

Amendments to Notices of Motion

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

Notice of Motion No. 1 – CUTS TO MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY AND THE IMPACT ON DELIVERING PUBLIC SAFETY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Chris Carubia

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Insert after para 4...

Council calls on the Government to recognise that Wirral has a number of COMAH upper tier sites and that the Borough is also at risk of extensive coastal flooding and that these factors should be taken into account.

Notice of Motion No. 3 – CAR PARKING CHARGES AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMERCE

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Whittingham

Seconded by Councillor Warren Ward

Delete paragraphs 1 and 2 and delete all after bullet point 2 ending “economic well-being of shopping and commercial centres”, and **insert**

Council notes that standard rate parking charges in Liverpool One range from £2.50 to £17.00.

Council notes that here in Wirral our parking charges are reasonable and consistent with neighbouring authorities.

Council notes that many of the car parking spaces in both Birkenhead and Liscard, our major retail areas are under the ownership of the shopping centre operators.

Council notes that in partnership with local businesses in Heswall, a shopper’s discount scheme is already in operation there.

Council would welcome the opportunity to work with the business community in other district centres to roll out the initiative further.

Council welcomes the formation of The Wirral Growth Company which will unlock the potential of Wirral and increase the attractiveness of our retail and commercial offer.

Notice of Motion No. 5 – SCRAP WIRRAL VIEW

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Chris Carubia

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Insert after para 2...

Council notes that advertising 'income' of £85,800 was included in the Budget in 2017-18 but that only £28,000 was realised, requiring savings in services elsewhere.

Council observes that the recent edition of Wirralview incorporated the symbol 'FREE' in white letters on a blue background as part of its masthead. Council requests Cabinet to replace the 'FREE' symbol with an equally prominent statement to clarify that the publication is, in fact, funded by the Wirral Council Taxpayers.

Notice of Motion No. 6 - SECURING SAFE ENERGY SUPPLIES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Geoffrey Watt

Seconded by Councillor Gerry Ellis

After paragraph (c) insert:-

Council also recalls that at its meeting of 14th July 2014 (minute 17) the Mayor had referred a Notice of Motion 'Underground Coal Gasification', which had been proposed by Cllr Geoffrey Watt and seconded by Cllr Gerry Ellis, to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee. That motion was duly considered by the Committee on 22nd September 2014 (minute 15) receiving unanimous support and was referred back to Council on 20th October 2014 (minute 52) where that recommendation again received unanimous approval.

This second motion noted the existing protections afforded to the Dee Estuary, Hilbre Islands, North Wirral Coast and Mersey Narrows, together with the growing evidence of environmental damage emerging from countries where Unconventional Gas Extraction was practiced. It also restated Council's opposition to such practices under Wirral and its surrounding coastal areas, resolved not to facilitate them and further instructed the then Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Wirral's four MPs and six neighbouring coastal authorities, informing them of Wirral's stance and inviting those authorities to pass equivalent resolutions so as to protect our shared environment.

In the following line delete:- Since the compilation of this motion,

and insert:- Since the approval of these motions,

In the concluding paragraph, after Council requests insert:-

that the Chief Executive reports whether or not the eleven letters were ever sent, what if any replies were received and

Notice of Motion No. 8 – SUPPORT FOR NEW TRAINS ON THE MERSEYRAIL NETWORK

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Phi Gilchrist

Insert after para 2...

Council also believes that the new carriages should not be used as an excuse by Merseytravel / Merseyrail to reduce security on trains. In the light of concerns that continue to be raised by the RMT and the public, Council is anxious to establish, beyond doubt, that the safety of passengers from abusive and loutish behaviour can be assured.