

7 March 2018

Wirral South Constituency Committee



Councillor Walter Smith 1934-2017

Item 1

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 2

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Tracey Pilgrim
- Cllr Dave Mitchell
- Cllr Kathy Hodson
- Cllr Andrew Hodson
- David Armstrong
- Ray Squire (Com Rep Heswall)

Item 3

MINUTES

(Pages 1-46 reports pack)

Item 4

UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Delivered by Constituency Manager (Fergus Adams) on behalf of Mike Buratti – Arson Officer Wirral

Item 4

Date range: 1st October 2017 - 4th March 2018

Deliberate secondary fires – 33

Deliberate vehicle fires – 6 (2 x van, 2 x motorcycle, 1 x dumper truck & 1 x car)

There is no particular fire hotspot in Wirral South however over the past few weeks there have been a number of deliberately started fires on Heswall Dales.

Operation Banger – 41% reduction in deliberate secondary fires (Wirral wide) compared to 2016

Item 5

UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Insp Georgie Minnery

Item 6

WIRRAL TOGETHER- WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Rachael Musgrave- Consultant in Public Health

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."

Phil Davies
Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

- ❑ **97% of residents** agree that their local communities could be improved if there was a greater input from residents. (LGIU).
- ❑ 51% of residents identified 'working closely with residents' as **the best possible solution** to the current concerns about public service funding. (LGIU).
- ❑ Half of Wirral residents (51%) **do not believe** that they can influence decisions affecting their area, a feeling which extends across all constituencies. (Residents' Survey).
- ❑ 75% of the Pledge Delivery Action Plans **require local working and resident involvement & action**, as do many of the new service delivery models.



WHAT WE'VE DONE

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."


Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

- ❑ During Summer 2017 Cllr Patrick led a review to explore how the Council, and the wider Wirral Partnership, currently works with local people. This looked at:
 - *Models of 'neighbourhood' working*
 - *The social value of investments made through Constituency Committees*
 - *Views from community groups/networks, staff, partners and elected members to identify opportunities to deliver the Wirral Plan with communities.*

- ❑ Visited other areas to explore how they work with communities.

- ❑ Work with our partners to develop ideas for working with local people.



'NEIGHBOURHOOD' WORKING MODELS

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."


Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

- Identified that most areas use a variety of different approaches and arrangements for how Council's work with residents and that these vary across the country.
- There are no formally evaluated models therefore evidence on whether some models have advantages over others is lacking.
- 'Success' factors: initial investment, different ways of engagement with local people, ownership and transparency.
- 'Challenging' factors: cultural change by residents and local authority staff, differing views on allocation of funds, finding ways to involve residents, pooling budgets and realising savings.
- There is an increasing move to engagement approaches away from disaggregated service models.

SOCIAL VALUE OF CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE INVESTMENTS

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."


Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

- Appraised the core budget (e.g. £50k/Committee) expenditure only for the period 2013 – 2017.
- £566,000 has been spent on approximately 269 projects; 20 projects were funded in Birkenhead, 39 in Wallasey, 19 in Wirral South and 191 in Wirral West.
- Varied investment models operate in each Committee area e.g. small scale commissioning or grant schemes.
- Investments reflected the local priorities identified in the Residents Survey e.g. ASB and clean ups in Birkenhead and Wallasey and green space in Wirral South and Wirral West.
- An evaluation of a cross section of projects resulted in an estimated average social value of around £2.68 per £1 spent.
- Recommended that investments should continue to be evaluated, that there should be clarity on local and central investments and establish ways to sustain projects that have been tested locally.

SOCIAL VALUE OF WIRRAL SOUTH CC INVESTMENTS

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."

Phil Davies
Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

- 19 projects funded for the period 2013 – 2017.

Category	Birkenhead	Wallasey	Wirral South	Wirral West	Total
Antisocial behaviour	3,111	837			3,948
Cleanups e.g. Community cleanup days, fly tipping removal	26,954	2,489	1,063	2,000	32,506
Community projects eg small grants programme, celebration days	62,742	41,160	1,250	23,245	128,397
Projects to reduce food poverty such as food banks or community food hubs, and lunch clubs	47,800			5,347	53,147
Individual level programmes eg young people mental health, dementia support, playschemes	2,000	35,005	41,432	26,051	104,488
Information - eg noticeboards and local newsletters/papers	-	2,547		7,260	9,807
Insight - understanding more about population	-			1,000	1,000
Lighting (mainly Xmas)		56,737	2,750	8,457	67,944
Repairs and improvements, including workshop equipment, kitchens, floors, halls, furniture	10,000	357	15,367	35,874	61,599
Sports and sports clubs				14,466	14,466
Parks, green spaces, allotments, and plants			38,631	38,932	77,563
Other				12,737	12,737
Total	152,607	139,132	100,493	175,369	567,601

- More spend on green space and mental health
- Wirral South - Tackling Social Isolation SROI £1.08 for every £1
- Wirral South - Support for Parks – Dawstone, Mayer, New Ferry, Torr Parks SROI £8.30 for every £1
- Wirral South – One to One Youth Counselling Service SROI £7.20 for every £1

VIEWS FROM LOCAL PARTNERS*

* communities, staff, partner orgs and Cllrs

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."


Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

- Collaborating with communities requires a partnership approach to be effective and is highly valued by all stakeholders. Examples cited; Improving Life Chances, Eastham Connects, litter picks, door knocks etc.
- Wirral communities are diverse and have varying assets, needs and interests. Better use of existing community networks and engagement through action was suggested. Constituency committees were not considered to be the right forum for engaging with local people for a variety of reasons.
- Small grant/seed funding was reported as enabling community action. Support for community groups to leverage external funding, skills for community organising and information about what's happening in local areas were all highlighted as ways to facilitate resident action.
- Dedicated officer support for Cllrs is valued to support speedy resolution of concerns in local areas. Views from community stakeholders suggested that 'community builder' support was needed to better connect local groups.
- Community insight highlighted apathy regarding the political system and that the relationship between residents and organisations is fragile.

NEXT STEPS

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."


Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

- Feedback and engage with all Constituency Committees throughout March 2018
- Present a report to Cabinet reflecting the findings from this work in the new municipal year
- Continue to work with the Wirral Partnership to deliver the Wirral Plan with communities

20 PLEDGES FOR 2020

"We are setting out a plan to bring about real change - not just about what can be achieved, but in the manner in which we will deliver it."


Cllr Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Council

Thanks for listening
Any questions?

Item 7

WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE (Pages 47 - 58)

Constituency Manager, Fergus Adams.

Item 7 Pg 48

3.1.2 Eastham Connects (see appendix two)

SHOWCASE EASTHAM

SAT 10th MAR, 1 - 3PM

Delamere Centre, Delamere Ave, Eastham CH62 9ED

Are you interested in getting involved in a new activity locally? Why not come along and meet the people behind the groups and activities across Eastham?

There's no pressure to join any of the groups on show, just have a brew and a chat. There will be something on offer for all ages with play equipment for tots and young children too. Tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches will be provided.

So why not join us and see what Eastham has to offer you?

Find us on Facebook [@easthamconnects](#) or ring Kevin Sutton (of the Delamere Centre) on [07948 251 171](tel:07948251171) for more info.



Item 7 Pg 49

3.2.2 Gaps In Youth Provision

- The current service level agreement is due to conclude on the 30th of April 2018
- The original tender process allowed for two by one year extensions, one of which has already been initiated
- Elected members that sat on the last extension evaluation panel in favour of a further 12 month extension
- Funding exists within the current Gaps in Youth Provision budget to facilitate this proposed extension (see recommendation one)

Appendix Four:

"I see Kate every Thursday she has helped me with my anxiety and my suicidal thoughts and my low mood. She is so funny she always makes me feel 100% better every Thursday her personality makes me happy and understand I'm ok"

"Kate is really funny and she makes me feel relaxed and able to talk. She is my happy angel!"

"I see Kate in Heswall because I struggle with my emotions around food. When I came to see Kate I had a bad relationship with food but now coming here Kate has helped me to realise that food was never the problem, it was what I thought about the food. I feel in control again and happy being me thanks to Kate"

"Having our sessions at Heswall Library has been a great place as it's easier for me to get to after school as well as me being more comfortable area"

"I see Kate on a Friday in Eastham, I like to come and have a chat with her about my mum"

Item 7 Pg 50

3.3.2

New Ferry Park spent £3,027 so far with remaining budget of £6,113.29

Work completed so far includes:

- 2 bin relocations
- 1 new bin
- 7 thermoplastic Dog Fouling Signs
- 2 small entrance signs
- 1 large entrance sign
- 1 heritage board – Longfellow Drive

Item 7 Pg 50

3.3.3

Torr Park advisory board have spent £24,456.63 with £34,683.66 left to be allocated.

Work completed so far includes:

- 2 picnic benches
- 5 double sided benches
- Relocation of existing backed bench
- 1 bin
- 1 large entrance sign
- 1 small entrance sign
- Re-alignment of Eastham Village Road path
- Resurfacing of Lodge entrance path
- Rotation of 5-a-side pitch
- Paint for goalposts (Friends/Volunteers will paint in the Spring)
- Play equipment
- Hedgehog
- Snake trail
- Palisades
- Re-location of Springer

Item 7 Pg 51

4.1

Love Where You Live Anti Dog Fouling Campaign

The initiative ran for 5 consecutive Saturdays and featured a mixture of engagement, education and enforcement across all five wards in Wirral South (table two details the specific dates and locations).

Throughout the 5 week period: **3 dog fouling Fixed Penalty Notices** were issued, the table below details the number of **Litter** related FPNS (throughout the entire 5 week period)

Ward	5 Week Total	On Event Specific Saturday
Bebington	24	1
Bromborough	28	0
Clatterbridge	0	0
Eastham	4 + 3 re. dog	1
Heswall	10	0

See
Recommendation
two re. remaining
spend

Item 7 Pg 51

4.2 Wirral South In Bloom

Applications closed 3pm Friday 2nd of March

15 applications received totaling £3,050

Applicants will be contacted by the end of week commencing 12th of March 2018

Item 7 Pg 47

RECOMMENDATION 1: Extend the current service level agreement with Response to provide a final twelve month period of service from the 1st of May 2018 to the 30th of April 2019 at a cost of £11,093

RECOMMENDATION 2: The Love Where You Live Task & Finish Group Members meet before the end of March 2018 to agree further spend against the remaining budget

Item 8

WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Verbal update from Wirral South Community
Representatives

Item 9

WIRRAL PLAN OVERVIEW UPDATE 2017- 18 QUARTER THREE

Verbal update from
Constituency Manager-
Fergus Adams

WIRRAL PLAN
OVERVIEW REPORT
2017-18 QUARTER THREE

WIRRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

WIRRAL PLAN 2020

https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/About%20the%20council/Performance%20and%20spending/Performance%20reports/Quarter%203%202017-18/17_18%20Overview%20Report.pdf

Item 10

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

(APPROXIMATELY 20
MINUTES)

Item 11

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING