



METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

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 3rd March, 2011 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** to

transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Carney".

Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Southport

23 February 2011

Please contact Steve Pearce, Head of Committee and Member Services
on 0151 934 2046 or e-mail steve.pearce@sefton.gov.uk

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are requested to give notice of any personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

(Pages 7 - 32)

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011

4. Mayor's Communications

Public Session

5. Matters Raised by the Public

(Pages 33 - 38)

The details of two petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme are attached. The petitions request the Council to:

- 1) reverse the decision taken by the Council on 27 January 2011, to stop the funding of the seven Local Authority Youth Centres; reconsider the cessation of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme, and make no further cuts to Tier 2 funding of youth services
- 2) reduce and/or defer the budget saving of £3m required from the Sefton New Directions budget to allow further and proper meaningful discussions to take place around service provision and terms and conditions

A representative of each deputation will be permitted to speak for up to five minutes in support of their petition

(The details of any further Petitions 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 in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

7. **Modernising Democratic Services**
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive to follow
8. **Members' Allowances** (Pages 39 - 46)
Report of the Director of Corporate Services
9. **Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2011/12** (Pages 47 - 82)
Report of the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
10. **The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities - Prudential Indicators 2011/12** (Pages 83 - 94)
Report of the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
11. **Capital Programme** (Pages 95 - 120)
Joint report of the Interim Head of Corporate Finance and ICT Strategy and the Strategic Directors – Children, Schools and Families; Communities; and Social Care and Wellbeing
12. **Council Tax for 2011/12**
- a) **Local Government Act 2003 - Chief Financial Officer's Requirements**
Report of the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer to follow
- b) **Statements by Party Group Leaders**
To receive statements by the three Party Group Leaders on the Revenue Budget for 2011/12
- c) **Transformation Programme and Final Revenue Budget Options 2011/12**
Report of the Chief Executive to follow
- d) **Council Tax Recommendation 2011/12**
Report of the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer

A copy of the draft Budget Resolution will be circulated at the Council meeting
13. **Membership of Committees 2010/11**
To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.

14. Notice of Motion by Councillor P. Dowd

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor P. Dowd:

“That the Council recognises the concerns expressed in a letter to The Times Newspaper of 10 February 2011, by 91 Liberal Democrat Council Group Leaders, that the Coalition Government’s frontloading of their cuts to local government are too big and are proceeding too quickly. The Council also recognises that the Government should deploy all its efforts to help Councils’ minimise the impact on vulnerable communities and frontline services.

Furthermore, the Council would wish to discuss with the Secretary of State how it could take on the difficult challenges shared by all levels of government and would prefer to do this through dialogue. Therefore, the Council requests that the three MPs for Sefton assist in organising a tripartite meeting with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the three Party Leaders and the MPs themselves.”