

ITEM 8D

MINUTE EXTRACT

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

30 NOVEMBER 2016

31 NOTICE OF MOTION: RECOGNISING THE CONTRIBUTION OF OUR FRIENDS GROUPS

The Chair of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee reported that at the meeting of the Council held on 17 October 2016 (minute 67 (6) refers), the attached Notice of Motion, 'Recognising the contribution of our Friends Groups' proposed by Councillor Lesley Rennie and seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes was referred by the Mayor to this Committee for consideration –

“Council recognises the value and importance of Wirral’s parks and open spaces and welcomes the valuable contribution made by Council staff and volunteers and Friends Groups.

Council celebrates the recent achievement of ‘Green Flag Awards’ for parks and open spaces in Wallasey, including:

- Harrison Park
- North Wirral Coastal Park
- Wallasey Cemetery

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to all successful Friends Groups in Wirral to reaffirm our commitment and support for the valuable work they undertake.”

As neither Proposer nor Secunder of the motion was in attendance, the Chair informed that, in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedures Rule 16(e), the matter would be considered ‘in absentia’.

The Chair led a short debate, and expressed his view that the Council was grateful for the work undertaken by all Friends Groups across the borough and felt that it would be appropriate, with Committee’s agreement, to recommend that the Motion be amended slightly to cover encompass all Wirral Friends Groups.

Resolved -

Subject to the substitution of the word ‘Wirral’ in place of ‘Wallasey’ after the words ‘parks and open spaces’.

That the Notice of Motion be supported.