

Council – 20 March, 2023

Amendments to Motions on Notice

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments submitted in accordance with Standing Order 13.3

1. LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Tracy Elzeiny
Seconded by Councillor Mike Collins

Insert at the end of the final paragraph:

‘which is one of the Council’s key priorities and underpins Wirral’s ambitious regeneration plans that are primarily focused on the east side of the Borough on brownfield sites.

Council wishes to take this opportunity to reassure residents and Green Belt campaigners that it will defend its position vigorously during both the Local Plan hearings and the Leverhulme appeals.’

1. LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Allan Brame

Delete ‘Planning Committee’ in second paragraph and insert instead: ‘Council’s’.

Delete ‘being paused’ in second paragraph and insert instead:

‘sitting for three weeks from 18th April to 12th May 2023 before being paused until September.’

Delete paragraph 3 and replace with:

‘Council applauds all the hard work that has been done to protect the greenbelt on Wirral and regrets that PINS decision will cause unnecessary worry and distress to residents affected in Irby, Pensby, Barnston and Heswall in particular.

Council reaffirms its opposition to the Leverhulme applications for the reasons given in the relevant planning decision notices.

Council remains confident that the Leverhulme applications do not comply with the core planning principles within the NPPF (section 13) or the existing Unitary Development Plan and relevant policies of the emerging Wirral Local Plan.

Council further notes that the Planning Inspector has raised issues of prematurity and Council is of the view that prematurity is a strong reason to resist these applications.'

2. SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH THE COST OF LIVING

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Janette Williamson
Seconded by Councillor Paul Stuart

In the first paragraph delete 'welcomes' and replace with 'acknowledges'.

In the second paragraph, insert a comma after the word pandemic and delete 'and'

In the second paragraph, insert after 'global rise in prices':

'and disastrous Kwarteng/Truss budget which added £30bn of debt to the UK, as quoted by the Guardian Newspaper¹'

In the third paragraph, insert at the start:

'Despite recent disparaging comments from some Conservative members, Council continues to thank all staff for their tireless work'

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/nov/12/revealed-the-30bn-cost-of-liz-truss-disastrous-mini-budget#:~:text=Liz%20Truss's%20disastrous%20mini%2Dbudget%20cost%20the%20country%20a%20staggering,tax%20rises%20and%20spending%20cuts.>

4. GREATER INSULATION PROGRAMME NEEDED FOR WIRRAL'S HOUSING

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Naomi Graham
Seconded by Councillor Harry Gorman

Insert after the sixth paragraph:

'Council also requests:

- The Director of Regeneration and Place to circulate to all members of the Council and publish on the Council's website, the existing report on Decarbonising

Residential Buildings in Wirral, written by the Energy Saving Trust in March 2021 for Wirral Council and summarised by officers in a report to Housing in November 2021.

- The Director of Regeneration and Place report to the next meeting of the Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee regarding the motion passed by Council on 10th October 2022 in order to provide an update.

5. REQUEST FOR FURTHER SUPPORT FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Kathy Hodson
Seconded by Councillor Cherry Povall**

Insert at the end of paragraph 2:

‘with Britain’s economy shocked by Coronavirus and then impacted by Putin’s war in Ukraine.’

Delete paragraph 3.

In paragraph 4, delete ‘that the Tory Government have consistently shown that they have made the wrong ones, so far as Wirral residents are concerned.’ and replace with:

‘and welcomes the £6 million extension to the Household Support Fund so that Wirral Council can direct Tory Government funding to help those who need it most.’

In paragraph 7, delete ‘introducing’ and replace with ‘extending’