



## COUNCIL SUMMONS

To Members of the Metropolitan Borough Council

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council to

be held on **Thursday 16th January, 2025 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** to

transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Executive

Town Hall,  
Southport

Wednesday 8 January 2025

Please contact Debbie Campbell, Democratic Services Manager  
on 0151 934 2254 or e-mail [debbie.campbell@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.campbell@sefton.gov.uk)

We endeavour to provide a reasonable number of full agendas, including reports at the meeting. If you wish to ensure that you have a copy to refer to at the meeting, please can you print off your own copy of the agenda pack prior to the meeting.

# **A G E N D A**

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested at a meeting where a disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest arises, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests, to declare any interests that relate to an item on the agenda.

Where a Member discloses a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, he/she must withdraw from the meeting room, including from the public gallery, during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest, except where he/she is permitted to remain as a result of a grant of a dispensation.

Where a Member discloses a personal interest he/she must seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or staff member representing the Monitoring Officer to determine whether the Member should withdraw from the meeting room, including from the public gallery, during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest or whether the Member can remain in the meeting or remain in the meeting and vote on the relevant decision.

## **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

(Pages 5 - 20)

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2024

## **4. Mayor's Communications**

### **Public Session**

## **5. Matters Raised by the Public**

To deal with matters raised by members of the public resident within the Borough, of which notice has been given in accordance with the procedures relating to public questions, motions or petitions set out in Paragraph 36 to 47 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules in Chapter 4 of the Council Constitution.

(Details of any further petitions notified or questions submitted by members of the public will be circulated at the meeting).

### **Council Business Session**

## **6. Questions Raised by Members of the Council**

To receive and consider questions to Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Spokespersons for any of the Joint Authorities upon any matter within their portfolio/area of responsibility, of which notice has been given by Members of the Council in accordance with Paragraph 49 to 51 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, set out in Chapter 4 of the Council Constitution.

- 7. Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS Scheme** (Pages 21 - 24)  
Report of the Assistant Director - Operational In-House Services
- 8. Pay Policy 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026** (Pages 25 - 44)  
Report of the Head of HR and Workforce
- 9. Financial Procedure Rules** (Pages 45 - 118)  
Report of the Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial
- 10. Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Base 2025/26** (Pages 119 - 140)  
Report of the Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial
- 11. DBS Checks for Elected Members** (Pages 141 - 152)  
Report of the Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial
- 12. Programme of Meetings – 2025/26 Municipal Year** (Pages 153 - 174)  
Report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer
- 13. Membership of Committees 2023/24**  
To consider any changes to the membership of any Committees etc.
- 14. Motion Submitted by Councillor Sammon - The Future of Respite Care** (Pages 175 - 176)  
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- 15. Motion Submitted by Councillor Prendergast - National Insurance Increases Will Damage Local Businesses and Vital Services** (Pages 177 - 178)  
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- 16. Motion Submitted by Councillor Halsall - In-Depth** (Pages 179 -

- Neurodiversity Training for Staff and Contractors Working With Children In Care** 180)  
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17. **Motion Submitted by Councillor Halsall - Call for Ceasefire in Gaza and Sanctions on Israel** (Pages 181 - 182)  
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18. **Motion Submitted by Councillor Halsall - Call for Government-Funded Pay Rise for Council Staff** (Pages 183 - 184)  
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19. **Motion Submitted by Councillor Doolin - Renewable Energy Generation on New Council Developments** (Pages 185 - 186)  
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20. **Motion Submitted by Councillor Doolin - Government's Betrayal of WASPI Women** (Pages 187 - 188)  
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21. **Motion Submitted by Councillor Pugh - Southport as a Seaside Resort** (Pages 189 - 190)  
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