

WIRRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL

18 & 19 May 2015

SUBJECT:	Policy Council Agenda
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
REPORT OF:	Head of Legal & Member Services

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report proposes an Agenda for Policy Council to be held on 13 July 2015

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Council has approved the Calendar of Meetings for the municipal year 2015/16 and included a specific Council meeting, named Policy Council, which enables Council to consider strategies, policies and plans, including any that fall within the Policy Framework as defined Article 4, paragraph 4.1(1) (a) of the Constitution (please see paragraph 9.3 of this report).

2.2 To ensure other matters are addressed in a timely manner, the Calendar of Meetings includes a meeting of Ordinary Council (6 July 2015) a week before the planned meeting of Policy Council.

3.0 Proposed Agenda

3.1 The proposed Agenda for Policy Council is set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

4.1 There are no relevant risks arising in respect of this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 No other options have been considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 No formal consultation is required in respect of the proposed Policy Council Agenda.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are no such implications arising.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 There are no such implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Council has complied with its legal obligation to approve and publish its Calendar of Meetings for the municipal year 2015/16.
- 9.2 Unless an Agenda for Policy Council is agreed, the meeting of Policy Council shall be deemed equivalent to an Ordinary Council meeting and by default the Agenda for the Policy Council shall be the same as that of an Ordinary Council meeting.
- 9.3 Article 4, paragraph 4.1(1) (a) of the Constitution provides that:

Policy Framework - The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:

- Council's Corporate Plan;
- Children and Young People's Plan;
- Sustainable Community Strategy;
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
- Licensing Authority Policy Statement & Statement of Principles
- Local Transport Plan;
- Plans and strategies which together comprise the Local Development Framework;
- Youth Justice Plan.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No such implications arise.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 None

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no such implications arising.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 13.1 That Council approves the Policy Council Agenda set out at Appendix 1 to this report in respect of the Policy Council meeting to be held on 13 July 2015.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 14.1 To enable the Council consider specifically strategies, policies and plans at a dedicated Council meeting.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Policy Council Agenda

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

POLICY COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Mayor's Announcements

2. Declarations of Interest / Restrictions on voting

3. Petitions

Note: if a petition relates to a strategy, policy and/or plan being considered by Council, the member who presents can during the relevant main debate speak about it, in order that Council can take account of it.

3. Matters requiring approval by the Council:

- Any document falling within the Policy Framework as defined by Article 4, paragraph 4.1(1) of the Constitution; and/or
- Medium Term Financial Strategy; and/or
- Any other strategy, policy or plan referred by the Leader, Cabinet, Cabinet Portfolio and/or Council Committee.

5. Vacancies

6. Any other business