

WIRRAL COUNCIL BUDGET OPTIONS

1.0 Background

On the 9th of November 2012 Wirral Council published a series of Options Papers, proposals that have been drawn up to help the Council prioritise services. These proposals have been drawn up due to the seriousness of the Council's budget position. The Council faces an unprecedented budget challenge in the form of a potential £100 million projected gap in the budget.

2.0 The Options Papers

The Options Papers put forward where savings might be found for consideration by staff, Councillors, partners, and the public. The savings that can be realised from the options being proposed exceed the savings that are required by 25% which provides an opportunity for further consultation in order to influence what is being proposed.

The Families and Wellbeing Budget Options from the Chief Executive summary paper is included for the Board as Appendix 1. Two other options Papers have also been published; Transformation and Resources and Regeneration and Environment. In addition further detail regarding each of the individual options outlined in the summary papers has been published. Full detail of the proposals is available on the Council's website:

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/council-and-democracy/what-really-matters/chief-executives-budget-options>

3.0 The Consultation

The second stage of the consultation opened on the 12th of November. The feedback from this further work will be collated in order to assist the Council to reach final decisions. There are two crucial budget Cabinets; December 20th and February 18th, with the consultation continuing until January 31st.

4.0 Recommendations:

4.1 That Wirral Children's Trust Board provides its views on the proposals published in the Options Papers.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Families and Wellbeing Budget Options from the Chief Executive