

For the four-month period 1 November 2024 - 28 February 2025

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

(1) This Forward Plan covers the four-month period from 1 November 2024 - 28 February 2025.

(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. 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 or on the Council's web-site.

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- Councillor Stephen Bennett Children, Young People and Education
- Councillor Tony Jones Economy, Regeneration and Development
- Councillor Elizabeth Grey Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport
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**WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**FORWARD PLAN**

For the four month period 1 NOVEMBER 2024 - 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Proposed decision	Description	Expected date of decision	Details of exempt information
<p><b>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee</b>            Contact Details:            Sayyed Osman            Director of Care and Health  <a href="mailto:sayyedosman@wirral.gov.uk">sayyedosman@wirral.gov.uk</a>            Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p> <p>Dave Bradburn            Director of Public Health  <a href="mailto:davebradburn@wirral.gov.uk">davebradburn@wirral.gov.uk</a>            Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
<p>Outcome of the Public Health Re-commissioning Process for the Community Connector Service</p> <p>Director of Public Health,</p>	<p>This item will recommend that the Director of Public Health approve the award of a four-year contract (with the option of two one-year extensions) for the Community Connector service, to commence on 1 February 2025.</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>
<p>Recommission of the Early Intervention and Prevention Service</p> <p>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,</p>	<p>To gain approval to render and coproduce a new model for the Early Intervention and Prevention Service.</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>

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Recommissioning of Advocacy Services Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee,	Approval to recommission Advocacy Services.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
<p><b>Children, Young People and Education Committee</b>  Contact Details:  Elizabeth Hartley  Director of Children, Families and Education  <a href="mailto:elizabethhartley@wirral.gov.uk">elizabethhartley@wirral.gov.uk</a>  Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			
OUTCOME OF THE COMMISSIONING PROCESS FOR PUPILS EXCLUDED FROM EDUCATION KEY STAGE 4.  Director of Children, Families and Education,	The purpose of the report is to make recommendations to the Director of Children, Family and Education Services regarding the outcome of a procurement exercise to appoint providers for full-time education from and including the sixth day of a permanent exclusion for Key Stage 4 pupils. The proposal within this report are to appoint Edstart and Progress Schools as the preferred tenderers for the relevant lots.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Part Exempt</b> <b>Appendix exempt By virtue of paragraph (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.</b>
REFURBISHMENT PROJECT AT JOSEPH PAXTON CAMPUS TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF THE HOME EDUCATION SERVICE  Assistant Director: Property &	Plans to relocate the Home Education Service from its temporary location to a permanent one on the Joseph Paxton site are well developed to meet service needs. There will be a significant amount of	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>

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Regeneration Investment,	refurbishment required at the Joseph Paxton site and a construction project will need to be delivered. Schedule of works indicate this contract will be let in July 2024.		
Therapeutic Support for Children Looked After  Director of Children, Families and Education,	Decision to tender for the Therapeutic Support for Children Looked After - Combined Local Authority contract.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Pupil Place Planning Phase 3 - Wallasey  Children, Young People & Education Committee,	A report to summarise the Pupil Place Planning Review in Wallasey Area. Third in the series of reports.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
<b>Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee</b> Director of Regeneration and Place			
Approval of Business Case and Consultation for Selective Licensing Scheme  Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,	Consideration and approval of proposed business case to go out to formal statutory consultation	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Approval of Masterplans and Neighbourhood Framework – Birkenhead Town Centre and St Werburgh's	Approval of masterplans and neighbourhood Frameworks (Birkenhead Town Centre and St Werburgh's) to support delivery of	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>

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Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,	the Birkenhead 2040 Framework.		
Wallasey Town Hall Annex Sites  Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,		Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Phase 3 Employment and Skills  Director of Regeneration and Place,	The purpose of this report is to enable the Director of Regeneration and Place to consider and approve the ringfenced allocation of funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) which has been received by way of grant funding from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) for the purpose of delivering the Wirral Ways to Work programme to the value of £1,461,216.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Part Exempt 3</b> <b>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</b>
Demolition of Liscard Municipal Building and Community Centre, Seaview Road, Liscard  Director of Regeneration and Place,	The report seeks authority to award the contract for the demolition and site clearance of the disused former Liscard Municipal Building and Community Centre, regrading of the site, crushed hardcore finish and timber boundary post and rail fencing. The demolition and site clearance works will enable the	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>



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	remediation of the site to enable it to be used for residential housing.		
<p>Decision to commence with the procurement exercise for the Pre Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) and enabling works for the Dock Branch North Infrastructure Project</p> <p>Director of Regeneration and Place,</p>	<p>Dock Branch North Project aims to transform the historic Dock Branch rail corridor into a vibrant public space, connecting key areas of Birkenhead by providing a safe and accessible link for cyclists and pedestrians from Hind Street to Wirral Waters and unlock adjacent development potential in the area.</p> <p>The project has finished RIBA stages 0-3, and now requires a contractor to provide a RIBA Stage 4 design (detailed design) and enabling works package (preparatory activities before the main construction phase begins) via a two-stage design and build route. This report seeks approval to commence with the procurement process, with the final contract award being subject to a subsequent decision based upon an evaluation of tenders.</p> <p>The report supports the Council Plan Wirral Working Together 2023-27, specifically the themes: People-Focussed Regeneration and Safe,</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>

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	<p>Resilient and Engaged Communities and Protecting Our Environment.</p> <p>This matter affects Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward and is a key decision.</p>		
<p>Disposal of Bromborough Civic Centre</p> <p>Director of Regeneration and Place,</p>	<p>Agreement of sales terms for Bromborough Civic Centre.</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>
<p>Former House of Fraser Sites Development Plan</p> <p>Economy Regeneration &amp; Housing Committee,</p>	<p>Future development proposals for the site.</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>
<p>Price Street Car Park Development Plan</p> <p>Economy Regeneration &amp; Housing Committee,</p>	<p>Future development proposals for the site.</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>
<p>Liscard Levelling Up Fund Programme</p> <p>Economy Regeneration &amp; Housing Committee,</p>	<p>To provide an update to Committee on the Liscard Levelling Up Fund Programme and to secure approval to progress with project delivery</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>
<p>Procurement of framework for rolling capital programme for adaptations and</p>	<p>Approval of budget to commence tender framework for completion of</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>

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housing standards Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,	building works related to housing financial assistance		
Commissioning Plan for Homeless accommodation/support services Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,	Approve commissioning plan for the delivery of services to respond to homelessness in Wirral.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Contract Award for a PCSA/Enabling Works Package for the Dock Branch North Project Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,	To appoint a contractor, following completion of procurement exercise, on a two-stage design & build contract to deliver a Pre-Construction Services Agreement and Enabling Works Package for the Dock Branch North Infrastructure Project.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Adoption Of Masterplans and Neighbourhood Framework : Wallasey Town Hall Quarter and Birkenhead Waterfront (Woodside) Economy Regeneration & Housing Committee,	Approval of masterplans and neighbourhood Frameworks (Wallasey Town Hall Quarter and Birkenhead Waterfront) to support delivery of the Birkenhead 2040 Framework.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
LCRCA Local Transport Plan 4 Economy Regeneration & Housing	Consideration of the Draft LCRCA LTP4	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>

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Committee,			
Grant Funding Agreement on the award of Town Deal Grant funding to Big Heritage CIC to extend and renovate the Wirral Transport Museum  Director of Regeneration and Place,	To enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Big Heritage CIC, to provide Town Deal funding to renovate and extend the Wirral Transport Museum to provide a sustainable and greatly enhanced visitor attraction in Birkenhead.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Ways to Work - Worklessness Support Service Extension  Director of Regeneration and Place,	This report will come forward following news in the Autumn budget on the future of UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This will allow the current contract to be extended if we secure the grant funding.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
<b>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee</b>			
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.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Parking Machine and Payment Management - Contract Award  Director of Neighbourhood Services,	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	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>

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ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	Seek approval for acceptance of funding	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	Open
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy for approval	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	Open
A4 Contract Award Highway Vehicle Crossings Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,	The purpose of this item is to ask committee to endorse the competitive tendering exercise and award the Contract for Highway Vehicle Crossings	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Part Exempt Appendix 1 Confidential details of Tender Evaluation</b>
Waste Management Strategy 2025 - 2030 Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,	The vision and direction for transforming waste management arrangements and responding to the legal requirements of the Environment Act for waste management.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	Open
Award of Contract - Winter Service Provision of Drivers Assistant Director: Highways and Infrastructure,	The Winter Gritting Operation is a Statutory Duty and this award of contract is for the Provision of Drivers and second men to undertake the Winter Service by driving the gritting vehicles. The season is usually 21 weeks starting in November and ending April .	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Part Exempt tendered rates to be exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</b>

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	<p>Actual dates to be confirmed. This contract will have been tendered through the Fusion 21 Grounds Maintenance Framework Suppliers. EOI are currently being obtained. Gritting vehicles are obtained through a separate Framework Contract. 2024-25 season costs for drivers approx £280,000 This contract will be for 3 plus 2 years possible extension.</p>		
<p>Contract Variation Order Food Waste Collection: Biffa</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>Under the Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2024, published by the Government on 16th May 2024, it local waste collection authorities are now required to put in place weekly separate food waste collections for schools and Council owned offices from April 2025 and from all Wirral residents from April 2026.</p> <p>The Biffa Contract ends in August 2027. Since the mandatory start date for food waste collections begins during our current contract with Biffa, therefore a variation of the current contract is required to change the current fortnightly collections of household waste that includes waste</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Part Exempt Commercially sensitive data within report.</b></p>

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	in one container to a weekly collection of food waste that is to be placed in a caddy that is dedicated to food waste only.		
<p>20mph Speed limit Programme Phases 3 and 4 – Consideration of objections and officers’ responses</p> <p>Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee,</p>	<p>The report considers objections and comments of support submitted during the statutory Traffic Regulation Order consultation period for Phases 3 and 4 of the 20mph Speed Limit Programme. The Committee are being asked to review and consider all objections received and if deemed appropriate instruct the Director of Neighbourhood Services to introduce all of Phases 3 and 4 of the speed limit programme on those roads or parts of roads shown the list within Appendix A to the report.</p>	<p>Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025</p>	<p><b>Open</b></p>
<p><b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b>  Contact Details:  Jill Travers  Director of Law and Corporate Services  <a href="mailto:jilltravers@wirral.gov.uk">jilltravers@wirral.gov.uk</a>  Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p> <p>Matthew Bennett  Director of Finance  <a href="mailto:matthewbennett1@wirral.gov.uk">matthewbennett1@wirral.gov.uk</a>  Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU</p>			

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DISPOSAL OF THE FORMER MINISTRY OF DEFENCE LAND ON OLD HALL ROAD, BROMBOROUGH  Director of Regeneration and Place,	The purpose of this report is to seek approval the selection of the preferred bidder, along with an under bidder, for the purchase of the former Ministry of Defence (MOD) site at Old Hall Road, Bromborough.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	
Review of Community Asset Transfer Policy  Policy and Resources Committee,	The CAT Policy was last reviewed on 16 March 2022 and since then several changes have taken place which require the Policy to be reviewed and agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
2024/25 BUDGET MONITORING FOR QUARTER TWO (THE PERIOD TO 30 SEP 2024)  Policy and Resources Committee,	This report sets out the financial monitoring information for the Council as at Quarter 2 (30 September) of 2024/25.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Council Tax 2025/26 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme  Policy and Resources Committee,	Report to determine the most appropriate Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Wirral 2025-2026	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
Dock Branch Line Update  Policy and Resources Committee,	This report will provide an update on progress with Dock Branch Line and outline options	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Exempt</b>  <b>3</b> <b>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of</b>



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TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2024/25  Policy and Resources Committee,	To provide a mid-year update on the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	Open
2024-25 CAPITAL MONITORING QUARTER 2  Policy and Resources Committee,	This report provides an update on the progress of the Capital Programme 2024/25 at Quarter 2.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	Open
Contract Award - Keyholding, Alarm Response and Venue Security  Director of Regeneration and Place,	To appoint a provider of suitably qualified and licensed security staff to provide keyholding and response to authority buildings outside of normal working hours and a security presence at Committee and other key meetings following a competitive tender exercise.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	
Pay Policy 2025 - 2026  Policy and Resources Committee,		Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	Open
Woodchurch Leisure Centre Demolition  Policy and Resources Committee,	To provide an update on the progress of the demolition project, on the financial position of the project, and to seek approval to go	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	Open

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	out to tender for the works.		
Mosslands School New Build Project Policy and Resources Committee,		Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	
WALLASEY AND BIRKENHEAD TOWN HALL - NEXT STEPS Policy and Resources Committee,	On 17 July 2024 this Committee agreed (amongst other matters) to convene a member workshop inform future options for Wallasey and Birkenhead Town Halls and review work to date and understand the implications of next steps . A workshop took place in September and this report sets out recommendations having regard to the outcome of that workshop.	Between 1 Nov 2024 and 28 Feb 2025	<b>Open</b>
<b>Tourism, Communities, Culture &amp; Leisure Committee</b> Contact Details: Jason Gooding Director of Neighbourhood Services <a href="mailto:jasongooding@wirral.gov.uk">jasongooding@wirral.gov.uk</a> Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU			