

**CABINET PORTFOLIO SUMMARY REPORT**

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| <b>CABINET PORTFOLIO FOR</b> | Environment and Climate Change |

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is an update from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change to Members of the Council on matters relevant to the portfolio.

**Climate Emergency**

- Cool2 Climate Change Strategy

The second climate change strategy for Wirral has recently been to public consultation as we prepare for launch in the early new year. The Cool Wirral Partnership has developed Cool2, working with partners to identify the key issues to significantly reduce carbon generation in Wirral.

- Climate Emergency Action Plan in Development

In response to the environment and climate emergency resolution of July this year, the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan sets out the route map to the Council becoming net carbon neutral in support of the new Cool2 Climate Change Strategy for Wirral.

**Trees:**

- Tree strategy consultation

Wirral Council has unveiled details of a comprehensive strategy for trees and woodland in the borough and is now putting those plans out for consultation.

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/tree-preservation/consultation-tree-strategy>

- Walker Park tree planting

As part of National Tree Week, the Friends of Walker Park were joined by Prenton Primary School, Devonshire Primary and volunteers to help to plant more than 900 trees at Walker Park to extend the area of woodland at Walker Park.

## **Hoylake Beach**

Actions are on hold until officers meet with Natural England, who are the authority on the beach, to confirm options available.

## **Household Waste Recycling Centre:**

- Maintenance at Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre

Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre, located on Wallasey Bridge Road, is closing for two weeks in November until early December to undergo essential maintenance works and the introduction of a range of new traffic management measures.

## **Transport for Growth:**

- Amendments to the Transport for Growth Plan

On 25 March 2019 Cabinet approved the acceptance of £1,150,000 of Integrated Transport Block funding allocated to Wirral Council by Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to support the delivery of the Transport Plan for Growth (TPfG) Programme. As part of this approval, delegated authority was passed onto the Interim Director Highways and Streetscene, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, to make necessary adjustments to the priorities within the programme should the need arise due to financial or other factors.

In November the initial programme was amended. An updated programme of work, agreed by the Transport for Growth Programme Board, is now in place.

A full list of replacement schemes is available

<http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=4597>

## **Replacement of Aids to Navigation at New Brighton:**

- Acceptance of tender

Approval was given in November to award a contract for the provision of services to complete the design, supply and install three Aids to Navigation (AtN) at New Brighton including demolition and removal of existing structures.

Aids to Navigation are markers placed in the vicinity of coastal structures which alert users of the water space to the hazards presented by the coastal structure. It is a requirement under the Merchant Shipping Act to mark hazards to navigation.

## **Road Safety:**

- Mind Your Business Seminar

A road safety seminar aimed at people who drive for work took place at the Williamson Art Gallery in November to ensure that drivers and their vehicles are ready for winter.

The event was led by key speakers from the health and safety industry, road safety specialists, police and collision investigation experts. The seminar was funded by the Road Safety Trust.