



WIRRAL COUNCIL

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE OF KEY DECISION

(1) The Council publishes a Forward Plan of key decisions it expects to take over the next four months giving at least 28 days notice of decisions and of decisions which will rely on exempt information. The Forward Plan is available to view on the Council's website under the heading, 'Council and Democracy' and, 'Minutes, Agendas and Reports'.

(2) Sometimes the Council has to take a key decision and / or a decision relying on exempt information, which has not been included in the Forward Plan, or for which the requisite notice has not been able to be given, the decision will be treated as a 'General Exception' under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and as set out in section 14 of the Council's, 'Access to Information Procedure Rules' in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

(3) The Decision will be treated as a General Exception on the grounds that it is impractical to comply with the above mentioned regulations, a decision is required to progress the recommendations contained within the report urgently and cannot be deferred. The requisite agreement has been sought and obtained from the Chair of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

F O R W A R D P L A N

For the four-month period 1 September 2017 - 31 December 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(1) This Forward Plan covers the four-month period from 1 September 2017 - 31 December 2017.

(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 (5) 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 2017/18 are as follows:

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| • Councillor Phil Davies | Leader of the Council, Growth |
| • Councillor George Davies | Deputy Leader of the Council,
Housing and Community Safety |
| • Councillor Phill Brightmore | Environment |
| • Councillor Angela Davies | Transformation |
| • Councillor Chris Jones | Social Care and Health |
| • Councillor Bernie Mooney | Children and Families |
| • Councillor Matthew Patrick | Localism and Engagement |
| • Councillor Chris Spriggs | Delivering Differently |
| • Councillor Stuart Whittingham | Highways and Transport |
| • Councillor Janette Williamson | Finance and Income Generation |

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

For the four-month period 1 September 2017 - 31 December 2017

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
Business Rates (NNDR) Discretionary Rate Relief Policy – Supporting Wirral Businesses Key	Agree the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy.	Council, Cabinet	4 September 2017	Open	Cabinet Member - Finance and Income Generation (Councillor Janette Williamson) janettewilliamson@wirral.gov.uk Assistant Director: Financial Services (S151) tomsault@wirral.gov.uk Tel: 0151 666 3407	

