

## **Amendments to Matters Referred from Policy and Performance Committees**

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

### **AGENDA ITEM 10(A) Minute 24 - Notice of Motion, Proposal for a Fire Station on Green Belt land in Saughall Massie**

**Proposed** by Councillor Chris Blakeley

**Seconded** by Councillor Bruce Berry

Council acknowledges the challenges faced by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority, like all taxpayer-funded organisations.

Council notes that Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service has provided operational cover to West Wirral residents in the last 18 months from the Upton Fire Station within the 10 minute response guidelines and congratulates all those involved in maintaining this level of service.

Council notes that Wirral's Planning Committee will be responsible for deciding on any planning application and notes that the Authority, in its published, written response to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority, stated: "**in the light of your fall-back scenario of being able to redevelop the fire station at Upton within the urban area and with no impact on the Green Belt, very special circumstances will not exist. In which case, planning permission is not likely to be granted.**"

Cabinet is therefore asked to support Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority in identifying a suitable site that is not within Wirral's precious greenbelt, while maintaining the safety and security of Wirral residents and calls for further discussions on how best the additional £2.8 million granted by the Government can be used for this purpose.