

Amendments to Notices of Motion

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

**(1) Notice of Motion No.2
POST OFFICE SERVICES**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Whittingham
Seconded by Councillor Paul Stuart

Delete all and replace with the following:

“Council congratulates the Communication Workers Union on their campaign to protect the vital services provided by the Post Office in contrast to the Government owned network being decimated.

Council believes that Post Office branches in Wallasey Village, New Brighton and Upton are among those currently closed, and requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Post Office to relay our concerns and requests urgently that the Post Office ends its programme of Crown Office closures and moves to implement a speedy resolution to enable all Wirral residents to have access to a local Post Office, that not only serves our community but provides secure well paid employment that is vital to generating a thriving local economy”.

**(2) Notice of Motion No.4
CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Adam Sykes

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Gardner

Delete *“establish and Overview and Scrutiny Committee working group, with a remit to*

(i). Seek advice from experts to develop a robust carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Wirral;

(ii). Consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council’s activities;

(iii). Make recommendations and set an ambitious timescale for reducing these impacts;

(iv). Report to full Council with the actions the Council needs to take to address this emergency.”

And insert *“continues to actively scrutinise the work of the Cool Wirral Partnership and the Climate Change Action Plan, taking into account the recent warnings, and look for opportunities to supplement this work, through scrutiny reviews, where applicable.”*

Delete: *“task a director level officer with responsibility for reducing as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council’s activities.*

writes to inform the Prime Minister that Wirral has declared a climate emergency.”

And insert: *“ensure that all avenues of additional funding are made use of, including the £4.5 million pot, made available by the government, to help local authorities to install electric car charging points.*

In addition, analyse, by way of a low carbon report and audit, the Council’s real estate portfolio and implement improvement opportunities via a new low carbon facilities management strategy.”

**(3) Notice of Motion No.4
CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Anita Leech

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Whittingham

Delete all after paragraph 5 ('Council believes that:') and replace with.

Council notes the recent Government publication 'A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment' which intends to make 2019 a Year of Action for the environment. It notes work in the city region to promote a Liverpool City Region Year of Environment 2019.

Council notes that the present climate change strategy for Wirral runs to 2019 and that work has commenced to develop a new strategy.

Council notes that promoting sustainability appraisal tools to improve decision making is a priority identified in the latest report of the Cool Wirral Partnership (formerly Wirral Climate Change Group).

Council recognises climate change as a significant issue and believes that we need to make changes for the benefit of residents of Wirral and for future generations. Council is committed to act on climate change.

- Council is a signatory to the Local Government's Association's Climate Local initiative and has pledged its support for the UN's Paris Agreement on climate change
- Council endorsed the present climate change strategy for Wirral (Cool) in 2014 – which covers the period to 2019.
- Council supports a partnership to champion local climate action in support of the strategy in recognition that widespread action is necessary.
- Council has a corporate target to cut council emissions by 60% by 2025.
- Council produces a public greenhouse gas emissions report.
- Officers present an annual report on climate change to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Council recognises there are links between work to cut climate emissions and work to improve local air quality.

Council notes that in support of local climate commitments many actions are being taken, including but not limited to:

- Work to educate our young people to encourage positive behaviour change
- Statements opposing fracking.
- Plans for better facilities for our own workforce in more energy efficient buildings

- Work to mark Clean Air Day
- A quarterly Air Quality meeting of senior representatives from within the Council including Planning, Strategy, Sustainability, Environmental Health, Public Health, Transportation and Licensing
- Work to bring together experts including politicians over the next 12-months to assist the Combined Authority to look at Air Quality.

Council believes:

- The creation of a new climate change strategy for Wirral presents an important opportunity to consider the latest scientific evidence and develop a suitable response locally.
- The upcoming Year of the Environment 2019 presents an opportunity to convey the scale of the challenge and to engage people with this issue
- That the emergency action required on climate change is bigger than the requirement for a Task and Finish group for an individual scrutiny committee and requires work in partnership with others.

Therefore, Council requests that:

- Representatives on the Cool Wirral Partnership be asked to ensure the new climate change strategy for Wirral include a challenging target for emissions reduction in line with the latest scientific guidance, along with ambitious recommendations to address this challenge.
- Officers are asked to make regular reports to Cabinet during the 2019 Year of the Environment on local climate action.
- Officers are asked to make recommendations to Cabinet on tools to assist the council consider the impacts of climate change as part of its decision making processes
- Officers are asked to look at new progressive innovative solutions and alternatives, such as the use of renewables, maximising the use of recycled materials, encouraging cycling and walking as the travel mode of choice, promoting and encouraging the use of ultra-low carbon vehicles.
- Officers are requested to monitor the 2020 pledges for the Environment Committee.
- Officers continue to prepare an annual report on climate change and that this report continues to be taken first to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to enable the work to be scrutinised prior to consideration by Cabinet
- The leader of the council be asked to write to the Prime Minister expressing our concerns around Climate Change and the desire for political pressures to make rapid change, in a time when we need to be guided by ethics not cost.

(4) **Notice of Motion No.5**
CUTS TO MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Insert after paragraph 1...

Council again wishes to draw attention to the number of COMAH sites within the Borough and their proximity to long-established areas of dense housing. This is especially the case with the installations in Rock Ferry and Eastham associated with chemical storage, petroleum products and refinery installations.

(5) **Notice of Motion No.7**
TIME TO END THE HOYLAKE GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Gardner

Seconded by Councillor Gerry Ellis

Delete from paragraph 4 'looks increasingly unviable.' and insert 'is best left to private sector financiers.'

Alter the final paragraph after 'Leader and Cabinet'

to:

- (1) end all further use of Council taxpayer's money to support this scheme.
- (2) investigate alternative uses for this borrowing which could be the kick-start to truly transformational regeneration in the areas of most need.

**(6) Notice of Motion No.7
TIME TO END THE HOYLAKE GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Davies

Seconded by Councillor George Davies

After paragraph (2) delete the remainder of the motion and replace with the following:

Despite this gloomy assessment of current and future demand for golf facilities, Council disputes the views expressed by some Members and members of the public when they say they feel that the proposed Celtic Manor development of Hoylake Golf Course looks increasingly unviable and concludes that the access to prudential borrowing of £26 million agreed in December 2017 poses an unacceptable risk to public funds is no longer tenable or appropriate.

Council recognises, however, that Wirral Council has had its funding more than halved, during an eight-year austerity onslaught by the Tory Government and that in response to this ideological drive to decimate public services, it can only:-

- 1) accept the consequences of this attack on our budget, and cut the services our residents rely on; or
- 2) find ways of attracting investment to Wirral, increasing our revenue and using this money to improve our services and our Borough.

This Council supports the latter option and urges the Leader and Cabinet to continue to seek out innovative ways to bring new revenue streams into the borough which will replace the funding cut by central government, enable the Council to continue funding good quality public services and also seek to generate a vibrant economy that produces jobs for our citizens.

Whilst recognising the feelings as expressed, Council also notes:

- (1) that the December 2017 agreement seeks to both achieve that financial objective and the objective to produce jobs and economic prosperity for local people;
- (2) that there is misinformation shared by some campaigners in this instance and
- (3) that:
 - i) The proposed Celtic Manor resort proposals at Hoylake is far more than simply a golf offer and has the potential to generate significant economic benefits to the Borough and financial benefits to the Council;

- ii) The developer is currently conducting various feasibility studies which look at issues such as the environmental and economic impact;
- iii) The funding package has still to be finalised.

Council therefore requests that the Leader and Cabinet take account of all of these considerations when the proper time comes to make a decision about the viability of this scheme, which can only realistically be done once all of the studies have been completed and all of the evidence and relevant information has then been received.

(7) **Notice of Motion No.9
POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONERS TO RETHINK POLICING
PRIORITIES INTERESTS OF WIRRAL RESIDENTS**

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Delete paragraphs 2,3,4,5 & 6 - all after "...onerous role." and insert...

"Council requests that a meeting should be arranged with Merseyside's Police and Crime Commissioner so that Councillors can consider...

- i. how the progress with the Merseyside Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 meets the objectives set out in that document
- ii. how the PCC and Chief Constable interpret and implement the key priorities set out in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, as
 - Prevent Crime and Anti-social Behaviour;
 - Provide a Visible and Accessible Neighbourhood Policing Style;
 - Tackle Serious and Organised Crime; and
 - Support Victims, Protect Vulnerable People and Maintain Public Safety.
- iii. how the Police service responds to the issues of hate and cyber crime
- iv. the concerns of Members about the level of policing in Wirral
- v. the budgetary issues facing the force so that Members can discuss the level of precept the Commissioner might wish to set for the next financial year".

(8) **Notice of Motion No.10**
TAKING BACK CONTROL OF OUR BUSES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Ron Abbey

Seconded by Councillor Steve Foulkes

Delete all after "...London" and insert...

"Council welcomes the new devolved powers of the Buses Act 2017, however Council is frustrated by the very complex nature of the legislation that has meant these powers cannot be used as quickly as is needed. Council also condemns the Tory Government for banning local authorities from setting up new publicly owned companies as this could be a key means to improve local buses services and flies in the face of devolution".