

FORWARD PLAN

For the four-month period 1 August 2015 - 30 November 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(1) This Forward Plan covers the four-month period from 1 August 2015 - 30 November 2015.

(2) The Plan contains details of all the key decisions that the Executive * (i.e. the Council's Cabinet), or the Council itself, expects to take during the next four months. It also lists Executive decisions which will rely on exempt information, in whole or in part. It will be updated every month, and each plan will cover a four-month period. Dates of Cabinet meetings are available on the Council's website. A list of Cabinet Members and their portfolios is attached below. The scope of each portfolio can be found on the Council's website.

Dates for any other meetings will be publicised as they arise.

(3) The definition of a "key decision" adopted for the purposes of this Plan is in accordance with that contained in the Council's Constitution, namely:

" (a) any decision of the Executive incurring expenditure or making savings in excess of 10% of the relevant budget head, or £500,000, whichever is the smaller, unless -

- (i) the specific expenditure or saving has previously been agreed by the Council;
- (ii) it is a decision taken in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy;

OR -

(b) any decision of the Executive which, in the view of the Leader, will have a substantial effect on a significant number of people living or working in two or more wards [of the Borough]".

For the avoidance of doubt, any decision approving proposals for the making or amendment of a plan or budget which requires the approval of the full Council is regarded as a key decision.

(4) Any person wishing to make representations about a proposed key decision can do so by contacting the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder, the responsible chief officer or a nominated officer. Contact details are included against each entry in the Plan or in the lists below.

(5) Decisions of the Executive that are key decisions will be published within five days of their having been made. They will be available for inspection during office hours at the Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, or on the Council's web-site.

(6) The law and the Council's Constitution permit key decisions to be made, even if they have not been included in a Forward Plan, where they are certified as urgent. These decisions will be published, and be available for inspection, in exactly the same way as described in (4) above.

* The Council has also extended the delegated authority of individual Cabinet members to take executive decisions on a number of specified matters.

CABINET MEMBERS AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS

The Cabinet Portfolios and Portfolio holders for 2015/16 are as follows:

- Councillor Phil Davies Leader of the Council
- Councillor Ann McLachlan Deputy Leader of the Council, Governance
Commissioning and Improvement
- Councillor George Davies Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement
- Councillor Pat Hackett Economy
- Councillor Adrian Jones Support Services
- Councillor Chris Jones Adult Social Care and Public Health
- Councillor Bernie Mooney Environment and Sustainability
- Councillor Chris Meaden Leisure, Sport and Culture
- Councillor Stuart Whittingham Highways and Transport
- Councillor Tony Smith Children and Family Services

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

F O R W A R D P L A N

For the four-month period 1 August 2015 - 30 November 2015

Proposed decision	Description	Decision Taker	Expected date of decision	Details of exempt information	How to make representations to the decision Taker	Documents to be considered by the Decision Taker
Application for Financial Assistance Key	From time to time the Council is asked to provide financial assistance to companies to create or safeguard employment opportunities.	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	August 2015	Exempt Due to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426	
Hoylake Golf Resort Key	This is a priority for the Borough and will require the approval of Members in respect of land assembly and associated legal issues.	Cabinet	Between August 2015 and November 2015	Part Exempt May contain exempt appendices owing to commercially sensitive information 3 Information	Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	

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				relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)		
Regional Growth Fund Key	Approval of grant awards through the RGF programmes.	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	Between August 2015 and November 2015	Exempt Due to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426	
Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) Merseyside Connected Key	Report progress and future delivery timescales.	Cabinet	Between August 2015 and November 2015		Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	

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Wirral Business Support Key	Strategic business support and partnership issues including support to SMEs and the development of new approaches.	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	Between August 2015 and November 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426	
Enterprise Zone Key	Decisions required on the implementation stages of the Mersey Waters Enterprise Zone.	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	Between August 2015 and November 2015	Part Exempt May contain exempt appendices due to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426	
Local Enterprise Partnership Update Key	Consult Members on strategic initiatives such as the development of an LCR Investment Framework, Local	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	Between August 2015 and November 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk	

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	Growth Plan, EU Investment Plan and EU new programme 2014-20.				Tel: 0151 691 8426	
Regional Growth Fund Programme Key	Report on the progress of the Wirral Offshore Renewable Energy RGF programme and to update on delivery timescales for this and the Local Enterprise Partnership's RGF programme.	Cabinet	Between August 2015 and November 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426	
Health Related Worklessness Key	To report the details of a funding bid to the DCLG Transformation Challenge Award	Cabinet	Between August 2015 and November 2015	Part Exempt May contain exempt appendices owing to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person	Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426	

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Preferred Development Partner Key	To seek approval to appoint a preferred development partner following the undertaking of a procurement exercise.	Cabinet	Between August 2015 and November 2015	Exempt Exempt due to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	
Property Development Fund Key	Report to seek approval of projects funded through the Property Development Fund	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	Between August 2015 and November 2015	Exempt Exempt report owing to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person	Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426	

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<p>Birkenhead Town Centre Key</p>	<p>Approval of the Masterplan for Birkenhead Town Centre and confirmation of next steps</p>	<p>Cabinet, Cabinet Member - Economy</p>	<p>Between August 2015 and November 2015</p>	<p>Part Exempt May contain exempt appendices owing to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk</p> <p>Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395</p>	
<p>European Issues Key</p>	<p>Update on the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Programme for England (2014-2020). To include relevant approval for Wirral Council to bid for funds</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Between August 2015 and November 2015</p>	<p>Part Exempt May contain exempt appendices owing to commercially sensitive information 3 Information</p>	<p>Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk</p> <p>Strategic Investment and Partnerships Manager alanevans@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8426</p>	

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	from the ESIF programme.			relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)		
Neighbourhood Planning - Birkenhead and Tranmere Key	Report of consultation on an application to designate a neighbourhood forum and a neighbourhood area for Birkenhead and Tranmere	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	August 2015		Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	
Neighbourhood Planning - Hoylake Key	Approval of the publication, examination and local referendum on the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan for Hoylake prepared by the Hoylake Community Planning Forum	Cabinet, Cabinet Member - Economy	Between August 2015 and September 2015		Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	

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Grant and Loans Assistance Key	Approval of changes to grant and loans assistance as part of the Housing Financial Assistance Policy	Cabinet Member - Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement	Between August 2015 and November 2015		Cabinet Member - Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement (Councillor George Davies) georgedavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Housing and Community Safety ianplatt@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	
Extensions to Supporting People Contracts Key	Approval for extensions to Supporting People Contracts for services to Socially Excluded people	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	Between August 2015 and November 2015		Cabinet Member - Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement (Councillor George Davies) georgedavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Housing and Community Safety ianplatt@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	
Dock Bridges Replacement Major Scheme Key	Approval of scheme and acceptance of DfT Challenge Fund Grant	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	August 2015		Cabinet Member - Highways and Transportation (Councillor Stuart Whittingham) stuartwhittingham@wirral.gov.uk	Options appraisal report and outline business case prepared by Council's consultants

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					Head of Environment and Regulation marksmith@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 606 2103	
Budget Framework 2016/17 and Beyond Key	Agree the approach for the preparation of the Budget for 2016/17	Cabinet	Between August 2015 and September 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Financial Services tomsault@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3407	
Medium Term Financial Strategy (including Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Strategy) Key	Review the strategies which support the delivery of the Corporate Plan	Cabinet	Between August 2015 and September 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Financial Services tomsault@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3407	
Intermediate Care and Transitional Care Contract Award Key	Approval required to award intermediate care and transitional care bed based contract	Cabinet, Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health	August 2015		Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health (Councillor Chris Jones) christinejones@wirral.gov.uk Director of Adult Social Services grahamhodkinson@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3650	

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Application for National Non Domestic Rate Relief	From time to time an organisation or body that may qualify for Discretionary Rates Relief to reduce their liability for paying Rates will apply to the Council for such support which requires a formal decision	Cabinet, Leader of the Council	August 2015	Exempt Due to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Business Processes malcolmflanagan@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3260	
Lifestyle and Weight Management System Key		Cabinet, Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health	Between August 2015 and September 2015	Part Exempt May contain exempt appendices owing to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that	Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health (Councillor Chris Jones) christinejones@wirral.gov.uk Director of Public Health, Policy and Performance fionajohnstone@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8210	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment; National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance and Corporate Plan

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Smoking Cessation Service Key		Cabinet, Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health	Between August 2015 and September 2015	Part Exempt May contain exempt appendices owing to commercially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health (Councillor Chris Jones) christinejones@wirral.gov.uk Director of Public Health, Policy and Performance fionajohnstone@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8210	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment; National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance and Corporate Plan
Disposal of Acre Lane Professional Excellence Centre, Bromborough and Update on other Major Disposals Key	Seeking approval to terms of disposal of asset	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Support Services (Councillor Adrian Jones) adrianjones@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Chief Executive davidarmstrong@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4300	

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Byrne Avenue Baths, Rock Ferry Key	Seeking approval of future options.	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Support Services (Councillor Adrian Jones) adrianjones@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Chief Executive davidarmstrong@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4300	
Site of former Rock Ferry High School, Rock Ferry Key	Seeking approval to terms of disposal of asset.	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Support Services (Councillor Adrian Jones) adrianjones@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Chief Executive davidarmstrong@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4300	
Land at Saughall Massie - Report dependent upon outcome of Fire Authority Consultation Key	Possible request for Fire Authority to acquire land	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Support Services (Councillor Adrian Jones) adrianjones@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Chief Executive davidarmstrong@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4300	

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Sale of Land at Pye Road, Heswall Key	Seeking approval to terms of disposal of asset	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Support Services (Councillor Adrian Jones) adrianjones@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Chief Executive davidarmstrong@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4300	
Sailing School, 7 Marine Point, New Brighton Key	Lease surrender	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Support Services (Councillor Adrian Jones) adrianjones@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Chief Executive davidarmstrong@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4300	
Land at Mollington Street, Birkenhead Key	Transfer to Council	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Support Services (Councillor Adrian Jones) adrianjones@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Chief Executive davidarmstrong@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4300	

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Post 16 Transport Option Key	To consider public consultation for post 16 transport	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Children and Family Services (Councillor Tony Smith) tonysmith@wirral.gov.uk Director of Children's Services juliahassall@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 4288	
Modernisation of Leisure Services Key	Review of the modernisation of leisure services and the next steps	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Leisure, Sport and Culture (Councillor Chris Meaden) chrismeaden@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Director: Families and Wellbeing clarefish@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8306	
Leisure and Culture Strategy Key	Proposed strategy for leisure and culture	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Leisure, Sport and Culture (Councillor Chris Meaden) chrismeaden@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Director: Families and Wellbeing clarefish@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8306	

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Welfare Reform Update Key	To include decisions on Discretionary Housing Payment	Cabinet	September 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Business Processes malcolmflanagan@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3260	
Local Development Framework - Approval of Revised Core Strategy Local Plan Key	Approval of Revised Core Strategy Local Plan for publication and submission to the Secretary of State for public examination	Cabinet	September 2015		Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	
Sundry Debtor Write-Offs Key	Approval of write offs for irrecoverable debts	Cabinet	September 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Strategic Director: Transformation and Resources joablott@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8001	
Financial Monitoring 2015/16 (Months 3/4) Key	Update on the revenue and capital spending against the agreed budget	Cabinet	September 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Financial Services	

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Care Act - Key Changes to Policies and Procedures - Update for Cabinet Key	Update of Departmental policies and procedures in line with the implementation of the Care Act	Cabinet	October 2015		Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health (Councillor Chris Jones) christinejones@wirral.gov.uk Director of Adult Social Services grahamhodkinson@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3650	
Financial Monitoring 2015/16 (Month 5) Key	Update on the revenue and capital spending against the agreed budget	Cabinet	October 2015		Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk Head of Financial Services tomsault@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3407	
Neighbourhood Planning - Devonshire Park Key	Final approval of Neighbourhood Development Plan for Devonshire Park (subject to successful local referendum)	Cabinet	October 2015		Cabinet Member - Economy (Councillor Pat Hackett) pathackett@wirral.gov.uk Head of Regeneration davidball@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 691 8395	

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Financial Monitoring 2015/16 (Month 6) Key	Update on the revenue and capital spending against the agreed budget	Cabinet	November 2015		<p>Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk</p> <p>Head of Financial Services tomsault@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3407</p>	
Treasury Management Monitoring 2015/16 (Mid-Year Report) Key	Update on treasury and cash management activities and the Prudential Indicators	Cabinet	November 2015		<p>Leader of the Council (Councillor Phil Davies) phildavies@wirral.gov.uk</p> <p>Head of Financial Services tomsault@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3407</p>	