary to Environment Agency Advice on Flooding and Water Quality Grounds

4.68 UDP Policy WA7 – Heswall Drainage Catchment Area, which restricted development likely to generate additional sewage within a defined area, has not been implemented since the completion of the improvements to the Target Road Waste Water Treatment Works.

Energy

4.69 Wirral is estimated to have consumed a total of 6,881 GWh of energy in 2006⁽⁵⁶⁾. The majority was taken up for domestic needs. The proportion taken up by industry and commerce has dropped from 35% in 2003⁽⁵⁷⁾.

Total Final Energy Consumption by Sector 2006 (percentages) ⁽⁵⁸⁾	Industry and	Domestic	Transport
	Commerce		
Wirral	30.0%	46.4%	23.6%
North West	39.2%	33.3%	27.5%
Great Britain	38.6%	32.6%	28.8%

Table 4.34 Energy Consumption by Sector

55 Environment Agency - Objections to Planning Applications 2008/09

56 DECC Total Final Energy Consumption at Regional and Local Authority Level 2006 (Revised June 2009)

57 BERR Total Final Energy Consumption at Regional and Local Authority Level 2003 to 2006

58 DECC Total Final Energy Consumption at Regional and Local Authority Level 2006 (Revised June 2009)

4.70 Average total domestic energy consumption per household in Wirral was, however, estimated at 23,480 kWh in 2006, down by 3% since 2005, in line with the general reduction across the North West as a whole⁽⁵⁹⁾.

4.71 Carbon emissions per capita were in the lower quartile for the UK at 6.2tCO₂ in 2006, compared with 8.7tCO₂ for the North West as a whole⁽⁶⁰⁾. Data is not yet available for 2007 or 2008.

Energy Consumption from Renewables and Waste (percentage of total energy consumption) ⁽⁶¹⁾	2003	2004	2005	2006
Wirral	0.1%	1.5%	0.1%	0.1%
North West	0.3%	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%
Great Britain	0.4%	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%

Table 4.35 Renewable Energy Consumption

4.72 A very small percentage of the total energy consumed currently comes from energy generated from renewables and waste. The consumption of renewable energy in Wirral was 8.2GWh in 2006⁽⁶²⁾.

(Megawatts)	Bio Fuels	Onshore Wind	Water	Solar Energy	Geo-thermal
Granted Planning Permission	Nil	Nil ⁽⁶³⁾	Nil	Nil ⁽⁶⁴⁾	Nil

59 DECC High Level Energy Indicators 2006 NUTS4 (February 2009)

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61 DECC Total Final Energy Consumption at Regional and Local Authority Level 2006 (Revised June 2009)

62 DECC Total Final Energy Consumption at Regional and Local Authority Level 2006 (Revised June 2009)

64 Two planning applications for solar panels were approved during 2008/09 but their operating capacity is unknown. Three solar thermal systems and three solar photovoltaic systems were grant-funded by the national Low Carbon Building Programme.

63 One wind turbine obtained planning consent during 2008/09 but its operating capacity is unknown. Another application for a wind turbine was refused on the grounds of residential amenity.

(Megawatts)	Bio Fuels ⁽⁶⁵⁾	Onshore Wind ⁽⁶⁶⁾	Water	Solar Energy ⁽⁶⁷⁾	Geo-thermal
Completed Installations	8,015	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Table 4.36 Core Output Indicator E3: Renewable Energy Generation

4.73 Twenty-five wind turbines, with a total capacity of up to 90MW, capable of supplying the equivalent of up to 80,000 households, have recently been erected off the Wirral shoreline in Liverpool Bay. Provisional estimates from a pre-feasibility study indicate that tidal power from the Mersey Estuary could be used to generate up to 1,200 GWh of annual energy⁽⁶⁸⁾.

4.74 By contrast, the take-up of on-shore renewable energy has, so far, been low. An energy-from-waste (biological process) facility has operated at Bidston Moss since 1985. Initially used to supply the industrial complex at Moreton, the energy generated is now fed directly to the National Grid. Annual output has, however, reduced over time, from 9,701 MWh in 2003 to 8,015 MWh in 2008/09. A new energy-from-waste facility at Eastham, which was granted planning consent in July 2009, if implemented, could generate up to 30MW of electricity.

Minerals

4.75 Much of Wirral is founded on sandstone which is a major aquifer and groundwater provides around 13% of Wirral's water resources. Wirral does not, however, have any significant mineral reserves, apart from small amounts of winnable brick clay. The Merseyside Minerals Study 2008 recommends that the Carr Lane Brickworks at Moreton is safeguarded for future mineral extraction.

4.76 The latest available figures indicate a landbank of fifteen years for crushed rock within Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Warrington and Halton and of thirty-three years for the Region as a whole. The landbank of sand and gravel within Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Warrington and Halton is estimated at twenty years but is only eleven years for the Region as a whole⁽⁶⁹⁾.

Crushed Rock	Nil
Sand and Gravel	Nil

Table 4.37 Core Output Indicator M1: Production of Primary Land Won Aggregates

67 An unknown number of small scale solar schemes are thought to be in operation but their contribution cannot currently be measured

66 Four small wind turbines are known to be operating but their contribution cannot currently be measured

65 This figure relates to output from the waste (biological process) facility operating at Bidston Moss

68 Power from the Mersey (September 2008)

69 North West Region Aggregates Working Party Annual Report 2008, Table 3 (January 2009)

4.77 No reliable figures are yet available at local authority level for secondary or recycled aggregate production, which includes construction, demolition and excavation wastes recycled for use as aggregate.

Production of Secondary Aggregates	Not Available
Production of Recycled Aggregates	Not Available

Table 4.38 Core Output Indicator M2: Production of Secondary and Recycled Aggregates

4.78 Marine-won sand and gravel landed at Eastham dropped by 2% to 109,399 tonnes in 2007, to provide 15 per cent of the total aggregate landed off the North West Coast⁽⁷⁰⁾. A new, facility for the landing of marine-won sand came into operation in Bromborough during early 2007.

Waste

4.79 National Core Output Indicator W1 has been re-cast to require separate figures for total capacity and annual throughput for twenty-one different types of waste management facility⁽⁷¹⁾.

Management Type	Capacity of Completed Waste Management Facilities (tonnes)	Capacity of New Waste Management Facilities with Planning Permission (tonnes)	Total
Pyrolysis / gasification	-	400,000	400,000

Table 4.39 Core Output Indicator W1: Capacity of New Waste Management Facilities

4.80 A gasification waste-to-energy facility with an operational capacity of up to 400,000 tonnes was granted planning consent at Eastham in July 2009.

4.81 No new waste management facilities falling within the other categories specified under the Core Output Indicator were either granted planning permission or came into operation during 2008/09. Further information on the capacity of existing operational waste management facilities is contained within the evidence base to the Joint Merseyside Waste DPD.

70 North West Region Aggregates Working Party Annual Report 2008, Table 4 (January 2009). Landings at Liverpool increased from 373,812 tonnes in 2006 to 428,635 tonnes in 2007

71 Core Output Indicators Update 2/2008 (CLG, July 2008, page 24)

Waste Managed 2008/09 (tonnes)	Landfill	Recycled	Composted	Other Total
Amount of municipal waste arising and managed by management type	86,186	30,265	18,879	135,330
Percentage of municipal waste arising and managed by management type	64%	22%	14%	100%

Table 4.40 Core Output Indicator W2: Amount of Municipal Waste Arising and Managed by Management Type There was no incineration of municipal waste in Wirral in 2008/09

4.82 The amount of household waste collected per head in Wirral reduced by 1kg to 435kg in 2008/09⁽⁷³⁾. The average for England was 473kg⁽⁷⁴⁾.

4.83 The overall pattern of management by type in Wirral has change markedly over recent years. The amount of waste going to landfill has fallen by a third since 2004/05 and the amount recycled and composted has more than trebled:

Waste Arisings (tonnes)	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Landfill	125,440	137,097	121,693	93,655	86,186
(percentage of total arisings)	90%	89%	86%	68%	64%
Recycled	11,065	10,784	12,794	28,448	30,265
(percentage of total arisings)	8%	7%	9%	21%	22%
Composted	2,789	6,175	7,095	14,727	18,879
(percentage of total arisings)	2%	4%	5%	11%	14%
Total Arisings	139,294	154,056	141,519	136,820	135,330

Table 4.41 Trends in Waste Management by Management Type

4.84 The proportion of waste sent to landfill in 2008/09 was 50% for England, 59% for the North West. The proportion recycled and composted in England and the North West was 38%. Incineration accounted for 12% of waste in England and 3% in the North West⁽⁷⁵⁾.

73 DEFRA Local Authority National Indicators for Waste 2008/09

74 DEFRA Statistical Release 257/09

75 DEFRA Management of Municipal Waste for England and the Regions 2008/09 Table 2

Transport

4.85 Previous AMRs have provided an analysis of Census data from 1991 and 2001 on patterns of journeys to work. Wirral continues to have a high dependency on the car for journeys to work. Car ownership across Merseyside is forecast to increase further to 2021⁽⁷⁶⁾.

4.86 The Census data showed that Wirral was a net exporter of labour. While there were declining links with Liverpool, Ellesmere Port & Neston and Sefton between 1991 and 2001, there were increasing links with Chester, Wales, the rest of Cheshire, the rest of England, Greater Manchester, and Knowsley. The largest flows into Wirral in 2001 were from people who lived in Ellesmere Port & Neston, Liverpool, Wales, Chester, the rest of Cheshire, and Sefton.

Accessibility	Doctor's Surgery	Hospital	Primary School	Secondary School	Areas of Employment ⁽⁷⁷⁾	Major Retail Centre
Number of new dwellings within 30 minutes public transport time	597	484	598	596	597	597
Percentage of new dwellings within 30 minutes public transport time	99.7%	80.8%	99.8%	99.5%	99.7%	99.7%

Table 4.42 Accessibility of New Residential Development

4.87 The accessibility of new residential development completed during 2008/09 has been calculated using Accession software for bus and train travel times in Wirral. The majority of new dwellings were within 30 minutes public transport time of essential local services. The proportion of new dwellings within 30 minutes public transport time of a hospital increased to 81% from 66% 2007/08.

76 Travel in Merseyside (Merseyside LTP Partnership, 2006) Tables 4.44 (2001 base) and 4.45 (2005 base)

77 Super Output Areas with 500 or more jobs within them

5 Monitoring Plan Preparation

5.1 This section of the AMR records progress on the preparation of individual Local Development Documents.

Local Development Scheme

5.2 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a statutory document setting out the Council's programme for the preparation of Local Development Documents.

5.3 The latest revision of the LDS was submitted to the Secretary of State in August 2009 and is currently awaiting approval. The milestones set out below are therefore provisional, pending the approval and adoption of the revised LDS.

Core Strategy DPD

5.4 The Core Strategy will set the overall spatial framework for future development and investment in the Borough for the next 15 to 20 years. The Core Strategy will contain the Council's spatial vision for the area; a series of spatial objectives; a delivery strategy including core policies and broad locations for strategic development; and a framework for managing and monitoring delivery.

5.5 The Core Strategy will replace many of the strategic and generic criteria based policies currently contained within the UDP and will replace the Council's Interim Policy for New Housing Development (October 2005).

5.6 Following good early progress, the preparation of the Core Strategy DPD was delayed to commission the additional studies necessary to meet the new requirements emerging from the new development plans system. Progress on the studies being prepared is considered in further detail below.

5.7 Consultation on the Issues, Vision and Objectives for the Core Strategy took place in February 2009. A draft Spatial Options Report will be reported to the Council's Cabinet in November 2009. Consultation on Spatial Options will now take place towards the end of 2009.

5.8 Table 5.2 and Table 5.3 set out progress against the milestones set out in the submitted LDS.

Site Allocations DPD

5.9 The preparation of a single Site Allocations DPD is due to begin in June 2011, following the adoption of the Core Strategy. The final Document is expected to be adopted in June 2013.

5.10 Table 5.4 sets out progress against the milestones set out in the submitted LDS.

Joint Merseyside Waste DPD

5.11 The Joint Merseyside Waste DPD will replace the policies and proposals contained within UDP Section 17 – Waste Management.

5.12 The preparation of the Joint Merseyside Waste DPD is being managed by the Merseyside Councils' environmental advisors, the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS). Consultation on Preferred Options is now expected to take place in early 2010.

5.13 Table 5.5 and Table 5.6 set out progress against the milestones set out in the submitted LDS.

Other Development Plan Documents

5.14 The submitted LDS set out the Council's longer term intention to consider preparing additional Development Plan Documents for heritage, green infrastructure and a more detailed Area Action Plan for development in Birkenhead.

5.15 The Spatial Options Report for the Core Strategy DPD will indicate where the Council believes additional Development Plan Documents may be needed to support the delivery of the emerging Core Strategy.

Supplementary Planning Documents

5.16 Work on additional Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) has been postponed to allow progress on the Core Strategy DPD.

5.17 The Spatial Options Report for the Core Strategy DPD will indicate where the Council believes additional Supplementary Planning Documents may be needed to support the delivery of the emerging Core Strategy.

Evidence Base

5.18 The majority of the current monitoring year has involved completing the additional studies necessary to ensure the Local Development Framework is founded upon a robust evidence base.

5.19 Table 5.1 sets out progress to date and the documents that are likely to be affected by their findings:

Study	Commissioned	Current Status	Documents Affected
Strategic Housing Needs Assessment	March 2006	Reported February 2008	UDP Section 6 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Merseyside Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Assessment	June 2007	Reported March 2009	UDP Section 6 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Cultural Services Forward Plan	July 2007	Reported October 2008 Open Space Audit due to report late 2009	UDP Sections 8,9 & 10 Core Strategy DPD

Study	Commissioned	Current Status	Documents Affected
Wirral Employment Land and Premises Study	September 2007	Reported November 2009	UDP Sections 5 & 16 Core Strategy Site Allocations DPD
Wirral Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	October 2007	Reported November 2009	UDP Sections 19 & 20 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Merseyside Minerals Study	February 2008	Reported November 2009	UDP Section 18 Core Strategy DPD
Wirral Town Centres, Retail and Commercial Leisure Study	March 2008	Final report expected late 2009	UDP Sections 9, 10 & 16 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Wirral Biodiversity Audit	April 2008	Reported November 2009	UDP Section 13 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Wirral Landscape Character Assessment	June 2008	Reported November 2009	UDP Sections 7, 8, 12 & 14 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Habitats Regulation Assessment	n/a	Interim Screening Assessment reported November 2009	UDP Section 13 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Wirral Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	April 2009	Final report expected early 2010	UDP Section 6 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Merseyside Renewable Energy Capacity Study	July 2009	Phase One Study report expected early 2010. Phase Two Study to be commissioned late 2009.	UDP Section 23 Core Strategy DPD Site Allocations DPD
Integrated Regeneration Study for Birkenhead and Wirral Waters	September 2009	Final report expected early 2010	Core Strategy DPD

Table 5.1 Evidence Base Studies - Progress

5.20 The findings of each study will be reported to Cabinet and published alongside the emerging Core Strategy DPD.

Local Development Orders

5.21 The power to make a Local Development Order to extend permitted development rights, introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, was enacted in April 2006.

5.22 There were no Local Development Orders in force in Wirral during 2008/09.

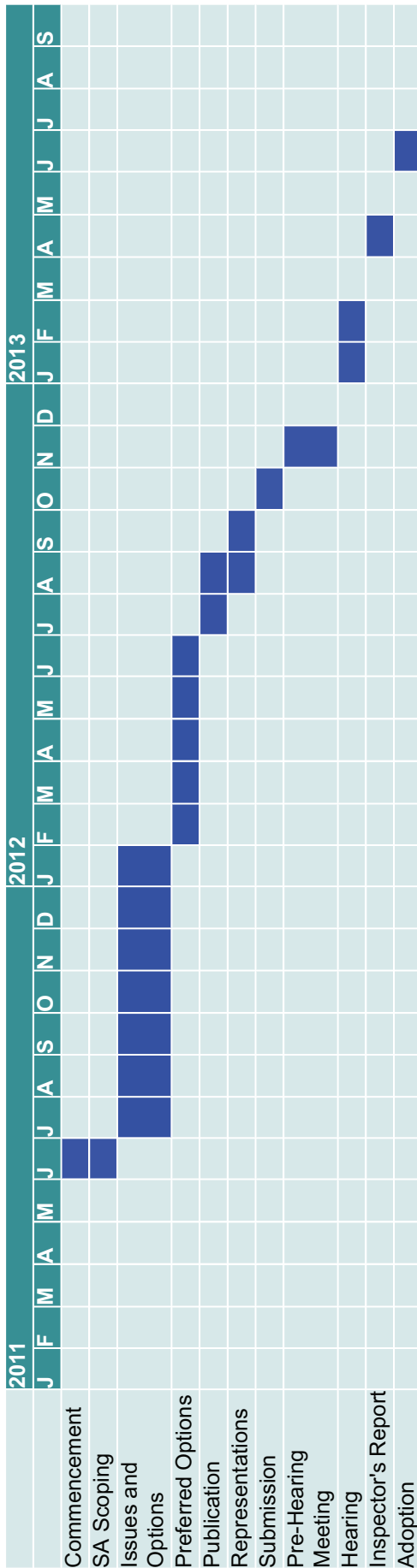


Table 5.4 Site Allocations Progress

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Table 5.5 Waste DPD Progress

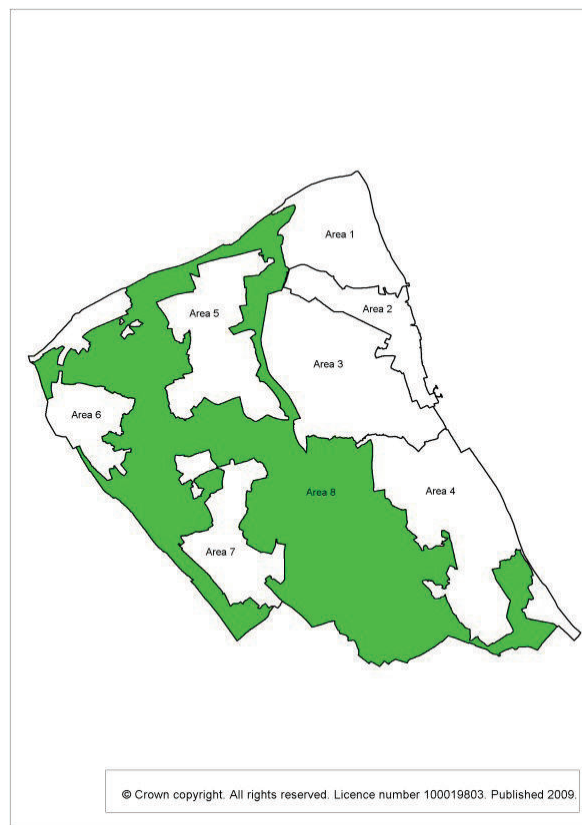
	Date Begun	Date Reported
Commencement	December 2006	
SA Scoping	December 2006	March 2007
Issues and Options (Reg 25)	March 2007	October 2008
Spatial Strategy and Sites (Reg 25)	November 2008	June 2009
Preferred Options (Reg 25)	Expected March 2010	

Table 5.6 Completed Stages

6 Emerging Issues

6.1 The Council consulted on the Issues, Vision and Objectives for the Core Strategy Development Plan Document in February 2009. The Core Strategy Spatial Options Report, to be published for public consultation towards the end of 2009, sets out a revised Spatial Portrait of the Borough, a revised Spatial Vision and series of revised Spatial Objectives.

6.2 To support an more focused spatial approach, the Council have divided the Borough into eight broad Settlement Areas:



Picture 6.1

6.3 The revised Spatial Objectives to be included in the Core Strategy Spatial Options Report are:

Spatial Objective 1 - Economic Revitalisation

To develop the Assisted Areas and Strategic Regional Sites in Settlement Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to revitalise, diversify and expand the Borough's economy and to increase rates of output, economic activity and employment to reach and maintain average levels of performance for the North West Region.

Spatial Objective 2 - Vacant Urban Land

To significantly reduce the proportion of vacant and underused land in Settlement Area 2 and Settlement Area 4 and the number of vacant and underused sites in Settlement Area 1 and Settlement Area 3.

Spatial Objective 3 - Housing Market Renewal

To support the revitalisation of the housing market and improved housing conditions in the southern parts of Settlement Area 1, Settlement Area 2 and the northern and eastern parts of Settlement Area 3.

Spatial Objective 4 - Housing Growth

To focus housing growth on the Mersey Heartlands Growth Point in Settlement Area 2 and the surrounding urban areas in Settlement Area 1 and Settlement Area 3.

Spatial Objective 5 - Social Inclusion

To focus development and investment to improve access to jobs and services and the living conditions, economic well being, housing choice, health, education and skills of communities living in areas ranked within the lowest twenty percent in the national Index of Multiple Deprivation for England.

Spatial Objective 6 - Transport Accessibility

To ensure that homes, jobs and services are provided in the most easily accessible locations to support: an increase in walking and cycling; the increased use of passenger rail services between Liverpool, Chester, Wrexham, New Brighton and West Kirby; and the increased use of other high frequency public transport services, particularly along the following main transport corridors:

- A41 Birkenhead to Chester (via B5136);
- B5137/A5137 Bromborough to Heswall;
- A522/B5138 Birkenhead to Heswall;
- A554 Birkenhead to New Brighton;
- A551 Seacombe to Arrowe Park;
- A5027/B5139 Birkenhead to West Kirby;
- A553 Birkenhead to Hoylake; and
- A540 Hoylake to Chester.

Spatial Objective 7 - Local Distinctiveness

To maintain the local distinctiveness and separation of settlements and the quality of residential areas by ensuring that the design, type, scale, nature, location and pattern of new development complements and enhances the character and appearance of Settlement Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Spatial Objective 8 - Green Infrastructure

To secure an equitable distribution of high quality green infrastructure to meet local needs for open space, sport, recreation, leisure, exercise, biodiversity and amenity; to support the new communities planned within the Newheartlands Pathfinder and the Mersey Heartlands Growth Point in Settlement Area 2; and to address other local shortfalls in Settlement Areas 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

Spatial Objective 9 - Countryside and Coast

To maintain and enhance the natural and semi-natural character and appearance of the Borough's coast and countryside in Settlement Area 8 and extend access to the Mersey coastline in Settlement Area 3 and Settlement Area 4.

Spatial Objective 10 - Climate Change

To ensure that all new development and investment will reduce the impact on global climate change and build in resilience to future climate change by minimising the risk of flooding in Settlement Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and by contributing to the target of reducing carbon emissions by 60% by 2025 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Spatial Objective 11 - Public Safety

To promote public safety and maintain the separation between sensitive uses and registered installations and processes and ensure that national air quality objectives continue to be achieved in Settlement Area 2 and Settlement Area 4.

6.4 The revised Spatial Vision to be included in the Core Strategy Spatial Options Report is:

Spatial Vision

A. By 2031, Wirral will be a Borough which offers a higher quality of life for all its residents and visitors;

B. The economic objectives of the Investment Strategy for Wirral will have been met; Wirral's economy will be strengthened and diversified; there will be a wide range of employment sites and premises served by modern communications and infrastructure which are attractive to existing businesses and inward investors; the Borough will be an attractive location for higher quality, better paying employers, particularly in the knowledge-based, high technology manufacturing and environmental technology sectors; and will be less dependent on jobs in retailing and public services;

C. Significant employment growth will have been focused on the designated Strategic Regional Sites at Birkenhead in Settlement Area 2; and at Wirral International Business Park in Settlement Area 4;

D. The population will have grown within Settlement Area 1, Settlement Area 2 and Settlement Area 3. Net out-migration from the Borough will have been reduced and there will be a higher proportion of younger age groups within the population as a whole;

E. Levels of unemployment and worklessness will have been significantly reduced and the skills base in Settlement Area 1, Settlement Area 2, Settlement Area 3, Settlement Area 4 and Settlement Area 5 will have been enhanced;

F. As a result of the Newheartlands Housing Market Renewal Initiative and the Mersey Heartlands Growth Point, Settlement Area 1, Settlement Area 2 and Settlement Area 3, will be seen as increasingly attractive places to live, through the promotion of sustainable, affordable, mixed communities and the provision of high quality, well designed, zero-carbon, mixed tenure housing, which will be capable of meeting the needs of all sectors of the community;

G. The amount of vacant and derelict land in the older urban areas of Settlement Area 1, Settlement Area 2, Settlement Area 3 and Settlement Area 4, will have been substantially reduced and used to secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits;

H. Settlement Area 2 will provide an enhanced and revitalised sub-regional centre as the retail, service and cultural centre of choice for all the Borough's residents, supported by a network of vital and viable district and local shopping centres;

I. Settlement Area 2 will be halfway through a long term transformational programme of development, achieving integrated, high density, mixed-use regeneration to re-create sustainable urban communities at the heart of the

older urban areas of east Wirral, securing thousands of new jobs and homes through the creation of new living and working markets in a world class environmental setting;

J. The potential of the Borough as a tourism destination will have been further developed by focusing on the quality of the natural environment and built heritage and the regeneration of the coastal resorts of New Brighton, West Kirby and Hoylake and the number of visitors and the proportion of jobs maintained will have increased;

K. The level of disparity in social, economic, environmental and health outcomes found in parts of Settlement Area 1, Settlement Area 2, Settlement Area 3, Settlement Area 4 and Settlement Area 5, will have been significantly reduced;

L. All new development will be suitably adapted to the potential impacts of climate change and flood risk, maximising energy efficiency and minimising carbon emissions and the consumption of water and other resources. Secure renewable, decentralised and low carbon sources of energy of an appropriate scale for Wirral will have been developed. All new residential developments will have been zero carbon from 2016 onwards and the Borough's total carbon emissions will have been cut by 60% by 2025;

M. The Borough will have maintained and enhanced a high quality urban and rural environment, with a fully established network of high quality green infrastructure including enhanced and safeguarded biodiversity and geodiversity resources. Local distinctiveness and heritage will be highly valued and supported by local controls over the design and character of new development;

N. The quantity of waste generated in the Borough and the proportion going to landfill will have been minimised through the promotion of sustainable waste management and a higher proportion of waste generated will be re-used, recycled or re-processed, locally or within the wider sub-region;

O. Transport and land use will have been co-ordinated to promote the most sustainable transport choices, to increase the number and proportion of journeys undertaken by public transport, walking and cycling; reduce the number and length of individual car journeys; and increase the amount of freight moved by rail and water; and

P. Public safety and crime prevention will be high priorities in the design and location of new development.

7 Glossary

Glossary

Terminology	Abbreviation	Explanation
Accession software		A computer software package designed to calculate the accessibility of local services.
Adoption		The stage at which the Council formally decides to adopt the final version of a Local Development Document to make it legally operative.
Allocated		The identification of a specific piece of land for a specific type of development in the Unitary Development Plan.
Allocation		The identification of a specific piece of land for a specific type of development in a Development Plan Document or the Unitary Development Plan.
Annual Monitoring Report	AMR	A written report, published by the Council towards the end of each calendar year, setting out progress on the delivery of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in Local Development Documents are being achieved.
Area Action Plan	AAP	A Development Plan Document setting out detailed proposals for an identified part of the Borough.
Building for Life		A Government endorsed standard method for assessing the quality of new housing development. Sites are scored against a series of twenty criteria which can be viewed at http://www.buildingforlife.org/
Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform	BERR	The Government Department responsible for economic performance, trade promotion and energy.
Cabinet		A group of Local Councillors appointed by the Council to take executive decisions on behalf of the Council.
Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment	CABE	The Government's advisor on architecture, urban design and public space.
Communities and Local Government	CLG	The Government Department responsible for planning, building and the environment.
Community Strategy		A strategy setting out the overall vision for the improvement of the area prepared under the Local Government Act 2000, now known as the Sustainable Community Strategy.
Conservation Area	CA	An identified area designated by the Council to allow the character and appearance of that area to be protected.

Terminology	Abbreviation	Explanation
Core Output Indicators		A measure used to determine whether key national policies are being achieved. The Indicators are defined by the Secretary of State and set out in national advice.
Core Strategy		A Development Plan Document setting out the spatial vision and general strategy for the Borough
Corporate Plan		A public document prepared by the Council setting out the Council's main priorities for the future.
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	DEFRA	The Government Department responsible for sustainable development, environmental protection and rural policy.
Department for Work and Pensions	DWP	The Government Department responsible for distributing national benefits and allowances such as jobseekers allowance, child support and pensions.
Development Plan		The statutory Development Plan for the Borough, comprising the Regional Spatial Strategy and the Unitary Development Plan, until the Unitary Development Plan has been replaced by the Development Plan Documents in the Local Development Framework. Individual planning decisions must be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
Development Plan Document	DPD	A Local Development Document with status as part of the Development Plan for the Borough.
Dock Estate		An area of land owned and operated by a port operator and set aside for port-related land uses in the Unitary Development Plan.
Examination in Public		The process undertaken to examine the content of a Regional Spatial Strategy before it is issued by the Secretary of State
Green Flag Award		An annual award based on a national standard for the maintenance of parks and open spaces
Growth Point		An area identified by the Government in which an accelerated level of housing delivery will be promoted
Housing Market Renewal Initiative Pathfinder Area	HMRI	The area of the Borough defined by the Secretary of State as the focus for public action to restructure the local housing market, also known as the Newheartlands Pathfinder, including parts of Birkenhead, Tranmere, Seacombe, Bidston and Liscard.
Initial Consultation		The stage at which the scope and content of an emerging Development Plan Document or Supplementary Planning Document is decided in consultation with stakeholders.

Terminology	Abbreviation	Explanation
Inspectors Report		The report prepared by the Inspector following an Independent Examination, the findings of which the Council must comply with before a Development Plan Document or Statement of Community Involvement can be adopted.
Interim Housing Policy Area	IHPA	The area of the Borough defined in the Council's Interim Planning Policy for New Housing Development (October 2005) as the target area for new housing development, focussed on New Brighton, Liscard, Seacombe, Leasowe, Birkenhead, Beechwood, Tranmere, Rock Ferry and parts of Bromborough.
Interim Planning Policy for New Housing Development (October 2005)		A policy document adopted by the Council, following public consultation, which sets out the Council's policies for the location of new housing development until an appropriate Development Plan Document is adopted.
Issues and Options Report		A written report published by the Council to invite comments on the issues that need to be addressed in a Development Plan Document and the options that are available for dealing with them.
Limehouse software		An internet-based computer software package designed to aid the more efficient handling of public consultation and the design and publishing of policy documents
Local Area Agreement	LAA	A formal agreement by the Council and other local service providers to meet a set of specific targets for the delivery of selected local services.
Local Development Document	LDD	A document prepared as part of the Local Development Framework for the Borough
Local Development Framework	LDF	The overall name for the collection of adopted Local Development Documents for the Borough.
Local Development Order		An Order made by the Council to enable a wider range of development to take place without the need to apply to the Council for planning permission.
Local Development Scheme	LDS	A document setting out the Council's proposals for the content of the Local Development Framework and the timetable for the preparation of individual Local Development Documents.
LTP Partnership		The partnership responsible for preparing the Local Transport Plan.
Multi Area Agreement	MAA	A multi-area agreement is designed to be cross-boundary local area agreement (LAA) bringing together key players in flexible

Terminology	Abbreviation	Explanation
		ways to tackle issues that are best addressed in partnership, at a regional and sub-regional level.
Mersey Heartlands Growth Point		An area, with the same boundary as the HMRI Pathfinder, which was designated as a New Growth Point in December 2008 to increase the national delivery of new housing.
Merseyside		The land area covered by the local Councils of Liverpool, Wirral, Sefton, Knowsley and St Helen's.
Milestone		The date by which a stage or action in the preparation of a Local Development Document must be begun, as set out in the Local Development Scheme.
Nomis		A database of official labour market statistics, run on behalf of the Office for National Statistics.
North West Metropolitan Area	NWMA	The area where a significant proportion of development and urban renaissance resources should be focussed, defined in Policy SD1 of Regional Planning Guidance for the North West as Wirral, east of the M53, plus Woodchurch, Leasowe, Wallasey and New Brighton.
Office of National Statistics	ONS	The Government Department responsible for collecting and publishing official statistics about the UK's society and economy.
Permitted Development		Development that can be undertaken without the need to apply to the Council for planning permission.
Planning Inspector		A person appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the Independent Examination of a Development Plan Document or Statement of Community Involvement.
Preferred Options		The stage at which the development options preferred by the Council, for inclusion in a Development Plan Document, are published, alongside an explanation of why they have been chosen.
Previously Developed Land	PDL	Land that is or was occupied by a permanent structure and associated fixed surface infrastructure. The full definition is set out in national advice published by the Secretary of State.
Primarily Industrial Area	PIA	An area of land set aside for primarily industrial land uses in the Unitary Development Plan.
Proposals Map		An annotated map showing the areas of land where the policies and proposals contained within the Unitary Development Plan or contained within in a Development Plan Document will apply.

Terminology	Abbreviation	Explanation
Regional Planning Guidance for the North West	RPG13	An old-style document published by the Secretary of State to guide the preparation of local Development Plans. Regional Planning Guidance is to be replaced by the new-style Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West. Regional Planning Guidance has legal status as the Initial Regional Spatial Strategy until the new-style Regional Spatial Strategy has been issued.
Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West	RSS	A statutory document, issued by the Secretary of State, setting out the vision and priorities for future development within the North West Region, which has status as part of the Development Plan for the Borough.
Registered Social Landlord	RSL	An organisation registered as a provider of housing to meet the needs of people unable to afford to own their own home.
Scheduled Ancient Monument	SAM	An identified area designated by the Secretary of State on the basis of its national importance for archaeology.
Secretary of State		The person appointed by the Prime Minister to have overall responsibility for the operation of the national planning system, currently the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
Site of Biological Importance	SBI	A site designated in the Unitary Development Plan on the basis of its local importance for nature conservation.
Site of Special Scientific Interest	SSSI	A site designated by the Secretary of State on the basis of its scientific importance for nature conservation and/or earth science.
Soundness		The standard against which a Development Plan Document or Statement of Community Involvement will be tested at an Independent Examination. The tests of soundness are set out in national policy published by the Secretary of State.
Stakeholder		A person or organisation with an interest in the future planning and development of the Borough
Statement of Community Involvement	SCI	A Local Development Document setting out local standards for community involvement in planning decisions.
Statutory		A document or process which has a special legal status, as set out in national law.
Strategic Environmental Assessment	SEA	A written assessment of the potential of the proposals contained within a Development Plan Document or Supplementary Planning Document to have significant effects on the environment, undertaken as part of the Sustainability Appraisal process.

Terminology	Abbreviation	Explanation
Strategic Regional Site	SRS	An area of land identified as a priority location for the promotion of the new business development needed by the North West Region.
Submission		The stage at which a Development Plan Document or Statement of Community Involvement is submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration at an Independent Examination
Super Output Area	SOA	A geographical unit containing about 1,500 people used as the basis for the collection and analysis of national statistics.
Supplementary Planning Document	SPD	A Local Development Document which provides additional information to assist in the delivery of an adopted policy within a Development Plan Document (or an adopted policy in the Unitary Development Plan until that policy has been replaced).
Sustainability Appraisal	SA	A written appraisal of the likely social, economic and environmental impact of the proposals contained within a Development Plan Document or Supplementary Planning Document.
Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report		A document published by the Council for public consultation to seek views on the content of the sustainability appraisal of a Local Development Document.
Sustainable Community Strategy	SCS	See "Community Strategy"
Sustainable Development		The idea of ensuring a better quality of life for everyone, now and for future generations.
The Mersey Partnership	TMP	The Sub Regional Partnership for Merseyside, responsible for the promotion of economic development, inward investment and tourism.
Unitary Development Plan	UDP	An old-style Development Plan, which will be progressively replaced by the new-style Development Plan Documents contained within the emerging Local Development Framework.
Use Class		A category of land use defined in national law.
Use Class A1	A1	Land uses falling within the category of shops.
Use Class A2	A2	Land uses falling within the category of financial and professional services.
Use Class B1 (a)	B1(a)	Land uses falling within the category of business, as an office which will not be used to provide services to the visiting public.
Use Class B1 (b)	B1(b)	Land uses falling within the category of business, which will be used for research and development.

Terminology	Abbreviation	Explanation
Use Class B1 (c)	B1(c)	Land uses falling within the category of business, for an industrial process that can be carried out within a residential area without harming the amenity of that area.
Use Class B2	B2	Land uses falling within the category of general industry, which could not be carried out in a residential area without harming the amenity of that area.
Use Class B8	B8	Land uses falling within the category of storage and distribution.
Use Class D2	D2	Land uses falling within the category of assembly and leisure.
Wirral Biodiversity Action Plan	WBAP	A document setting out local measures to enhance and safeguard Wirral's most important habitats and species.
Workshop		A meeting used for the purpose of public consultation to seek people's views on particular issues related to the preparation of a Local Development Document

8 Appendices

Appendix 1

Unitary Development Plan for Wirral - Policies and Proposals No Longer in Force

Part One Policies:

- Policy HSG1 – New Dwelling Requirement
- Policy WMT1 – Landfill Provision

Part Two Policies and Proposals:

- Policy EM10 – Birkenhead and Eastham Dock Estates
- Policy EM11 – Bidston Observatory and the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory
- Proposal HS2 – Land at Noctorum Way, Noctorum
- Proposal HS3 – Land to the East of Fender Farm, Moreton
- Proposal RE3 – New Neighbourhood Indoor Sports Facilities
- Proposal RE4 – New Neighbourhood Swimming Pool, Beechwood
- Policy RE5 – Criteria for the Protection of Playing Fields
- Policy RE7 – Criteria for the Protection of School Playing Fields
- Proposal TL3 – Land for Tourism Development at Wirral Waterfront
- Policy TL6 – The Control of Tourism in Port Sunlight
- Proposal TL8 – Land at the Former Derby Pool, New Brighton
- Proposal NC9 – Dibbinsdale Nature Centre
- Proposal TR4 – Birkenhead Central Bus Facility
- Policy WM10 – Requirements for the Environmental Assessment of Waste Disposal Facilities
- Policy WA7 – Heswall Drainage Catchment Area
- Policy CO3 – Tourism and Leisure in the Coastal Zone

Appendix 2 - Housing Land Supply Summary (April 2009)**Table 1 - Housing Land Supply at 31 March 2009 (Gross)**

	Previously Developed	Greenfield	Total
(i) New build sites identified			
Sites under construction > 0.4 ha	761	81	842
Units not started + under construction			
Sites not started > 0.4 ha	1,063	0	1,063
Units not started (with pp)			
Sites under construction < 0.4 ha	624	0	624
Units not started + under construction			
Sites not started < 0.4 ha	817	0	817
Units not started (with pp)			
Total identified sites	3,265	81	3,346
(ii) Future net gain from conversions	250	0	250
Total dwelling supply 2009-2014			3,596
% previously developed land			97.75%

Source WMBC Housing Land Availability

Notes: Sites in category (i) - New build, include greenfield commitments (sites under construction and not started with extant planning permission), together with all previously developed sites with extant planning permission or under construction.

The contribution to be made by net gain from conversions (category (ii)) is set at a rate of 50 units per annum for 5 years. This rate was recommended by the UDP Inquiry Inspector at paragraph 3.81 of his report. Actual rates are shown at Table 3.

Table 1 excludes a number of sites, particularly some allocated in the Council's UDP. The uncommenced UDP housing allocations have been treated as follows:

- HS1/4 North of Rose Brae - previously developed - not available (owner currently unwilling to dispose of for housing) - 130 units
- HS1/5 Laird Street Bus Depot - previously developed - not available (owner developed new bus depot) - 100 units
- HS1/7 Manor Drive - greenfield - no planning permission therefore discounted - 60 units
- HS1/12 SE Social Centre - greenfield - no planning permission therefore discounted - 15 units

Available supply to set against annual RSS requirement of 500 net units pa is 3,596 dwellings, representing 7.2 years supply, gross.

Appendix 2 - Housing Land Supply Summary (April 2009)

Table 2 - Recent Demolition Rates

A	B	C	D	E
Year	Total Demolitions	RSS Inner Area	RSS Outer Area	RSS Rural Area
2001/2002	303	255	8	40
2002/2003	450	325	73	52
2003/2004	212	110	89	13
2004/2005	419	256	138	25
2005/2006	277	113	153	11
2006/2007	215	164	25	26
2007/2008	230	205	12	13
2008/2009	242	195	43	4
5 year total	1,383	933	371	79
5 year annual average	277	187	74	16
Projected demolitions	250	200	40	10

Source Wirral MBC, both local authority and private sector demolitions

Notes: On-site replacement varies widely. One-for-one replacement is assumed, although most sites outside the NWMA are subject of on-site redevelopment proposal.

The figures for projected demolitions are those submitted to the RSS EIP based on an assumption of 200 demolitions pa within HMRI

The projected demolitions for the Outer Area are the projected demolitions submitted to the EIP for the former North West Metropolitan Area outside HMRI

Appendix 2 - Housing Land Supply Summary (April 2009)**Table 3 - Recent Net Change in Dwelling Stock**

A	B	C	D	E	F
Year	Total Demolitions	Total Net Conversions	Total New Build	Net Change (C+D)-B	Surplus above RSS
2001/2002	303	104	378	179	19
2002/2003	450	43	591	184	24
2003/2004	212	74	581	443	-57
2004/2005	419	81	440	102	-398
2005/2006	277	55	442	220	-280
2006/2007	215	115	606	506	6
2007/2008	230	155	639	564	64
2008/2009	242	154	422	334	-166
5 year total	1,383	560	2,549	1,726	-774
5 year annual average	277	112	510	345	-155

Source: Wirral MBC, both local authority and private sector demolitions

Notes: Figures for "Surplus above RSS" prior to 2003/04 relate to the previous RSS (March 2003) annual average housing requirement of 160 net new dwellings

Figures for "Surplus above RSS" from 2003/04 onwards relate to the latest RSS (September 2008) annual average housing requirement of 500 net new dwellings

Conversion performance is supported by a current supply of 604 units made up of 146 units from conversions with planning permission not started (net 94 units), 124 units from conversions under construction (net 84 units), 131 units from changes of use with planning permission not started (net 123 units) and 203 units from changes of use under construction (net 191 units) at 31 March 2009.

Appendix 2 - Housing Land Supply Summary (April 2009)

Table 4 - Windfall Site Generation

A	B	C	D	E	F
Year	Base New Build Supply	Gross Completions (including conversions)	Draft Year End Residual Supply (B-C)	Actual Year End New Build Supply	Derived New Build Windfalls (E-D)
2001/2002	2,426	525	1,901	2,289	388
2002/2003	2,289	645	1,644	1,580	-64
2003/2004	1,580	686	894	1,764	870
2004/2005	1,764	531	1,233	2,590	1,357
2005/2006	2,590	511	2,079	3,249	1,170
2006/2007	3,249	736	2,513	3,143	630
2007/2008	3,143	820	2,323	3,244	921
2008/2009	3,244	599	2,645	3,596	951
5 year annual average	2,798	640	2,159	3,165	1,006

Source: Wirral MBC, annual housing land availability schedules, new build completions, net and gross change from conversions

Note: 205 units discounted from supply from 2002/2003 onwards (see Table 1 above) as they are greenfield allocations without planning permission (PPS3) or previously developed allocations that are no longer currently available.

Appendix 3 - Housing Land Supply Schedule (April 2009)

Please see separate spreadsheet.

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR WIRRAL - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09 - APPENDIX 3																				
WIRRAL MBC - SCHEDULE OF COMMITTED RESIDENTIAL SITES - APRIL 2009																				
																			Units remaining	
Site ref	Address	Site Area	Ucon	Nstd	Planning App No.	Status	PP Date	date comm	Ten ure	dev type	land use	tot cap	area avail	density	land type	Inner	Outer	Rural	IHPA	Ward
NEW BUILD		SITES OF 0.40HA & OVER - UNDER CONSTRUCTION																		
W191710	S Noctorum Way, Noctorum HS1/1	2.35	6	2	W/APP/2000/5541	UC	16.06.2000	09.08.2000	P	3	UL01AH	51	0.37	21.70	g		y			Claughton
W191730	Noctorum Way, Noctorum HS1/1	3.85	60	0	W/APP/2003/5315	UC	06.06.2000	04.02.2002	P	3	UL01AH	105	2.20	27.27	g		y			Claughton
W005920	Leasowe Rd/Ditton La, Leas (Castle Grange	2.10	3	0	W/APP/1991/5739	UC	17.1.192	17.01.1992	P	1	UL01AH	78	2.10	37.14	g			y		Leasowe and Moreton East
W466420	S Ditton Lane, Leasowe HS1/2	4.05	1	0	W/APP/2000/6648	UC	06.01.1999	23.09.1999	O	3	UL01AH	95	0.04	23.46	g			y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East
W253920	Rowmac, Pump Lane, Greasby	2.62	2	0	W/APP/1997/6220	UC	17.01.1985	26.06.1987	P	3	AG08AA	58	0.09	22.18	g			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby
W006068	Ph2 Best Hms, W Millhs L, More	0.73	4	0	W/APP/1993/6477	UC	29.09.73	14.07.1993	P	3	UL01AH	30	0.10	41.10	g			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie
W006071	Earlsworth Close, Moreton	0.94	0	2	W/APP/1997/6916	NS	20.02.98	10.10.96	R	3	UL01AH	37	0.94	39.36	g			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie
W034430	Ph3, Barton Hey Drive, Caldý	4.99	1	0	W/APP/1998/6867	UC	10.05.99	25.06.98	R	3	UL01AH	42	4.99	8.42	g			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W537400	Aspendale Rd, Tranmere	0.60	1	1	W/APP/2005/5086	UC	18.02.2005	01.11.2005	H/O	1	UL01BA	20	0.06	33.33	b	y			y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
W538220	New Hey Rd, Woodchurch	0.43	11	2	W/APP/2005/5086	UC	18.02.2005	10.04.2006	R	3	UL01BA	19	0.29	44.39	b	y			y	Upton
W539510	N of Southend Social Centre, Tranmere	1.00	55	0	W/APP/2004/8021	UC	04.02.2005	16.01.2006	O	1	RS02AC	71	0.77	71.00	b	y			y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
W573910	Fiveways 1, Bedford Rd, Rochester Rd, Rock Ferry	4.44	72	56	W/OUT/2006/7397	UC	15.02.2008	16.07.2008	R	3	RS02A	128	4.44	28.83	b	y			y	Rock Ferry
W587100	Former Dell Primary School	1.20	21	46	W/APP/2008/5589	UC	15.08.2008	NA	R	3	ED01BC	67	1.196	56.02	b	y			y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W243420	Oakwood Dr/Tollemache Rd, Bidston	0.40	18	0	W/APP/2006/6165	UC	27.7.06	27/07/06	O	1	UL01BA	18	0.40	45.05	b		y		y	Bidston and St James
W535810	Berwick Close, Beechwood	3.02	0	23	W/APP/2004/6217	UC	20.08.2004	23.02.2007	O	1	UL01BA	54	1.29	17.88	b		y		y	Bidston and St James
W540300	Fairbeech Mews, Beechwood Drive, Beechwood	2.72	23	20	W/APP/2006/6529	UC	09.05.2005	29.06.2006	O	1	UL01BA	90	1.30	33.15	b		y		y	Bidston and St James
W550200	Hoylake Rd/St James Rd/Stanley Rd, Bidston	1.26	5	0	W/APP/2005/6970	UC	09.12.2005	05.06.2006	R	1	ST03AA	90	0.07	71.49	b		y		y	Bidston and St James
W566900	N/W/S 377-578 New Chester Road, Bromborough	5.54	23	137	W/APP/2007/5272	UC	15.12.2006	26.07.2007	P	1	MA03AG	192	5.54	34.66	b		y		y	Bromborough
W572600	Sydenham Ho, Port Causeway, Bromborough	0.88	24	2	W/APP/2007/6176	UC	05.10.2007	15.01.2008	P	1	MA04AA	47	0.49	53.41	b		y		y	Bromborough
W569200	Marymount Covent, Love Lane, Liscard	0.81	11	9	W/APP/2006/7267	UC	27.01.2006	08.06.2007	P	1	ED01B	57	0.28	70.24	b		y		y	Liscard
W521500	Fmr St Annes Prim Sch, Rock F	0.75	2	0	W/APP/1998/5493	UC	22.05.1998	28.07.1997	H	1	UL01BA	24	0.06	32.00	b		y		y	Rock Ferry
W524310	Ceres/Merle Dene, Eleanor Rd	4.83	1	3	W/APP/1995/5125	UC	10.11.95	10.11.1995	O	1	RS02AC	103	0.19	21.35	b		y			Bidston and St James
W521600	West Brow, Eleanor Rd, Bidston	0.70	1	2	W/APP/2000/7262	UC	09.03.2001	12.12.2001	O	1	RS02AC	8	0.26	11.40	b		y			Bidston and St James
W542100	Adj 84 Statham Rd, Bidston	1.32	0	1	W/APP/2006/5560	UC	24.07.2006	24.07.2006	O	2	UL01	33	0.04	24.92	b		y			Bidston and St James
W547100	Winthrop Pk, Howbeck Rd, Oxton	1.02	1	0	W/APP/1990	UC	29.05.1975	03.08.1980	P	1	UL01BA	10	0.10	9.80	b		y			Claughton
W431000	Fmr Birkenhead Institute, Toll	1.74	3	7	W/APP/1996/5212	UC	22.03.1995	01.07.1996	O	1	ED01DC	64	0.27	36.74	b		y			Claughton
W474300	Bidston Lodge, Vyner Rd S	0.41	4	0	W/APP/1999/7007	UC	23.12.1999	02.03.2000	O	1	CM04AC	4	0.41	9.76	b		y			Claughton
W540900	Cabin Club, Noctorum	0.40	12	2	W/APP/2004/7222	UC	02.11.2007	26.10.2007	O	1	UL01BA	15	0.37	37.50	b		y			Claughton
W376700	Rosefield, Plymyard Ave, Bromborough	0.54	1	0	W/APP/1994/6123	UC	01.11.94	25.11.1994	O	1	CM01CK	12	0.05	22.22	b		y			Eastham
W504500	Carlett Park, Eastham	2.98	33	0	W/APP/2000/6847	UC	16.08.2002	07.01.2003	O	1	ED01FB	86	1.14	28.86	b		y			Eastham
W413900	NE Eldon Ho, Village Rd, Oxton	0.47	6	0	W/APP/1997/6668	UC	27.05.98	28.4.98	O	2	RS02AC	7	0.40	14.91	b		y			Oxton
W535600	Fmr Bowler Hat Hotel, 2 Talbot Rd, Oxton	0.44	0	8	W/APP/2005/5328	UC	24.6.2005	04.08.2005	O	1	RS01	36	0.10	81.19	b		y			Oxton
W459300	Fmr Homecroft Nursing Home, Mountwood	0.88	1	0	W/APP/2001/5337	UC	21.10.1976	20.01.2000	O	1	CM01CK	4	0.22	4.53	b		y			Prenton
W521700	Leasowe Primary/Cameron Rd, Leasowe	2.05	16	52	W/APP/2006/5845	UC	05.09.2003	07.12.2006	O	1	UL01BA	131	1.06	63.90	b			y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East
W091500	Glen View, Raby Dr, Raby	0.64	1	0	W/APP/1994/6004	UC	14.10.1994	08.06.1995	P	1	RS02AC	3	0.21	4.70	b			y		Clatterbridge
W522500	Sandy Lane, Heswall	0.73	1	0	W/APP/2004/7149	UC	12.11.2004	21.02.2005	O	1	RS02AC	22	0.03	30.14	b			y		Heswall
W502100	N 23 Pine Tree Grove, Moreton	0.43	2	0	W/APP/2001/5938	UC	28.09.2001	15.05.2002	O	2	RS02AB	12	0.07	27.91	b			y		Leasowe and Moreton East
W006050	SW Millhouse PH, More	2.08	2	0	W/APP/1992/5912	UC	14.08.92	25.09.92	R	3	UL01AC	62	2.08	29.81	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie
W056800	Land adj Avoca 29 Broster Ave, Moreton	0.44	3	0	W/APP/2003/5636	UC	02.12.2003	02.12.2003	P	1	RS02AC	14	0.09	31.82	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie
W120200	Parkside Children's Home, Overchurch Rd	0.51	4	0	W/APP/2000/5832	UC	28.07.2000	24.04.2003	P	1	CM04AA	42	0.05	82.35	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie
W537800	W 59 Ford Way, Upton	0.45	11	0	W/APP/2004/6215	UC	23.07.2004	15.02.2006	O	1	UL01BA	13	0.38	28.82	b			y		Upton
W592000	Home Farm Road, Woodchurch	0.93	14	0	W/APP/2008/6459	UC	20.11.2008	20.03.2009	H	1	UL01BA	14	0.93	15.05	b			y		Upton
W327900	Gdn Sth Callotts, Mill Hey Rd, Calverley	0.47	1	0	W/APP/2000/5836	UC	16.06.2000	01.06.2005	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.47	2.13	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W478600	Larton Woods Dairy, Newton	1.72	0	2	W/APP/1999/6030	UC	09.12.1999	08.03.2000	O	1	RS03AA	43	0.08	24.97	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W519100	51-53 Column Rd, Newton	0.40	2	0	W/APP/2004/6008	UC	16.06.2004	20.09.2005	O	1	RS02AB	6	0.13	15.02	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W563900	Lee Farm, Station Rd, Thurstaston	0.62	1	0	W/APP/2007/5249	UC	04.04.2007	24.04.2007	P	1	RS03AA	1	0.62	1.61	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W572800	Tynenham, King Drive, Caldý	0.44	1	0	W/APP/2007/7268	UC	16.07.2008	24.01.2008	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.44	2.27	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
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NEW BUILD		SITES OF 0.40HA & OVER - NOT STARTED WITH PP																		
W186300	Land at 537 New Chester Rd, Tranmere	1.20	0	96	W/APP/2007/5888	NS	13.07.2007	NA			1	WH01AC	96	1.20	80.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry
W572500	156-162 Bedford Rd, Rock Ferry	0.43	0	32	W/DLS/2008/6932	NS	18.05.2007	NA	P	2	RT01	32	0.43	74.42	b	y			y	Rock Ferry

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W573920	Fiveways 2, Bedford Rd, Rochester Rd, Roc	2.35	0	135	W/OUT/2006/7396	NS	05.10.2007	NA	R	3	RS02A	135	2.35	57.45	b	y		y	Rock Ferry
W579000	Church Road, Tranmere	3.38	0	155	W/OUT/2007/6066	NS	25.01.2008	NA	P	1	UL01BA	233	2.25	68.93	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
W581900	S Whitford Road, Tranmere	0.83	0	56	W/DLS/2008/5609	NS	26.10.2007	NA	R	1	UL01BA	56	0.83	67.47	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
W593600	Rear 11-25 Mossy Bank, Liscard	0.83	0	34	W/APP/2008/6685	NS	30.01.2009	NA	H	1	RS02AH	34	0.83	40.96	b	y		y	Liscard
W594100	79 Gorsey Lane Poulton	1.48	0	70	W/APP/2008/6955	NS	06.03.2009	NA	H	1	ED01	70	1.48	47.30	b	y		y	Seacombe
W581800	Fmr 50-94 & 45 Whitford Rd & 40 Fountain S	1.12	0	56	W/APP/2008/5609	NS	20.06.2008	NA	H	1	UL01BA	56	1.12	50.00	b		y	y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W516500	Mount Primary School, New Brighton	0.56	0	17	W/OUT/2005/7331	NS	06.01.2006	NA	O	1	ED01BC	17	0.56	30.55	b		y	y	New Brighton
W566100	Marine Promenade, New Brighton	0.90	0	37	W/APP/2007/5526	NS	18.05.2007	NA	P	1	LE01DG	37	0.90	41.11	b		y	y	New Brighton
W552000	Dane Motors, Storeton Rd, Higher Bebington	0.40	0	12	W/OUT/2005/7032	NS	08.11.2005	NA	P	1	RT01DD	12	0.40	29.79	b		y		Bebington
W486400	5 Morello Drive, Spital	0.44	0	5	W/APP/2009/5023	NS	22.01.2004	NA	O	1	RS02AC	5	0.44	11.42	b		y		Clatterbridge
W547720	Flaybrick Water Works, Boundary Rd, Bidsto	0.46	0	14	W/OUT/2005/6212	NS	18.11.2005	NA	P	1	UT03AA	14	0.46	30.68	b		y		Claughton
W550100	23-31 Vyner Rd South, Bidston	1.20	0	12	W/APP/2008/5989	NS	22.08.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AC	12	1.20	10.03	b		y		Claughton
W594000	864 New Chester Rd, Bromborough	0.53	0	49	W/APP/2008/6946	NS	20.02.2009	NA	H	1	CM04AC	49	0.53	92.45	b		y		Eastham
W556000	Lewis Reed, Woodchurch Rd, Prenton	1.04	0	69	W/OUT/2005/6869	NS	18.11.2005	NA	P	1	RT01DD	69	1.04	66.35	b		y		Oxton
W225100	N Hawkstone, Stanley Ave, Be	0.56	0	3	W/DLS/2007/6795	NS	15.02.2008	NA	O	2	RS02AC	3	0.56	5.36	b		y		Prenton
W566700	Warren Point, 51A&53 Warren Drive, New Bi	0.44	0	18	W/DLS/2007/6959	NS	26.09.2006	NA	P	1	RS02AC	18	0.44	40.91	b		y		Wallasey
W562800	Runnymede, 7 Croft Drive, Caldy	0.41	0	2	W/APP/2006/5593	NS	05.06.2006	NA	P	1	RS02AB	2	0.41	4.88	b			y	West Kirby and Thurstaston
W579400	Odd Acre, Montgomery Hill, Caldy	0.41	0	1	W/APP/2007/7331	NS	07.03.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.41	2.44	b			y	West Kirby and Thurstaston
W595800	Fmr St Benedicts School, Woodchurch	3.05	0	190	W/APP/2007/6459	NS	27.01.2009	NA	P	1	ED01	190	3.05	62.30	b			y	Upton
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ALLOCATIONS		SITES OF 0.40HA & OVER - NOT INCLUDED																	
W176820	Ph2 Priory Wharf, Birkenhead HS1/4		2.05	0	130	NS				1	UL01BA	120	2.22	58.62	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
HS1/7	W Manor Drive, Moreton HS1/7		3.04	0	60	NS				3	AG08AA	60	3.04	19.74	g				Leasowe and Moreton East

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NEW BUILD		SITES UNDER 0.40HA - UNDER CONSTRUCTION																				
W557100	Garage, 112 Rodney St, Tranmere		0.24	4	0	W/APP/2008/6913	UC	13.06.2008			P	2	TR02AA	4	0.24	16.92	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W462500	Fmr Maternity Hospital, Grange Mount		0.20	12	0	W/APP/2001/6105	UC	10.05.1975	20.07.2005	H	1	UL01BA	12	0.20	61.10	b	y		y	Cloughton		
W589300	Cleared Site Old Chester Road Tranmere		0.18	21	0	W/APP/2008/6064	UC	22.08.2008	23.03.2009	H	1	UL01BA	21	0.18	116.67	b	y		y	Rock Ferry		
W541900	55 Rock Lane West, Rock Ferry		0.16	17	0	W/APP/2004/7923	UC	28.01.2005	21.11.2007	O	1	RS02AC	17	0.16	106.25	b	y		y	Rock Ferry		
W518110	63 Victoria Road, Tranmere		0.13	6	0	W/APP/2005/5258	UC	31.03.2005	09.05.2006	O	1	RS02AC	6	0.13	46.15	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W527900	72-74 Liscard Rd, Egremont		0.13	8	0	W/APP/2003/7271	UC	02.04.2004	10.06.2005	O	1	RT02AA	10	0.10	76.92	b	y		y	Seacombe		
W525100	Fmr Cinema, King St, Egremont		0.13	19	0	W/APP/2005/6037	UC	24.06.2005	22.10.2007	O	1	LE01DB	19	0.13	148.79	b	y		y	Liscard		
W551500	SW Rose & Crown PH, Poulton Rd, Poulton		0.12	5	0	W/APP/2005/7281	UC	16.01.2006	30.10.2007	P	1	UL02AB	5	0.12	40.68	b	y		y	Seacombe		
W518500	Rr 22 Croft La, Bromborough		0.10	2	0	W/APP/2004/5437	UC	30.04.2004	31.08.2005	O	2	RS02AJ	2	0.10	20.00	b	y		y	Bromborough		
W588200	LAND IN STRINGHEY ROAD REAR OF 2-11		0.09	7	0	W/APP/2008/5379	UC	19.05.2008	11.03.2009	H	1	UL01	7	0.09	77.78	b	y		y	Liscard		
W288400	N 25 Queens Rd, Rock Ferry		0.09	5	0	W/APP/2001/5746	UC	01.10.2004	01.10.2004	O	1	UL01BA	5	0.09	55.56	b	y		y	Rock Ferry		
W256720	Chatham Rd/Canterbury Rd, Rock Ferry		0.08	8	0	W/APP/2003/7606	UC	27.07.2004	NA	R	1	UL01BA	8	0.08	100.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry		
W447000	154-164 Borough Rd, Seacombe		0.07	15	0	W/APP/2005/6633	UC	07.10.2005	22.09.2006	O	1	CM06BB	15	0.07	213.31	b	y		y	Seacombe		
W518120	Rr 63 Victoria Road, Tranmere		0.06	4	0	W/APP/2006/6953	UC	27.11.2006	09.05.2006	O	1	RS02AC	6	0.04	94.15	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W494100	E 31 Peel Ave, Tranmere		0.06	2	0	W/APP/2003/5065	UC	07.03.2003	02.07.2004	O	2	UL01AH	2	0.06	33.33	b	y		y	Rock Ferry		
W560100	N 13 Mallaby St, Birkenhead		0.06	9	0	W/APP/2005/6290	UC	27.01.2006	05.10.2007	P	1	MA	9	0.06	157.70	b	y		y	Bidston and St James		
W413800	14 Rock Lane West Rock Ferry		0.05	1	2	W/APP/2005/5819	UC	03.06.2005	04.06.2008	O	1	RS02AA	3	0.05	60.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry		
W526300	2-8 Balls Rd, Oxton		0.05	15	0	W/APP/2007/6946	UC	09.11.2007	21.01.2009	R	1	UL01BA	15	0.05	300.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W370000	SW 2 Sherlock Lane, Poulton		0.04	2	0	W/APP/1990/7529	UC	01.02.1991	31.10.1991	O	2	UL01BA	2	0.04	50.00	b	y		y	Seacombe		
W400900	W 9 Sherlock La/N 6 Norwood Rd, Poulton		0.04	1	0	W/OUT/2002/5069	UC	07.03.2002	21.04.2004	O	1	UL01BA	1	0.04	25.00	b	y		y	Seacombe		
W536900	11 Elm Grove, Tranmere		0.04	1	0	W/APP/2005/6271	UC	24.08.2005	19.10.2005	O	1	UL01BA	1	0.04	25.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W542500	171-179 Rodney St, Tranmere		0.03	1	3	W/APP/2005/7831	UC	24.01.2006	24.01.2006	O	1	UL01BA	4	0.03	116.89	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W560000	75-79 Holt Hill, Tranmere		0.03	2	0	W/APP/2005/7568	UC	05.01.2006	07.09.2007	P	1	UL01BA	2	0.03	58.94	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W478000	W21 Marquis Street, Tranmere		0.03	2	0	W/APP/2003/6914	UC	22.10.2003	18.06.2004	O	1	RS02AH	2	0.03	66.67	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W501600	38-40 Victoria Rd, Tranmere		0.03	3	0	W/APP/2007/6466	UC	10.09.2007	25.10.2007	P	2	RS02AC	3	0.03	100.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W539900	N 6 Norwood Rd, Poulton		0.02	2	0	W/APP/2002/7130	UC	16.12.2002	25.11.2003	O	1	UL01BA	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe		
W555900	Adj 112F Manor Rd, Liscard		0.02	1	0	W/APP/2007/6266	UC	19.10.2007	02.12.2008	P	1	RS02AG	1	0.02	50.00	b	y		y	Liscard		
W570600	S 109 Holt Hill, Tranmere		0.02	2	0	W/APP/2007/5095	UC	19.03.2007	07.09.2007	P	2	RS02AC	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W531500	Adj 49 Dingle Rd, Tranmere		0.02	1	0	W/APP/2007/6233	UC	24.08.2007	16.06.2009	P	2	UL01BA	1	0.02	50.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W549600	Builders Yd, adj 11 Ash Rd, Birkenhead		0.02	2	0	W/APP/2005/6510	UC	26.09.2005	24.04.2007	P	1	ST02AA	2	0.02	100.65	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W535500	Taylormade, 45 Ridley St, Birkenhead		0.02	2	0	W/APP/2004/6548	UC	27.08.2004	07.12.2004	O	1	OF01AK	2	0.02	127.71	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W564900	176A Bedford Road, Rock Ferry		0.01	3	0	W/APP/2006/6070	UC	25.09.2006	28.04.2008	O	1	RS02AE	3	0.01	300.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry		
W583900	Adj 53 Hampstead Rd, Poulton		0.01	1	0	W/APP/2007/6342	UC	17.08.2007	10.11.2008	P	1	UL01BA	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe		
W055700	W Hillcote, 66 Bidston Village Rd, Bidston		0.10	2	0	W/APP/2005/5097	UC	19.04.2006	17.01.2007	R	2	UL01BA	5	0.10	50.00	b		y	y	Bidston and St James		
W511200	19 Fountain St, Tranmere		0.05	6	0	W/APP/2002/7394	UC	05.02.2003	29.09.2003	O	1	UL01BA	6	0.05	120.00	b		y	y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W511400	E 28 Kingsland Rd, Oxton		0.02	3	0	W/APP/2002/6936	UC	01.11.2002	30.01.2006	O	1	UL01BA	3	0.02	150.00	b		y	y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W566200	Adj 2 Belmont, Birkenhead		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2006/6727	UC	27.10.2006	14.08.2007	P	1	RS02AH	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	Birkenhead and Tranmere		
W541100	Continental Landscapes, Wharf St, Port Sun		0.30	21	0	W/APP/2004/7202	UC	12.01.2005	13.02.2007	O	1	ST02AC	21	0.30	69.47	b		y	y	Bromborough		
W545000	65 Stanley Rd, New Ferry		0.06	3	0	W/APP/2005/5297	UC	05.04.2005	23.10.2007	O	1	RS02AC	3	0.06	51.76	b		y	y	Bromborough		
W494500	Adj 99 New Chester Rd, New Ferry		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2001/5113	UC	09.03.2001	12.07.2004	O	1	UL01BA	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	Bromborough		
W551800	36-38 Manor Road, Liscard		0.08	7	0	W/APP/2005/7818	UC	02.03.2006	13.06.2006	P	1	UL02AB	7	0.08	89.56	b		y	y	Liscard		
W162600	Wallasey Sch of Ballet, St Hilary Brow		0.07	2	0	W/APP/2005/6402	UC	24.08.2005	21.11.2005	P	1	ED01FI	2	0.07	28.57	b		y	y	Liscard		
W559200	Hotel Victoria, Albion St, New Brighton		0.38	41	0	W/APP/2005/7397	UC	06.01.2006	02.10.2008	P	1	RT03AA	41	0.38	108.09	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W194600	W & N 235/237 Rake Lane, New Brighton		0.33	17	0	W/APP/2001/6109	UC	23.08.2001	23.08.2001	P	1	RT01	17	0.33	51.52	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W456100	Fountain Garage, 219A Rake La, New Bright		0.16	12	0	W/APP/2003/7377	UC	25.04.1997	26.01.2006	O	1	RT02AA	12	0.16	76.97	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W549200	Wellington House Hotel, 65 Wellington Rd, N		0.11	12	0	W/APP/2005/6470	UC	07.10.2005	02.11.2006	P	1	RS01AB	12	0.11	108.50	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W546900	Nags Head car park, 204 Rake Lane, New B		0.08	9	0	W/APP/2005/7040	UC	23.12.2005	05.06.2006	P	1	RT03AA	9	0.08	108.36	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W501300	Albion Garages, Albion St, New Brighton		0.08	1	0	W/APP/2003/7007	UC	28.11.2003	19.04.2004	O	1	TR01DD	7	0.01	91.15	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W525900	11 Atherton St, New Brighton		0.06	5	0	W/APP/2005/5808	UC	15.08.2005	13.12.2004	O	1	CM01CK	5	0.06	78.68	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W425500	18 Grosvenor Road, New Brighto		0.05	3	0	W/APP/1994/6366	UC	20.10.1994	29.10.1996	O	1	RT02AA	5	0.03	100.00	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W569700	9A Grosvenor Rd, New Brighton		0.02	3	0	W/APP/2007/5364	UC	08.05.2007	06.07.2007	P	1	ST02AA	3	0.02	150.00	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W578000	Rr 27 Magazine Brow, New Brighton		0.02	1	0	W/APP/2007/7560	UC	15.02.2008	12.11.2008	R	1	TR02CC	1	0.02	50.00	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W054000	North of (adj) 15 Curzon Avenue New Bright		0.02	1	0	W/APP/2007/6728	UC	03.04.2008	10.03.2009	P	1	RS02AH	1	0.02	50.00	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W571700	S 1 Clwyd St, New Brighton		0.02	2	0	W/APP/2008/5359	UC	22.04.2008	02.11.2007	P	2	TR02CC	2	0.02	102.41	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W457300	28 Molyneux Drive, New Brighton		0.01	1	0	W/APP/2002/6795	UC	01.11.2002	15.05.2003	O	2	RS02AH	1	0.01	100.00	b		y	y	New Brighton		
W523600	N 353/355 Old Chester Rd, Rock Ferry		0.09	12	0	W/APP/2008/5212	UC	31.12.2003	12.07.2008	R	1	UL01BA	12	0.09	133.33	b		y	y	Rock Ferry		
W499900	S 62 Egerton Park, Bebington		0.06	1	0	W/APP/2001/6984	UC	11.01.2002	12.02.2002	O	2	RS02	1	0.06	16.67	b		y	y	Rock Ferry		
W572200	Adj 577 Old Chester Rd, Higher Bebington		0.02	1	0	W/APP/2007/5931	UC	10.07.2007	11.12.2007	P	2	UL01	1	0.02	50.00	b		y	y	Rock Ferry		
W548400	Blders Yd, 28 Village Rd, Higher Bebington		0.13	7	1	W/APP/2005/6334	UC	08.11.2005	16.02.2007	P	1	RT	8	0.13	60.06	b		y	y	Bebington		

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W115600	73 Village Rd, Higher Bebington		0.09	9	0	W/APP/2004/5103	UC	27.02.2004	14.07.2006	R	1	OF01	9	0.09	100.00	b		y			Bebington
W59110	Vacant plot between 56 & 58 Juliet Avenue H		0.09	6	0	W/APP/2008/6342	UC	25.09.2008	03.03.2009	H		ULO1A	6	0.09	66.67	b		y			Bebington
W484400	NE 6 Highcroft Ave, Bebington		0.07	2	0	W/APP/2000/5315	UC	31.03.2000	12.07.2000	O	2	RS02AG	2	0.07	28.57	b		y			Bebington
W472100	58 Village Rd, Higher Bebington		0.07	3	0	W/APP/2000/6350	UC	29.09.2000	17.02.2003	O	1	TR02	3	0.07	46.08	b		y			Bebington
W521900	Adj 11 Kingsbrook Way, Higher Bebington		0.03	1	0	W/APP/2004/5666	UC	29.04.2004	14.02.2005	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.03	35.89	b		y			Bebington
W558300	Rr 29-31 Heath Rd, Bebington		0.02	1	0	W/APP/2005/7304	UC	16.12.2005	16.02.2007	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.02	50.89	b		y			Bebington
W517400	N 4A The Village, Bebington		0.01	1	0	W/APP/2005/7166	UC	29.12.2005	04.11.2008	O	2	ST02AA	1	0.01	81.30	b		y			Bebington
W466000	3-5 Town Lane Bebington		0.01	1	0	W/APP/1998/6533	UC	12.07.1967	09.02.2009	O	1	RT01CF	1	0.01	100.00	b		y			Bebington
W541400	Fmr Tyre Depot, 39 Old Chester Rd, Bebingt		0.09	10	0	W/APP/2007/5023	UC	30.03.2007	09.05.2008	O	1	RT02AA	10	0.09	112.76	b		y			Bebington
W489600	Cabot Engineering, Lodge La, Port		0.18	10	0	W/APP/2000/5968	UC	28.07.2000	31.05.2001	O	1	OF01AE	10	0.18	55.56	b		y			Bromborough
W532700	Adj 50 The Rake, Bromborough		0.05	1	0	W/APP/2004/6614	UC	27.09.2004	14.03.2005	O	1	RS02AG	1	0.05	21.23	b		y			Bromborough
W519000	Mill Hill, Poulton Royd Dr, Poulton Spital		0.31	1	0	W/APP/2005/6321	UC	20.07.2005	27.07.2005	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.31	3.18	b		y			Clatterbridge
W501800	Dibbinsdale Lodge, Dibbinsdale Rd		0.20	1	0	W/APP/2001/7275	UC	08.01.2002	02.04.2002	O	1	CM04AC	1	0.20	5.00	b		y			Clatterbridge
W322200	S Alston 108 Brookhurst Rd, Br		0.19	1	0	W/APP/1999/5490	UC	21.05.1999	20.5.1999	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.19	5.26	b		y			Clatterbridge
W363200	S Chapel Dale, 42 Spital Rd, Poulton/Spital		0.12	1	0	W/APP/1998/6319	UC	15.03.1990	07.10.1998	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.12	8.33	b		y			Clatterbridge
W316500	Brookhurst Close, Eastham		0.11	2	0	W/APP/2000/6113	UC	23.10.1998	18.12.2007	O	1	RS02AB	2	0.11	18.18	b		y			Clatterbridge
W537300	11 Bellward Close, Spital		0.09	1	0	W/APP/2005/6466	UC	06.09.2005	03.11.2005	O	1	RS02AB	2	0.05	22.22	b		y			Clatterbridge
W442700	97 St Andrews Rd, Bebington		0.07	1	0	W/APP/2002/7677	UC	15.04.1996	06.03.2007	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.07	13.97	b		y			Clatterbridge
W538800	Rr 97/99 Brookhurst Ave, Bromborough		0.05	1	0	W/APP/2006/6161	UC	10.08.2004	24.10.2006	O	2	RS02A	1	0.05	20.62	b		y			Clatterbridge
W524400	Rr 20/22 Brookhurst Rd, Bromborough		0.03	1	0	W/APP/2004/6696	UC	08.09.2004	29.09.2004	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.03	32.24	b		y			Clatterbridge
W255600	Rr 52 Church Rd, Bebington		0.03	1	0	W/APP/2001/5649	UC	22.07.2002	22.07.2002	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.03	33.33	b		y			Clatterbridge
W477000	Danehurst, Raby Drive, Raby		0.03	1	0	W/APP/2000/5394	UC	20.04.2000	17.02.2000	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.03	33.33	b		y			Clatterbridge
W506500	33-37 Gardens Road, Bebington		0.03	3	0	W/APP/2002/5365	UC	05.04.2002	17.12.2002	O	1	TR02CC	3	0.03	100.00	b		y			Clatterbridge
W531700	Rr of 30/34 Vyner Rd, South, Bidston		0.38	1	0	W/APP/2004/6849	UC	24.09.2004	26.01.2005	O	2	RS02AC	3	0.13	7.88	b		y			Cloughton
W558510	Rocklands & Gorsebank, Upton Rd, Clought		0.37	16	0	W/APP/2005/7302	UC	06.01.2006	27.04.2007	P	1	RS02AG	18	0.33	48.53	b		y			Cloughton
W549900	Great Western Social Club, 8 Park Rd West,		0.29	20	0	W/APP/2005/6847	UC	18.11.2005	02.08.2007	P	1	CM06BE	20	0.29	69.93	b		y			Cloughton
W526500	SE 151-153 Upton Rd, Bidston		0.20	1	0	W/APP/2006/6217	UC	10.08.2006	24.08.2006	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.20	5.00	b		y			Cloughton
W331000	S Beech House, Noctorum Road		0.19	1	0	W/OUT/1989/7705	UC	19.9.1990	16.01.1990	O	2	RS02AC	3	0.06	15.92	b		y			Cloughton
W514000	SW Tree Tops, Noctorum R, Noct		0.16	1	0	W/APP/1991/5831	UC	05.07.1991	21.09.2003	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.16	6.25	b		y			Cloughton
W591200	E 125 Shrewsbury R, Cloughton		0.12	4	0	W/APP/2002/6373	UC	26.09.2002	10.07.2003	O	2	RS02AC	4	0.12	33.81	b		y			Cloughton
W515500	W The Grange, Budworth R, Noct		0.11	0	1	W7108	UC	27.05.1977	21.04.1978	O	2	RS02AC	2	0.06	18.18	b		y			Cloughton
W559400	Rr Honeywood, St Davids La, Noctorum		0.10	1	0	W/APP/2006/6556	UC	13.12.2005	15.05.2007	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.10	10.00	b		y			Cloughton
W551300	2 Noctorum Avenue, Noctorum		0.08	3	0	W/APP/2004/7043	UC	07.10.2004	28.09.2004	O	1	RS02AC	3	0.08	37.50	b		y			Cloughton
W516300	S 3 Forest Road, Cloughton		0.03	1	0	W/APP/2006/7556	UC	08.02.2007	17.04.2007	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.03	33.33	b		y			Cloughton
W566700	W of 12 Mill Park Drive, Eastham		0.33	6	0	W/APP/2006/5993	UC	16.8.2006	29.01.2008	P	1	RT01AG	6	0.33	18.18	b		y			Eastham
W471600	18 Plymyard Ave, Eastham		0.16	1	0	W/APP/1998/6862	UC	22.02.1999	13.03.2000	O	1	RS02AC	4	0.04	25.00	b		y			Eastham
W078100	Rr 154 Eastham Rake, Eastham		0.11	1	0	W/APP/2005/6204	UC	04.08.2005	01.05.2009	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.11	8.72	b		y			Eastham
W551700	185 Raeburn Avenue, Eastham		0.05	1	0	W/APP/2005/7225	UC	01.03.2006	16.06.2006	P	2	RS02AG	1	0.05	20.00	b		y			Eastham
W468800	Rr 11 St David Road, Eastham		0.04	1	0	W/APP/1998/6126	UC	11.09.1998	02.07.1999	O	1	RS02AG	1	0.04	25.00	b		y			Eastham
W535300	W Redcliffe, 34 Wellington Rd, New Brighton		0.05	1	0	W/APP/2004/6400	UC	08.11.2004	100.6.2005	O	2	RS02A	1	0.05	18.95	b		y			New Brighton
W066600	Westridge, Ingestre R, Oxton		0.29	0	1	W/APP/1991/5763	UC	07.06.1991	NA	O	1	RS02AA	6	0.29	20.69	b		y			Oxton
W496900	Fmr St Saviours Parish Hall, Storeton Rd		0.12	2	0	W/APP/2001/5200	UC	17.05.2001	15.05.2002	O	1	UL01BA	12	0.02	100.00	b		y			Oxton
W502800	26 Welford Ave, Prenton		0.10	2	0	W/APP/2001/7236	UC	15.03.2002	27.05.2002	O	1	RS02AC	4	0.05	40.00	b		y			Oxton
W522600	E Holm Cottage, Holmside La, Oxton		0.08	1	0	W/APP/2003/6082	UC	29.09.2003	22.05.2008	P	2	RS02AC	2	0.04	25.00	b		y			Oxton
W547800	2A Gerald Rd, Oxton		0.07	5	0	W/APP/2005/6232	UC	10.08.2005	22.03.2007	P	1	RS02AB	5	0.07	67.51	b		y			Oxton
W376400	S 74 Slatery R, Oxton		0.04	3	0	W/APP/1993/5724	UC	05.07.1991	05.06.1998	O	1	UL01BA	3	0.04	75.00	b		y			Oxton
W505100	Pershore House Sch, 9 Prenton La, Prenton		0.39	6	0	W/APP/2002/6661	UC	18.10.2002	17.09.2002	O	1	ED	24	0.10	61.54	b		y			Prenton
W132500	W & S Braeside, 13 Prenton La, Pren		0.28	1	0	W/APP/2002/7637	UC	26.03.1979	23.10.2003	P	2	RS02AC	2	0.14	7.14	b		y			Prenton
W153400	Oriel Court Nursing Home, 28 Prenton La, Pr		0.18	4	0	W/APP/2005/6569	UC	26.08.2005	05.01.2006	P	1	CM01CK	28	0.03	153.01	b		y			Prenton
W572300	6 St Stephens Rd, Prenton		0.11	1	0	W/APP/2007/5768	UC	21.08.2007	11.12.2007	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.11	9.09	b		y			Prenton
W068820	Adj 57 Osmaston Rd, Prenton		0.05	1	0	W/APP/2007/6637	UC	12.11.2007	23.04.2009	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.05	20.00	b		y			Prenton
W326100	S 34 Kenmore Rd, Prenton		0.04	1	0	W/APP/1988/5487	UC	19.05.1988	04.12.1989	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.04	25.00	b		y			Prenton
W414400	Adj 15 Prenton Village Rd, Prenton		0.03	2	0	W/APP/2006/5585	UC	25.05.2006	27.11.2007	O	1	TR02CC	2	0.03	66.67	b		y			Prenton
W500600	W 3 Durley Drive, Prenton		0.03	1	0	W/APP/2001/6768	UC	19.10.2001	27.03.2003	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.03	35.09	b		y			Prenton
W361700	Adj 12 Moss Grove, Prenton		0.03	1	0	W/APP/2001/5966	UC	14.09.1990	16.10.2006	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.03	36.90	b		y			Prenton
W555000	Fmr Warren Club, 151 Grove Rd, Wallasey V		0.10	3	0	W/APP/2006/5122	UC	15.03.2006	02.08.2006	P	1	CM06BE	9	0.03	89.37	b		y			Wallasey
W477700	10 Grove Road, Wallasey Village		0.06	7	0	W/APP/2005/5011	UC	22.06.2005	17.08.2005	O	1	ST03AD	7	0.06	118.64	b		y			Wallasey
W561500	14 Castlefields, Leasowe		0.10	1	0	W/APP/2006/7103	UC	29.12.2006	18.09.2007	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.10	10.10	b		y	y		Leasowe and Moreton East
W499100	6 Castlefields Estate, Leasowe		0.10	1	0	W/APP/2006/6608	UC	12.12.2006	03.01.2												

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W515400	Castle View, Ditton La, Leasowe			0.06	1	0	W/APP/2003/6576	UC	12.11.2003	27.01.2004	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.06	18.04	b			y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East	
W565700	Belgrano, 27 Castlefields, Leasowe			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2006/6715	UC	18.10.2006	06.09.2007	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.04	25.00	b			y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East	
W559300	S 42 Ravenhill Crescent, Leasowe			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2006/5227	UC	31.03.2006	23.02.2007	P	2	RS02AG	1	0.04	26.41	b			y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East	
W411200	77-79 Thingwall Road, Irby			0.26	2	1	W/APP/2008/6046	UC	22.08.2008	05.12.2008	O	1	RS02AC	3	0.26	11.72	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W533800	26 Sandy Lane, Irby			0.08	1	0	W/APP/2006/5586	UC	10.05.2006	03.06.2005	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.08	12.50	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W233400	N73 Coombe Rd, Irby			0.06	0	1	W/APP/2006/5367	UC	21.04.2006	NA	P	2	RS02AG	1	0.06	17.87	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W474800	E 4/6A/6B Mill Hill Rd, Irby			0.06	1	0	W/APP/2007/6009	UC	08.11.2007	15.03.2004	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.06	17.99	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W488900	Rose Cottage, Frankby Stiles, Frankby			0.05	1	0	W/APP/2000/5105	UC	06.07.2000	05.07.2001	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.05	20.00	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W519800	W 49 Wood La, Greasby			0.05	1	0	W/APP/2004/8057	UC	15.02.2005	27.07.2007	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.05	20.00	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W558400	Ardenlea, Frankby Stiles, Frankby			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2006/6411	UC	20.11.2006	08.02.2007	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.04	25.00	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W508900	Holmfield, Frankby Stiles, Frankby			0.03	1	0	W/APP/2003/5098	UC	05.04.2002	08.05.2003	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.03	33.33	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby	
W515000	Rr Bracken Bank, 19 Dawstone Rd, Heswall			0.35	4	0	W/APP/2005/5610	UC	09.05.2005	13.01.2004	O	2	RS02AC	4	0.35	11.57	b			y		Heswall	
W548200	Windrush, 85 Pipers Lane, Heswall			0.25	1	0	W/APP/2005/6307	UC	05.08.2006	31.05.2006	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.25	4.06	b			y		Heswall	
W427420	Dawstone Rise, Gayton			0.24	0	1	W/APP/1998/5715	UC	10.07.1998	09.01.1998	O	2	RS02AC	2	0.12	8.33	b			y		Heswall	
W497400	Rr 1 Birchmere, Heswall			0.24	1	0	W/APP/2001/5587	UC	20.06.2001	18.03.2002	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.24	4.17	b			y		Heswall	
W091000	NE Veldun, Old Mill Cl, Gayton			0.22	0	1	W/APP/23021S	UC	28.07.1983	18.09.1981	P	2	RS02AC	3	0.07	13.64	b			y		Heswall	
W539800	Rr Garthlands, Gayton Lane, Gayton			0.22	1	0	W/APP/2004/6590	UC	10.09.2004	26.10.2006	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.22	4.60	b			y		Heswall	
W485600	W Pinnacle, 17 Beacon La, Heswall			0.17	0	1	W/APP/2008/6131	UC	09.09.2008	12.07.2000	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.17	5.83	b			y		Heswall	
W494200	Rr 41 Grange Rd, Heswall			0.15	1	0	W/APP/2001/6994	UC	14.12.2001	17.09.2002	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.15	6.67	b			y		Heswall	
W504200	SW 41 Farr Hall Drive, Heswall			0.12	1	0	W/APP/2007/5126	UC	10.04.2007	15.07.2004	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.12	8.64	b			y		Heswall	
W502200	SE 11 Quarry Rd East, Heswall			0.11	1	0	W/OUT/2001/0620	UC	20.12.2005	05.09.2006	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.11	8.93	b			y		Heswall	
W550000	5 Oldfield Drive, Heswall			0.11	1	0	W/APP/2005/7852	UC	08.02.2006	26.05.2006	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.11	8.94	b			y		Heswall	
W481100	Charter House, 11-13 Downham Rd South, H			0.11	6	0	W/APP/2003/5735	UC	06.06.2003	24.02.2004	O	1	OF01AE	16	0.04	146.79	b			y		Heswall	
W550400	21 Farr Hall Drive, Heswall			0.10	1	0	W/APP/2006/5156	UC	04.10.2005	28.11.2006	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.10	10.02	b			y		Heswall	
W485200	E 50 Pipers Lane, Heswall			0.09	1	0	W/APP/1999/6448	UC	14.09.1995	10.08.2000	O	2	UL01A	1	0.09	11.11	g			y		Heswall	
W470800	Hazeldene, Broad La, Heswall			0.09	1	0	W/APP/1999/6335	UC	14.10.1999	28.01.2000	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.09	11.11	b			y		Heswall	
W474100	W 1 Mill Lane, Gayton			0.09	1	0	W/APP/2004/8037	UC	01.03.2005	15.07.2004	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.09	11.20	b			y		Heswall	
W474000	Tatton, Mill La, Heswall			0.07	1	0	W/APP/2004/8037	UC	01.03.2005	10.07.2006	O	1	RS02	1	0.07	14.29	b			y		Heswall	
W518600	119A Milner Road, Barnston			0.07	1	0	W/APP/2006/5162	UC	12.04.2006	24.07.2006	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.07	14.29	b			y		Heswall	
W498100	N Gayton Lodge, Cottage La, Gayton			0.06	1	0	W/APP/2006/5865	UC	28.06.2006	04.04.2007	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.06	15.77	b			y		Heswall	
W535500	98 Whitfield Lane, Barnston			0.05	1	0	W/APP/2006/6281	UC	24.08.2006	21.09.2006	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.05	20.00	b			y		Heswall	
W51410	Willowbank, Oldfield Road, Heswall			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2002/5966	UC	26.02.2003	16.06.2005	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.04	25.00	b			y		Heswall	
W501200	N 8 Castle Drive, Heswall			0.03	1	0	W/APP/2004/5334	UC	24.03.2004	04.06.2004	O	1	RS02AG	1	0.03	33.33	b			y		Heswall	
W452000	SW 14 Hillside Road, Gayton			0.02	1	0	W/APP/1996/6229	UC	25.10.1996	08.09.2000	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.02	50.00	b			y		Heswall	
W479000	Rr Clavis, Meols Dr, West Kirby			0.18	1	0	W/APP/2005/7246	UC	31.03.2006	24.05.2004	O	2	RS02AA	1	0.18	5.66	b			y		Hoylake and Meols	
W471400	S 7 Gorse Rd, Meols			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2007/6616	UC	18.10.2007	13.11.2007	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.04	25.00	b			y		Hoylake and Meols	
W479100	Fmr St Johns Club, N 33-37 School La, Meol			0.03	1	0	W/APP/2001/5684	UC	20.06.2001	09.07.2001	O	1	CM06BE	2	0.02	66.67	b			y		Hoylake and Meols	
W080300	Land adjacent 53 Hoylake Road Moreton CH			0.11	11	0	W/APP/2006/5140	UC	04.11.2008	29.07.2008	O	1	RS02AB	1	1.18	9.34	b			y		Leasowe and Moreton East	
W174200	Adj Veolan, Leasowe Rd, Leasowe			0.09	1	0	W/APP/2000/5064	UC	18.02.2000	29.02.2000	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.09	11.11	b			y		Leasowe and Moreton East	
W496700	E30 Wimbrick Hey, Moreton			0.01	1	0	W/APP/2001/5403	UC	03.05.2001	05.02.2003	O	2	RS02AH	1	0.01	100.00	b			y		Leasowe and Moreton East	
W336400	E 51-63 Borrowdale Road, Moreton			0.33	1	0	W/APP/2000/5714	UC	19.04.1991	24.10.2001	O	2	RS02A	7	0.05	21.21	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W540400	Barnacre, Barnacre La, Moreton			0.18	1	0	W/APP/2006/6988	UC	03.12.2004	28.11.2007	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.18	5.56	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W433500	25 Borrowdale Road, Moreton			0.09	0	1	W/APP/1995/5721	UC	10.07.1995	02.07.1996	O	1	RS02AC	5	0.02	55.56	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W570000	20 Bradman Rd, Moreton			0.05	1	0	W/APP/2007/5242	UC	30.04.2007	06.08.2007	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.05	20.00	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W564200	7 Snowden Road, Moreton			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2007/6322	UC	10.08.2007	01.05.2007	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.04	25.00	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W538600	17 Glasier Rd, Moreton			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2005/6471	UC	03.10.2005	14.12.2005	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.04	27.42	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W535200	29 Burden Rd, Moreton			0.04	1	0	W/APP/2005/6045	UC	24.06.2005	28.7.2005	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.04	28.43	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W494800	20 Bermuda Rd, Moreton			0.03	1	0	W/APP/2000/7293	UC	09.03.2001	04.12.2001	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.03	33.33	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W562100	25 Bradman Road, Moreton			0.03	1	0	W/APP/2007/5928	UC	03.07.2007	15.01.2008	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.03	33.33	b			y		Moreton West and Saughall Massie	
W089810	N Malew, Kylemore Way, Pensby			0.26	4	0	W/APP/2000/6748	UC	24.05.1984	14.09.1984	P	2	RS02A	7	0.15	26.92	b			y		Pensby and Thingwall	
W517700	6A Oaklea Rd, Irby			0.09	1	0	W/APP/2007/5455	UC	16.02.2006	26.06.2006	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.09	11.11	b			y		Pensby and Thingwall	
W362800	W 8 Brian Ave, Irby			0.05	1	0	W/APP/2000/6235	UC	01.05.1990	08.02.2001	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.05	20.00	b			y		Pensby and Thingwall	
W584100	138 Thingwall Rd, Irby			0.08	1	0	W/APP/2008/6201	UC	06.08.2007	22.05.2008	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.08	12.50	b			y		Pensby and Thingwall	
W530700	3 The Woodlands, Upton			0.03	1	0	W/APP/2004/7859	UC	27.10.2005	01.11.2004	O	1	RS02AC	1	0.03	33.33	b			y		Upton	
W525600	Adj Barley House, Kings Drive, Cald			0.36	1	0	W/APP/2006/6429	UC	12.10.2006	11.04.2006	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.36	2.78	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston	
W070700	W Southmead, Long Hey Rd, Cald			0.35	1	0	W/APP/2002/5596	UC	31.05.2002	15.05.2003	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.35	2.86	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston	
W489800	Windrush, 15 Links Hey Rd, Cald			0.27	1	0	W/APP/2001/6262	UC	28.09.2001	31.03.2003	O	1	RS02AC	1	0.27	3.74	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston	
W506100	6 Grammar School Lane, Newton			0.19	1	1	W/APP/2004/7959	UC	28.01.2005	14.5.2003	O	1	RS02AC	3	0.13	15.42	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston	
W529000	43 Cald			0.19	1	0	W/APP/2004/6893	UC	29.04.2004	21.06.2004	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.19	5.26	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston	
W197400	27 Springfield Avenue, Newton			0.15	1	0	W/APP/2003/5207	UC	06.06.2003	15.09.2003	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.15	6.67	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston	

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W497700	49 Grammar School La, Newton		0.14	1	0	W/APP/2001/5683	UC	06.07.2001	03.08.2001	O	1	RS02A	2	0.07	14.29	b		y	West Kirby and Thurstaston
W567300	Long View, Gorse Lane, Newton		0.14	1	0	W/APP/2006/7497	UC	13.03.2007	21.06.2007	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.14	7.14	b		y	West Kirby and Thurstaston
W562400	N 19A Caldry Road, West Kirby		0.07	1	0	W/APP/2008/6337	UC	12.05.2006	18.06.2007	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.07	14.29	b		y	West Kirby and Thurstaston
W310900	North End Park Lodge, 136 Eleanor Rd, Bids		0.06	1	0	W/APP/1999/5906	UC	16.04.1987	05.06.2000	O	1	TR02CC	1	0.06	16.67	b			Bidston and St James
W568700	E 67 Shore Drive, New Ferry		0.02	1	0	W/APP/2007/6903	UC	23.11.2007	05.12.2007	P	2	RS02AH	1	0.02	50.00	b		y	Bromborough
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W583800	Leighton Rd, Tranmere			0.18	0	12	W/APP/2008/5610	NS	23.08.2007	NA	P	1	UL01BA	12	0.18	66.67	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W566400	37A Hartismere Road, Seacombe			0.19	0	7	W/OUT/2006/6940	NS	24.11.2006	NA	P	1	ST02	7	0.19	36.84	b	y		y	Seacombe	
W561300	Royal Extrusions, 99A Duke Street, Birkenhead			0.16	0	30	W/DLS/2007/6520	NS	09.01.2008	NA	P	1	MA	30	0.16	182.70	b	y		y	Bidston and St James	
W578100	7-15A Holt Hill, Tranmere			0.15	0	14	W/APP/2007/7423	NS	15.02.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AH	14	0.15	96.55	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W100200	Josie Ryans, Tranmere			0.15	0	9	W/APP/2006/7441	NS	18.01.2007	NA	R	1	RT03AA	9	0.15	60.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W544100	Fm 11 Well Lane, Tranmere			0.12	0	12	W/APP/2005/5399	NS	01.04.2005	NA	HA	1	UL01BA	12	0.12	100.84	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W088200	S 706 New Chester Road, New Ferry			0.19	0	10	W/OUT/2006/7461	NS	09.03.2007	NA	R	1	UL01BA	10	0.19	52.03	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W490520	W&E Bedford PH, Rock Ferry			0.09	0	9	W/APP/2005/7506	NS	06.10.2006	NA	O	1	RS02AA	8	0.10	94.12	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W550800	Superdrive, 233-237 Church Rd, Tranmere			0.09	0	6	W/OUT/2005/6669	NS	07.09.2005	NA	P	1	RT01	6	0.09	69.66	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W583200	8 Holt Rd, Tranmere			0.08	0	10	W/APP/2007/6311	NS	14.09.2007	NA	P	2	RS02AB	10	0.08	125.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W570700	Bromborough Car Sales, New Chester Road			0.09	0	7	W/APP/2008/6555	NS	19.03.2007	NA	P	1	RT01DD	7	0.09	77.78	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W586000	Fmr Livingstone PH, 101 Livingstone St, Birkenhead			0.09	0	8	W/OUT/2007/7493	NS	04.02.2008	NA	P	1	RT03AA	8	0.09	88.89	b	y		y	Bidston and St James	
W537600	St Annes Institute, St Annes Place, Birkenhead			0.06	0	6	W/APP/2008/5234	NS	25.06.2004	NA	R	1	ED01	6	0.06	101.80	b	y		y	Bidston and St James	
W549700	Rockys Gym, 75 Argyle St, Birkenhead			0.05	0	38	W/OUT/2007/5906	NS	13.07.2007	NA	P	1	LE03DC	38	0.05	713.88	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W347300	Garages E 2 Harland R, Tranmer			0.06	0	4	W/APP/2006/6602	NS	31.01.2007	NA	O	1	TR02CC	4	0.06	70.56	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W546500	Unused Land (Cleared) Fox Street Birkenhead			0.20	0	14	W/APP/2008/6883	NS	20.02.2009	NA	P	1	UL01BA	14	0.2	70.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W594600	Crooked Billet (public house) 89-91 Old Chester Road, Tranmere			0.06	0	5	W/APP/2009/5054	NS	03.03.2009	NA	P	1	RS02AE	5	0.06	83.33	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W564400	Fmr Residential Home, 43-51 Bedford Road, Rock Ferry			0.07	0	8	W/APP/2008/6112	NS	15.08.2008	NA	H	1	CM01CK	8	0.07	114.29	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W435700	14A Rock Lane West, Rock Ferry			0.03	0	4	W/APP/2006/6009	NS	21.07.2006	NA	O	1	RS02AB	4	0.03	133.33	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W539700	Fmr Club, Church Rd, Seacombe			0.04	0	7	W/APP/2008/6695	NS	22.7.2005	NA	R	1	LE01CH	7	0.04	187.77	b	y		y	Seacombe	
W585000	108-110 King St, Egremont			0.03	0	7	W/APP/2007/5671	NS	NA	NA	O	1	UL02AB	7	0.03	233.33	b	y		y	Liscard	
W594500	11-17 Dacre Street Birkenhead			0.02	0	0	W/OUT/2008/6169	NS	31.10.2008	NA	PC	1	RT01CD	0	0.02	0.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere	
W569900	Fmr 13 Hampden Rd, Tranmere			0.02	0	1	W/OUT/2007/5341	NS	23.04.2007	NA	P	1	UL01BA	1	0.02	50.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W577700	7-9 William Street Seacombe CH44 7AQ			0.02	0	2	W/APP/2008/6177	NS	12.08.2008	NA	P	1	ULO1	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe	
W547600	Adj 1 Mulberry Rd, Rock Ferry			0.02	0	2	W/APP/2007/7023	NS	13.07.2005	NA	P	1	TR02CC	2	0.02	119.98	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W506800	W 7 Well Lane, Rock Ferry			0.01	0	1	W/OUT/2005/5564	NS	13.05.2006	NA	P	2	RS02AH	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W500100	Unused Land Adjacent to No. 336 Poulton Rd, Seacombe			0.02	0	2	W/APP/2004/6156	NS	02.07.2004	NA	O	1	UL01BA	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe	
W544400	Aspendale Road, Tranmere			0.02	0	2	W/APP/2008/5143	NS	20.03.2008	NA	HA	2	UL01BA	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W54160	10 Balls Road, Oxton			0.02	0	4	W/APP/2007/6946	NS	09.11.2007	NA	P	2	MA04BE	4	0.02	200.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W589000	17-27 Whitfield St, Tranmere			0.02	0	4	W/APP/2007/6561	NS	25.09.2007	NA	R	1	TR02CC	4	0.02	200.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W52400	575 Price St, Birkenhead			0.02	0	1	W/OUT/2004/7716	NS	10.05.2007	NA	P	2	UL01BA	1	0.02	50.00	b	y		y	Bidston and St James	
W555100	S 5 Cloughton Place, Birkenhead			0.01	0	1	W/APP/2006/6268	NS	05.10.2006	NA	P	2	RS02AH	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Cloughton	
W561900	Define Design Kitchens, 31A Well Lane, Tranmere			0.39	0	20	W/OUT/2006/5190	NS	31.03.2006	NA	P	1	RT01BY	20	0.39	51.15	b	y		y	Rock Ferry	
W587900	142 Borough Road, Seacombe			0.01	0	1	W/APP/2008/5139	NS	03.04.2008	NA	P	1	RT01	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe	
W520300	23 Fell St/61 Church St, Seacombe			0.03	0	4	W/APP/2008/6339	NS	10.09.2008	NA	R	1	UL01BA	4	0.03	133.33	b	y		y	Seacombe	
W587400	109 Holt Hill, Tranmere			0.03	0	8	W/APP/2007/7405	NS	18.04.2008	NA	R	1	RS02AC	8	0.03	266.67	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere	
W587800	Rodney Street, Tranmere			0.03	0	6	W/APP/2008/5122	NS	16.04.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AH	6	0.03	200.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere	
W591700	Vacant Workshop & Yard 73 Albion Street, Birkenhead			0.03	0	9	W/APP/2008/5872	NS	02.09.2008	NA	P	1	UL02	9	0.03	300.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere	
W593200	64 Liscard Road			0.03	0	6	W/APP/2007/7462	NS	07.03.2008	NA	P	3	UL01BA	6	0.03	200.00	b	y		y	Seacombe	
W256200	111-113 Holt Hill, Tranmere			0.25	0	36	W/APP/2007/6757	NS	25.01.2008	NA	R	1	RS02AH	36	0.25	144.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W586400	Pearson Rd, Tranmere			0.25	0	11	W/OUT/2007/6068	NS	23.08.2007	NA	P	2	UL01BA	11	0.25	44.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W551100	Emmanuel Centre, 323 Cloughton Road, Birkenhead			0.04	0	8	W/APP/2006/6207	NS	14.09.2006	NA	P	1	ED01AC	8	0.04	200.00	b	y		y	Cloughton	
W584000	W 33A Chesnut Gr, Tranmere			0.04	0	1	W/APP/2007/6286	NS	09.08.2007	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.04	25.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W561200	Graham House, Cole Street, Birkenhead			0.04	0	6	W/APP/2005/7816	NS	04.04.2006	NA	P	1	ST02AC	6	0.04	150.00	b	y		y	Cloughton	
W581200	32-36 Hampden Rd, Tranmere			0.05	0	4	W/APP/2007/7065	NS	30.11.2007	NA	P	1	CM06BA	4	0.05	85.86	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W558700	Adj 100 Brasse St, Birkenhead			0.05	0	1	W/OUT/2005/7352	NS	09.12.2005	NA	P	1	ULO1	1	0.05	22.08	b	y		y	Bidston and St James	
W560500	Blders Yd, Albion St, Birkenhead			0.06	0	19	W/APP/2005/7676	NS	17.02.2006	NA	P	1	ST02AA	19	0.06	297.76	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W591400	Land Adjacent to 38 Collin Road, Bidston			0.02	0	1	W/OUT/2008/6264	NS	21.10.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AG	1	0.02	50.00	b		y		Bidston & St James	
W588700	Land Adjacent To 2 Worcester Road			0.38	0	2	W/APP/2008/5508	NS	25.05.2008	NA	P	1	UL01A	2	0.38	5.26	b	y		y	Bidston & St James	
W584600	Adj 290 Upton Rd, Noctorum			0.05	0	1	W/APP/2008/6274	NS	17.07.2007	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.05	20.00	b	y		y	Bidston and St James	
W517000	Adj 28 Carlton Rd, Oxton			0.02	0	2	W/APP/2008/6310	NS	27.07.2006	NA	R	1	TR02CC	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W565300	Walkers Carpets, 65/67 Woodchurch Road, Oxton			0.03	0	4	W/APP/2008/6108	NS	27.07.2007	NA	P	1	RT01CE	4	0.03	133.33	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere	
W581700	75A Woodchurch Rd, Oxton			0.05	0	4	W/APP/2007/7015	NS	09.11.2007	NA	P	2	CM04BB	4	0.05	80.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere	
W593700	101 New Chester, New Ferry			0.09	0	8	W/OUT/2008/6767	NS	19.01.2009	NA	P	1	MA04AK	8	0.09	88.89	b	y		y	Bromborough	
W591500	99c New Chester Road, New Ferry			0.02	0	9	W/APP/2008/6551	NS	22.10.2008	NA	P	1	RT02AA	9	0.02	450.00	b	y		y	Bromborough	
W578800	Beaconsfield Road, New Ferry			0.01	0	10	W/APP/2008/5006	NS	28.03.2008	NA	P	1	PF01AH	10	0.01	1000.00	b	y		y	Bromborough	
W591200	Adjacent To 51 Napier Road, New Ferry			0.01	0	1	W/OUT/2008/6188	NS	25.09.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AH	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Bromborough	
W578220	E Gibson House, Seabank Rd, Egremont			0.17	0	11	W/OUT/2007/6603	NS	15.02.2008	NA	P	2	UL02AB	11	0.17	64.71	b	y		y	Liscard	
W565600	Wallasey Car Hire, E Fire Station, Mill Lane, Birkenhead			0.17	0	8	W/OUT/2006/6564	NS	19.10.2006	NA	P	1	TR02AF	8	0.17	47.06	b	y		y	Liscard	

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W513200	81 Martins La, Liscard	0.06	0	6	W/APP/2006/5415	NS	25.05.2006	NA	O	1	RS02AG	5	0.07	84.16	b		y		Liscard
W590100	Land Adjacent 37 Station Road, Liscard	0.02	0	1	W/APP/2008/6025	NS	01.08.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AG	1	0.02	50.00	b		y		Liscard
W567600	Grand Hotel, Marine Promenade, New Brighton	0.15	0	16	W/OUT/2006/6897	NS	08.12.2006	NA	P	1	UL01BA	16	0.15	106.67	b		y		New Brighton
W582700	Rr 16 Cambridge Rd, New Brighton	0.08	0	1	W/APP/2007/6309	NS	28.09.2007	NA	P	1	UL01BA	1	0.08	12.50	b		y		New Brighton
W540700	Divonne Hotel, 71 Wellington Rd, New Brighton	0.05	0	8	W/APP/2004/6988	NS	23.11.2004	NA	O	1	RS01AB	8	0.05	154.53	b		y		New Brighton
W589800	Rear of 71 Penkett Road	0.02	0	1	W/OUT/2007/7553	NS	09.04.2008	NA	P	2	RS02AG	1	0.02	50.00	b		y		New Brighton
W529900	Land Adjacent to 38 Mount Pleasant Road	0.01	0	3	W/APP/2005/7447	NS	31.03.2006	NA	O	1	TR02CC	3	0.01	300.00	b		y		New Brighton
W583300	1C Clwyd St, New Brighton	0.03	0	3	W/APP/2007/6475	NS	13.09.2007	NA	P	2	TR02CC	3	0.03	100.00	b		y		New Brighton
W546300	Rr 199 Victoria Rd, New Brighton	0.04	0	1	W/OUT/2005/6147	NS	06.07.2005	NA	P	2	RS02AG	1	0.04	23.64	b		y		New Brighton
W566500	Greenbank, 1A Rowson Street, New Brighton	0.05	0	10	W/APP/2008/5749	NS	17.11.2006	NA	P	1	RS02AH	10	0.05	200.00	b		y		New Brighton
W558600	Total Service Station, 26 Old Chester Rd, Be	0.16	0	6	W/OUT/2005/7309	NS	02.12.2005	NA	P	2	RT01DE	6	0.16	36.79	b		y		Rock Ferry
W589900	Land to Rear of 29 Ravenswood Avenue	0.04	0	1	W/APP/2008/5240	NS	09.04.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AG	1	0.04	25.00	b		y		Rock Ferry
W587500	Wishing Gate, Mount Road, Higher Bebington	0.13	0	1	W/APP/2007/7455	NS	12.05.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.13	7.69	b		y		Bebington
W197600	SW Hawkstone, Stanley Rd, Bebington	0.14	0	1	W/DLS/2007/7035	NS	22.11.2007	NA	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.14	7.14	b		y		Bebington
W546100	Jireh Chapel, Teehey Gardens, Bebington	0.05	0	2	W/OUT/2005/5975	NS	16.06.2005	NA	P	1	CM07AA	2	0.05	36.61	b		y		Bebington
W549100	Wirral Grammar Sch Boys, Cross La, Bebington	0.31	0	12	W/APP/2008/6233	NS	07.10.2005	NA	P	1	ED01DA	12	0.31	39.10	b		y		Bebington
W559900	6-8 Elm Rd, Higher Bebington	0.03	0	6	W/APP/2008/5998	NS	05.12.2007	NA	P	1	UL02AB	6	0.03	172.17	b		y		Bebington
W474300	N 29 Eleanor Rd, Bidston	0.17	0	1	W/APP/2004/5798	NS	21.05.2004	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.17	5.77	b		y		Bidston and St James
W559000	SW Phoenix House, Upton Rd, Claughton	0.17	0	1	W/OUT/2005/7419	NS	16.12.2005	NA	P	3	UL01	1	0.17	5.94	b		y		Bidston and St James
W558800	NE Phoenix House, Upton Rd, Claughton	0.34	0	2	W/OUT/2005/7417	NS	16.12.2005	NA	P	3	UL01	2	0.34	5.82	b		y		Bidston and St James
W573200	Tall Trees, Vyner Road South, Bidston	0.31	0	1	W/APP/2007/7566	NS	19.03.2008	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.31	3.23	b		y		Bidston and St James
W545600	N Eleanor Park, Eleanor Rd, Bidston	0.24	0	7	W/APP/2005/5803	NS	27.05.2005	NA	P	2	RS02AF	7	0.24	28.63	b		y		Bidston and St James
W592400	93 The Rake Bromborough	0.14	0	1	W/APP/2008/6591	NS	09.01.2009	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.14	7.14	b		y		Bromborough
W090200	W 2 Mill Road, Bromborough	0.12	0	3	W/APP/2008/5840	NS	04.07.2008	NA	R	2	UL01AH	3	0.12	25.00	b		y		Bromborough
W552500	Frontage, 756-760 New Chester Rd, Bromb	0.05	0	3	W/APP/2005/6810	NS	27.09.2005	NA	H	2	RS02AG	3	0.05	60.00	b		y		Bromborough
W559500	W Pumping Station, Spital Rd, Bromborough	0.27	0	1	W/OUT/2005/7416	NS	06.01.2006	NA	P	3	UT04AB	1	0.27	3.68	b		y		Bromborough
W073300	Trafalgar Sports Club, 67 Bromborough Rd, f	0.18	0	8	W/APP/2008/5363	NS	23.12.2008	NA	O	1	CM06BE	8	0.18	44.44	b		y		Clatterbridge
W514300	W Raby Dell, 6 Blakeley Dell, Raby Mere	0.11	0	1	W/APP/2005/7062	NS	31.10.2005	NA	O	1	RS02AC	1	0.11	9.09	b		y		Clatterbridge
W557100	N 44 St Andrews Rd, Bebington	0.02	0	1	W/OUT/2005/6948	NS	03.10.2005	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.02	40.73	b		y		Clatterbridge
W570000	BP Garage, Bromborough Rd, Bebington	0.23	0	26	W/DLS/2008/6800	NS	30.01.2009	NA	O	1	RT01DE	26	0.23	111.35	b		y		Clatterbridge
W590200	SE Wethersfield, Wethersfield Rd, Noctorum	0.13	0	3	W/APP/2008/5157	NS	19.02.2008	NA	O	2	RS02AC	3	0.13	23.08	b		y		Claughton
W524200	Fmr ATC Tollemache Rd, Claughton	0.10	0	2	W/APP/2008/6314	NS	09.98.2008	NA	O	1	UL01BA	6	0.03	60.00	b		y		Claughton
W520300	Grosvenor Rd/Devonshire Rd, Birkenhead	0.06	0	8	W/OUT/2005/7336	NS	31.03.2006	NA	R	1	UL01BA	11	0.04	183.33	b		y		Claughton
W593600	W Skirbeck, Noctorum Rd, Noctorum	0.05	0	1	W/APP/2008/5157	NS	20.03.2008	NA	P	2	RS02AC	2	0.05	39.04	b		y		Claughton
W593400	E Dell Cottage, Noctorum Dell, Noctorum	0.03	0	1	W/APP/2005/5766	NS	13.06.2005	NA	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.03	38.88	b		y		Claughton
W555700	12 Stokesay, Bidston	0.21	0	2	W/OUT/2005/6784	NS	26.09.2005	NA	P	2	RS02AC	2	0.21	9.75	b		y		Claughton
W524500	Rr Barnard, Crossdale Ave, Eastham	0.14	0	1	W/APP/2005/7303	NS	09.12.2005	NA	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.14	7.37	b		y		Eastham
W559800	Rr 49 Plymyard Ave, Eastham	0.06	0	1	W/OUT/2005/7446	NS	22.12.2005	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.06	15.59	b		y		Eastham
W490900	Land east of The Paddock Noctorum Lane O	0.16	0	1	W/APP/2003/7111	NS	24.03.2009	NA	P	2	RS02AG	1	0.16	6.25	b		y		Oxton
W160500	S 5 Mount Olive, Oxton	0.11	0	2	W/APP/2005/7452	NS	22.12.2005	NA	O	2	RS02AC	2	0.11	17.54	b		y		Oxton
W566000	6 Beresford Road, Oxton	0.10	0	5	W/APP/2006/6133	NS	16.11.2006	NA	P	1	RS02AA	5	0.10	50.00	b		y		Oxton
W540600	SE 18 Oulton Cl, Oxton	0.03	0	1	W/APP/2005/6534	NS	24.08.2005	NA	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.03	28.78	b		y		Oxton
W568800	34 Palm Grove, Claughton	0.04	0	1	W/APP/2008/5550	NS	30.01.2007	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.04	25.00	b		y		Oxton
W409300	E Chelwood, Pine Walks, Prenton	0.17	0	1	W/DLS/2007/6369	NS	20.9.2007	NA	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.17	5.94	b		y		Prenton
W545200	Ellis Removals, 66 Storeton Rd, Prenton	0.05	0	4	W/APP/2006/7034	NS	05.12.2006	NA	O	1	UL01BA	4	0.05	81.00	b		y		Prenton
W100800	155 Durlay Drive, Prenton	0.05	0	1	W/APP/2003/7506	NS	04.02.2004	NA	O	1	UL01BA	1	0.05	20.00	b		y		Prenton
W555800	Rr 24 Golf Links Rd, Prenton	0.22	0	1	W/APP/2008/6430	NS	05.10.2005	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.22	4.57	b		y		Prenton
W556900	Toronto Garage, Wallasey Village	0.15	0	12	W/DLS/2007/6128	NS	05.10.2007	NA	P	1	RT02AD	12	0.15	77.52	b		y		Wallasey
W588500	42 Sea Road New Brighton	0.09	0	1	W/APP/2008/5442	NS	14.05.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.09	11.11	b		y		Wallasey
W551300	S 10 Sea Rd, New Brighton	0.07	0	1	W/APP/2007/5211	NS	15.06.2007	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.07	14.06	b		y		Wallasey
W562200	Hardmans Windows, 149 Wallasey Village	0.06	0	12	W/OUT/2005/7381	NS	10.03.2006	NA	P	1	RT01BY	12	0.06	196.40	b		y		Wallasey
W208200	W 71 Warren Drive, New Brighton	0.06	0	1	W/APP/2006/7473	NS	02.02.2007	NA	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.06	18.18	b		y		Wallasey
W592800	Castle Lea, Leasowe Road	0.13	0	1	W/APP/2008/6670	NS	02.12.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.13	7.69	b			y	Leasowe
W555900	123 Reeds La, Leasowe	0.14	0	12	W/APP/2006/5258	NS	21.04.2006	NA	P	2	RS02AC	12	0.14	84.63	b		y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East
W541800	The Beeches, Ditton La, Leasowe	0.12	0	1	W/APP/2004/7550	NS	13.01.2005	NA	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.12	8.05	b		y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East
W457900	10 Castlefields, Leasowe Rd	0.09	0	1	W/APP/2003/5421	NS	16.05.2003	NA	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.09	11.11	b		y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East
W550900	The Leasowe PH, Reeds La, Leasowe	0.35	0	31	W/APP/2007/7467	NS	15.02.2008	NA	P	1	RT03AA	31	0.35	89.23	b		y	y	Leasowe and Moreton East
W488000	Rr 5,7,9 St Andrews Rd, Bebington	0.08	0	2	W/APP/2006/6534	NS	29.9.2006	NA	O	1	RS02AG	2	0.08	25.41	b				Clatterbridge
W230100	E 21 Laburnum Grove, Irby	0.05	0	1	W/APP/2007/7426	NS	15.02.2008	NA	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.05	19.23	b		y		Greasby Frankby and Irby
W528600	16 Sandy Lane North, Irby	0.04	0	1	W/APP/2009/5319	NS	10.06.2009	NA	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.04	25.00	b		y		Greasby Frankby and Irby

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W541500	Summerville, Larton Hey, Frankby		0.05	0	1	W/APP/2004/7444	NS	15.12.2004	NA	O	1	RS02AB	1	0.05	20.00	b			y		Greasby Frankby and Irby
W587700	Heatherstone, 92 Ooldfield Road, Heswall		0.18	0	1	W/APP/2008/5076	NS	05.03.2009	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.18	5.56	b			y		Heswall
W090800	NW Constantia, Farr Hall Drive, Heswall		0.11	0	1	W/APP/2008/5990	NS	28.07.2008	NA	O	2	RS02A	1	0.11	9.09	b			y		Heswall
W479200	N 9 Riverbank Close, Heswall		0.07	0	1	W/APP/2006/5688	NS	22.06.2006	NA	O	2	RS02A	1	0.07	13.99	b			y		Heswall
W548600	Banks View, Sea Looms, Heswall		0.05	0	1	W/APP/2007/5599	NS	18.05.2007	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.05	18.99	b			y		Heswall
W412800	S 90 Downham Road South, Hesw		0.05	0	1	W/APP/2005/6503	NS	18.08.2005	NA	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.05	19.38	b			y		Heswall
W596000	39 Rhodesway Gayton CH60 2UB		0.07	0	1	W/APP/2008/5848	NS	02.07.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.07	14.29	b			y		Heswall
W592300	11 Birch Avenue Upton		0.10	0	1	W/APP/2008/6806	NS	11.12.2008	NA	P	1	UL01BA	1	0.1	10.00	b			y		Moreton West & Saughall Massie
W595200	72 Borrowdale Road, Moreton		0.09	0	1	W/APP/2008/6959	NS	16.09.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.09	11.11	b			y		Moreton West & Saughall Massie
W589000	3 Edgehill Road, Moreton		0.08	0	1	W/APP/2008/5640	NS	27.06.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.08	12.50	b			y		Moreton West & Saughall Massie
W593800	12 Hardie Avenue, Moreton		0.03	0	1	W/APP/2009/5538	NS	20.01.2009	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.03	33.33	b			y		Moreton West & Saughall Massie
W559100	N 41 Eltham Green, Woodchurch		0.11	0	5	W/OUT/2005/7408	NS	06.01.2006	NA	P	2	RT01FD	5	0.11	46.25	b			y		Upton
W558900	Pelican PH, Houghton Rd, Woodchurch		0.10	0	17	W/APP/2007/6256	NS	24.08.2007	NA	P	1	RT03AA	17	0.10	174.07	b			y		Upton
W556400	Ganneys Meadow Nursery, Woodchurch		0.27	0	12	W/APP/2008/5857	NS	28.10.2005	NA	R	1	UL01BA	12	0.27	44.17	b			y		Upton
W587300	Hilbre Cottage 3 Kirby Close West Kirby CH4		0.06	0	1	W/APP/2007/7347	NS	03.04.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.06	16.67	b			y		West Kirby & Thurstaston
W591800	25 Croft Drive East, Caldy		0.33	0	1	W/APP/2008/5397	NS	09.10.2008	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.33	3.03	b			y		West Kirby & Thurstaston
W569500	Birchlea, Pinetree Drive, Newton		0.09	0	1	W/APP/2006/7221	NS	09.03.2007	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.09	11.11	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W580000	Grange Cottage, Pinetree Dr, Newton		0.09	0	1	W/APP/2007/7171	NS	14.12.2007	NA	P	2	RS02AC	1	0.09	11.11	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W225700	S 23 Carpenters Lane, West Kirby		0.06	0	1	W/APP/2009/5522	NS	04.03.2005	NA	O	2	RS02AG	1	0.06	17.18	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W567500	18 Gorse Lane, Newton		0.07	0	1	W/APP/2006/6976	NS	07.02.2007	NA	P	1	RS02AB	1	0.07	14.29	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W050520	W Drayton 46 Croft Dr, Caldy		0.37	0	1	W/APP/2004/6556	NS	27.08.2004	NA	O	2	RS02AC	1	0.37	2.70	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W481900	Farnley, 3 Croft Drive West, Caldy		0.28	0	1	W/APP/2007/6044	NS	25.07.2007	NA	O	1	RS02AC	1	0.28	3.57	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W562000	17 Croft Drive East, Caldy		0.28	0	1	W/OUT/2009/5236	NS	06.04.2006	NA	P	1	RS02AC	1	0.28	3.57	b			y		West Kirby and Thurstaston
W449320	Fmr Squash Club, Oxtou Rd, Oxtou		0.27	0	36	W/APP/2006/6727	NS	27.10.2006	NA	O	1	RT01	36	0.27	132.99	b			y		Birkenhead and Tranmere
W449310	S 111 Oxtou Rd, Oxtou		0.21	0	30	W/APP/2004/6903	NS	12.11.2004	NA	O	1	RT01	30	0.21	141.58	b			y		Birkenhead and Tranmere
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CHANGES OF USE		NOT STARTED WITH PP																	
W357900	67 St Pauls Road Seacombe CH44 7AJ	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2008/5754	NS	29.08.2008	NA	PC	1	OF01AK	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W570500	1 Grange Road West, Birkenhead	0.02	0	8	W/APP/2007/5336	NS	19.04.2007	NA	R	1	OF01	8	0.02	400.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
W578210	Gibson House, Egremont	0.57	0	34	W/APP/2007/6602	NS	09.01.2008	NA	R	1	UL02AB	34	0.57	59.65	b	y		y	Liscard
W579900	121 King Street, Egremont	0.02	0	3	W/APP/2007/7226	NS	18.12.2007	NA	PC	1	RS02AE	3	0.02	150.00	b	y		y	Liscard
W58230	Rear of 43 The Woodlands, Tranmere	0.02	0	1	W/APP/2007/6282	NS	08.10.2007	NA	O	1	UL02AA	1	0.02	50.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
W58280	20 Grange Mount, Birkenhead	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2007/6446	NS	26.09.2007	NA	PC	1	RT01AE	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Claughton
W58290	70 King Street, Egremont	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2007/6521	NS	26.09.2007	NA	R	1	RT01CK	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Liscard
W58310	Manor Grange, Egremont	0.08	0	9	W/APP/2007/6361	NS	14.09.2007	NA	R	1	OF01AB	9	0.08	112.50	b	y		y	Liscard
W58420	169-171 Poulton Road, Poulton	0.04	0	2	W/APP/2007/5407	NS	01.08.2007	NA	R	1	RT01	2	0.04	50.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W58570	181 Poulton Road, Poulton	0.02	0	1	W/APP/2007/5553	NS	17.05.2007	NA	R	1	OF01AE	1	0.02	50.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W585900	46-50 Grange Road West, Birkenhead	0.03	0	5	W/APP/2008/5097	NS	12.03.2008	NA	PC	1	RT01ZJ	5	0.03	166.67	b	y		y	Birkenhead and Tranmere
W587200	Vacant Shop, 70 Chester Street, Birkenhead	0.01	0	2	W/APP/2007/6699	NS	04.06.2008	NA	R	1	RT01	2	0.01	200.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W590500	Chefs Larder, 125 Poulton Road, Poulton	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2008/6019	NS	31.07.2008	NA	R	1	RT01AI	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W590700	Vacant Building, 85-89 King Street, Egremont	0.03	0	9	W/APP/2008/6144	NS	18.09.2008	NA	R	1	UL02AB	9	0.03	300.00	b	y		y	Liscard
W593100	7 Bridge Street, Birkenhead	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2007/6605	NS	30.05.2008	NA	R	1	RS02AE	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W593300	62 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead	0.01	0	2	W/APP/2008/6725	NS	23.12.2008	NA	O	1	TR02CC	2	0.01	200.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W593900	75 & 77 King Street, Egremont	0.02	0	2	W/APP/2008/6926	NS	26.01.2009	NA	R	1	RS02AE	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Liscard
W594400	The Yard, 2 Hinderton Road / Green Lane Tr	0.02	0	5	W/APP/2009/5018	NS	05.03.2009	NA	R	1	RT03AA	5	0.02	250.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W595900	76 Poulton Road Poulton CH44 9DH	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2008/6665	NS	05.01.2009	NA	P	1	RT01	1	0.01	100.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W57330	70-72 New Chester Road, New Ferry	0.06	0	5	W/APP/2007/5541	NS	16.05.2007	NA	R	1	RT01CD	5	0.06	83.33	b		y	y	Bromborough
W573400	Buckleys, New Ferry	0.02	0	2	W/APP/2007/7505	NS	12.03.2008	NA	R	1	RT01BB	2	0.02	100.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
W58430	50 New Chester Road, New Ferry	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2007/6041	NS	26.07.2007	NA	R	1	RT01BZ	1	0.01	100.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
W588800	Shillings Cafe Bar 78-80 New Chester Road,	0.02	0	1	W/APP/2007/7109	NS	23.04.2008	NA	R	1	RT03BA	1	0.02	50.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
W592900	12 New Ferry Road New Ferry CH62 1BJ	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2007/7575	NS	01.07.2008	NA	PC	1	RS02A	1	0.01	100.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
W595700	1-3 Olinda Street New Ferry CH62 5DA	0.01	0	2	W/APP/2008/5428	NS	02.03.2009	NA	P	1	MA13	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
W579300	Crown Interiors, Liscard	0.02	0	2	W/APP/2007/6054	NS	21.01.2008	NA	R	1	MA07AB	2	0.02	100.00	b		y	y	Liscard
W54200	100 Manor Road Liscard	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2008/6807	NS	15.12.2008	NA	O	1	RT01BF	1	0.01	100.00	b		y	y	Liscard
W51800	26/29 & 31/35 Marine Park Mansions Welling	0.05	0	2	W/APP/2008/6196	NS	28.10.2008	NA	O	1	RS02AA	13	0.05	260.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W578900	205A Seabank Road, New Brighton	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2007/7435	NS	28.01.2008	NA	R	1	RS02AE	1	0.01	100.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W57200	Salisbury Centre, New Brighton	0.05	0	6	W/APP/2007/6559	NS	26.10.2007	NA	R	1	CM06BC	6	0.05	120.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W590000	Bayview Nursing Home, 69 Albion Street, Ne	0.04	0	10	W/OUT/2008/5392	NS	22.08.2008	NA	O	1	CM01CK	10	0.04	250.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W52900	Portland Court, New Brighton	0.01	0	2	W/APP/2007/5669	NS	08.06.2007	NA	R	1	RS02AF	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W591100	G K M Computers, 173 Old Chester Road, R	0.01	0	1	W/APP/2008/5737	NS	15.07.2008	NA	R	1	RT01CF	1	0.01	100.00	b		y	y	Rock Ferry
W58900	Paddock Johnson Associates, 31-33 & 35 Bc	0.01	0	2	W/APP/2008/5615	NS	14.07.2008	NA	O	1	OF01AD	2	0.01	200.00	b		y		Bromborough
W58480	Holy Family Convent, Oxton	0.18	0	1	W/APP/2007/5834	NS	29.06.2007	NA	O	1	RS01BB	1	0.18	5.56	b		y		Claughton
W592700	Westleigh Residential Home Mount Avenue,	0.04	0	1	W/APP/2008/6740	NS	26.11.2008	NA	PC	1	CM04AC	1	0.04	25.00	b			y	Heswall
W58510	Dormie House, West Kirby	0.19	0	1	W/APP/2007/5752	NS	21.06.2007	NA	O	1	RS01BE	1	0.19	5.26	b			y	Hoylake and Meols
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W58250	11 St Pauls Road, Seacombe		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2007/6674	UC	04.10.2007	08.10.2008	R	1	RS02AH	2	0.01	200.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W58440	The Bank, 72 King Street, Egremont		0.01	3	0	W/APP/2008/5321	UC	18.04.2008	20.02.2008	R	1	OF01	3	0.01	300.00	b	y		y	Liscard
W537200	85 Rock Lane East, Rock Ferry		0.02	2	0	W/APP/2005/6704	UC	16.09.2005	31.10.2005	R	1	RS02AG	2	0.02	100.00	b	y		y	Rock Ferry
W544300	21 Elm Grove Tranmere		0.02	3	0	W/APP/2005/5130	UC	14.03.2005	24.06.2008	R	1	RS02AC	3	0.02	150.00	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W567200	18 Sandon Road, Egremont		0.02	3	0	W/APP/2007/5335	UC	30.03.2007	15.06.2007	R	1	RS02AH	3	0.02	150.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W568600	69 CLARENDON ROAD Egremont		0.02	3	0	W/APP/2006/7291	UC	05.01.2007	08.09.2008	R	1	RS02AH	3	0.02	150.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W569200	31 Falkland Road, Egremont		0.02	4	0	W/APP/2006/7552	UC	02.02.2007	31.10.2007	R	1	RS02AA	4	0.02	200.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W579800	158 Falkland Road, Egremont		0.02	3	0	W/APP/2007/7220	UC	24.12.2007	23.04.2008	R	1	RS02AH	3	0.02	150.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W588000	Alexandra Hotel, 41 Victoria Road		0.03	8	0	W/APP/2008/5208	UC	21.04.2008	26.09.2008	PC	1	RS01AB	8	0.03	266.67	b	y		y	Birkenhead & Tranmere
W53140	8 Alexandra Road, Birkenhead		0.03	3	0	W/APP/2004/7233	UC	29.10.2004	05.01.2005	R	1	RS02AG	3	0.03	100.00	b	y		y	Claughton
W586200	55 Liscard Road Seacombe		0.01	1	1	W/APP/2008/5315	UC	07.04.2008	14.05.2008	R	1	RS02AG	2	0.01	200.00	b	y		y	Seacombe
W53220	52 New Chester Road, New Ferry		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2004/7350	UC	24.11.2004	01.02.2005	R	1	RS02AE	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
W561700	3 Coronation Drive, Bromborough		0.01	1	0	W/APP/2006/5712	UC	05.06.2006	23.03.2007	R	1	RT01AK	1	0.01	100.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
W58550	6 Sefton Road, New Ferry		0.05	6	0	W/APP/2007/5897	UC	04.07.2007	25.06.2008	R	1	RS02AG	6	0.05	120.00	b		y	y	Bromborough
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W568900	27 Waterloo Road, New Brighton		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2006/7349	UC	08.02.2007	15.02.2008	R	1	RS02AH	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W569100	7 Windsor Street, New Brighton		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2006/7549	UC	12.02.2007	21.11.2007	O	1	RS02AH	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W58210	6 Hope Street, New Brighton		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2007/6704	UC	12.10.2007	26.03.2008	R	1	RS02AH	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W561600	14 Burlington Road, New Brighton		0.02	2	0	W/APP/2006/6706	UC	15.11.2006	26.03.2007	R	1	RS02AC	2	0.02	100.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W591300	12 Cumberland Avenue, New Brighton		0.02	4	0	W/APP/2008/6302	UC	09.10.2008	22.05.2008	O	1	RS02AG	4	0.02	200.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
W543100	Priory Nook, New Brighton		0.04	4	0	W/APP/2005/7467	UC	21.12.2005	08.02.2006	R	1	RS02AC	4	0.04	100.00	b		y	y	New Brighton
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W57600	562 Old Chester Road, Rock Ferry		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2007/7196	UC	02.01.2008	01.08.2008	R	1	RS02AH	2	0.01	200.00	b		y	y	Rock Ferry
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W586700	Nursery House, Boundary Road		0.08	3	0	W/APP/2007/7329	UC	03.04.2008	05.08.2008	O	1	RS02AC	3	0.08	37.50	b		y		Bidston & St James
W587900	17 Devonshire Road, Oxton		0.03	3	0	W/APP/2005/6233	UC	11.11.2005	23.06.2006	R	1	RS02AA	4	0.02	133.33	b		y		Claughton
W580900	Stables, The Hollies, 16 Ashville Road, Birke		0.34	1	8	W/APP/2006/6469	UC	28.04.2006	07.02.2008	R	1	RS02A	9	0.34	26.47	b		y		Claughton
W546200	10 James Street Oxton		0.03	2	0	W/APP/2005/5991	UC	17.06.2005	06.04.2009	PC	1	RS02AH	2	0.03	66.67	b		y		Oxton
W58500	25-27 Kings Mount, Oxton		0.06	8	0	W/APP/2008/6900	UC	07.03.2008	29.09.2008	PC	1	RS02AG	8	0.06	133.33	b		y		Oxton
W586000	16 Lorne Road, Oxton		0.08	1	0	W/APP/2005/6748	UC	28.10.3005	22.08.2005	R	1	RS02AA	1	0.08	12.50	b		y		Oxton
W555200	12 North Road, Tranmere		0.03	2	0	W/APP/2006/5073	UC	10.03.2006	01.09.2006	R	1	RS02AG	2	0.03	66.67	b		y		Prenton
W567700	645 Borough Road, Tranmere		0.03	4	0	W/APP/2006/7022	UC	07.12.2006	23.10.2007	R	1	RS01BE	4	0.03	133.33	b		y		Prenton
W51200	13 Westbourne Road, West Kirby		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2002/5390	UC	18.04.2002	11.01.2007	R	1	RT01CD	2	0.01	200.00	b			y	Hoylake and Meols
W52240	Hilltop, Dee View Road, Heswall		0.01	2	0	W/APP/2003/6037	UC	14.10.2003	03.12.2007	R	1	RS02AE	2	0.01	200.00	b			y	Heswall
W20090	80 Market Street, Hoylake		0.06	1	0	W/APP/2003/5985	UC	20.09.2005	10.08.2005	R	1	RS02AE	4	0.06	66.67	b			y	Hoylake and Meols
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MATTERS FOR NOTING

(i) Minute 179 PARKING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

A report by the Director of Technical Services sought the Cabinet's endorsement for the development of a Wirral Traffic Model and Birkenhead Town Centre Transport Strategy that would enable a Wirral Parking Strategy to be developed. The report provided an overview of key issues to be considered in the development of a Wirral Parking Strategy and invited the Cabinet to advise of any additional points it wished to see being considered.

In view of the timescale involved in respect of the proposal for parking on the run-up to Christmas, the Cabinet considered the need to waive the call-in process.

Resolved:

- (1) The development of the Wirral Traffic Model and Birkenhead Town Centre Transport Strategy as described in Section 4.0 of the report be endorsed;**
- (2) The development of a Wirral Parking Strategy, to complement the Council's Integrated Regeneration Strategy and other corporate priorities, based on the principles in Section 5.0 of the report be endorsed;**
- (3) The key issues in the report be noted.**
- (4) In the light of difficulties being experienced by retailers as a result of the Economic Recession, the sum of up to £20,000 be taken from the money set aside from the 2009 reduction in the rate of VAT, in order to provide assistance on car parking charges in the run-up to Christmas, as happened last year.**
- (5) "Free from Three" policy be instituted on the three Thursdays before Christmas, on the 3, 10, 17 December 2009 in the shoppers' car parks in Birkenhead, Liscard, Heswall and West Kirby and that there also be free parking all day Boxing Day and New Year's Day to help attract shoppers to the Sales.**
- (6) The Director of Law, HR and Asset Management be requested to enter into negotiations with the owner of the Cherry Tree Centre Car Park in Liscard to see if the Council can assist with allowing them to make the same offer to their shoppers.**
- (7) Call-in on the matter of the free parking period outlined in points 4 – 6 above be waived to ensure that the necessary arrangements can be made before the Christmas period.**

(ii) Min 189 UPDATE ON NEW BRIGHTON

The Chairman informed that as further information had just been received on funding in respect of the New Brighton development, he had agreed to take this item of urgent business to enable the development to proceed within the timescale laid down.

A report by the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services served to update Members on the progress of the New Brighton development and detailed issues associated with the legal agreements in place to reflect proposed changes to the programme of development.

In view of the urgency of this matter, the Cabinet was asked to consider waiving the “call-in” process.

Resolved: That

- (1) The variations to the supplemental Development Agreements as set out in the report be agreed.**
- (2) The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services, in conjunction with the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management be authorised to:**
 - (a) negotiate and complete any necessary documentation**
 - (b) negotiate and conclude the funding agreement with Neptune Wirral Limited.**
- (3) In view of the urgency of this matter, the call-in process be waived.**

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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) ID CARDS

Proposed by Councillor Chris Teggin

Seconded by Councillor Tom Harney

Council notes that the Government is pressing ahead with imminent plans to roll out the Home Office voluntary scheme for ID cards across the North West region from early next year.

Council notes that the existing policy of the Wirral Council is that it is opposed to the introduction of ID cards and the associated database and that funding would be better spent on additional police officers.

Council further notes that:

- (i) Despite arguments by Labour ministers to the contrary, ID cards and the database will not prevent crime, terrorism or illegal immigration.
- (ii) The introduction of ID cards would fundamentally change the relationship between the citizen and the state
- (iii) The Prime Minister's speech to his party conference sought to give the impression that ID cards would not be introduced, at the same time as his government was clearly preparing for these pilot schemes.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- (1) Reiterate its current opposition to the ID card scheme and any introduction of this in Wirral.
- (2) Refuse to co-operate with any plans to promote the card scheme. This will include refusal to allow any council premises to be used for promotional events or meetings and refusal to use any of Wirral council's communications channels to provide information about the scheme.
- (3) Work with organisations campaigning against the ID card scheme such as NO2ID to raise awareness among Wirral residents of the civil liberties implications of the ID card and database scheme.

(2) RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Proposed by Councillor Alan Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Frank Doyle

This Council notes:

(1) The publication in November 2009 of the Prison Reform Trust report, *Making Amends: restorative youth justice in Northern Ireland*, which reveals that reoffending rates were much lower when offenders were involved in restorative justice schemes and calls for the youth justice system to prioritise restorative justice, whereby young offenders face their victims.

(2) The excellent work being carried out by Youth Offending Service to prevent and reduce offending, protect the public and provide restorative justice to victims of crime by encouraging young people and their families to take responsibility for their behaviour.

(3) The excellent work being carried out by Merseyside Probation Trust with offenders on Community Payback to provide free labour to local communities as offenders pay back for the crimes they have committed.

(4) The increasing number of local authority and police areas, including Cheshire Police, Thames Valley Police, North Liverpool Community Justice Centre, South Yorkshire Community Justice Panels, that operate effective methods of restorative justice.

(5) That a leading Conservative think-tank, The Centre for Social Justice, has called for a Restorative Justice Act and expansion of Restorative Justice conferencing, training of police in restorative disposals and a national Restorative Justice Agency as core way in which both policing and prisons should be reformed.

(6) Liberal Democrat policy that minor offences and anti-social behaviour should be dealt with by Community Justice Panels in every town, facilitating restorative justice where offenders recognise the effects of their actions and make amends to their victims, where victims are amenable, alongside a strengthening of the probation service to enforce community sentences.

Therefore, Council resolves to request the Local Criminal Justice Delivery Board to report to Members, including the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Evaluating the restorative justice pilot due to commence in 2010, led by the Youth Offending Service and run out of the Wirral Custody Suite, assessing its practical application and impact on re-offending rates, with a view to;

(a) Bringing forward proposals to establish formalised restorative justice processes in Wirral.

(b) Evaluating the feasibility of establishing Community Justice Panels in Wirral.

(3) CARBON BUDGET

Proposed by Councillor Gill Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Simon Holbrook

(1) Council notes:

- (a) The excellent work already being carried out to reduce carbon emissions by the council and across the borough through the launch of the CRed scheme and its aim to achieve a 60% reduction in CO₂ emissions by 2025.
- (b) The sign-up and commitment of the council to the national 10:10 initiative, which encourages individuals and organisations to save 10% during 2010.
- (c) That the Carbon Reduction Commitment, a mandatory emissions trading scheme affecting large local authorities with an annual electricity bill of more than £500,000 will come into force from April 2010.
- (d) The launch in September 2009 of the Scottish Government's carbon budget, linking greenhouse gas emissions with the environmental impact of total government spending.
- (e) The publication by DECC in July 2009 of the UK Low Carbon Transition Plan, setting out how the UK will meet the 34% cut in emissions on 1990 levels by 2020, set out in The Budget.
- (f) The publication by CLG in July 2009 of the Strengthening Local Democracy Consultation, which suggests that local authorities could have a much greater role to play in tackling climate change through local carbon budgets.

(2) Council believes that:

- (a) Setting an annual carbon budget for each department and building a clearer picture of the environmental impact of Council spending will help to meet the local and national carbon reduction targets that have been set out above.
- (b) Strong leadership is needed to ensure that financial and carbon budgeting is fully integrated into mainstream financial management and business planning activity.
- (c) There are financial savings to be made through procurement of energy efficient and low carbon contracts, goods and services.

Therefore, Council resolves:

(1) To instruct the Director of Technical Services and the Sustainability Unit to establish the Council's carbon footprint and quantify the number of tonnes of CO₂ released as a direct result of Council operations for 2010 onwards, and to instruct the Director of Finance to bring forward proposals for quantifying CO₂ emissions as part of the procurement process for new council contracts and other spend from April 2011.

(2) To instruct the Director of Technical Services and the Sustainability Unit to work with the Director of Finance (in conjunction with other Chief Officers) to prepare carbon budgets detailing carbon emissions and carbon efficiency targets for each department to be presented at Budget Cabinet and Council alongside the Council's financial budget.

(3) To instruct the Director of Technical Services to report to Cabinet on progress made regarding the carbon budget. This report to include measures and projects to reduce carbon emissions, including an analysis to show progress being made by department and key service areas.

(4) CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Proposed by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Seconded by Councillor Gerry Ellis

Following major incidents throughout the country where fire has taken life, wrecked homes, destroyed business and local communities along with the impact fire has on the environment.

This Council fully supports the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority and the National Fire Sprinkler Network in promoting the benefits and awareness of installing sprinkler systems in public buildings, schools, care homes, commercial premises, and residential properties in Merseyside and throughout the UK.

Sources of information stated below, highlight the need to raise awareness both locally, regionally and nationally of the impact fire has on our communities and the need for urgent and immediate action in bringing about a change in the current legislation.

A recent report from the BBC claims, almost half of new school buildings in England do not have fire safety sprinkler systems.

The government issued guidance two years ago saying sprinklers should be fitted in almost all new schools but 43% of schools to have been re-built or refurbished under the multi-billion pound Building Schools for the Future programme lack sprinklers.

Leading Insurance broker, Zurich Insurance say fewer than 500 out of the 32,000 schools in the UK have them. Every week 20 schools are destroyed or damaged by fire.

In one fire, at Tideway Community School in Newhaven, East Sussex in 2005, 40 classrooms were damaged. The school was rebuilt at a cost of £10.8m, the new buildings contained sprinklers.

Although the number of arson attacks fell slightly last year the cost of the damage rose to £65m. The government has said it expects sprinklers to be fitted in almost all new school buildings. But figures obtained by the BBC from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) show many local authorities are deciding not to fit them.

The Chief Fire Officers Association says "local authorities which choose not to fit them are putting the safety of pupils and staff at risk. It is calling for the government to make sprinklers mandatory in all new school buildings".

Although the provision of sprinklers is not a requirement of the building regulations, education authorities should request that a risk assessment be undertaken to assess the validity of providing sprinklers in BSF schemes.

The Welsh Assembly insists on sprinklers being fitted in all new school buildings which it funds and has provided money to fit them in existing schools most at risk of arson.

In Scotland a working group will advise ministers later this year on changes to school building safety regulations, including any move to make sprinkler systems mandatory.

It is proven that the initial financial outlay is relatively small and will be recouped through lower insurance premiums.

(Source) Kent Fire & Rescue Service

Results from a recent survey:

- 88% of respondents believe sprinklers save lives and 83% now think sprinklers react quickly to fire
- 83% of people think that sprinklers offer design freedoms and flexibilities
- 60% of respondents are now likely to request sprinkler installation
- 87% of all respondents felt that insurance premiums should be reduced for properties fitted with sprinkler systems
- As a result of the Kent Fire & Rescue Service 'Safer with Sprinklers' campaign, 61% of people have now advised others about the benefits of sprinklers
- A very positive change in perception is that now 65% of people think sprinklers should be fitted into the homes of vulnerable people and schools, compared to 46% in 2007

Many negative perceptions about sprinklers have decreased since 2007. Fewer people now think that they flood buildings and are ugly and expensive.

As peoples' attitudes towards sprinklers have become more positive, cost would appear to be the remaining major factor when considering sprinklers and their installation. Perceived installation and maintenance cost is a factor we will continue trying to address, by promoting the likely cost of specifying sprinklers, the use of low cost systems and by offering grants towards sprinkler systems in properties where vulnerable people are or will be living.

Sprinklers - the facts

- **Effective:** Fire sprinklers are by far the most efficient and effective safety devices available, having a better than 97% success rate world-wide.
- **Life Safety Record:** In the UK statistics show that there has never been a multiple loss of life in a building fully covered by sprinklers.
- **Early alarm:** More than 50 per cent of all fire casualties are either young, old or physically incapacitated. In conjunction with smoke alarms, fire sprinklers sound the alarm when they go off so they increase the time people have to escape or be rescued.
- **Inexpensive:** Residential fire sprinklers cost less than two per cent of an average new house – or about the price of good carpeting.
- **Reliability:** Sprinklers are designed to last for 50 years and the chance of accidental operation, due to manufacturers' defects, in service is *1:16,000,000 (one in sixteen million). Less than your chance of winning the lottery!
- **Operational facts:** Each sprinkler head is individually triggered by the heat of the fire and the system will gain control of the fire long before the Fire and Rescue Service is called. Only the sprinkler head nearest to the fire goes off - NOT all of them.
- **Limited water damage:** Sprinklers use much less water than the Fire and Rescue Service. Because the sprinkler system tackles the fire immediately, it only has a small fire to deal with. A fire sprinkler uses between 1/25th and 1/100th of the water

used by each fire hose – so, in the event of a fire, sprinklers will minimise water damage.

- Easy to install: Modern residential sprinklers are small, neat and unobtrusive and visitors are seldom able to spot them – concealed versions are now available.
- Construction trade-offs: Sprinklers can save on construction costs because, under the Building Regulations, larger compartments or rooms may be constructed. Structural fire protection may also be reduced.

We therefore support and encourage the campaign that all local authorities, Social Landlords and Businesses to voluntarily include sprinklers systems in any future investment programme such as, schools, care homes, public buildings, and houses of multiple occupation and family homes, commercial or retail premises.

As such Wirral Council undertakes to:

- (1) Review the present Building Schools for the Future schemes.
- (2) Review the Capital Works Programme for Kitchens/Dining Rooms in Schools scheduled for 2009/10.
- (3) Review the Schools and Early Years Capital Works Programme for future years.
- (4) Review the Leisure Service Capital Works Programme for future years, and any other public facility where sprinkler systems will improve public safety and protect the fabric of the building.

Council requests that the terms of this motion are forwarded to all Merseyside MPs, Social Landlords, Lord McKenzie of Luton, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DCLG with responsibility for Buildings Regulations, Shahid Malik MP, Minister of State with responsibility for the Fire Service and Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority to express our support for a change in the current legislation and engage their support for this important campaign.

(5) TOWN MEADOW LANE SHOPS AND MAISONNETTES

Proposed by Councillor Chris Blakeley

Seconded by Councillor Steve Williams

- (1) This Council notes with concern that the site of the shops and maisonettes in Town Meadow Lane Moreton has been allowed to fall into disrepair and dereliction, with all the maisonettes being empty and only three shops in the parade trading.
- (2) Council further notes that this housing and commercial stock transferred to Wirral Partnership homes as part of the Council's Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT) programme in 2005.
- (3) Council also notes that Wirral Partnership Homes, with the support of this Council were able to secure grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency, to

redevelop a similar site in Woodchurch with 10 houses and 4 bungalows, following the stock transfer.

(4) Council therefore requests, as a matter of urgency, that Council Officers, working with Wirral Partnership Homes come up with proposals to secure grant funding, to allow a redevelopment scheme to take place at this location, including the provision of new shop premises for the existing traders.

(5) In order to ensure that any new development fits in with the existing streetscene, and is acceptable to the local community Council also requests that Wirral Partnership Homes carries out full open and transparent consultation with all stakeholders, including the existing traders, local residents, representatives of the residents' association and Ward Councillors prior to the implementation of any new scheme.

(6) SURE START

Proposed by Councillor Leah Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes

(1) Council notes that the Director of Children's services intends to seek a cut of £300,000 to the money allocated this year for the support given to families in Wirral through the Sure Start initiative.

(2) Council welcomes the decision by all three Party leaders to maintain Sure Start after the next General Election and therefore regrets the cuts to the programme in Wirral.

(3) Council believes that support for families, in particular with the important early years of a child's life, is essential to improve the health and wellbeing of a family and wider society.

(7) ELDERLY CARE

Proposed by Councillor Geoffrey Watt

Seconded by Councillor James Keeley

(1) Council notes that 2.4 million pensioners currently receive an average of £60 per week from Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance.

(2) Council is concerned to note that plans by the Government to create a National Care Service will be funded by the withdrawal of these benefits.

(3) These benefits are a vital support for disabled pensioners and give them the chance to have an independent life with the freedom to tailor their care to their needs.

(8) SUE CHARTERIS LIBRARY INQUIRY

Proposed by Councillor Jeff Green

Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Council notes:

- The plan to close eleven Wirral Libraries was announced over twelve months ago by the ruling Labour/Liberal Democrat Administration in a barely concealed and shameful attempt to shut the Wirral public out of the decision making process by avoiding the scrutiny and accountability of its decision at a Local Council Election.
- That the Sue Charteris Library Inquiry report together with its conclusions and recommendations made available to the public on 30th November, was placed in the hands of Council Officers and the Labour/Liberal Democrat Administration on 27th July and that Wirral Council Officers on 29th September informed the Liberal Democrat/Labour Administration that the Secretary of State's decision on the Administration's Library Closure Plan was going to be announced on the 1st October.
- That a midnight meeting took place on the 29th September and that the Labour/Liberal Democrat Administration, having created so much distress to Wirral residents including some of our most vulnerable citizens and spent so much of Wirral residents own Council Tax on developing and defending the their library closure plan decided not to publicly acknowledge that through their own failings they had got the biggest decision in Wirral's history wrong.
- The contrast between the way the ruling Liberal Democrat/Labour Administration has behaved over their Library Closure Plan and the professional and inclusive way Sue Charteris conducted her Inquiry could not be starker in that her report has laid bare the unwillingness of the Labour/Liberal Democrat Administration to listen to anyone who disagrees with them and the confused and incompetent decision making process currently in use by Council Officers and members of the administration.

Council believes the residents of Wirral

- Owe Sue Charteris a huge debt of gratitude as her report has exposed the way this administration has treated the Wirral public and how they disregarded the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.
- Will be disgusted that members of the Labour/Liberal Democrat Administration, knowing that their proposals would be deemed to be in breach of its statutory duties under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964, thought only of their own skins and how to protect their own positions by using the cover of secrecy to mask the reasons for carrying out the biggest political 'U' turn in Wirral history and instead of being honest with Wirral residents chose to characterise their decision as a demonstration of 'Decisive Leadership'.
- Will not forgive those Council Officers or members of the Labour/Liberal Democrat Administration who have brought such a stinging repudiation from Sue Charteris or forget that Sue Charteris' Public Inquiry has exposed them for:
 1. Making proposals that were in breach of the Council's statutory duties under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964,
 2. Failing to make an assessment of local needs before deciding to close 11 libraries

3. Specific needs for adults were not addressed. These include the specific requirements for older people, disabled people, unemployed people, and those living in deprived areas.
4. Failing to demonstrate that it had due regard to the general requirements of children which Sue Charteris considered to be a breach of its statutory duties.
5. Taking the decision to close 11 of its libraries in the absence of a strategic plan for or review of the Library Service.
6. Making a decision without a clear understanding of the extent and range of services currently being provided in the libraries.
7. Making a decision, which Sue Charteris said was better described as an indication of intent rather than a fully worked up plan, risked being a partial response to need that would disadvantage relatively isolated and deprived communities and was therefore considered to be a further breach in relation to the needs of deprived communities.
8. The absence of an adequate plan for and commitment to a comprehensive outreach service.
9. The Council displayed a lack of logic around why some facilities were recommended for closure and not others.
10. Having identified an area of need but subsequently chose to ignore this information:
11. Failing to meet its own standards in terms of a reasonable distance to travel.

Council demands:

(1) An annual library service report be produced by Wirral MBC and submitted every year for the next five years and instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the report is circulated to the members of a Wirral wide Advisory Group and made available to the public of Wirral.

(2) That the Chief Executive, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council write to Sue Charteris to thank her for the inclusive way she conducted the Public Inquiry and for producing such a clear and unambiguous report.

(3) That the Labour Leader and Liberal Democrat Deputy Leaders of the Council at long last issue an equally clear and unambiguous apology on behalf of themselves and their Groups, to Wirral residents Library staff and Library users for making a decision, so bereft of the use of evidence or common sense, to close eleven Libraries and seeking to hide the reasons for reversing this decision from them.

(4) That the Leader of the Liberal Democrats acknowledges that former Wirral Mayors Councillors Pat Williams and Phil Gilchrist have been vindicated by Sue Charteris' report and unreservedly apologises for their public humiliation

(5) That as the Labour/Liberal Democrat Cabinet coalition's decision making process has been exposed for what it is, lacking an evidence base and being incompetent, it has lost any moral authority and is unworthy of any lingering trust from Wirral residents it should summon up what remnants of honour it can salvage from this whole sorry episode and resign immediately.

(9) PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGNS

Proposed by Councillor Leah Fraser

Seconded Councillor Geoffrey Watt

(1) Council welcomes the work of charities, voluntary organisations and the public sector in Wirral to tackle issues related to public health, including activities around World Aids Day on December 1st.

(2) Council is therefore concerned to note that the number of public health consultants and registrars has been reduced.

(3) Council also notes there has been no significant public health campaign to warn of the dangers of HIV among younger people and high-risk groups since the 1980s.

(4) Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health and the Chief Executive of the NHS to express these concerns and request urgent attention.

(10) WIRRAL COUNCIL DELIVERS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies

Seconded by Councillor Jean Stapleton

(1) This Council recognises the many excellent achievements which the authority has delivered over the past three years either directly or in partnership. The following achievements are those about which the Council can be particularly proud:

- 150 new apprenticeships focussed on young people not in education, employment or training.
- Phase 2 of the regeneration of New Brighton amounting to £60m.
- 270 new jobs secured at Tulip.
- £20m new secondary school in Woodchurch.
- £12m new primary care facility at Victoria Central Health Centre.
- Phase 3 Children's Centres announced, bringing the total number to 21.
- 4 new super youth clubs to be open six nights per week announced (1 in each parliamentary constituency).
- £4.8m secured for improving school buildings and equipment.
- Wirral has best refuse and recycling rates in Merseyside.
- Major Wirral Waters development has progressed to the planning stage.

(2) The above clearly demonstrates that Wirral is a 'can do' Council which has delivered excellent outcomes for local residents while at the same time reining in council tax increases so Wirral has now dropped right down the Council tax league from having one of the highest Council Tax levels to one of the lowest.

(3) Council acknowledges the hard work which officers from both the Council and other agencies have contributed to this excellent record and thanks all of those involved.

(11) RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE LIBRARIES INQUIRY

Proposed by Councillor Steve Foulkes

Seconded by Councillor Phil Davies

(1) Council welcomes the statement by the Secretary of State on the libraries inquiry and the fact that it does not find Wirral in breach of its statutory duty.

(2) Council also welcomes the National Library Review launched by the minister, Margaret Hodge, on December 2nd with a series of essays designed to provoke debate on the national future of the library service. Council notes that in her contribution the minister outlined the problems libraries are facing, including steadily declining numbers of users and the major challenges presented by rapidly changing technology and the advent of e-books. Council confirms that it will be watching very closely to see what kind of recommendations emerge and what lessons we can learn for the future.

(3) Council also recognises that Wirral's original plans to invest £20m in new and modernised neighbourhood centres was a response to some of the challenges outlined by the minister, with plans to co-locate with other services, install the latest technology, provide community space for activities, open longer and more user friendly hours, and create a much more widespread outreach service.

(4) Council believes that the decision to rescind the original plans, which was welcomed by the Secretary of State, has provided the necessary time to take stock of the situation, wait for any national guidance, and consider carefully the best long term future for Wirral's library service.

(5) However, Council believes there are both winners and losers in this situation. Those who lobbied to keep their local library open, have what they want, but the silent majority who do not use their library, who do not want to see their council tax increase, and who might have used one of the new neighbourhood centres because they were more attractive, more conveniently located and open longer hours are clearly the losers.

(6) Council recognises that the decision to rescind the original plans was also not without serious budgetary consequences, costing £2.3m next year, which is the equivalent of a 2% Council Tax increase, and another £2.4m over the next three years for major repairs which will mean either increased council tax levels or cuts in services elsewhere.

(7) Council is acutely aware that between 2011 and 2014 this Council will need to save a minimum of over £67m and that the limited resources the Council has will need to be shared out to meet a whole host of demands, some of which are literally matters of life and death.

(8) Council believes we will have no option but to change and that continued opposition to any form of change will seriously damage the future of the borough and drive away

potential investors. Council therefore welcomes any national debate which creates a climate in which change is welcomed as a way forward, rather than a threat to what we have now.

(9) In contrast, Council condemns the irresponsibility of those who play on people's natural fears of change to further their own political ends, and who pretend that our services can continue to operate just as they do now without any consequences for the future.

(10) Council calls on the Conservatives to come clean and tell the voters just how they intend to balance the books in the difficult times ahead.

(12) ACHIEVING LEVEL 3 EQUALITY STANDARD

Proposed by Councillor Chris Meaden

Seconded by Councillor Moira McLaughlin

(1) Council welcomes the fact that Wirral Council's commitment to promoting equality, both as an employer and as a provider of services, has been recognised in a recent Government assessment which awarded it a level 3 rating of the Equality Standard for Local Government.

(2) Council notes that this is a nationally recognised standard and demonstrates that the Council has developed and implemented the necessary systems and processes to promote equality of opportunity for all.

(3) Council congratulates all those who have worked so hard to achieve this recognition, including the work that went into hosting two very successful Diversity Days, attracting more than 1,200 visitors, and supporting community events such as Black History Month awards, an inter-community football tournament, the Youth Voice Conference and events for Chinese elders, Bangladeshi and Black African community members.

(4) Council now urges all its staff to build on this success and work towards the goal of achieving an "excellent" rating within the next three years under the newly introduced Equality Framework.

(5) In particular, Council asks all Chief Officers to ensure that support for equality and diversity are high on their agendas and that they do everything possible to encourage further progress in these areas.

(13) ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Proposed by Councillor Harry Smith

Seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan

Council notes that measures have already been taken to reduce speed limits around schools and now asks Head Teachers and School Governors to work closely with the Director of Technical Services to undertake programmes of Education, Training and

Publicity relating to Road Safety in the vicinity of Schools and to promote sustainable travel to reduce congestion and parking in the vicinity of schools.

(14) CONTROL OF DANGEROUS DOGS

Proposed by Councillor Adrian Jones

Seconded by Councillor John Salter

(1) Council notes that legal provisions concerning dogs were, in particular, enacted under the Dogs Act 1871; the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991; and, inter alia, the 1997 amendments.

(2) Whilst the government is to be applauded for introducing control provisions for particular breeds experience demonstrates that tragedies continue to occur in private premises and open spaces.

(3) Council notes that individuals with ill intent are easily able to acquire dogs that can be trained as 'attack' instruments. Irrespective of intent anybody can acquire dogs that are not, under extant legal provisions, deemed to be dangerous but may nevertheless through training for aggression, through ignorance or failure of training, or through neglect or any other reason, become hazardous in domestic surroundings or public places.

(4) The Government is therefore called upon to take urgent measures to:

1. re-define the meaning of 'dangerous';
2. re-consider the range of breeds that may be deemed dangerous;
3. enact stricter measures of control; and
4. consider the feasibility and viability of re-introducing licensing of individuals seeking dog ownership.

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Council Vacancies

Council Committees

Sustainable Communities O&S

Councillor Steve Williams to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley

Health and Well Being O & S

Susan Lowe – Co-opted member as representative of service users under the Older People Parliament's age group

Scrutiny Programme Board O&S

Add Councillor Steve Williams as 3rd deputy

Children and Young People O&S

Add Councillor Steve Williams as 4th deputy

Economy and Regeneration O&S

Add Councillor Steve Williams as 7th deputy

Council Excellence O&S

Add Councillor Steve Williams as 2nd deputy

Pensions Committee

Add Councillor Steve Williams as 2nd deputy

Standards Committee

Add Councillor Steve Williams as 8th deputy

Panels, Statutory & Advisory Committees

Children's Services and Lifelong Learning

Youth and Play Service Advisory Committee

Add Councillor Steve Williams as deputy

Outside Bodies

(c) Community and Customer Engagement

(viii) Leasowe Play, Youth and Community Association Committee

Councillor Steve Williams to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley

(xi) Moreton Community Centre Joint Management Committee

Add Councillor Steve Williams as one of three ward councillors

(d) Culture, Tourism and Leisure

(vi) Tam O'Shanter Cottage Trust

Councillor Simon Mountney to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley

(appointed until July 2010)

(h) Regeneration & Planning Strategy

Saughall Massie Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Councillor Simon Mountney to replace former Councillor Suzanne Moseley