

## **Motion 8 - BOROUGH OF CULTURE ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Proposed by** Councillor Brian Kenny

**Seconded by** Councillor Jean Stapleton

“Council notes the recent events held in Wirral and their success in bringing many thousands of visitors to the Borough, as well as providing unrivalled entertainment for local residents. The Wirral Food & Drink Festival was a huge success, attracting vendors from across the region and providing a platform for local producers – and seeing many thousands of visitors able to enjoy the best of our Borough. In addition, this took place alongside music events over two nights, which saw the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and popular Merseyside bands the Lightning Seeds, China Crisis and the Christians give memorable performances. This event was then followed, just days later, with the OVO Energy Tour of Britain stage five taking place in Wirral. The event started and ended in Birkenhead Park – our historic park which was showcased to the world by global live TV coverage. Also, the launch of the “Sir David Attenborough” at Cammell Lairds, on 26<sup>th</sup> September, was a cause for great celebration and pride.

These events took place as part of Wirral’s year as the Borough of Culture, which has seen events ranging from the return of the Walker Cup golf tournament to the Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, art exhibitions, Animated Square, the River Festival and many more.

Council congratulates the Cabinet member Christine Spriggs and all those Officers, staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure the huge success of these events, showing this Borough in the best possible light.

Council agrees to congratulate and thank everyone involved, for their vision, hard work and commitment.

Finally, Council wishes to thank all residents who have supported and/or participated in any of the recent events”.