

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

15 SEPTEMBER 2015

13 NOTICE OF MOTION - WIRRAL'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS

Members of the Policy and Performance Regeneration and Environment Committee considered a motion to Council (6 July 2015) as proposed by Councillor Jeff Green and seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie, that:

“Council notes that:

- (1) Latest information reports that Wirral has 7,400 total enterprises; an 11.1% improvement in the business base since 2011 and the number of total jobs in Wirral currently stands at 113,000 which is the highest figure for 8 years.
- (2) Wirral currently has 3,118 Jobseekers Allowance claimants, a reduction of nearly 3,000 since April 2014. 530 of these Jobseekers are aged 18-24, a reduction of nearly 1,300 since April 2014; this is a reduction in rate of 5.2% which is nearly triple the national average.

Council expresses its relief that the British Electorate has returned a Conservative Government and given it a mandate to continue its support to businesses and the long term economic plan.

Council wishes to congratulate all those local Wirral entrepreneurs, workers and businesses who are contributing to the economic success of Wirral and the country as a whole.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chair of the Wirral Chamber of Commerce and invites him to share his thoughts on what the Council can do to further support our local businesses in continuing the Government's vision of more people with the security of a regular wage and the chance to get on.”

In the absence of the proposer and seconder, the item was introduced by Councillor S. Williams.

A Member commented on Wirral's success in terms of Jobs and reduction in Jobseeker Allowance claims, and importance of partnership working.

A short discussion took place regarding the statistical element and political statement of the motion as presented.

Resolved: That the motion be noted.