

Amendments to Notices of Motion

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9)

(1) Notice of Motion No. 2 – THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR WIRRAL'S ECONOMY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

In paragraph 1 - delete after second sentence (starting 'We can stick...') to end of paragraph (...and Wirral's economy').

In its place, insert...

'Our country and Wirral's economy has benefited from the stability of the Coalition formed in 2010 in the aftermath of the banking crisis. The Coalition were able to pick up the pieces at a time when the outgoing Labour Government was divided on the likely length of the recession, divided on whether increased tax rates were temporary or permanent and had not set out where savings would have been made in a longer recession.

Council may also recall that Labour's former Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Liam Byrne) had left a note for his successor which clearly said "I'm afraid there is no money." Fortunately, the Coalition was able to agree on the need for new taxes, like the Bank Levy, which has produced over £6 billion in the last three years, supporting public services in Wirral and our nation.

Council recognises that the prevailing economic circumstances led the present coalition to be more flexible in reducing the deficit. During this period, the Health Service and School budgets were protected, the latter including significant sums for the Pupil Premium to help children who might otherwise have fallen behind.

Council thus recognises that an over-zealous ideological approach could undermine the recovery and public services.'

In paragraph 2 – delete 'Conservatives have' and insert 'the current Coalition Government has...'

In paragraph 3:

Bullet point 1, delete 'Conservatives have' and insert 'the current Coalition Government has...'

Bullet point 3, insert after 'people'...'by raising personal allowances, a Liberal Democrat policy which Mr Cameron said could not be afforded in the three-way TV debate in 2010 and later included in the Coalition Agreement.

Bullet point 5, insert after 'employment'...'supporting family life with shared parental leave and the right to request flexible working for all'

After bullet point 5, insert new bullet point 6...'an increase in free childcare to 15 hours per week for three and four year olds and disadvantaged two year olds.'

After new bullet point 6, insert new bullet point 7...'the target of two million apprentices reached in December 2014.'

Last bullet point, insert after '£800'...'thus securing the biggest ever cash rise in the State pension through the 'triple lock' policy on uprating'

After para 7 (ends '...of welfare dependency.' insert:

'Council believes that underlying economic problems have faced Wirral's communities for over thirty years, regardless of the local or national political complexion. Council believes that the prospect of resources released by devolution, the use of the Regional Growth Fund and local growth deals and the strengthening of the UK's manufacturing supply chains will continue to help the local economy. The establishment of the world's first Green Investment Bank, helping treble renewable electricity generation is a project championed by the Liberal Democrats.'