

Council – 11 July, 2016

Motions

The following motions have been submitted in accordance with the notice required by Standing Order 7(1) and are listed in the order received.

1. DEALING WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE EU REFERENDUM *(to be debated)*

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies

Seconded by Councillor Ann McLachlan

This Council recognises the Referendum result to withdraw from the EU has important implications for Wirral and the wider City region.

Council is concerned that the Government appears to have no plan to deal with the potential impact on Wirral's finances of this decision.

Council recognises that since the 1990s Wirral and Merseyside has been a beneficiary of significant amounts of European funding.

Council recalls the Conservative Government of the mid-eighties decision to allow Merseyside to descend into 'managed decline' and the financial support the EU offered which helped to fill this funding vacuum.

Council is concerned that more than £200m was scheduled to be invested by the EU in the Liverpool City Region in the next 5 years and that following the referendum this funding is now in doubt.

Council supports the Leader of the Council in demanding central government lives up to the promises made by 'Brexiters' during the Referendum campaign to match pound for pound any EU monies lost as a consequence of the Referendum outcome.

2. SECURING LOCAL PHARMACY SERVICES *(to be debated)*

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Council notes that the Department of Health undertook a consultation on the future of Community Pharmacies which concluded in May 2016.

Council recognises that this has created uncertainty about the range of accessible pharmacy services, with the delivery of a petition to 10 Downing Street bearing 1.8 million signatures raising concerns.

Council is concerned that the potential changes in the funding of pharmacy services may have an adverse impact on the availability of local services, with an impact on GP workload and pressures on hospital services. This would have an adverse impact on the Wirral Plan and undermine the objectives of Healthy Wirral.

Council therefore requests that the Cabinet:

1. ensure that this Council and its partners work with health providers so as to ensure that there is no reduction in the provision of services to Wirral's residents;
2. ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board is kept informed of the emerging arrangements so that the impact of any efficiency savings can be monitored and assessed.