



**Constituency Committee - Wallasey**  
**Monday, 31 July 2017**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE BUDGET AND SPEND</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Director for Health and Wellbeing</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

Further to the meeting of Wallasey Constituency Committee on 6 July 2017, this report sets out recommendations relating to the available spend, for the Constituency Committee's decision.

The work of Wallasey Constituency Committee contributes to a range of Wirral Plan 2020 pledges and neighbourhood working is key to delivery of the Plan.

This report affects all Wards within the Wallasey Constituency (Leasowe & Moreton East, Moreton West & Saughall Massie, Liscard, New Brighton, Seacombe and Wallasey).

This is not a key decision.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** The Committee reduces the balance of its Problem Solving Fund from £13,340 to £10,000. The £3,340 is added to its core budget underspends (see Recommendation 2).

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The Committee allocates its underspends of £8,691 together with the amount transferred from its Problem Solving Fund (£3,340), totalling £12,031, to support communities with Christmas lighting this festive season. This is to be co-ordinated by the Constituency Manager and facilitated by local traders' associations and community groups where they exist.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To enable the work of Wallasey Constituency Committee to be focused upon the needs of the local area and spend to be distributed accordingly.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Learning has been taken from this Committee's spend throughout its operation.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At Wallasey Constituency Committee on 6 July 2017, it was agreed that a smaller group of elected members would meet to discuss options for the Committee's available spend and their recommendations be brought back to this Committee meeting.

- 3.2 On Monday 17 July 2017, Councillors Mooney, Spriggs and Lewis met to discuss the funding available to the Committee. The following recommendations were agreed for the Committee's decision.

- 3.3 **RECOMMENDATION 1:** The Committee reduces the balance of its Problem Solving Fund from £13,340 to £10,000. The £3,340 is added to its core budget underspends (see Recommendation 2).

- 3.4 **RECOMMENDATION 2:** The Committee allocates its core budget underspends of £8,691 together with the amount transferred from its Problem Solving Fund (£3,340), totalling £12,031, to support communities with Christmas lighting this festive season.

- 3.5 This will be co-ordinated by the Constituency Manager and facilitated by local traders' associations and community groups where they exist. The indicative spend per location is outlined below; this is based on previous lighting installations facilitated by the Constituency Committee as reported on 6 July 2017.

Location	Indicative amount
Liscard Town Centre	£4,249
New Brighton promenade and retail areas	£2,501
Wallasey Village	£3,520
Moreton Cross and surrounding area	£1,761*
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,031</b>

*\*remaining budget available*

- 3.6 It will be made clear to local groups that it is unlikely that funding will be available from the Constituency Committee in future years and efforts should therefore be made to fundraise for festive lighting from 2018 onwards, where not already being undertaken.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 A summary of the funding available is outlined below.

<b>Budget to be allocated</b>	
15-16 underspends	£8,691
Transfer from Problem Solving Fund	£3,340
<b>Amount available</b>	<b>£12,031</b>

4.2 Regular budget monitoring with the finance department takes place to ensure that the expenditure incurred is accurate and complies with what has been agreed by the Committee.

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The arrangements help the Council to deliver on the Localism Act 2011 and Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

6.1 Funding available may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 Failure to agree the distribution of funding limits the Committee's ability to effectively tackle its priorities and may result in a loss of funding allocation.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 Elected members and community representatives have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committees and Working Group meetings dealing with budget and spend.

8.2 The neighbourhood working model strengthens the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

An impact review relating to neighbourhood working can be found at the link below:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2010-14/chief>

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## APPENDICES

None.

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group – Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Funding (2014/15)	6 August 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group – Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Funding (2014/15)	26 August 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group – Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund	1 October 2014
Budget Council	24 February 2015
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Budget and Spend	25 June 2015
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Community Clean Ups	25 June 2015
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Budget and Spend	22 October 2015
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund (2015/16)	28 January 2016
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Problem Solving Fund	28 January 2016
Cabinet	18 July 2016
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Budget and Spend	28 September 2016
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Community Clean Ups Devolved Budget	26 January 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Devolved Budget: Transport Plan for Growth	26 January 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Problem Solving Fund: Update on Spend	26 January 2017
Budget Council	6 March 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Devolved Budget: Community Clean Ups	6 April 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Devolved Budget: Transport Plan for Growth	6 April 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Problem Solving Fund: Update on Spend	6 April 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee Budget and Spend	6 July 2017