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Dear Councillor

## **CABINET - THURSDAY 18TH JULY, 2013**

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting, previously circulated and now wish to advise you of the receipt of three petitions following the publication of the agenda, which will be considered under the following agenda items:

### **Agenda No.**

### **Item**

4.

#### **Library Review - Assessment of Alternative Community Proposals**

Prior to the consideration of the report of the Director of Older People, the Cabinet will be requested to hear representations from a member of each delegation, which have submitted the following petitions:-

(1) The first petition containing the signatures of 26 residents of the Borough, states:

“We the undersigned, would ask the Sefton Council Cabinet Members to reject the report from Council Officers to curtail library services at Birkdale Library.”

(Mr. T. Durrance to address the Cabinet)

(2) The second petition containing the signatures of 42 residents of the Borough states:

“We the undersigned, call on Sefton Council to retain a comprehensive Branch Library Network in Southport.”

(Councillor Brodie – Browne to address the Cabinet)

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### **Welfare Reform Update**

Prior to the consideration of the report of the Cabinet Members Welfare Reform Reference Group, the Cabinet will be requested to hear representations from a member of delegation who have submitted a petition containing the signatures of 25 residents of the Borough, which states:

“We ReClaim and the residents of Sefton:-

1. Note the updated Welfare Reform Report being presented to Cabinet 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013. This report fails to comment upon the ‘anti-bedroom movement’ in Sefton and across Merseyside and the support tenants are receiving through this grassroots movement.
2. We urge Sefton Council and HA’s of Sefton to recognise that they have specific roles in decisions affecting Sefton residents and have a range of discretion e.g. in deciding what is a bedroom, who is awarded a Discretionary Housing Payment!
3. We also again 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.’
4. We also suggest that the Labour Group works with ReClaim in adopting a motion concerning the powers that Sefton Council has to mitigate the effects of welfare reform, particularly the bedroom tax and the benefit cap.”

(Ms. J. Edgar to address the Cabinet)

Yours sincerely,

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