

For the four-month period 1 December 2023 - 31 March 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(1) This Forward Plan covers the four-month period from 1 December 2023 - 31 March 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 DECEMBER 2023 - 31 MARCH 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>			
Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Commission - Contract Award Director of Public Health,		23 Nov 2023	Open
Information & Advice Service Commission - Contract Award Director of Public Health,		1 Nov 2023	Open
RECOMMISSION OF WIRRAL	Award of the contract for Wirral	1 Nov 2023	Open

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INDEPENDENCE SERVICE (COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT AND TELECARE) Director of Care and Health,	Independence Service, following agreement by Committee on 13/06/23.		
Community Connector Commission Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,		23 Jan 2024	Open
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			
Annual Sufficiency Strategy Children, Young People & Education Committee,	Updating on statutory requirement to have a sufficiency report.	29 Nov 2023	Open
Care Sufficiency Strategy Children, Young People & Education Committee,	Update of legal requirement for LA to have sufficient places for its looked after children.	29 Nov 2023	Open
Outcome of Consultation on Age Range Change, Heswall Primary School	To report on the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to	29 Nov 2023	Open

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Children, Young People & Education Committee,	change the age range at Heswall Primary school.		
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			
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 LCR CA.	6 Nov 2023	Open
Consideration of proposal to implement selective licensing following consultation Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,	Review the outcome of the consultation exercise and consider whether to implement selective licensing in the proposed areas	6 Dec 2023	Open
Birkenhead Market Option Feasibility Study		6 Dec 2023	Open

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Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,			
Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 - Wallasey Town Hall Annexes Director of Regeneration and Place,	To secure the relevant approvals for the award of £2.3m Brownfield Land Release Funding for the demolition and site preparation of the Wallasey Town Hall Annexes		Open
THE SCHEDULE OF RATES CONTRACT FOR DAY TO DAY RESPONSIVE REPAIRS, INSTALLATION AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY WORKS – ELECTRICAL WORKS Director of Regeneration and Place,	The report details the schedule of rates contract for electrical work across Council Assets, the contract includes day to day responsive repairs, installation and planned maintenance, including out of hours emergency works. The contract is for a period of 2 years with the option to extend for a further 12 months.		Part Exempt Contract prices 1,3 Information relating to any individual. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee Contact Details: Jason Gooding Director of Neighbourhood Services jasongooding@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU			
Highways Contract A4 award, vehicle crossings Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,	Tender acceptance and contract award	1 Nov 2023	Open

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Local Transport Capital Block Funding – Pothole Fund 2023-2024 Director of Neighbourhood Services,	LCACR proposes to make a total sum of £764,771.28 to Wirral to spend exclusively on improvements to and maintenance of roads.	1 Nov 2023	Open
Highways Contract B5 award - drain investigation and drainage works Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,	tender acceptance and contract award	1 Nov 2023	Open
Highways Contract B7 award - text band high friction surfacing Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,	Tender acceptance and contract award	1 Nov 2023	Open
Highways Contract B8 award - surface dressing preparation traetments Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,	Tender acceptance and contract award	1 Nov 2023	Open
Acceptance of Tender and award of contract for Public Rights of Way works, highways contract ref B6 Director of Neighbourhood Services,	Acceptance of Tender and award of contract for Public Rights of Way works	1 Nov 2023	Open

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<p>BIRKENHEAD TOWN CENTRE MOVEMENT SCHEMES (CONWAY STREET/EUROPA BOULEVARD AND CHARING CROSS/GRANGE RD/GRANGE RD WEST)</p> <p>Director of Neighbourhood Services,</p>	<p>This report considers the objections and expressions of support received during the Phase 2 statutory consultation regarding two proposed movement schemes in the Birkenhead and Tranmere ward;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conway Street/Europa Boulevard and; • Charing Cross/Grange Road/Grange Road West 	<p>30 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Parking Strategy</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>To seek approval for Parking Strategy</p>	<p>5 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Experimental Motorcaravan Parking Scheme</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>The purpose of this item is to ask the committee to consider the feedback submitted during the consultation for the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order relating to motorcaravans and approve the recommendations.</p>	<p>5 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Wirral's Air Quality Strategy</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>Although the air quality in Wirral does not exceed legal limits, safe levels of exposure to air pollution have not been identified below which there are no negative health effects. This strategy has been produced in</p>	<p>5 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>

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	response to a mandated requirement from Government that all local authorities must now have an air quality strategy for their area.		
20mph Zones Phase 2 - Consideration of Objections and Officers Responses Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	to approve the proposal to introduce 20mph speed limits on all of the roads listed in the report	5 Dec 2023	Open
<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>			
Pay Policy 2024 - 2025 Policy and Resources Committee,	The Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2024 - 2025	8 Nov 2023	Open

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Council,			
2023-24 Capital Monitoring Quarter 2 Policy and Resources Committee,	Report on Capital Programme monitoring to 30th September 2023 including any scheme additions, deletions, variations and grant variations/acceptances	8 Nov 2023	Open
2023/24 BUDGET MONITORING FOR QUARTER TWO (THE PERIOD TO 30 SEP 2023) Policy and Resources Committee,	This report sets out the financial monitoring information for the 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.	8 Nov 2023	Open
Future Regenerations Partnerships for Wirral Policy and Resources Committee,	This report will seek approval to formally establish The Wirral 2040 Regeneration Partnership as the focused Delivery Vehicle to coordinate and accelerate the priority projects defined by the 2040 Framework. The Birkenhead 2040 Framework details a comprehensive	21 Nov 2023	Part Exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

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	<p>regeneration vision that will deliver 21,000 new homes and 6000 new jobs in Birkenhead over the next 17 years. A plan of this scale requires a single seamless approach to manage and coordinate asset management and regeneration based activities with a clear delivery plan led strategy that priorities projects in a logical way. The Regeneration Partnership would provide such a seamless approach. It would be led by a dedicated Wirral Officer(s) and would be guided by a locally led Partnership Board with Homes England and LCRCA participating as Board Members.</p>		
<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25</p> <p>Policy and Resources Committee,</p>	<p>Financial strategy document detailing the financial principles to be followed over the medium term.</p>	<p>21 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Strategic Change Programme</p> <p>Policy and Resources Committee,</p>		<p>21 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>New Council Plan</p> <p>Policy and Resources Committee,</p>	<p>The report sets out a new Council Plan for the next 4 years to align with the Council's 4 year election cycle.</p>	<p>21 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>

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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	21 Nov 2023	Part Exempt Award of contract - commercially sensitive data
Community Asset Transfer - Woodchurch Leisure Centre Policy and Resources Committee,		21 Nov 2023	Part Exempt
Sale of Land at Arrowe Park Road, Upton Policy and Resources Committee,		13 Dec 2023	Part Exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
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	Report detailing and proposing Local Council Tax Support and Local Discounts and Exemptions for 2024/25	17 Jan 2024	Open

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Policy and Resources Committee,			
<p>Tourism, Communities, Culture & Leisure Committee Contact Details: Jason Gooding Director of Neighbourhood Services jasongooding@wirral.gov.uk Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			