

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 (iii) A STRONG, STABLE ECONOMY AND BENEFITS FOR WIRRAL RESIDENTS

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Pat Williams

Insert at end of para 3 (ends ".....plan to date)

, noting that the plan was substantially revised and adjusted to cope with the uncertain state of the UK economy, the need to rebalance it and a recognition that there had to be a regional strategy.

Insert at end of para 4 (ends ".....and expect)

but remains wary of unrealistic assumptions that could rebound on and damage the Wirral economy and the nation's finances.

Delete in para 6 "and further contribute to the brighter economic outlook Government policies have secured."

Delete in para 7 "Council notes that the Conservative Government has not only developed sound economic policies to guarantee economic recovery but has also committed significant investment across the City Region including:"

And replace with new para 7:

"Council notes that a number of significant capital projects are now in hand, some with long lead-in times over many years and begun under the Coalition Government. The recently announced projects are in their early stages and have arisen from consistent pressure to close the north south divide. These include:"

(2) Notice of Motion (v) WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Chris Carubia

Insert after para (ends ".....self-esteem and confidence")

Council also recognises that the complex and emerging funding package for the Youth Zone requires a substantial contribution from the Council and remains anxious that the new Zone should not detract from the pattern of hubs established some years ago.

Council suggests that officers should examine, and report upon, how the development of the main facility in Oldham, The Mahdlo, led to the operation of youth services being taken on by that organisation yet was still expected to retain a co-ordinated offer to young people in the various communities.

(3) Notice of Motion (v) WIRRAL YOUTH ZONE

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hodson

Seconded by Councillor Cherry Povall

Insert new paragraph:

Council acknowledges the good existing youth service provision across the Borough and notes the value residents place on this service; 64.7% of respondents to the last public consultation rejected the changes proposed to Youth and Play. Therefore Council, while welcoming the new Youth Zone in Birkenhead, is absolutely clear that this development will enhance the Borough's existing youth service and will not replace it.

(4) Notice of Motion (vi) CSR AND AUTUMN STATEMENT

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Alan Brighthouse

Add the following after the two bullet points (under 'Council Resolves'):

- To work with Wirral's MPs to challenge the assumptions and interpretations built upon the OBR's 'Economic and fiscal outlook' and the forecast for 'local

authority self-financed expenditure' as set out on Page 58 and 59 in the 'Blue Book' Spending Review and Autumn Statement.

- To take part in the consultation the DCLG offers on the settlement and to establish whether the settlement and formula have any relationship to the House of Commons Library Briefing Paper 7327 'Deprivation in English Constituencies' published in October 2015.
- To highlight the practicalities of securing the growth in business rates given that part of that growth is already to be reinvested within the Enterprise Zone.
- To highlight the limited sums that can be raised based on the proportion of properties in lower bands compared to other areas and its implications for police funding.
- This time to take up the offer again made by the Liberal Democrat Group to assist and join in making representations and lobbying.