



**CABINET MEMBER –
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WIRRAL PLAN SCRUTINY REPORT

Councillor Ann McLachlan, Cabinet Member - Transformation and Improvement (and Deputy Leader of the Council), said:

“Ensuring effective and open scrutiny of the Wirral Plan and the 20 Pledges is vital to its success. I am pleased that our Members are taking this proactive and constructive approach; working together with different skills and expertise to produce an extremely helpful review of the Wirral Plan.”

REPORT SUMMARY

This report sets out the Scrutiny response to the Wirral Plan Delivery Plan (Phase 1) as reported to Cabinet 8 October 2015. This follows a series of dedicated workshop sessions for non-executive members held in November 2015.

The workshops provided an opportunity for non-executive members to be briefed on the emerging delivery arrangements for each of the Wirral Plan pledges as well as to feed in their comments and suggestions. The sessions were attended by Pledge Sponsors and Leads from the Council and relevant partners. The sessions were well-attended and well-received by non-executive Members.

The scrutiny report is included as Appendix 1. There is a section for each of the Wirral Plan themes: People, Business and Environment. There is a brief description for each of the twenty pledges followed by the comments put forward. This report has been cascaded to pledge sponsors and leads so that comments can be considered and included where appropriate within the Plan’s emerging supporting strategies.

The report supports the development of the Wirral Plan and affects all wards within the borough. It is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Cabinet thanks non-executive members for their contribution in support of the Wirral Plan and the development of key strategies.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 For Cabinet Members to acknowledge the positive contribution of non-executive Members in support of the Wirral Plan.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 A number of options were considered to find the best approach to scrutinise the Wirral Plan. The workshop option was favoured as it allowed the work to be completed within the time available and as it provided a means for all non-executive members to be invited to engage in the scrutiny process.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Wirral Plan was initially published in June 2015 as a five year plan based on 20 key pledges. Since then, the Council's key partners in the public, private and voluntary sector have signed up to the Plan making it a partnership plan for the borough. In October, a Wirral Plan Delivery Plan (Phase One) was published as a means to further engage partners and consult on delivery arrangements.
- 3.2 The feedback under each of the pledges will be forwarded on to Council and partner leads for each of the 20 pledges. This will enable the emerging strategies in support of the Wirral Plan to be developed to take account of the comments put forward.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 A risk management strategy is being developed that will support the delivery of the Wirral Plan.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 N/A

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality implications, this report is provided for information.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Wirral Plan Scrutiny Report

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Council	13 July 2015
Cabinet	08 October 2015
Coordinating Committee	10 December 2015