



Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee

Date:	Thursday, 21 January 2021
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	on Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
2. **APOLOGIES**
3. **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

4. **MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2020.

5. **PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS**

- 5.1 **Public Questions**

Notice of questions to be given in writing or by email, by 12 noon, Monday 18 January 2021 to the Council's Monitoring Officer and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10.

5.2 Statements and Petitions

Notice of representations to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Monday 18 January 2021 to the Council's Monitoring Officer and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 11.1.

5.3 Questions by Members

Questions by Members to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders 12.3 to 12.8.

SECTION A - KEY AND OTHER DECISIONS

6. CULTURE AND HERITAGE UPDATE (Pages 7 - 10)

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY (Pages 11 - 24)

SECTION B - BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

8. BUDGET CONSULTATION REPORT (Pages 25 - 34)

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WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE (Pages 35 - 44)**

TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Monday, 23 November 2020

Present:

Councillor T Anderson (Chair)

Councillors	P Stuart	B Kenny
	H Cameron	C Povall
	A Corkhill	J Walsh
	J Johnson	KJ Williams
	C Jones	

10 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

11 **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

12 **MINUTES**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee held on 26 October 2020 be approved for accuracy.

13 **PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS**

There were no questions, statement or petitions from the public or Members.

14 **BIRKENHEAD PARK: HERITAGE PROJECT REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Nikki Butterworth, Director of Neighbourhood services, introduced this report on the project to obtain World Heritage Site recognition from UNESCO for Birkenhead Park. She spoke of the history of the Park which was reputed to be one of the first publicly funded parks and was pivotal in influencing the creation of urban parks worldwide.

The recognition could bring benefits including increased investment, local regenerations, employment opportunities, increase in property values and growth in visitor economy. The process was outlined where the first stage was submission of the draft document to the Government's list of potential sites.

At the same time, parks restoration and enhancement would continue with an application for a Heritage Support Grant.

The Committee discussed the issue and were supportive of it and of the work done by the Friends groups who volunteered to maintain the park.

Resolved: That:

- (1) That the progress made regarding the Birkenhead Park heritage project be noted.**
- (2) the proposals to progress as set out in this report be supported: (i) the aspiration for Birkenhead Park's ultimate inscription as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO; and (ii) the further significant regeneration of the Park, including through the submission of a grant application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF).**
- (3) the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to consider submitting a Capital bid in future. This will cover the ongoing running costs associated with the NLHF Round 1 grant application and ensure that funding is secured until 2023/24.**

15 **GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT**

Andy McCartan, the Assistant Director for Leisure, Libraries and Customer Engagement introduced a report which provided an update on the developing role that football had to play in the Borough, and the development of provision of high-quality artificial grass pitch (AGP) all-weather facilities, for use by all.

It was stated that the Borough was 22 pitches short of meeting the demand for grassroots football and five priority sites had been determined, with two being taken forward first. Other organisations were helping to meet demand elsewhere and the Council provided guidance and assistance to them. The potential finances were explained, including potential Football Foundation funding of £80,000 which is being decided in December. In the longer term, the developments would sustain themselves.

Cheshire West and Chester Council had invited Members and officers to view their facilities and Members were interested in being involved.

Members commented on particular areas, and it was emphasised that there were other organisations, including clubs and schools, developing pitches around the Wirral which the Council was advising but they were not part of this decision.

Resolved: That

- (1) the development of the business case and grant application process to the Football Foundation for the first two priority AGP proposed sites at Woodchurch Leisure Centre and Wirral Tennis**

- Centre, Bidston be approved and supported, subject to Council approval for the match funding from the capital programme.
- (2) the development of the business case and grant application process to the Football Foundation, for the remaining three priority sites Leasowe, Arrowe Park and Bromborough, in due course be approved and supported, subject to Council approval for the match funding from the capital programme.
 - (3) the revenue grant application process to the Football Foundations' 'Active Through Football' fund be approved and supported.

16 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY FOR WIRRAL

Andy McCartan, the Assistant Director for Leisure, Libraries and Customer Engagement introduced a report which was not only a leisure strategy considering facilities but aimed to tackle wider social issues such as obesity, inequality and engaging with the community.

The Strategy was not a statutory one but was seen as good practice, to guide external and internal partners. It noted an aging stock of facilities and social barriers to activity.

Members queried the application of the strategy including provision of outdoor gyms and maintenance of facilities.

Resolved: That

- (1) the new outline Sport and Physical Activity Strategy presented in this report and the accompanying appendix be noted and approved.
- (2) the Director of Neighbourhood Services be authorised to engage with residents, communities, and other stakeholders to design and deliver a fit-for-purpose and sustainable service that meets the differing needs of the communities within Wirral.
- (3) the strategy be included within the Committee's ongoing work programme.

17 LIBRARY STRATEGY AND NEW LIBRARY MODEL

Andy McCartan, the Assistant Director for Leisure, Libraries and Customer Engagement introduced a report which included the draft library strategy and model.

The focus of the draft strategy had been to provide library services that addressed increased service take-up in areas of greatest need by providing attractive and relevant facilities and services, thus reducing inequalities around literacy, skills for work, digital inclusion, health and community

cohesion. An effective library service had the capacity to support the delivery of every one of the council's priorities for 2025. Work had been done to understand the needs of local communities so new services were co-designed with residents.

The strategy identified different types of library that served different purposes (central, community hub, community managed etc) along with outreach services (pop up libraries, home reader, virtual library).

Members expressed their wishes that community and friends groups be involved.

Resolved: that

- (1) the new draft Library Strategy and model outlined in this report be noted.**
- (2) the Director of Neighbourhood Services be authorised to commence consultation on the proposals contained in the draft Library Strategy and model ,with residents, service users and stakeholders in order to design and deliver a modern and sustainable service that meets the needs of different communities across Wirral and report back to a future meeting of the Committee the outcome of that consultation.**

18 TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

Resolved:

That the work programme for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year be agreed.

19 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

20 DEVELOPING LEISURE VEHICLE PROVISION ACROSS WIRRAL

Stuart Bellerby, Senior Commercial Manager, introduced a report which sought agreement on a set of key principles, business model options and a process for determining sites for the Council to develop leisure vehicle provision across Wirral. This followed concerns about the amount of overnight parking by motorhomes in coastal areas around New Brighton and a

scrutiny review which had recommended establishing a managed site. There was evidence of a growing leisure vehicle market and commercial opportunities, potentially with a variety of sites with different business models.

Members discussed the report and options, with deterrents for people avoiding the sites, but the secondary spend and increases in people staying in this country for holidays would provide opportunities for increased visitors and potential revenue for the Council and local businesses.

Resolved – That

- (1) the vision and the 4 key principles for the Council to develop leisure vehicle provision across Wirral as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.**
- (2) the range of business model options for consideration for leisure vehicle provision in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.**
- (3) the review process for determining the proposed leisure vehicle sites for development outlined in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.**
- (4) a member workshop be established, in order to review potential sites for leisure vehicle provision against an agreed list of business model options and types of provision, and then ultimately make recommendations back to a future Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee.**

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TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21 January 2021

REPORT TITLE:	CULTURE AND HERITAGE UPDATE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND PLACE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the culture and heritage work programme being undertaken within the Regeneration and Place Directorate. In particular, the report details the development of a Culture and Heritage Strategy for Birkenhead, commissioned in support of the Council's ambitious regeneration plans.

The key points in this report will be presented to the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee on Thursday 21st January 2021.

The content of this report affects all Wards within the Borough but has particular relevance for Birkenhead Wards in respect of the Culture and Heritage Strategy for the town.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee is requested to note the action being undertaken to deliver the culture and heritage work programme and to develop a Culture and Heritage Strategy for Birkenhead.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 Members of the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee are being asked to note the action being undertaken in respect of culture and heritage within the Regeneration and Place Directorate to ensure opportunities for cross-cutting activity identified by the Committee and Elected Member considerations can be integrated into the work programme and development of a Culture and Heritage Strategy for Birkenhead.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Members of the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee are being asked to note the action being undertaken in respect of culture and heritage within the Regeneration and Place Directorate and the development of a Culture and Heritage Strategy for Birkenhead. No decisions are requested at this time which would require the consideration of other options.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Whilst culture and heritage activities have of course been impacted by COVID-19, officers within the Regeneration and Place Directorate have been developing a work programme which harnesses the opportunities presented by the implementation of the Council's ambitious growth and regeneration plans. The importance of culture and heritage as key drivers for regeneration is being embedded in these plans, building on the legacy of the work undertaken in 2018 and 2019 to deliver the successful Imagine Wirral and Borough of Culture programmes and aligned to the objectives of the Wirral Plan 2025. As part of this work, a Culture and Heritage Strategy for Birkenhead has now been commissioned.
- 3.2 The Culture and Heritage Strategy for Birkenhead will be a key document in ensuring that the opportunities for Birkenhead's culture and heritage offer are clearly articulated. It is anticipated that the strategy will explore the following themes:
- Delivering economic growth for creative, heritage, digital and socially trading sectors
 - Facilitating high quality cultural programming which involves local practitioners, develops local audiences and attracts visitors
 - Enabling creative meanwhile use of buildings and spaces
 - Ensuring heritage assets are safeguarded, enhanced and interpreted as part of regeneration projects
 - Driving inclusive and creative community engagement and participation in culture and heritage
 - Unlocking resources and investment in partnership and locally, regionally and nationally to enable delivery of culture and heritage outcomes
- 3.3 The first stage is to develop an evidence base during January followed by extensive consultation with key stakeholders and partners. This will include virtual surveys, interviews and round tables with:

- Local residents / communities
- Creative businesses, entrepreneurs and workspace operators
- Local authority stakeholders and key partners
- Regional/national stakeholders – e.g. Arts Council England, Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England, the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Creative Industries Federation
- Local artists, musicians, creatives, heritage stakeholders and communities of interest.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications pertaining to this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications pertaining to this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 The culture and heritage work programme is currently being delivered within existing staffing resources.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 No risks have been identified pertaining to this report. However, it should be noted that the delivery of the Birkenhead Culture and Heritage Strategy will have an associated risk register.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 A comprehensive consultation and engagement plan is being developed to support the development of the Birkenhead Culture and Heritage Strategy.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity. An Equality Impact Assessment will be produced in advance of the commencement of the Birkenhead Culture and Heritage Strategy commission to identify steps to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by the implementation of actions associated with the document.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no environment and climate implications pertaining to this report. However, it anticipated that issues relating to this agenda will be explored as part of the work on the Birkenhead Culture and Heritage Strategy, e.g. the importance of local supply chains and harnessing creative sector innovation in tackling climate

change. The implications of this report will have no impact on emissions of Greenhouse Gases.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Wirral Plan 2025](#)

[Wirral Culture Strategy 2020](#)

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Wirral's Culture Strategy: Imagine Wirral 2018 and Borough of Culture 2019	Thursday, 4th July 2019



TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21 January 2021

REPORT TITLE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

This report outlines the development process for the Community Safety Strategy which will cover the period 2021-2025.

The report details the thematic framework within which the strategy will operate. These themes include;

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Crime and Violence Reduction
- Modern Slavery
- Hate Crime
- Emergency Planning
- Road Safety
- Community Safety

In addition, the report presents the innovative approach to building the strategy in a collaborative, co-produced way with our partners. The strategy will be developed by working in partnership with key organisations across the borough to ensure comprehensive buy-in across the statutory, business, voluntary and community sectors and as a consequence, maximise the impact/outcomes of the strategy and our combined efforts to make a difference in our communities.

This report will affect all wards in the borough.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The recommendations of this report are that:

- The committee note the contents of the report.
- The committee endorse the co-production approach to developing the strategy

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is considered best practice to adopt the innovative co-production methodology in developing the strategy.
- 1.2 This approach will produce better, long-lasting results, impacting significantly on safety and the feelings of safety for Wirral and its residents.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Other options include developing the strategy as a single organisation. In effect, Wirral Council producing the strategy and then presenting it to partners. This was discounted as to ensure full partner buy-in and, in turn, maximum impact and improved outcomes for our local communities, requires the co-production methodology.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Traditionally the Community Safety Strategy would be written solely by the Council and shared with partners in draft form, before final production.
- 3.2 Adopting a more innovative co-production model of strategy development, enables partner organisations to be heavily involved in developing the strategy. Partners can then take ownership of one or more component parts and feel more invested in ensuring that together, the delivery is stronger and gains maximum impact for our residents, businesses and communities.
- 3.3 In previous years, the Community Safety Strategy would tie-in directly to the Wirral Plan 2020 and describe delivery focused on Pledges 7 (Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse) and 19 (Wirral Neighbourhoods are Safe) respectively.
- 3.4 The new Community Safety Strategy will align to the Council's current Wirral Plan 2025. This Plan is currently being refreshed to reflect COVID, and to align with emerging Recovery Plans. Discussions are also ongoing with partner agencies to build on this Plan and agree the Wirral Partnership Plan 2025. This partnership approach fits seamlessly with the co-production method adopted here for the new Community Safety Strategy.
- 3.5 The co-production process will involve working closely with as wide a range of partners as possible to ensure the broadest possible coverage of our communities and local organisations.
- 3.6 The partners are many and co-production will ensure engagement with statutory organisations, emergency services, voluntary, community, faith, BAME and disability sectors, local residents, older people and young people, elected members, road safety partnerships, housing, mental health and domestic abuse organisations and the local business sector.

- 3.7 See attached **Appendix 1 'Community Strategy Roadmap'** which details the time frame for the implementation of the co-production process, leading up to the completed strategy date in April 2021.
- 3.8 This report provides an overview of the Community Safety Strategy, drawing on the main thematic drivers to help shape the process.
- 3.9 The process will utilise co-production methods, similar to that employed successfully in developing the recent Domestic Abuse Strategy.
- 3.10 It also builds on the collaborative approach developed throughout the current COVID pandemic. Community partnership work during the pandemic has achieved real results and the aim is to harness this learning to help build an outcome-rich, more inclusive Community Safety Strategy.
- 3.11 The thematic drivers include the following:
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
 - Crime and Violence Reduction
 - Hate Crime
 - Modern Slavery
 - Community Safety
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Emergency Planning
 - Road Safety
- 3.12 Each of these themes will develop its own sub-strategy that will feed into the overall Community Safety Strategy.

The diagram below illustrates the nine key themes that will feed into the overall strategy.

COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY



3.11 The themes and a brief description of each.

- Modern Slavery - the illegal exploitation of people for personal or commercial gain, covering a wide range of abuse and exploitation, including sexual exploitation domestic servitude, forced labour, criminal exploitation and organ harvesting.
- Hate Crime – acts of violence or hostility (verbal and physical abuse/harassment/ threats/hoax calls/on-line abuse/graffiti /arson/malicious complaints) directed at people because of who they are or someone thinks they are. Hate incidents are typically but not exclusively based on disability, race, religion, transgender identity, sexual orientation.
- Crime and Violence Reduction – typically drug possession and trafficking, burglary (car/house/other), property and public order offences, threat or actual physical harm resulting in injury, death or psychological harm.
- Community Safety – this is more of a preventative measure, ensuring we talk to our residents, businesses and communities to ensure their safety and that they feel able and confident to share and report incidents. It also involves taking preventative measures and early actions to ensure people feel safe in their communities.

- Road Safety – this is not only about the technical and engineering aspects of our highways but also keeping pedestrians and road users safe, tying into the Neighbourhood Engagement theme. It may range from traffic flows and lights, installing new crossings, ensuring adequate street lighting, traffic calming measures, road user education and enabling residents to report any faults/concerns at the earliest opportunity.
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – to reduce low-level crime and ‘misdemeanours’ to include breach of the peace, quadbike/pushbike/trial bike theft and misuse, petty theft, drunk and disorderly, noise pollution, neighbourhood disputes, graffiti and a multitude of other nuisance behaviours.
- Domestic Abuse – controlling and coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse within a family setting. It can take the form of psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse.
Wirral have developed a co-produced Domestic Abuse Strategy.
- Emergency Planning - identifying potential risk and putting in place plans to prevent incidents occurring or to reduce, control and mitigate the effects should they happen. Typically plans are in place for weather extremes (winter/summer), business continuity, evacuations (fire/flood/other), natural disasters, chemical plants, major events, terrorism and extremes like the current COVID pandemic.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 The strategy and the co-production approach will be delivered within existing resources.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There is a risk that partners won't fully engage. This is mitigated by the already established healthy partnership between the key players, brought closer together in recent months to tackle the COVID pandemic.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The primary aim of this report is to share the co-production intent in delivering a fully rounded and formed Community Safety Strategy. A co-production that adopts best practice in community and partnership engagement to not only produce better

shared outputs but working together to share knowledge and in doing so, finds ways of putting that knowledge to best use.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The implications are to be developed. However, in developing the strategy environmental and climate considerations will be at the forefront of the strategic thinking in key areas, to include vehicular use, Emergency Planning for extreme weather, carbon footprint reductions in traffic/lighting installations and using local suppliers and Social Value considerations in any procurement exercise.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Community Strategy Roadmap

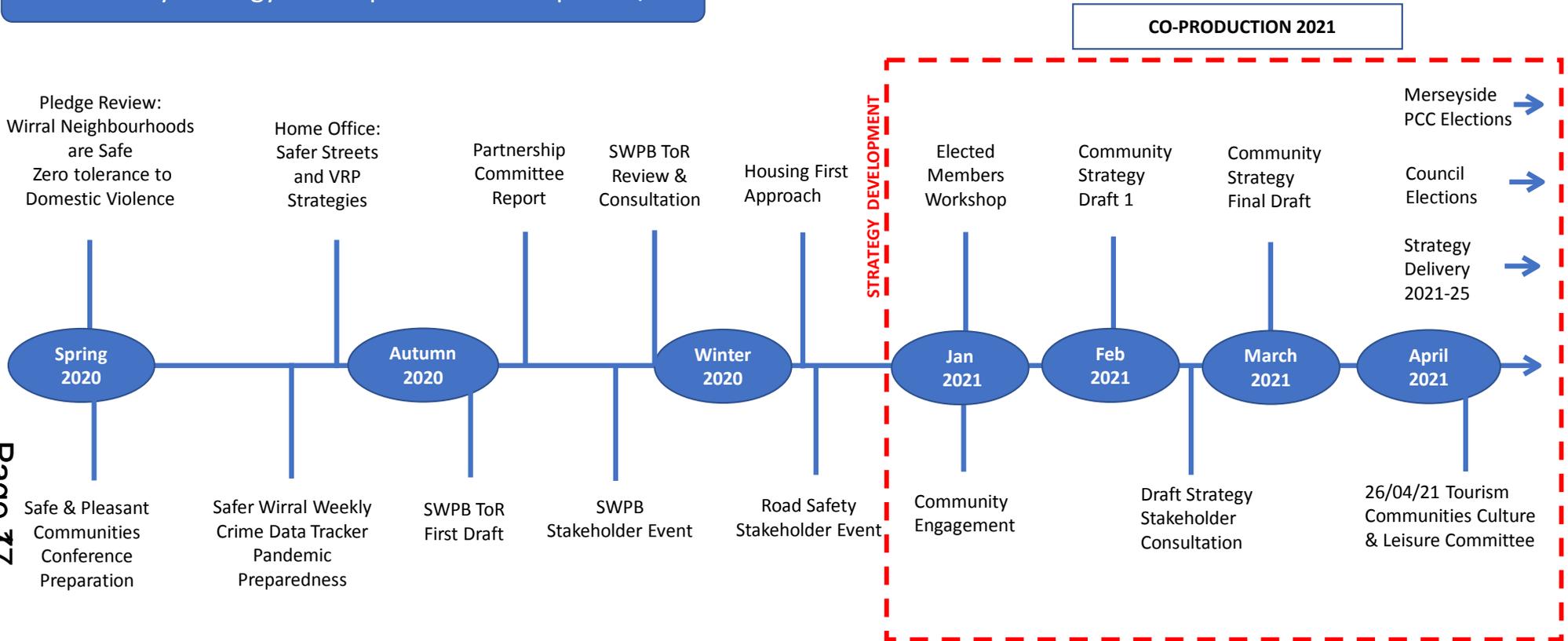
BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Wirral Domestic Abuse Strategy
2. Wirral Community Safety Strategy 2016-20

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

Community Strategy Development Roadmap 2020/21



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Ongoing Evidence Based Review / Data Driven Policy

Regional Alignment -> MCSP, VRP, LCR, OPCC ...

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November 2020

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Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit

(March 2017)

Section 1: Your details

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Head of Section: Mark Camborne

Chief Officer: Nicola Butterworth

Directorate: Neighbourhood Services

Date: 28 October 2020

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

The co-production approach to the development of the Community Safety Strategy

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Committee meeting?

Committee

Yes / No

If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

Partnerships Committee 9 November 2020

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Please select hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website (please select appropriate link & delete those not relevant)

Delivery (Customer Services, Adult & Disability Services, Community Services, Merseyside Pension Fund, Environmental Services)

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2017/delivery>

Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect..... (please tick relevant boxes)

Services

The workforce

Communities

Other (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)
Partners – statutory, voluntary and community sector

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

None (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 4:

Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any protected groups (age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

Which group(s) of people could be affected	Potential positive or negative impact	Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact	Lead person	Timescale	Resource implications
Marginalised groups e.g. BAME, Disabled, LGBTQ+	Positive impact – to gather views on Hate Crime and how to help prevent this	Ensure as full engagement as possible through key local organisations and digital engagement.	Mark Camborne	April 2021	Staff and staff time.
Younger and Older People	Positive Impact – to gather views on ASB, crime, community safety and road safety	Ensure as full engagement as possible, using key representative groups and organisations	Mark Camborne	April 2021	Staff and staff time.
All residents	Positive impact – to gather views on crime community and road safety with a view to	Use the key local strengths of community and	Mark Camborne	April 2021	Staff and staff time

	improving safety and feelings of safety and road safety	representative groups to ensure full coverage across the borough's communities			
All of the above groups	Negative impact – some residents and groups may feel excluded	Ensure through partnerships and networks that all groups are included and the scope of the consultation is clearly explained to meet expectations.	Mark Camborne	April 2021	Staff and staff time.

Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

This will be measured throughout the scope of the co-production and will be shared with Safer Wirral Partnership Board, the health and Well Being Board and the Road Safety Partnership

Final endorsement of the resultant Community Safety Strategy will be shared at the Tourism, Community, Culture and Leisure Committee on 26 April 2021.

Section 4b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

N/A

Section 5: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

Previous Community Strategies.

The Wirral Domestic Abuse Strategy which has been co-produced.

Feedback from statutory and community partners.

Crime and, ASB datasets.

Section 6: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

Yes

If 'yes' please continue to section 7.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why:

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 7: How will consultation take place and by when?

A series of consultation workshops (on-line depending on COVID restrictions).

'Have Your Say' digital consultation tool.

Consultation will be complete by mid-March 2021.

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal publishing requirements. The EIA will need to be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 4. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing.

Section 8: Have you remembered to:

- a) **Select appropriate directorate hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published** (section 2a)
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts?** (section 4)
- c) **Send this EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 4 once consultation has taken place and sent your updated EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**



TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21 January 2021

REPORT TITLE:	BUDGET CONSULTATION
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

REPORT SUMMARY

This report forms part of the Council's formal budget setting process, as set out in the constitution and in accordance with the legal requirements to set a balanced and sustainable budget for 2021/22.

Policy and Resources Committee must recommend a 2021/22 balanced Budget proposal to the Council for its meeting in March 2021, it is good practice for service committees to consider and feedback on Budget proposals.

This is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is invited to comment and provide feedback on the budget proposals which fall under the remit of the Committee so that those comments can be presented for consideration to the Policy and Resources Committee in February 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 Policy and Resources Committee (P&R) is required to recommend a Budget to the Council for its meeting in March 2021. The Council has to set a budget for 2021/22 by 11 March by law 2020. This report is a key step in facilitating the Policy and Resources Committee to be in a position to recommend a Budget proposal.
- 1.2 The Council's Budget supports the delivery of the Wirral Plan and is key to ensuring the Council is financially stable. Our residents and businesses expect to be informed and consulted about how services are going to be run and how their money is going to be raised and spent. The benefits of consultations are:
- to improve planning, policy and decision making
 - to make better use of resources
 - to access new information, ideas and suggestions
 - to encourage greater participation in the activities of the council
 - to govern by consent (a full and fair consultation, with careful consideration of all views, can strengthen the legitimacy of the prevailing view among those people not in favour of the final decision)
 - to measure residents' satisfaction with the council
 - to shape council activities around residents' needs and aspirations

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered as the views of the Policy Committees are sought to enable them to be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Views are being sought on the Council's future budget and spending priorities, which will be delivered through a programme of community and stakeholder consultation.
- 3.2 The public consultation began on 21 December 2020 and will finish on 22 January 2021. The objectives of the consultation are:
- **Understanding:** Stakeholders understand the scale of the budget challenge, and how we are going about overcoming it
 - **Engagement:** Stakeholders feel able to contribute and that their views are valued and are being considered
 - **Support:** Stakeholders support the budget proposals, appreciate the work which has been done to involve them, and understand the reasons for budget decisions
- 3.3 The roles of the Service Committees is to formalise any feedback from the workshops in November and December 2020 and provide feedback on the proposals to Policy & Resources Committee

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report, however the feedback requested is part of the consideration for the budget setting process, and as such, there could be financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council is required to agree a budget for 2021/22 by March 2020. The Council must set the budget in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and approval of a balanced budget each year is a statutory responsibility of the Council.
- 5.2 The provisions of section 25, Local Government Act 2003 require that, when the Council is making the calculation of its budget requirement, it must have regard to the report of the chief finance (s.151) officer as to the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. This is in addition to the personal duty on the Chief Finance (Section 151) Officer to make a report, if it appears to them that the expenditure of the authority incurred (including expenditure it proposes to incur) in a financial year is likely to exceed the resources (including sums borrowed) available to it to meet that expenditure.
- 5.3 It is essential, as a matter of prudence, that the financial position continues to be closely monitored. In particular, Members must satisfy themselves that sufficient mechanisms are in place to ensure both that savings are delivered and that new expenditure is contained within the available resources. Accordingly, any proposals put forward must identify the realistic measures and mechanisms to produce those savings.
- 5.4 Consultation must take place in accordance with the Council's duties under section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. It must be borne in mind that this is consultation on the budget proposals, not on the decision to take whatever decision is implied by the adoption of that budget. This is because the budget is a sufficiently high-level estimate or cap and, in relation to much of the estimated income and expenditure in exercise of the budget, not set in relation to the distinct decisions that will make up that expenditure throughout the year. As such, when setting and formulating the budget it would be difficult to compile a sufficiently detailed consultation document or undertake a focussed impact assessment.
- 5.5 It should be noted, however, that this exercise must also form the essential preliminary consultation under section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 and section 27 of the Children and Families Act 2014, as well as due regard under section s.149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the public sector equality duty) and section 11 of the Children Act 2004 if consultation is necessary, where there is any significant, sufficiently focussed and, in financial terms, apparently rigid relationship of spending to a specific proposal, even if taken as part of the setting of a budget. The consultation process, including the Council's consideration of the responses, is

required to comply with the following overarching obligations (unless detailed statutory rules supplant these):

- Consultation must be at a time when proposals are at a formative stage.
- The proposer must give sufficient reasons for its proposals to allow consultees to understand them and respond to them properly.
- Consulters must give sufficient time for responses to be made and considered.
- Responses must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising the decision.

5.6 The results of the consultation exercises will form part of the report to Policy and Resources Committee. This will be under three headings and accompanying appendices concerning:

- (a) the public consultation responses, which will be presented in a form that allows the Policy and Resources Committee, and therefore full Council, to be able to give conscientious consideration to the consultation responses in making their recommendation and decision (This summary will also be shared with all Members at the earliest opportunity);
- (b) The responses of the individual policy and service committees, the collation of which forms the purpose of this report; and
- (c) Consultation and comments received directly from stakeholders and from other sources

5.7 This is the same whether or not a public body was required to consult or chooses to do so. This is because all of those rules are aspects of an overriding requirement for 'fairness'. The process must be substantively fair and have the appearance of fairness. The setting of the budget and council tax by Members involves their consideration of choices.

5.8 When considering options, Members must bear in mind their fiduciary duty to the council taxpayers of Wirral. Members must have adequate evidence on which to base their decisions on the level of quality at which services should be provided.

5.9 Where a service is provided pursuant to a statutory duty, it would not be lawful to fail to discharge it properly or abandon it, and where there is discretion as to how it is to be discharged, that discretion should be exercised reasonably.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no implications for resources as a result of this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The Council's ability to close the funding gap is highly dependent on the accuracy of assumptions used for Government funding and levies from other bodies, as well as demand estimates for Council services. As the Local Government Finance

Settlement only covers one year, the uncertainty around future funding over the MTFP period remains high.

- 7.2 A key risk to the Council's financial plans is that funding and demand assumptions in particular can change as more information becomes available. As such, the MTFP is regularly reviewed and updated as part of routine financial management.
- 7.3 There is a risk that external factors could impact on agreed savings, which means that may not be delivered or may be delayed. Progress on delivery of agreed savings will be monitored using Budget Monitoring reports presented to P&R Committee. As such the Council continues to hold a General Fund reserve of £10.7m. This represents a minimum level of contingency to support the organisation if savings cannot be delivered and no other options for mitigation can be identified.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Views are being sought on the Council's future budget and spending priorities, which will be delivered through a programme of community and stakeholder consultation.
- 8.2 The Council has also worked with staff and Trade Unions where required to ensure obligations in relation to statutory staff consultation is delivered appropriately and within agreed guidelines.
- 8.3 Should any financial proposals agreed by Policy and Resources Committee require specific consultation, the Council will commence appropriate consultation directly with any service users and stakeholders who are affected and will feedback their views before final decisions are taken.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 It is recognised that some of the developing proposals could have equality implications. Any implications will be considered and any negative impacts will be mitigated where possible.
- 9.2 Equality implications will be assessed during planning, decision and implementation stages and will be recognised as an ongoing responsibility. Equality issues will be a conscious consideration and an integral part of the process.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 No direct implications. The content and/or recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no impact on emissions of Greenhouse Gases.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Savings Proposals

BACKGROUND PAPERS

2021/22 Budget Transition Process (Policy and Resources Committee 7 October 2020)
Local Government Association: Consulting Residents

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Policy & Resources Committee	7 October 2020
Council	19 October 2020
Policy & Resources Committee	18 December 2020

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Appendix 1 – Savings Proposals

Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee		
<p>The culture and visitor economy is a valuable source of income to the Wirral economy, however, supporting it is not a legal duty of the council. The work we do helps support local employers to succeed, to win more business and grow – creating more jobs and opportunities for local people. We will help make sure our residents have the skills and education they need to secure their best possible futures.</p> <p>We aim to develop strategic facility plan for Wirral that is fit-for-purpose - right activities in the right places that are accessible and meet the needs and aspirations of the people they serve.</p>		
OPTION	VALUE	NARRATIVE
Culture and Visitor Economy savings	£620,000	<p>A major reduction in the council’s culture and visitor economy service achieved through staff savings and deleting the events budget. A small resource would remain within the regeneration team to deliver the culture elements of the regeneration programme, plus marketing resource will be re-allocated to the corporate communication team to manage the upkeep of visitor economy website and marketing, including involvement in the Liverpool City Region joint work on visitor economy.</p> <p>Savings of £620,000 could be achieved in the council budget by reducing this service.</p>
Close Europa Pools	£640,000	<p>Birkenhead is about to undergo major regeneration which will include looking at the best options for future leisure provision. The saving which would be achieved by closure of Europa Pools – which requires one of the highest levels of support of the borough’s leisure centres, would be £640,000.</p>
Pause re-opening of Woodchurch Leisure Centre	£322,000	<p>Some of our leisure centres are being used for Covid vaccinations, while refurbishment can only be done while they are closed. Woodchurch is one of the smaller Leisure Centres with one of the lower levels of usage with</p>

		the second highest level of financial support. Delaying the re-opening of Woodchurch Leisure Centre would save the council £322,000.
Review of 4 Golf Courses	£273,000	The Council operates four golf professional courses, which is a non-statutory service and there are a number of private courses throughout the Borough. In recent years, significant work has been undertaken to identify alternative delivery models for golf provision, however none of these solutions were pursued. Interest remains from private sector operators to run and operate Council owned courses under a lease arrangement. A review of options around the provision of council owned courses will be carried out. Potential closure/transfer of council operated golf courses could save £273,000
Review of Museums Service	£327,500	This option is for a full review of the council's museum service provision which includes the Williamson Art Gallery & Museum. A separate exercise would be required to establish the residual cost of maintaining any buildings mothballed by this proposal and a decision taken as to what to do with the historic collections. Retaining the collections will attract an annual maintenance cost of approximately £50,000 per annum. Closure of the museums service would save £327,500 from the council budget per year.
Royden Park Commercial Development - Phase 1	£80,000	This proposal would develop elements of Royden Park with income generating services, providing significant environmental and social outcomes. The main element is a high ropes aerial park which will be situated adjacent to the new overspill car park. An external partner will be sought to fund, design, plan, construct, and operate the park on a turnover share/lease agreement. Phase 1 will include a self serve dog wash unit be in partnership with the local 'friends of' group and funded via lottery grant. This option could see income to the council of £80,000.



TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21 January 2021

REPORT TITLE:	TOURISM, COMMUNITIES CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee, in co-operation with the other Policy and Service Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual committee work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the key decisions which are within the remit of the Committee. It is envisaged that the work programme will be formed from a combination of key decisions, standing items and requested officer reports. This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. The work programme for the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee are invited to agree or otherwise determine the content of the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee work programme which is proposed in this report for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 A number of workplan formats were explored, with the current framework open to amendment to match the requirements of the Committee

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The work programme should align with the priorities of the Council and its partners. The programme will be informed by:
- The Council Plan
 - The Council's transformation programme
 - The Council's Forward Plan
 - Service performance information
 - Risk management information
 - Public or service user feedback
 - Referrals from Council

Terms of Reference

The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee has responsibility for customer contact, community development and community services. including all of those functions related to community safety and also those regarding the promotion of community engagement. The Committee is charged by full Council to undertake responsibility for the Council's role and functions:

- (a) for customer and community contact services, including various offices and meeting points, customer contact centres and advice and transaction services
- (b) community engagement, incorporating the Council's approach to equalities, inclusion communities, neighbourhoods and the voluntary and charitable sector, community wealth building and social value.
- (c) in considering options and develop proposals for neighbourhood arrangements, including capacity building, use of assets and devolving powers and services to neighbourhoods.
- (d) for the provision and management of leisure, sports and recreation facilities.
- (e) for delivery of the authority's library and museums services, including but not limited to art galleries, historic buildings and their gardens and the functions of the Council regarding public records

(f) concerning tourism, the arts, culture and heritage, including provision of theatre, entertainments, conferences and events;

(g) in relation to bereavement services and support to the Coroner's service;

(h) regarding community safety, crime and disorder and all associated matters;

(i) for trading standards and environmental health, including but not limited to:

(i) consumer protection;

(ii) product safety;

(iii) fair trading; (iv) metrology;

(v) food standards and animal health;

(vi) air pollution control;

(vii) health and safety at work (except in so far as it relates to the Council as an employer);

(viii) public conveniences;

(ix) food safety; and

(x) control of nuisances;

(j) in respect of emergency planning and community resilience (community, regulatory and asset services);

(k) providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions; and

(l) undertaking the development and implementation of policy in relation to the Committee's functions, incorporating the assessment of outcomes, review of effectiveness and formulation of recommendations to the Council, partners and other bodies, which shall include any decision relating to the above functions

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This report is for information and planning purposes only, therefore there are no direct financial implication arising. However, there may be financial implications arising as a result of work programme items.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. However, there may be legal implications arising as a result of work programme items.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no direct implications to staffing, ICT or Assets.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The Committee's ability to undertake its responsibility to provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council, make decisions on policies, co-ordinate spend, and maintain a strategic overview of outcomes, performance, risk management and budgets may be compromised if it does not have the opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 This report is for information to Members and there are no direct environment and climate implications. However, there may be implications arising as a result of work programme items.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee Work Programme

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council Constitution

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee	26th October 2020

Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee	13th November 2020
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TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

January 2020

Item	Key Decision	Lead Departmental Officer	Wirral Plan Priority
Culture Update	No	Sally Shah/Jane Morgan	Healthy and Active Lives
Community safety update	No	Mark Camborne	Healthy and Active Lives
Budget Consultation Update	No	Sarah Cox/Nicki Butterworth	Inclusive Economy
Work Programme update	No	Anna Perrett	All

KEY DECISIONS

Item	Approximate timescale	Lead Departmental Officer	Wirral Plan Priority

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS – WAITING TO BE SCHEDULED

Item	Approximate timescale	Lead Departmental Officer
Battle of Brunanburh	TBC	Keith Keeley
Museum service strategic plan	TBC	Andy McCartan
Golf Service Update	TBC	Andy McCartan
Floral Pavillion Update	TBC	Andy McCartan

STANDING ITEMS AND MONITORING REPORTS

Item	Reporting Frequency	Lead Departmental Officer
Performance Monitoring	TBC	Rose Boylen
Financial Monitoring	TBC	Shaer Halewood

WORK PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE COMMITTEE

Item	Format	Timescale	Lead Officer	Progress
Working Groups/ Sub Committees				
Alternative Campervan Provision	Workshop	Jan 2021	Stuart Bellerby	Scheduled
Task and Finish work				
Spotlight sessions / workshops				
FA Workshop	Workshop	Jan 2021	Andy McCartan	Scheduled
Corporate scrutiny / Other				

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