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Dear Councillor

## **COUNCIL - THURSDAY 27TH JUNE, 2013**

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting previously circulated and now enclose the following documents which were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

<b>Agenda No.</b>	<b>Item</b>
5.	<b>Matters Raised by the Public</b> (Pages 383 - 384) Details of two petitions submitted for consideration at the Council meeting attached
7.	<b>Local Plan for Sefton - Preferred Option Document</b> (Pages 385 - 388) Addendum Note of the Director of Built Environment

Yours sincerely,

M. CARNEY

Chief Executive

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## COUNCIL – 27 JUNE 2013

### AGENDA ITEM 5 – MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, two petitions have been submitted for consideration at the Council meeting, as follows:

- (1) The first petition containing 2,920 signatures has been submitted by Juliet Edgar on behalf of 'Stand Up in Bootle' and residents of Sefton.

The Petition states:

"We:

- (1) demand that Sefton Council passes a resolution to call on the Coalition Government to drop the 'Bedroom Tax';
- (2) demand that Sefton Council passes a resolution to refuse to implement the 'Bedroom Tax' within the Sefton Council Benefit Department; and
- (3) also demand that Sefton Council exerts pressure on the 23 housing associations within its area, to adopt a policy of 'No Evictions' for 'Bedroom Tax' arrears."

- (2) The second petition containing 3,581 signatures has been submitted by Maria Bennett on behalf of Formby Residents Action Group Opposition From Formby (FRAGOFF)

Petition Summary and Background:

Sefton's local plan, formulated over the last 5 years continues to show little regard for the green belt. Our Council will, in the upcoming months, embark on a Public Consultation Process, using Household population figures that they themselves concede are not an accurate reflection of current housing need. Most up to date Government figures show the Council's projections to be at least 20% too high. We believe this anomaly is so significant that it undermines the validity of the Consultation exercise

The action petitioned for is:

"We the undersigned urge the Council, officers, elected members and Leader to amend the 'Preferred Option' plan to reflect the most recent and up to date Government statistics which clearly show a significant reduction in housing need, sheds doubt on the necessity for large edge of town industrial parks, which in the absence of sufficient demand, threatens local traders, damaging town centres."

# Agenda Item 5

The procedure for the consideration of public petitions at Council meetings, as set out in Paragraph 267 of Chapter 12 in the Council Constitution is as follows:

If a petition contains more than 2,750 signatures it will be debated by the full Council. The petition organiser will be given five Minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 Minutes. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at the meeting. They may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or refer the matter to another decision-making body of the Council. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of the decision.



# Agenda Item 7

## 1. Amendments

- 1.1 It is proposed to make two minor updates to the Preferred Option document which is being considered by the Council.

## 2. Timetable for next stages of preparing the Local Plan

- 2.1 The timetable for the future stages of the Local Plan contained in the report on page 32 and repeated in the Preferred Option Document at page 62 should be further updated to reflect the need for the Local Plan to take account of the latest population and household statistics to be made available during 2014. A revised timetable is attached as Figure 1.

## 3. Planning for travellers

- 3.1 Under the heading 'Formby area' on page 183, delete sentence:

*'Sefton's only site for travellers is in Formby, at Green Lane, and Policy PC3 'Planning for Travellers' allocates an extension to this site as well as setting out the planning criteria for additional sites for travellers elsewhere'.*

and replace with:

*'Sefton's only existing site for travellers is in Formby, at Broad Lane, and Policy PC3 'Planning for Travellers' sets out the planning criteria for additional provision for travellers'.*

- 3.2 The 'Planning for travellers' policy remains unchanged.

**Figure 1 The Local Plan – stages of preparation**

Timescale	Stage of Local Plan Preparation	Comments
2008 - 2009 Summer 2009	<b>Issues</b>  Public consultation on Issues	Information about this consultation can be found on the Local Plan web-site.
2009 - 2012 Summer 2011	<b>Options</b>  Public consultation on Options	More information, including about the consultation and the Council's initial responses, can be found on the Local Plan web-site.
2012 - 2013 Summer 2013	<b>Preferred Option</b>  Consultation on Preferred Option Document	<b>We are now at this stage.</b> <b>This is the main opportunity to comment on the Local Plan.</b>
August – September 2014	<b>Publication</b>  Public consultation (Notification)	The Council's ability to make changes to the Local Plan is more limited at this consultation stage, and must only relate to whether the Plan is considered to be 'sound'.
October – November 2014	<b>Submission</b>  Formal submission to the Secretary of State	Submission to the Secretary of State
January 2015	<b>Examination</b>  Examination in Public	An independent Inspector will conduct the Examination.
April/ May 2015	<b>Adoption</b>	Council formally adopts the Local Plan, which replaces the Unitary Development Plan (2006).

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