

Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at **6.00 p.m. on Monday, 20 March 2023** in the Council Chamber, within the Town Hall, Wallasey, to take into consideration and determine the following subjects:

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Please note that public seating is limited, therefore members of the public are encouraged to arrive in good time.

Wirral Council is fully committed to equalities and our obligations under The Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty. If you have any adjustments that would help you attend or participate at this meeting, please let us know as soon as possible and we would be happy to facilitate where possible. Please contact committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk

This meeting will be webcast at
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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 28)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting(s) of the

Council held on Monday, 5 December 2023 and Monday, 27 February 2023.

4. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS

To deal with questions, statements and petitions from members of the public, and Members, in accordance with Standing Orders 10, 11 and 12.

A. Public Questions

Notice of question to be given by 12 noon on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 to the Council's Monitoring Officer (via the online form here: [Public Question Form](#)) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10.

For more information on how your personal information will be used, please see this link: [Document Data Protection Protocol](#)

Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your question by the deadline for submission.

B. Statements and Petitions

Notice of statements to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 to the Council's Monitoring Officer (committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 11.1.

Petitions may be presented to the Council if provided to Democratic and Member Services no later than 10 working days before the meeting, at the discretion of the Mayor. The person presenting the petition will be allowed to address the meeting briefly (not exceeding three minutes) to outline the aims of the petition. The Mayor will refer the matter to another appropriate body of the Council within whose terms of reference it falls without discussion, unless a relevant item appears elsewhere on the Agenda. If a petition contains more than 5,000 signatures, it will be debated at a subsequent meeting of Council for up to 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Mayor. Please give notice of petitions to committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk in advance of the meeting.

Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your statement/petition by the deadline for submission.

C. Members' Questions

To consider Members' questions to the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council, Committee Chair or a Leader of a Political Group, in accordance with Standing Orders 12.

5. MATTERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

To consider any recommendations and receive reports from the Council's Committees which require the approval or consideration of the Council, and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports.

A. REVISION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2022/23

The Council is requested to agree to the revision of the appointment of committees for the 2022/23 municipal year.

B. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023/24 AND 2024/25

The Council is requested to agree the following recommendation of the Constitution and Standards Committee held on 22 February 2023:

To approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2023/24 and 24/25 municipal year, subject to Policy and Resources Committee being rescheduled from 14 February 2024 to 13 February 2024.

Constitution and Standards minute 28 (22/02/23) and report attached.

C. AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The Council is requested to agree the following recommendation of the Constitution and Standards Committee held on 22 February 2023:

To amend:

- (1) standing order 9.1 & 14 to read where 3.5 hours have elapsed,
- (2) standing order 13.1 that the number of motions be limited to 1 per group,
- (3) standing order 13.2 so that the first motion on notice listed be rotated so as to allow each political group the opportunity for their motion to be debated first (to be co-ordinated by the Director of Law & Governance), with motions thereafter to be listed in the order of political group size.'

Constitution and Standards minute 28 (22/02/23) and report attached.

D. PAY POLICY 2023-2024

The Council is requested to agree the following recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee held

on 15 February 2023:

To approve the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2023/24, with the Statement to remain under review and dealt with at the earliest possible meeting in light of the facts presented.

Policy and Resources Committee minute 101 (15/02/23) and report attached.

6. REPORTS AND DECISIONS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATIONS

To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on decisions made by Committees since the last meeting of Council.

A. DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Members' attention is drawn to two officer decisions which have been taken and excluded from removal of delegation and reconsideration by Policy & Resources Committee and is reported to the Council in accordance with Part 4, Section 4, paragraph 6(a)(ii) of the Constitution.

[Cost of Living – Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector Grants Programme](#)

22 December 2022

Director of Public Health

[Cost of Living – Fuel Poverty](#)

22 December 2022

Director of Public Health

The minutes of all committees which have met since 11 November 2022, up until 24 February 2023 are attached below.

Minutes of Committees:

- 16.11.2022 – Regulatory & General Purposes Committee
- 16.11.2022 – Licensing Act Committee
- 23.11.2022 – Constitution & Standards Committee
- 29.11.2022 – Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee
- 30.11.2022 – Environment, Climate Emergency & Transport Committee
- 01.12.2022 – Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee
- 06.12.2022 – Children, Young People & Education Committee
- 07.12.2022 – Economy, Regeneration & Housing Committee

- 14.12.2022 – Pensions Committee
- 15.12.2022 – Planning Committee
- 21.12.2022 – Health & Wellbeing Board
- 11.01.2023 – Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee
- 12.01.2023 – Planning Committee
- 17.01.2023 – Audit & Risk Management Committee
- 18.01.2023 – Charitable Trusts Sub-Committee
- 18.01.2023 – Policy & Resources Committee
- 24.01.2023 - Children, Young People & Education Committee
- 26.01.2023 - Economy, Regeneration & Housing Committee
- 30.01.2023 - Environment, Climate Emergency & Transport Committee
- 31.01.2023 - Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee
- 01.02.2023 - Regulatory & General Purposes Committee
- 02.02.2023 - Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee
- 09.02.2023 – Strategic Applications Sub Committee
- 09.02.2023 – Planning Committee
- 15.02.2023 – Policy & Resources Committee
- 21.02.2023 – Pensions Committee
- 22.02.2023 – Constitution & Standards Committee

B. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

To receive reports about and receive questions and answers on the business of joint arrangements and external organisations, including the Combined Authority.

7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (Pages 245 - 250)

Motions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 13.1, are attached. They are listed in accordance with Standing Order 13.2, and the full text of each motion is attached.

Full Council Responsibility for Functions

The full responsibility of functions for Full Council can be found at the end of this agenda.



Paul Satoor, Chief Executive

TIMINGS AND GUILLOTINE

Members are reminded of the following:

Item 2 - under Standing Order 2(iv) Mayor's announcements normally limited to up to 5 minutes.

Item 4A. – under Standing Order 10.7, public questions, up to 2 minutes allowed to put a question and up to 2 minutes for a response. Up to 30 minutes in total allowed for public questions (Standing Order 2(v)).

Item 4B. - under Standing Order 11.1, representations (statements) up to 3 minutes, with public speaking on any one item not exceeding 10 minutes. Up to 20 minutes in total allowed to receive representations (Standing Order 2(vi)).
Petitions – under Standing Order 11.2, present and speak to a petition for up to 1 minute.

Item 4C. – under Standing Order 12.8, questions on notice from Members will not exceed 1 minute and up to 2 minutes for a response.

Item 6 – under Standing Order 2(xii) the total time allowed for questions and answers on decisions of committees is up to 45 minute.

Under Standing Order 9 of the Council Procedure Rules:

The Mayor will adjourn the meeting for a period of ten minutes at a convenient time after one and a half hours.

Where three hours have elapsed after the commencement of any meeting (and in the case of an extraordinary meeting of Council when two hours have elapsed since commencement of the meeting) the Mayor shall interrupt the meeting and the Member speaking must immediately cease doing so and sit down. The meeting shall then dispose of the item then under consideration as if the motion '*That the question be now put*' had been carried (i.e. the debate shall be concluded by the seconder and by the Member who has the right of reply and the vote will then be taken without any further discussion). This rule will not apply to meetings of a quasi-judicial or regulatory nature.

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discretion to halt any recording for a number of reasons, including disruption caused by the filming or the nature of the business being conducted.

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