

For the four-month period 1 October 2023 - 31 January 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(1) This Forward Plan covers the four-month period from 1 October 2023 - 31 January 2024.

(2) The Plan contains details of all the key decisions that the Council or officers expect to take during the next four months. It also lists decisions which will rely on exempt information, in whole or in part. Such decisions may be made by the Committee in private session. The Committee It will be updated every month, and each plan will cover a four-month period. Dates of Council Committees are available on the Council's website.

(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, one which:

"(i) results, or is likely to result, in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, in excess of 10% of the relevant budget head or £500,000, whichever is the smaller; or

(ii) is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards (where the meaning of 'significant' is subject to any guidance to be issued by the Secretary of State and, in the absence of any such guidance, is to be interpreted as a decision which, in the view of the Leader, will have significant effect on a significant number of people).

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) Committee decisions 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, (in normal times) or on the Council's web-site.

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN

For the four month period 1 OCTOBER 2023 - 31 JANUARY 2024

Proposed decision	Description	Expected date of decision	Details of exempt information
<p>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee Contact Details: Graham Hodgkinson Director of Care and Health grahamhodkinson@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p> <p>Dave Bradburn Director of Public Health davebradburn@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
<p>Extra Care Housing</p> <p>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,</p>	<p>The report provides an update on Extra Care Housing in Wirral and sets out the plan to provide appropriate Extra Care Housing schemes in Wirral that will support residents with eligible needs.</p>	<p>19 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>All Age Disability and Mental Health Service Delivery Review</p> <p>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,</p>		<p>19 Sep 2023</p>	

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Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Commission - Contract Award Director of Public Health,		2 Oct 2023	Open
Development of a risk and resilience approach for children and young people Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,		17 Oct 2023	Open
BCF Section 75 Pooled Fund Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,	The report sets out the detail of the budget areas to be pooled in 2023/24 as part of the mandatory Section 75 agreement with the Integrated Care Board (ICB). It describes how these arrangements will achieve the government's priorities for the BCF Plan 2023/25 and support the ambitions of the Healthy Wirral Plan.	17 Oct 2023	Open
BCF Section 75 Pooled Fund Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (JSCB),	The report sets out the detail of the budget areas to be pooled in 2023/24 as part of the mandatory Section 75 agreement with the Integrated Care Board (ICB). It describes how these arrangements will achieve the government's priorities for the BCF Plan 2023/25 and support the ambitions of the	19 Oct 2023	Open

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	Healthy Wirral Plan.		
Information & Advice Service Commission - Contract Award Director of Public Health,		1 Nov 2023	Open
<p>Children, Young People and Education Committee Contact Details: Simone White Director of Children, Families and Education simonewhite@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
Wirral Youth Justice Service Annual Plan Children, Young People & Education Committee,	Annual review of the Youth Justice Service Annual Plan	25 Sep 2023	Open
Pupil Place Planning Phase 2 Children, Young People & Education Committee,	Primary schools in South Wirral sufficiency oversight - mainstream	25 Sep 2023	Open
Annual Safeguarding Unit and LADO report Children, Young People & Education Committee,	The report provides a comprehensive overview of activity within the Safeguarding Unit. The report provides valuable insights into practice implemented to protect children and young people from	25 Sep 2023	Open

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	harm, abuse or neglect		
Annual Adoption Report Children, Young People & Education Committee,	This report is to provide an overview to the Children Young People and Education Committee of the Adoption Annual Report for the period of 31st March 2022 - 1st April 2023	18 Oct 2023	Open
Fostering Annual Report Children, Young People & Education Committee,	This report is to provide an overview to the Children Young People and Education Committee of the Fostering Annual Report for the period of 31st March 2022 - 1st April 2023 for consideration and scrutiny.	18 Oct 2023	Open
<p>Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee Contact Details: David Hughes Director of Regeneration and Place davidhughes@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
Wirral Ways to Work Programme - SIF Gap Funding Director of Regeneration and Place,	Wirral Ways to Work Programme is currently funded by European Social Fund which is due to end on 30th September 2023. In order to keep the programme going before the start of UKSPF in April 2024, the 6 LCR Local Authorities applied to the Combined Authority for SIF funding to cover the 6 month gap period, this was a successful application and this report is to accept the funds given by	3 Jul 2023	Open

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	LCR CA.		
<p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Place Based Business Support Delivery</p> <p>Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,</p>	<p>This report will detail proposals for delivery of business support in Wirral, funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund until 31 March 2025.</p>	<p>18 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Part Exempt Report will be public, but the appendix will include commercially and/or financially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p>
<p>Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities Simplification Pathfinder Pilot Investment Plan</p> <p>Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee, Policy and Resources Committee,</p>	<p>This report provides details of the Council's participation in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities Simplification Pathfinder Pilot. The Council has previously been successful in securing various funding streams to deliver a range of regeneration projects, including Future High Street Fund, Town Deal and Levelling Up Fund 1. Wirral has been invited as 1 of 10 local authorities to pilot a simplified approach giving areas more devolved decision making, local flexibility and a reduction in bureaucracy.</p>	<p>Between 4 Oct 2023 and 18 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Part Exempt Commercially and/or financially sensitive information 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p>

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<p>ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING – TRANCHE 3 AND TRANCHE 4</p> <p>Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,</p>	<p>To seek committee approval for acceptance of funding to support delivery of active travel projects in Birkenhead.</p>	<p>16 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Regeneration Partnership</p> <p>Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,</p>		<p>16 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee Contact Details: Nicki Butterworth Director of Neighbourhood Services nicolabutterworth@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
<p>Highways Contract A4 award, vehicle crossings</p> <p>Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,</p>	<p>Tender acceptance and contract award</p>	<p>1 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Highways Contract B4 award - general works and labour</p> <p>Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,</p>	<p>Tender acceptance and contract award</p>	<p>2 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Local Transport Capital Block Funding – Pothole Fund 2023-2024</p> <p>Director of Neighbourhood Services,</p>	<p>LCACR proposes to make a total sum of £764,771.28 to Wirral to spend exclusively on improvements to and maintenance of roads.</p>	<p>13 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Highways Contract B5 award - drain investigation and drainage works</p> <p>Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,</p>	<p>tender acceptance and contract award</p>	<p>2 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Highways Contract B7 award - text band high friction surfacing</p> <p>Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,</p>	<p>Tender acceptance and contract award</p>	<p>2 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Highways Contract B8 award - surface dressing preparation treatments</p> <p>Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,</p>	<p>Tender acceptance and contract award</p>	<p>2 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Acceptance of Tender and award of contract for Public Rights of Way works, highways contract ref B6</p> <p>Director of Neighbourhood Services,</p>	<p>Acceptance of Tender and award of contract for Public Rights of Way works</p>	<p>2 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy Progress Update</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>This report provides members with an update regarding the tree, hedgerow and woodland strategy. It will include the third planting season statistics and will detail the recently completed i-Tree study. The report also seeks approval of the recommended strategy revisions .</p>	<p>20 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Festive Display Policy</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>Policy on festive displays erected by community groups on council highway assets</p>	<p>20 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Creation of Public Bridleway on North Wirral Coastal Defence Access Road</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>to approve recommendation to create a public bridleway in order to legalise use by cyclists</p>	<p>23 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Active Travel Strategy</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>Report to seek approval for active travel strategy</p>	<p>23 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Winter Service Plan</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>winter maintenance service plan for 2023-24</p>	<p>23 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>

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HIAM Strategy and Policy Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,		23 Oct 2023	Open
Biodiversity & Net Gain Strategy Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	Biodiversity & Net Gain Strategy outlining how the Council will deliver on its biodiversity duties including the 'general biodiversity objective', provisions within the Environment Act 2021 and mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain	23 Oct 2023	Open
Weed Treatment Provision Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	To set out the conclusion of the review of options for future weed treatment including the development of an inhouse provision, to request a year's extension to the existing contract with Man Coed to facilitate the mobilisation to new provision.	23 Oct 2023	Open
Biodiversity & Net Gain Strategy Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	Biodiversity & Net Gain Strategy outlining how the Council will deliver on its biodiversity duties including the 'general biodiversity objective', provisions within the Environment Act 2021 and mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain.	23 Oct 2023	Open
Parking Strategy Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	To seek approval for Parking Strategy	5 Dec 2023	Open

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<p>Policy & Resources Committee Contact Details: Jill Travers Director of Law and Governance jilltravers@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p> <p>Matthew Bennett Director of Finance matthewbennett1@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p> <p>Shaer Halewood Director of Resources shaerhalewood@wirralgov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
<p>Birkenhead Commercial District and Cheshire Lines</p> <p>Policy and Resources Committee,</p>	<p>New Build Offices and future use of Cheshire Lines.</p>	<p>4 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Exempt Commercially sensitive 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p>
<p>Future Regenerations Partnerships for Wirral</p> <p>Policy and Resources Committee,</p>		<p>4 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Part Exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of</p>

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Sale of Land at Arrowe Park Road, Upton Policy and Resources Committee,		8 Nov 2023	Part Exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
Digital Transformation Partner Policy and Resources Committee,	To award the tender for a digital transformation partner to support the delivery of the strategic change portfolio to ensure savings already identified and future years savings can be agreed by digitalising and automating processes	8 Nov 2023	Part Exempt Award of contract - commercially sensitive data
Strategic Change Programme Policy and Resources Committee,		8 Nov 2023	Open
Pay Policy 2024 - 2025 Policy and Resources Committee, Council,	The Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2024 - 2025	8 Nov 2023	Open
2023/24 BUDGET MONITORING FOR QUARTER TWO (THE PERIOD TO 30	This report sets out the financial monitoring information for the	8 Nov 2023	Open

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SEP 2023) Policy and Resources Committee,	Council as at Quarter 2 (30 September) of 2023/24. The report provides Members with an overview of budget performance, including progress on the delivery of the 2023/24 saving programme and a summary of reserves and balances, to enable the Committee to take ownership of the budgets and provide robust challenge and scrutiny to Officers on the performance of those budgets.		
Council Tax Base Calculation Policy and Resources Committee,	Report to detail the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2024/25	17 Jan 2024	Open
Council Tax 2024/25 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, Discounts and Exemptions Policy and Resources Committee,	Report detailing and proposing Local Council Tax Support and Local Discounts and Exemptions for 2024/25	17 Jan 2024	Open
<p>Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee Contact Details: Nicki Butterworth Director of Neighbourhood Services nicolabutterworth@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
Borough of Culture 2024		19 Oct 2023	Open

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Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee,			
Serious Violence Strategy Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee,	Draft Serious Violence Strategy to comply with the new Serious Violence Duty (Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022).	30 Nov 2023	Open