

**COUNCIL**

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT  
ON THURSDAY 18TH JULY, 2019**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Burns) in the Chair  
The Deputy Chair (Councillor Robinson) Vice Chair  
Councillors Blackburne, Bradshaw, Brennan,  
Brough, Byrom, Carr, Carragher, Cummins,  
Dawson, Dodd, Dowd, Doyle, Dutton, Evans,  
Fairclough, Friel, Grace, Halsall, Howard, Irving,  
Jones, Keith, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Killen,  
Lappin, Maher, McCann, McGinnity, McKinley,  
Moncur, Murphy, Myers, Brenda O'Brien,  
Michael O'Brien, O'Hanlon, Pitt, Pugh, Roche,  
Roscoe, John Sayers, Yvonne Sayers, Shaw,  
Anne Thompson, Tweed, Waterfield and  
Sir Ron Watson

**18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Brodie-Browne, Cluskey, Gannon, Hands, Hardy, Lewis, Marshall, Morris, Pullin, Sathiy, Spencer, Thomas, Lynne Thompson, Veidman and Webster.

**19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary or personal interests were received.

**20. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council Meetings held on 14 and 16 May 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**21. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Former Councillor Tom Glover

The Mayor reported on the sad news that former Councillor Tom Glover had passed away on 9 June 2019. It was reported that the late Councillor Tom Glover had served as a Councillor for 50 years both on Southport Borough Council and subsequently Sefton Council from 1973 to 2012. It was also reported that Councillor Tom Glover had been Leader of both Councils between 1971 and 1981.

Councillors Sir Ron Watson, Brough, Pugh and Maher paid tribute to former Councillor Tom Glover.

Former Councillor Kevin Cluskey

The Mayor also reported on the sad news that former Councillor Kevin Cluskey had passed away on 27 June 2019. Councillor Cluskey had served Litherland Ward from May 1986 to May 2000 and then Ford Ward from May 2000 until May 2018. Councillor Cluskey was also Mayor of Sefton on three separate occasions in 2002-2003, 2012-2013 and 2014-2015.

Councillors Pugh, Maher, Brennan, Brough, Sir Ron Watson, Michael O'Brien, Fairclough, McKinley and Byrom paid tribute to former Councillor Kevin Cluskey.

The Council stood in silence for one Minute as a mark of respect to both former Councillors Kevin Cluskey and Tom Glover.

Trip to Gdansk

The Mayor reported on her recent visit to Gdansk to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of partially free elections in Poland celebrated on 4 June 2019.

**22. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

The Mayor reported that no matters had been raised by members of the public.

**23. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council considered a schedule setting out the written questions submitted by:

1. Question submitted by Councillor Watson to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher)
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7. Question submitted by Councillor Brough to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing (Councillor Hardy)
8. Question submitted by Councillor Brough to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher)
9. Question submitted by Councillor Watson to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills (Councillor Atkinson)
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14. Question submitted by Councillor Watson to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills (Councillor Atkinson)
15. Question submitted by Councillor Pugh to the Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services (Councillor Lappin)
16. Question submitted by Councillor Pugh to the Cabinet Member for Locality Services (Councillor Fairclough)
17. Question submitted by Councillor Pugh to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills (Councillor Fairclough)
18. Question submitted by Councillor Pugh to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills (Councillor Atkinson)
19. Question submitted by Councillor Halsall to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Safeguarding (Councillor John Joseph Kelly)
20. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to the Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services (Councillor Lappin)
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24. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Building Control (Councillor Veidman)
25. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher)

together with the responses given. Supplementary questions to questions 6, 19 and 20 were responded to by the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members for Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services and Children's Services and Safeguarding.

#### **24. PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT**

The Council considered the report of the Director of Public Health regarding the Public Health Annual Report which had been produced as a short film to explore air quality in Sefton.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the Council note the Public Health Annual Report 2018/19.

#### **25. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19**

The Council considered the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2018/19 and Councillors Doyle, Murphy, John Sayers and Bradshaw highlighted the key areas of work undertaken by the respective Committees and thanked Members and Officers for their support and assistance during 2018/19.

It was moved by Councillor Michael O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Byrom and

RESOLVED:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 be noted.

#### **26. DESIGNATION OF THE COUNCIL'S STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER**

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources in relation to the appointment of the Democratic Services Manager as Sefton's Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

It was moved by Councillor Lappin, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the Democratic Services Manager be designated as the Council's Statutory Officer; and
- (2) the necessary amendments to the Constitution be undertaken to reflect the designation of the Democratic Services Manager as the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

## **27. SCHEME OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2019/20**

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources in relation to the Scheme of Members Allowances for 2019/2020.

The Mayor drew Members' attention to recommendation 1 (c) and page 107 of the Agenda and confirmed that the amount of Special Responsibility Allowance paid to Opposition Group Leaders with 10 Members or more for 2019/2020 should be £4,666.85 and not £4,575.35.

It was moved by Councillor Lappin, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That

- (1) having taken Sefton Council's current economic circumstances into account, the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as detailed in (a) to (c) below be approved:
  - (a) the Members Allowance Scheme remain as it is, subject to (c) below;
  - (b) payments under the Members Allowance Scheme be increased in accordance with the Local Government Pay Settlement each year, for a period of 4 years, commencing 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
  - (c) the Special Responsibility Allowances paid to opposition party group leaders be amended so that any group leader with 10 or more Members receive the full allowance and any group with less than 10 Members receive one tenth of that allowance for each Member in the group;
- (2) the decision of the Independent Remuneration Panel and the Council at their meetings held on 7 and 21 September 2017 respectively agreeing the principal that Basic Allowances and Special Responsibility Allowances be paid to Sefton Members sitting on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report, be reaffirmed;
- (3) as soon as practicably possible, the scheme of Members Allowances for Sefton be published in the newspaper group "The Champion"; and

- (4) the Constitution be amended to include the agreed Scheme of Allowances for 2019/20.

## **28. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources that detailed various proposals to amend the Council's Constitution in relation to:

- Policy Framework (Paragraph 2.2);
- General Constitution Update (Paragraph 3.2);
- Health and Safety (Paragraph 4.2);
- ICT Acceptable Use Policy for Members (Paragraph 5.2);
- Response to Consultations by NHS Bodies (Paragraph 6.4);
- Community Governance Reviews (Paragraph 7.9); and
- Data Protection Officer (Paragraph 8.2).

It was moved by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the amendments to the Council's Constitution as set out in Paragraphs 2.2, 3.2, 4.2, 5.2, 6.4, 7.9 and 8.2 of the report, be approved.

## **29. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 85 - ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS – COUNCILLOR VERONICA WEBSTER**

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources which requested the Council to approve and authorise the absence of Councillor Veronica Webster from attendance at Council and Committee Meetings pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the current absence from all Council and Committee Meetings of Councillor Veronica Webster due to ill-health be authorised and approved for the period until the scheduled meeting of the Council to take place on 23 January 2020, pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **30. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer in relation to the temporary appointment to Thornton Parish Council.

It was moved by Councillor Lappin, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) Councillor John Joseph Kelly be appointed under Section 91 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to Thornton Parish Council to make it quorate, unless or until either sufficient vacancies on Thornton Parish Council have been filled by way of co-option or election such that Thornton Parish Council is able to act lawfully, or the Order made under Section 91(1) is revoked, be approved;
- (2) In the event of Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council receiving any further requests from Town or Parish Councils which have become inquorate, the Returning Officer be authorised to make appointments to those Town or Parish Councils in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and to report any such appointments to the next available meeting of the Council; and
- (3) the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer be granted delegated authority to make an Order under Section 91 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to give effect to resolutions (1) and (2) above, as and when appropriate.

### **31. MEMBERSHIP - HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources in relation to membership changes to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The report detailed proposals to appoint the interim Director for Adult Social Care and the interim Director for Children's Services as Members to the Health and Wellbeing Board and to remove the position of Director of Social Care and Health as a Member.

It was moved by Councillor Lappin, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the appointments of the interim Director for Adult Social Care and the interim Director for Children's Services as Members of Health and Wellbeing Board, be approved; and
- (2) the deletion of the Director of Social Care and Health from the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, be approved.

### **32. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2019/20**

No changes to the membership of Committees were made.

**33. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LAPPIN - CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Councillor Lappin, seconded by Councillor Moncur:

**Climate Change Emergency**

Recent extreme weather events over several years have presented severe challenges to property, transport, agriculture and other services in the Sefton area and have led to the deaths and displacement of thousands of people worldwide. The Meteorological Office clearly states that these kind of extreme weather events are significantly more likely on a planet with human-caused climate change.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change. In their report “Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 1.5C report”<sup>[1]</sup>, published in October 2018, they conclude that humanity has 11 years for “ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities” to deliver the “rapid and far reaching transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, and cities” needed to turn this around, so we can avoid reaching tipping points where we would no longer have the ability to avoid extreme weather events.

Business as usual is no longer an option.

Children in Sefton will be in their teens and twenties in 11 years’ time. They deserve a liveable Sefton. We must act now to ensure this.

Bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, as well as improved well-being for people locally and worldwide.

Over 40, and increasing, local councils, together with the Mayor of London, have passed motions declaring a ‘Climate Emergency’. Many local authorities, including Sefton Council, have also signed up to the UK100 Agreement<sup>[2]</sup>, pledging to achieve 100% ‘clean energy’ usage by 2050 in their area, but the IPCC report shows it is imperative that this target is reached much, much sooner.

Sefton Council is committed to reducing carbon emissions and resolves to go further than the UK100 Agreement and to act in line with the scientific consensus that we must reduce emissions to net zero by 2030, and therefore commits to:

Declare a ‘Climate Emergency’ that requires urgent action.

Make the Council’s activities net-zero carbon by 2030.

Commit to municipalisation of energy supply by utilising public sector sites to generate energy where appropriate

Ensure that all strategic decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the Sefton area Zero Carbon within the same timescale.

Achieve 100% clean energy across Sefton Council's full range of functions by 2030.

Convene an assembly of interested groups not directly represented on Council in 2020 to oversee and feed into the development of related action plans and budgets across the Borough.

And to take the following actions:

1. Ensure that political groups and Strategic Leadership Board embed this work in all areas of Council activity and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed and that a Task and Finish group be established to review Council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline;
2. Request that Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies and charge Task and Finish groups to also consider those impacts in any report and every topic;
3. Work with, influence and inspire partners across the Borough and City Region to help deliver this goal through relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops;
4. Set up a Sefton Climate Change group, drawing on the expertise from Councillors, local communities, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses, skills providers, and other relevant parties. Over the following 12 months, the Group will consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develop a Borough-wide strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030, by engaging with other anchor institutions and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). It will also recommend ways to maximise the local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy;
5. Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future-their future;
6. Review the Council's Treasury Management Strategy to give due consideration to climate change targets in the investment decision making process and in doing so request a report within 6 months from the Head of Corporate Resources on the investment strategies

of all financial institutions where Council funds are or could be held;

7. Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle will take into account the actions the Council will take to address this emergency;
8. Add the voice of Sefton Council to the calls on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible;
9. In recognition of the seriousness of the financial constraints that the Council faces, and the expectation that both the development and implementation of many measures above are likely to be contingent on securing significant additional extra funding, that Sefton's local MPs be called upon to ensure that Central government provides the powers, resources and funding to make this possible, and that the Leader and Chief Executive jointly write to them to seek their commitments;
10. Consider other actions that could be recommended (but are not restricted to): low carbon energy production and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure, encouraging the use of electric vehicles within the fleet, workforce and wider community, integrating low carbon technologies into operational assets and projects, increasing the efficiency of buildings, prioritising these measures for housing to address fuel poverty; proactively using our powers to accelerate the delivery of net carbon new developments and communities, coordinating a series of information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice;
11. Where needed, officer reports to the Council, Cabinet and all other Committees contain impact assessments on climate change that include carbon emission appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce carbon emissions where possible; and
12. Note the Liverpool City Region Deal which will have a direct effect on Sefton's climate and ensure that all partners are aware of Sefton's ambition.

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Pitt, seconded by Councillor Sir Ron Watson that:

the following sentence in the preamble of the Motion

“Commit to municipalisation of energy supply by utilising public sector sites to generate energy where appropriate”

be replaced with the sentence:

“Commit to localised technology solutions to increase energy supply by utilising public sector sites to generate energy where appropriate”

Following debate, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 43 votes to 5.

Thereafter, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the **Motion was carried** unanimously and it was

RESOLVED: That

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5. Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future-their future;
6. Review the Council's Treasury Management Strategy to give due consideration to climate change targets in the investment decision making process and in doing so request a report within 6 months from the Head of Corporate Resources on the investment strategies of all financial institutions where Council funds are or could be held;
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8. Add the voice of Sefton Council to the calls on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible;
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**34. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MAHER - TO ADOPT PARENTAL LEAVE**

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Howard and following debate it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

**To Adopt Parental Leave**

That this Council notes:

- That analysis of the 2018 Local Election results by the Fawcett Society found that only 34% of councillors in England are women, up 1% since 2017. Of the seats that were up for election in 2018, 38% went to women, up just 3 percentage points on 2014 when these seats were last contested;
- That across England, Labour has improved its representation since seats were last up for grabs, with 45% women compared with 40% in 2014, Liberal Democrat representation up from 34% to 36% whilst the Conservative Party saw a fall from 31% to 29% in the share of its councillors who are female;
- As of summer 2017, only 4% of councils in England and Wales have parental leave policies, according to research by the Fawcett Society;
- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;
- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.

This Council resolves:

- To adopt a parental leave policy, as per the attached indicative policy, to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting but noting the implementation of a policy will be subject to the Independent Remuneration Panel considering the implications and reporting back to Council;
- To ensure that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate; and
- To notify the LGA (Local Government Association) that this Council has passed a motion at Full Council to adopt a parental leave policy.

**35. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR O'HANLON -  
INDEPENDENT AGE'S CALL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF  
FREE PERSONAL CARE FOR ALL OLDER PEOPLE IN  
ENGLAND**

It was moved by Councillor O'Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Irving:

**Independent Age's call for the Introduction of Free Personal Care for  
all Older People in England**

Sefton Council notes that over a million older people in England are struggling with unmet care needs and believes that in light of an ageing population we need bold changes to deliver a long-term funding solution for social care.

The Council believes that it is fundamentally unfair that to access basic care many older people face catastrophic costs that can run into hundreds of thousands of pounds, wipe out a lifetime of savings, and force families to sell their homes.

The Council also believes that England's care system needs major reform to provide a long-term sustainable funding solution and to make care free at the point of use.

The Council therefore supports Independent Age's call for the introduction of free personal care for all older people in England, alongside a new social care contribution to fully fund the policy on a sustainable basis.

The Council calls on the Government to take the necessary steps to implement this policy as swiftly as possible to end the care crisis and properly support older people in Sefton Metropolitan Borough.

The Council also calls on our local MPs to support the campaign for free personal care, and to speak up in favour of the policy in the House of Commons and through their wider engagements.

Following debate, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the **Motion was carried** by 40 votes to 0 with 5 abstentions and it was

RESOLVED:

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**36. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MCCANN - STUNNING OF ANIMALS PRIOR TO SLAUGHTER**

The Mayor advised the Council that Councillor McCann had now withdrawn his Motion.

**37. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR PUGH - SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY SERVICE**

It was moved by Councillor Pugh, seconded by Councillor Keith

**Special Educational Needs and Disability Service**

That this Council notes with regret the adverse reports from Ofsted and the CQC on its SEND provision and is determined to effectively address the issues concerned.

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor John Joseph Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moncur that the Motion be amended to read:

That this Council notes with regret the adverse reports from Ofsted and the CQC on its SEND provision but notes that the Inspection identified significant improvements in schools, how the council provides specialist transport, and engages with young people and confirmed some of the concerns about the delivery of SEND services by health providers that had been raised by Elected Members at Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding), Corporate Parenting, and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The Council notes the apology made by health leaders to all stakeholders as a result of the findings from this inspection. The Council welcomes the promise of new investment that has already been put in place.

The Council is determined to effectively address the issues concerned.

Following debate, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was carried unanimously.

Thereafter, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the Substantive Motion was carried unanimously and it was

RESOLVED: That

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**38. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR PUGH - SOUTHPORT MARKET**

It was moved by Councillor Pugh, seconded by Councillor Shaw

**Southport Market**

This Council welcomes innovative thinking on Southport market and hopes to ensure wide and meaningful consultation on any new proposals.

Following debate, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the Motion was carried unanimously and it was

RESOLVED:

**Southport Market**

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