



# Council

Town Hall  
Wallasey

4 October 2019

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 14 October 2019** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects : -

This meeting will be webcast at  
<https://wirral.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

**Contact Officer:** Mike Jones  
**Tel:** 0151 691 8363  
**e-mail:** Michaeljones1@wirral.gov.uk  
**Website:** <http://www.wirral.gov.uk>

---

## AGENDA

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### 3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 48)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 15 July 2019 and the ordinary meeting of Council held on 15 July 2019, attached.

#### **4. PETITIONS**

To receive petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 21.

#### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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

#### **6. LEADER'S, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' AND CHAIRS REPORTS**

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

**A. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs' Reports (Pages 49 - 56)**

**B. Cabinet Members reports (Pages 57 - 82)**

#### **7. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

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

#### **8. VACANCIES**

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

#### **STATUTORY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

##### **Wirral Climate Change Group**

Councillor Tom Anderson to replace Councillor Chris Blakeley.

#### **COMMITTEES**

##### **Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor Lesley Rennie to replace Councillor David Burgess-Joyce.

##### **Licensing, Health & Safety and General Purposes Committee**

Councillor Ian Lewis to replace Councillor David Burgess-Joyce.

##### **Licensing Act 2003 Committee**

Councillor Ian Lewis to replace Councillor David Burgess-Joyce.

## **OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **Merseyside Police and Crime Panel**

A Conservative nomination to replace Councillor David Burgess-Joyce.

### **Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust – Governors**

Councillors Mike Collins (to be reappointed – term expires on 17 October)

Councillor Irene Williams (to be reappointed – term expires on 17 October)

### **Chrysalis Board**

Councillor Pat Hackett to replace Councillor Anita Leech

## **9. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL**

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

### **A. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/19 FOR WIRRAL COUNCIL AND MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND (Pages 83 - 386)**

A referral from Audit and Risk Management Committee, 23 September 2019 (Minute 11 refers).

It be recommended to Council that:

- 1) The Audit Findings Report presented by the External Auditor, and the actions taken regarding the amendments to the Statement of Accounts for the Council and Mersey Pension Fund Accounts, be agreed;
- 2) The Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 as presenting a true and fair view of the Council's income and expenditure for the year and its overall financial position, be approved; and
- 3) The Chair and Director of Finance and Investment (S151) to sign and date the Letter of Representation.

### **B. REVENUE AND CAPITAL COMBINED MONITORING 2019-20 QUARTER 1 (Pages 387 - 402)**

A referral from the Cabinet, 2 September 2019 (Minute 26 refers).

The Council is recommended to approve: That,

## Revenue

- (1) the Year-end forecast position at Quarter 1 of £4.327 million Adverse, be noted;
- (2) the level of achievement of savings proposed for 2019-20, be noted;
- (3) the revisions to the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2020-2025, be noted;

## Capital

- (4) the expenditure at Quarter 1 of £2.9 million, be noted;
- (5) Cabinet recommends to Council the approval of additional funding for the schemes referred to in paragraph 3.7 of the report, i.e. Eureka Project, Seacombe (£200,000) and Eastham Youth Hub (£442,000);
- (6) Cabinet recommends to Council the approval of the revised Capital Programme of £88.7 million (Table 2 of the report) for 2019-20.

### **C. Wirral Council Plan 2025 (Pages 403 - 434)**

With reference to the Cabinet, 30 September 2019 (Minute 30 refers). The Council be recommended to agree to the following:

**That the Wirral Council Plan be referred to the Council for consideration at its ordinary meeting scheduled for 14 October 2019.**

### **D. Public Health Annual Report 2019 – Creative Communities (Pages 435 - 466)**

With reference to the Cabinet, 30 September 2019 (Minute 31 refers). The Council be recommended to agree to the following:

That the recommendations of the Public Health Annual Report 2019 be endorsed and its publication be supported.

### **E. Approval of Revised Local Development Scheme for Wirral – July 2019 (Pages 467 - 500)**

With reference to the meeting of Cabinet, 30 September 2019, Minute 33 refers, Council is recommended to:

- (1) approve the adoption of the revised Local Development Scheme attached to the report; and

- (2) subject to the approval of (1) above, agree that the revised Local Development Scheme comes into effect on the day following the date that the Council resolution is passed.

**F. NORTHERN LGPS OPERATING AGREEMENT (Pages 501 - 546)**

With reference to the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee, 26 September 2019 (Minute 12 refers). The Council be recommended to agree to the following:

That

- (1) the proposed principles of governance contained in the draft Operating Agreement approved by the Pensions Committee at its meeting on 16 July 2019 and in particular the establishment of a Joint Committee with Tameside and Bradford Councils to oversee the required arrangements for the pooling of investments by all three Pension Funds;
- (2) the Chair and Vice Chair of the Pensions Committee (or as otherwise determined by Pensions Committee) be the Council's elected representatives on the Joint Committee; and
- (3) the Director of Pensions in consultation with the Director: Governance and Assurance be given delegated authority to negotiate and agree with Tameside and Bradford Councils the details of the final draft of the Operating Agreement within the parameters of the principles of governance approved by the Pensions Committee and the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee.

**G. Review of Scrutiny Arrangements (Pages 547 - 648)**

With reference to the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee, 26 September 2019 (Minute 13 refers). The Council be recommended to agree to the following:

That

- (1) the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee be thanked for its very detailed report;
- (2) the Council be recommended to approve the recommendations of the review of its scrutiny arrangements as follows:
  - (a) the findings of this review of scrutiny arrangements be taken into account as part any new governance model, with the six key principles of effective scrutiny formally included within the new model of decision-

making;

- (b) the effectiveness of the Overview & Scrutiny arrangements of the new governance model at Wirral be reviewed after 12 months to ensure the good practice currently in operation is continued; and
- (c) the new governance model should ensure full consideration of Wirral's involvement in the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny function.

#### **H. Governance Review (Pages 649 - 674)**

With reference to the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee, 26 September 2019 (Minute 14 refers). The Council be recommended to agree to the following:

Having considered:

- (a) the materials presented to the Governance Review Working Group; and
- (b) the discussions held at the Working Group's meetings and subsequent Member sessions.

This Committee is of the view that Wirral's residents will now be better served by the introduction of a more accountable and transparent way of conducting the Council's business, policy formulation and decision-making.

It is the opinion of this Committee that the Council should now move to a Committee based structure to be designed, finalised and in place for the next Municipal Year.

The Committee notes that a range of costs have been put forward that apply to the revised arrangements. It is recognised however, that revisions to the existing Constitution have been under discussion for some time and that costs would have been incurred in that process.

The Committee considers that the operational costs of the new system of governance should be the subject of regular reports and that in practice these costs should be minimised.

The Committee:

- (1) recommends to the Council: That
  - (a) there be a move from Leader and Cabinet Executive arrangements to a Committee System form of governance arrangements to take effect from the Annual Council Meeting in 2020; and

(b) the Standards and Constitutional Oversight Committee accordingly prepare a draft revised Constitution to propose to the Council meeting of 16 March 2020.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION (Pages 675 - 686)**

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

1. Delayed Domestic Violence Bill
2. Children in Care
3. Prioritising Safety Around Schools
4. Boosting Funds for Green Transport
5. Wirral Council to Commit to Keep It Local Campaign
6. Better Provision for Stray, Abandoned, and Neglected Dogs
7. Appraisal of Parking Restrictions in Wirral
8. Borough of Culture Achievements
9. Every Child Matters
10. Delivering a New Deal for Transport
11. The Placement Market is not working for Children or for the Public Purse
12. Biosolar Roofing on all Suitable Flat Roofs
13. Safer Roads
14. Keeping Alleyways Clear
15. Blue Flag Beaches



Director: Governance and Assurance

## ***Audio/Visual Recording of Meetings***

*Everyone is welcome to record meetings of the Council and its Committees using non-disruptive methods. For particular meetings we may identify a 'designated area' for you to record from. If you have any questions about this please contact Committee and Civic Services (members of the press please contact the Press Office). Please note that the Chair of the meeting has the discretion to halt any recording for a number of reasons, including disruption caused by the filming or the nature of the business being conducted.*

*Persons making recordings are requested not to put undue restrictions on the material produced so that it can be reused and edited by all local people and organisations on a non-commercial basis.*