

Council – 16 March 2026

Amendments to Motions on Notice

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

MOTION 1. SECURING DECENT WIRRAL HOMES

Green Group Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Naomi Graham

Seconded by Councillor Ed Lamb

Insert an additional bullet point under ‘Council notes how:’

- *There are an estimated 101,000 homes in Wirral below Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of “C” that is considered to signify good energy efficiency.*

Insert additional bullet points following the second bullet point and quotation under ‘Council recognises:’

- *The need for compliance with MEES regulations as specified within the DHS to apply to both the social rented sector and private landlords. This will ensure that all new and existing domestic rented properties achieve an EPC rating of “C” or equivalent by 1 October 2030, or have a valid exemption registered.*
- *How every tenant should have the right to a warm, energy-efficient home that is affordable to heat. Improving the energy performance of rented homes is a critical step in achieving this. It supports better health outcomes for tenants, helps to tackle fuel poverty, and contributes to reducing domestic carbon emissions in line with Wirral’s Climate Emergency declaration*

Insert additional words to the recommendation and add a second recommendation under ‘Council therefore resolves to:’

1. Request all Group Leaders write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to urge that the Decent Homes Policy is implemented to ensure that:
 - funding flows to Wirral’s Housing team for the benefit of Wirral’s residents as soon as practicable and to seek a thorough explanation for any delays in implementation of the policy; and

- *the implementation of the new Standard provides the necessary investment to eliminate fuel poverty and reduce domestic carbon emissions in line with Wirral's Climate Emergency declaration;*
2. *reaffirm its 2022 commitment ⁴ for the Economy, Regeneration and Housing Committee to include as part of its' work programme 'an ambitious stated year on year insulation or EPC target for Wirral, a plan to help realise the target.*

⁴ Full Council 10th October 2022. Minute 51 Motion – Energy Efficiency/Residential: [Minutes](#)

MOTION 2. CRISIS RESILIENCE FUND

Green Group Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Gail Jenkinson
Seconded by Councillor Ruth Molyneux

Insert additional paragraphs before 'Council therefore requests that'

Council is aware how the combination of increased council tax, high inflation, and reduced, or more complex, support schemes means that households on low incomes face significant, often unexpected, increases in their tax liability. When a household is required to pay a higher percentage of their bill than in previous years it can be described as financial shock and is referenced within paragraph 13 of the Crisis and Resilience Fund Guidance. Furthermore, by the start of 2026, 50% of households nationally who use Citizens Advice were experiencing negative budgets.

Council is further aware how the impact on Wirral residents following the recent decision to change the council tax reduction scheme means that Council Tax Support has been cut for 14,550 of those entitled to Council Tax reduction in Band A properties. The consequence of this is that council tax bills for these households are set to increase from £28 to £73 per month, or by approximately £550 per year for those who are not entitled to single person discount, and will be even more severe for those in higher band properties.

Insert additional words to recommendation 2:

2. The Director of Finance submit a report to Policy and Resources Committee explaining how the fund will be rolled out *and **with a further explanation as to how those who will inevitably experience financial shock as a result of increased council tax bills will be targeted and supported from entering crisis as per paragraph 13 of the Crisis and Resilience Fund Guidance.***

MOTION 3. PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY WIRRAL

Labour Group Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Angie Davies
Seconded by Councillor Julie McManus

Delete the struck through words and add additional wording to recommendations 1 and 2:

Council therefore resolves to:

1. ~~support~~ *Consider* the Living Streets Campaign for no more than 30 seconds pedestrian wait time at **appropriate** signalised crossings *whilst also having due consideration to traffic flow, efficiency at complex junctions and cost of implementation*; and
2. request that the Director of Neighbourhoods conduct a review of calibrating all **any appropriate** Wirral pedestrian crossings to a maximum 30second wait time **within the parameters detailed in recommendation one above**, and submit a report with the findings to the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee with a view to it subsequently being incorporated into the 2027 Wirral Road Safety Plan.