

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

COUNCIL LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH -
COUNCILLOR PHIL DAVIES

KEY DECISION: YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: GROWTH

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED:

Growth, Housing and Community Safety, Environment

WARDS AFFECTED:

Recommendation 1 will affect all Wards

Recommendation 2 (proposed changes to Sites of Biological Importance) will affect the Wards of Wards of Clatterbridge; Heswall; Greasby, Frankby and Irby; Moreton West and Saughall Massie; Leasowe and Moreton East; and West Kirby and Thurstaston, as set out within the main body of the report.

SUBJECT: *Local Wildlife Sites – New Selection Criteria, Terms of Reference and Site Selection Procedures and Changes to the Schedule of Sites of Biological Importance*

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That it be recommended to Council that:

- (1) The modified terms of reference for the Wirral Local Sites Partnership and Local Wildlife Site assessment procedures (Appendix 1 of this report); and sections 2 (Habitat criteria) and 3 (Species criteria) of the Local Wildlife Sites Selection Criteria for the Cheshire region (Appendix 2 of this report) be adopted as the basis for the future selection of Local Wildlife Sites in Wirral; and
- (2) That the revisions to the current schedule of Sites of Biological Importance (Appendix 3 of this report) be adopted as a material consideration for use by Planning Committee in the determination of individual planning applications.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable implementation of the modified terms of reference for the Wirral Local Wildlife Sites Partnership and revised procedures for site selection and to agree a final amended schedule of Sites of Biological Importance prior to starting a review of all sites against the new criteria.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The report has been prepared with the approval of the Assistant Director Law and Governance and the Assistant Director Finance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Signed: 	Signed: 
Executive Member: CLERK. PHIL JAMES	Chief Officer:
Date: 26/6/17.	Date: 26/6/17
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