

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:** Cabinet Member for the Economy  
- Councillor Pat Hackett

**KEY DECISION** NO

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** ECONOMY

**PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED:** ECONOMY

**WARDS AFFECTED:** PRENTON; BIRKENHEAD & TRANMERE; AND  
OXTON

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**SUBJECT:** *Neighbourhood Planning – Approval of Publication, Examination and Local Referendum on a Proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Devonshire Park*

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### 1. RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) That the Devonshire Park Neighbourhood Planning Forum is notified that the submitted documents attached to this report are approved and that the Council now intends to publicise and arrange for the independent examination of the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- (2) That the Director for Regeneration and Environment is authorised to take all the steps necessary to comply with Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; Part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012; and the Localism Act 2011, up to but excluding the final making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of the statutory land-use Development Plan for Wirral, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Economy.
- (3) That the Director is authorised to publicise the submitted documents to bring the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan to the attention of the people who live, work or carry on business within the designated Neighbourhood Area.
- (4) That the Director is authorised to make arrangements for the independent examination of the proposals and, with the agreement of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum, to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced independent examiner to examine the proposals from the national Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service.

- (5) That the Director is authorised, subject to the recommendations of the examiner appointed, to submit the proposal to make the Neighbourhood Development Plan to a statutory local referendum in accordance with the relevant national regulations.
- (6) That subject to a majority vote in a local referendum, the final recommendation to make the Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the statutory Development Plan for Wirral is reported and recommended for approval by Full Council at the appropriate time.

**2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To comply with the Council's statutory obligations to administer statutory land-use planning proposals submitted by a designated Neighbourhood Forum, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and relevant national regulations.

**3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The report has been prepared with the approval of the Head of Legal and Member Services and the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Council's Procurement Manager and Principal Electoral Services Officer.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

<p>Signed: <i>[Signature]</i>          Executive Member: <b>ECONOMY</b>          Date: <b>20 NOVEMBER 2014</b>          Also present:</p>	<p>Signed: <i>David Ball</i>          Chief Officer: <b>HEAD OF REGENERATION</b>          Date: <b>20 NOVEMBER 2014.</b></p>
<p><b>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</b></p>	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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