

Amendments to Notices of Motion

The Council is requested to consider the following amendment, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9)

(1) Notice of Motion No. 1. – ENDING AUSTERITY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Add after paragraph two:

Council believes that the letter should also highlight the need for the end of the pay cap on public sector workers. Council recognises that Wirral's workforce, along with others providing public services, has made substantial contributions and personal sacrifices in recent years.

Council welcomes the end of the Government's silence on the issue of pay, observing the recent opinions given by some Ministers. Council, however, is concerned at that hasty riposte from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Council believes that pay rises being funded by alleged efficiencies and savings will place further pressure on committed and hard working staff.

Council, therefore, asks that the Government should fully fund any pay deal in the settlement.

(2) Notice of Motion No. 2 – TENANCY FEES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor George Davies

Seconded by Councillor Adrian Jones

At the end add new paragraph:

Council further notes the differences of ideology and intent in the "bedroom tax" approach of the Conservative-LibDem collaboration of 2010 – 15, during which fewer new homes were built than in any period since the early 1920s, and Labour's "Secure Homes for all" general election manifesto-declaration for a massive programme of genuinely affordable house building.

(3) Notice of Motion No. 4 – SUPPORT FOR NEW FERRY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Adam Sykes

Seconded by Councillor Tracey Pilgrim

Insert after paragraph 1

Council would like to put on record its thanks for the hard work of our officers, led by David Ball, and the community of New Ferry, involved in supporting the area, since the disaster, including those who have organised and donated to the appeals.

Renumbered Paragraph 3, delete all after 'Prime Minister' and insert:

with a costed recovery plan as requested by the Secretary of State and extends an invitation to the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister to visit New Ferry and meet with community leaders and residents affected by the devastating explosion on 25 March.

In the meantime, Council will urgently assess whether a formal application for emergency financial assistance under the Bellwin Scheme is required, supported by its reserves held for 'emergencies and unforeseen circumstances', and to assess whether individuals affected need assistance from the £770,000 held by the Council for 'Support and Assistance to Public in Need'.

(4) Notice of Motion No. 5 – SECURING OUR ECONOMY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Ian Lewis

Seconded by Councillor David Burgess-Joyce

Delete the final two paragraphs.