

**Council – 18 March 2024**

**Amendments to Motions on Notice**

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

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**Proposed Labour Group amendment to Liberal Democrat Motion**

**Motion 1. Household Support Fund**

**Proposed by Councillor Paul Stuart  
Seconded by Councillor Angie Davies**

Insert additional paragraph after paragraph 3

*‘Council regrets that the Government considers that the existing fund should only be extended for six months’.*

Insert additional paragraph after paragraph 5

*In view of this the approach of the Local Government Association should be endorsed and supported, namely that the Government ‘needs to use the next six months to agree a more sustainable successor to the Household Support Fund’.*

Insert additional recommendation as recommendation 1.

*the Leader contacts the Local Government Association with a view to establishing how following their approach will assist Wirral and the interests of communities with similar needs.*

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**Proposed Conservative Group amendment to Liberal Democrat Motion**

**Motion 1. Household support fund**

**Proposed by Councillor: Jeff Green  
Seconded by Councillor: Jenny Johnson**

Insert new paragraph after paragraph 5

*Council welcomes the additional £500 million announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Spring Budget to enable the extension of the Household Support Fund in England from April to September 2024, in order to continue providing targeted support to vulnerable households with the cost of essentials such as food*

*and utilities and notes, to date, Wirral Council has received £15,246,725.46 in Household Support Fund payments to support our most vulnerable residents.*

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## **Proposed Labour Group Amendment to Conservative Motion**

### **Motion 3. Re-open our post offices**

**Proposed by Councillor Brian Kenny  
Seconded by Councillor Ann Ainsworth**

Insert additional paragraphs after paragraph 2,

*'During the peak of the Post Office scandal between 2010 and 2012, Sir Ed Davey, the Postal Affairs Minister, declined to engage with postmaster Alan Bates, the leader of the justice campaign.*

*Council recognises that the 2010 Coalition government and the subsequent Conservative administrations neglected to address the scandal.*

*Councils condemns the Post Office for deceiving government Ministers over time and for failing the numerous sub-postmasters and sub-postmistresses nationwide, including those in Wirral, who were unjustly prosecuted'.*

Insert additional recommendation after final paragraph 7,

*Council further requests that the Leader to write to the Cabinet Office requesting the Elizabeth Emblem be considered for individuals who were wrongly convicted but have since passed away without receiving justice.*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-67892045.amp>

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## **Proposed Liberal Democrat amendment to the Green Group motion.**

### **Motion 4. Immediate bilateral long-lasting ceasefire in Gaza**

**Proposed by Councillor Allan Brame  
Seconded by Councillor Phil Gilchrist**

Delete words and add as follows,

Therefore, Wirral Council requests:

1. that Group Leaders write to the Prime Minister calling on him to support an *effective and long-term humanitarian* ~~immediate, bilateral, long-lasting~~ ceasefire in Gaza; and
2. the Director of Pensions at Merseyside Pension Fund submit *an initial* report to Members of the Pensions Committee *for their consideration* as soon as practically possible to *outline the feasibility and potential impact of disinvestment by:*
  - ~~providing~~ details of current investments in companies in the fund and confirmation on whether or not there are any direct links to Israel Defence Force's military campaign in Gaza as per information as sourced in this motion under point 3;
  - ~~outlining~~ the engagement history by the fund or its partners with these companies; and
  - ~~clarifying explain~~ how the fund's Responsible Investment Policy should be applied to these companies ~~with a view to potential divestment.~~