

For the four-month period 1 January 2024 - 30 April 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(1) This Forward Plan covers the four-month period from 1 January 2024 - 30 April 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 JANUARY 2024 - 30 APRIL 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>RECOMMISSION OF WIRRAL INDEPENDENCE SERVICE (COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT AND TELECARE)</p> <p>Director of Care and Health,</p>	<p>Award of the contract for Wirral Independence Service, following agreement by Committee on 13/06/23.</p>	<p>1 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Commission - Contract Award</p> <p>Director of Public Health,</p>	<p>On the 6th of March 2023, the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee authorised the Director of Public Health to re-commission Sexual and Reproductive Health</p>	<p>23 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>

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	<p>Services in Wirral. At this Committee, delegated authority was given to the Director of Public Health to award the tender to the successful bidder following the tender process. This report provides an update on the recommissioning process and outcome.</p> <p>The tender was divided into two Lots. Lot 1 was for the provision of the Integrated Sexual Health Service and was undertaken using a competitive dialogue process. Lot 2 was for the provision of Community HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and STI (sexually transmitted infections) Support Service and was undertaken using an open process.</p> <p>The process has concluded, the tenders received have been fully evaluated according to Council procurement rules and the Director of Public Health will take the decision to award the contract to the successful bidder for Lot 1 (Integrated Sexual Health Service) and approve the decision to not award the contract for Lot 2 (Community HIV and STI Support Service).</p>		

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	<p>Wirral Council is legally obliged to provide, or make arrangements for the provision of, open access Sexual and Reproductive Health Services. Current commissioning arrangements expire at the end of the financial year 2023/24. Good sexual and reproductive health is an important component of overall health and wellbeing, and a pillar of wider work to reduce health inequalities in Wirral.</p>		
<p>Information & Advice Service Commission - Contract Award</p> <p>Director of Public Health,</p>		1 Nov 2023	Open
<p>Community Connector Commission</p> <p>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,</p>		23 Jan 2024	Open
<p>Direct Payments</p> <p>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,</p>		23 Jan 2024	Open
<p>Cheshire and Merseyside Learning Disability and Autism Housing Strategy</p>	<p>The report provides a summary of the Cheshire and Merseyside</p>	23 Jan 2024	Open

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Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,	commissioning work programme for “Independent and Fulfilling Lives” and the development of a Learning Disability and Autism Housing Strategy.		
National Substance Misuse Grant Funding Update Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,		5 Mar 2024	Part Exempt
<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>			
ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION SCHEMES FOR 2025-26 Children, Young People & Education Committee,	Determination of school admission arrangements for 2025/26	24 Jan 2024	Open
Mental Health, Wellbeing and Therapeutic Support for Children Looked After	A proposal to tender for the service that provides Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing support for	24 Jan 2024	Open

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Children, Young People & Education Committee,	Children Looked After in Wirral.		
Social Care Workforce Strategy Children, Young People & Education Committee,		24 Jan 2024	Open
Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report Children, Young People & Education Committee,		24 Jan 2024	Open
Schools Standards Children, Young People & Education Committee,		24 Jan 2024	Open
Holiday Activity and Food Provision (Edsential) Children, Young People & Education Committee,		24 Jan 2024	Open
Early Years Funding Entitlement Agreement Children, Young People & Education	The early years funding entitlement agreement provides the framework and guidance for providers to claim early years funding entitlements.	6 Mar 2024	Open

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Committee,			
<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>			
<p>Wirral Ways to Work Programme - SIF Gap Funding</p> <p>Director of Regeneration and Place,</p>	<p>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.</p>	6 Nov 2023	Open
<p>Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 - Wallasey Town Hall Annexes</p> <p>Director of Regeneration and Place,</p>	<p>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</p>		Open
<p>THE SCHEDULE OF RATES CONTRACT FOR DAY TO DAY RESPONSIVE REPAIRS, INSTALLATION AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING OUT OF</p>	<p>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</p>		<p>Part Exempt Contract prices 1,3 Information relating to any individual.</p>

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HOURS EMERGENCY WORKS – ELECTRICAL WORKS Director of Regeneration and Place,	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.		Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Grant Funding Acceptance, Procurement and Delivery. Director of Regeneration and Place,	A decision to accept UKSPF Funds for Employment and Skills Services for the 2024/25 financial year. Including details on procurement options and delivery of services.		Part Exempt Might be partially exempt to procurement with supplier. Will be known nearer the time.
Birkenhead Heat Network Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,		22 Jan 2024	Open
Maritime Knowledge Hub Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,		22 Jan 2024	Open
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	Tender acceptance and contract award	Before 31 Jan 2024	Open

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Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,			
<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 	30 Nov 2023	Open
<p>Parking Machine and Payment Management - Contract Award</p> <p>Director of Neighbourhood Services,</p>	<p>The director or AD will be recommended to award a contract for the provision of a 5-year term contract to manage the council's parking machines and cashless payments</p>	Before 31 Jan 2024	Open
<p>Active Travel Strategy</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>The active travel strategy will support safe and effective movement on the highway network within the wider context of sustainable economic growth and regeneration. The strategy will help to underpin the delivery of active travel within the borough</p>	29 Jan 2024	Open

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<p>Highway Infrastructure Asset Management (HIAM) Policy and Strategy</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>Revised HIAM Policy and Strategy for approval</p>	<p>29 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Highway Infrastructure Asset Management (HIAM) Plan and Performance Management Framework and Strategy</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>The HIAM Plan will contain various highway operational policies and the HIAM performance management framework (PMF) will contain high-level performance measures linked to the HIAM Policy, Strategy and Plan. Committee will be recommended to approve a HIAM Plan and a HIAM PMF.</p>	<p>12 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Network Management Plan (NMP)</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>The report will recommend that Committee approves the council's revised Network Management Plan, which was first approved in December 2020.</p>	<p>12 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Combined Authority Transport Plan 2024/25</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>The report will recommend that Committee approves the proposed CATP programme for 2024/25, the indicative programme for 2025/26 and 2026/27, and the prioritisation matrix on which the proposed programmes have been developed by officers.</p>	<p>12 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>City Region Sustainable Transport</p>	<p>The report will recommend that</p>	<p>12 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>

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Settlement, Highway Structural Maintenance Programme 2024/25 Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	Committee approves the proposed CRSTS SMP for 2024/25, indicative programme for 2025/26 and 2026/27 and the road condition matrix on which the proposed programmes have been developed by officers.		
Parking Services - Operational Policies Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	Committee will be recommended to approve policy linked to the Parking Strategy, related to: on and off-street charges and tariffs for parking across the borough; residents controlled parking zones; disabled bay provision.	12 Mar 2024	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>			
Capital Programme Re-Profiling		17 Jan 2024	

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Policy and Resources Committee,			
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
2023/24 BUDGET MONITORING FOR QUARTER THREE (THE PERIOD TO 31 DEC 2023) Policy and Resources Committee,	This report sets out the financial monitoring information for the Council as at Quarter 3 (31 December) 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.	13 Feb 2024	Open
2024/25 BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY	In line with standard practice and based on the usual work and analysis undertaken by the Section	13 Feb 2024	Open

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Policy and Resources Committee,	151 Officer, this report sets out the budget for the forthcoming year.		
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