

CABINET PORTFOLIO SUMMARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder to Members of the Council on matters relevant to her portfolio.

1 INTEGRATION OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES

I was delighted recently that the Cabinet agreed to move forward on developing an all age disability and mental health service. Making sure residents are able to access the very best, most efficient, services possible is so important, particularly for the most vulnerable people.

For too long, navigating between the NHS, social care and other related services has been incredibly complex, frustrating and challenging for people. People want one phone number to call, one person to speak to, who can give them advice and make sure they get the services they need.

Wirral has made huge progress. We are integrating our services at every level with our colleagues in the NHS, creating the seamless, efficient and well-designed services which people want, need and expect. This report is another significant step on this process and I am delighted we have been able to make it happen so quickly.

I believe this new, integrated service will help many people all across Wirral get better support and enjoy more tailored services to meet their needs.

2 DELIVERING WIRRAL'S CULTURE STRATEGY

Thousands of residents enjoyed a spectacular weekend of events on Bonfire Night this year, the centerpiece of which was the hugely impressive River of Light. The event, coming back for its second year and in a much-improved format, received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Wirral visitors headed to New Brighton to grab the best vantage points, and the fun began at 4pm with illuminated street entertainment and UV face painting animating the promenade, followed by fire dancing displays and live music from Bring The Fire Project and the Katumba drummers, who entertained the crowds until 6pm.

At 6.30pm the fireworks display by Titanium Fireworks - the company behind London's New Year's Eve celebrations, Edinburgh's Hogmanay and displays at the London Olympics and Paralympics - was launched from Fort Perch Rock.

This year's display was also complimented by a specially commissioned soundtrack, broadcast to the crowd along the New Brighton promenade.

It was a truly spectacular event, enjoyed by thousands of local residents. You can read more about it in the [Wirral Globe](#) and the [Liverpool Echo](#), as well as see what Wirral residents had to say and re-watching the live feed on the council [Facebook page](#).

Also in November we saw the Wirral Society of Arts Open Exhibition at the Williamson, launched by Professor Phil Redmond CBE. This was another hugely popular event and demonstrated Wirral's growing reputation as a centre for artistic and cultural excellence.

The Wirral Society of Arts held their 8th Open Exhibition from 6th October until 18th November. This increasingly popular Exhibition showcases work from national and local artists. The WSA has been a fundamental part of the Williamson's life and history for much of its existence.

We continue to work with a number of individuals, groups and organisations to develop a number of exciting opportunities for Wirral over the next few years. These include the Tall Ships Regatta in May, and the Wilfred Owen Festival which will be held at the beginning of November 2018.