

MEETING: CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES
DATE: Wednesday 8 September 2010
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Town Hall, Bootle (Video Conference Town Hall Southport)

DECISION MAKER: Councillor P. Dowd
SUBSTITUTE: Councillor Moncur

SPOKESPERSONS: Councillor Doran Councillor C Mainey

SUBSTITUTES: Councillor Cuthbertson Councillor Hands

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- any Executive decision that is not in the Annual Revenue Budget and Capital Programme approved by the Council and which requires a gross budget expenditure, saving or virement of more than £100,000 or more than 2% of a Departmental budget, whichever is the greater
- any Executive decision where the outcome will have a significant impact on a significant number of people living or working in two or more Wards

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Items marked with an * involve key decisions

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Subject/Author(s)</u>	<u>Wards Affected</u>	
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 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010		(Pages 5 - 6)
4.	Petition - Anti-Social Behaviour Report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director	Derby;	(Pages 7 - 14)
5.	Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Department - Service Plan 2010-2011 Report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director	All Wards;	(Pages 15 - 30)
6.	Chief Executive's Departmental Service Plan 2010-11 Report of the Assistant Chief Executive	All Wards;	(Pages 31 - 48)
7.	Safer Stronger Communities Departmental Service Plan 2010 - 11 (Social Care and Wellbeing Directorate) Report of the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities	All Wards;	(Pages 49 - 68)

8.	Best Bar None Report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director	All Wards;	(Pages 69 - 76)
9.	Regularising of Flag Flying across the Borough Report of the Assistant Chief Executive	Church; Dukes; Linacre;	(Pages 77 - 88)
10.	IDAHO Flag - International Day Against Homophobia Report of the Head of Civic and Mayoral Services	Dukes; Linacre;	(Pages 89 - 92)
11.	Minutes of Area Committee Meetings		
A	St. Oswald and Netherton and Orrell held on 27 May 2010		(Pages 93 - 100)
B	St. Oswald and Netherton and Orrell held on 1 July 2010		(Pages 101 - 106)
C	Litherland and Ford held on 7 July 2010		(Pages 107 - 114)
D	Crosby held on 7 July 2010		(Pages 115 - 126)
E	Linacre and Derby held on 12 July 2010		(Pages 127 - 138)
F	Sefton East Parishes held on 15 July 2010		(Pages 139 - 146)
G	Formby held on 15 July 2010		(Pages 147 - 154)
H	Southport held on 28 July 2010		(Pages 155 - 172)

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 3 JUNE, 2010.

CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2010

PRESENT: Councillor P.Dowd

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Doran and C Mainey

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. REVISION TO THE LOCAL STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT (SIAS) FOR SEFTON (2010 / 2011)

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Head of Community Safety that sought approval for the migration of the Community Safety Area Partnership's Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) plans to a 12-month National Intelligence Model (NIM) based model.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Head of Community Safety be requested to produce the seven local SIAs plans using the refined NIM model; and
- (2) subject to (1) the Head of Community Safety be requested to present the priorities, actions and progress, updated and reported to both the Cabinet Member - Communities and each Area Committee.

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CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES- WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2010

5. MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Cabinet Member considered the Minutes of the below Area Committees:-

St.Oswald and Netherton and Orrell held on 18 March, 2010
Formby held on 18 March, 2010
Southport held on 31 March, 2010

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the above Area Committees be noted.

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REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Communities

DATE: 8th September 2010

SUBJECT: Petition presented to Linacre & Derby Area Committee Re: Anti-Social Behaviour

WARDS AFFECTED: Derby Ward

REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods

CONTACT OFFICER: Martin Kilpatrick – 0151 934 3489

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To consider a petition submitted by residents of the Hawthorne Road/Bedford Road area calling upon:

‘Sefton MBC and the Local Police Authority to clear up issues connected with the problem families that are creating high levels of anti-social behaviour. Moreover, we would like the length of time it takes for the Police attendance to emergency calls addressed’

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To comply with Minute No. 21(d) of the meeting of the Linacre and Derby Area Committee held on 12 July 2010

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Following representations made by Councillor Gustafson and a representative of local residents, to determine a course of action on the terms of the petition.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: After the call-in period for the minutes of this meeting

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Not applicable

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework:

Financial:

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal:

Risk Assessment:

Asset Management:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community			
2	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
3	Jobs and Prosperity			
4	Improving Health and Well-Being			
5	Environmental Sustainability			
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	✓		
8	Children and Young People			

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Linacre & Derby Area Committee minutes 12th July 2010

Petition of Hawthorne Road and Bedford Road residents relating to anti-social behaviour

Agenda Item 4

1. BACKGROUND:

At the meeting of the Linacre and Derby Area Committee held on 12 July 2010, Mrs. Kathleen Burgess, a local resident asked, during the Open Forum for further consideration to be given to the question raised about anti-social behaviour by problem families living in the Hawthorne Road / Bedford Road area and neighbouring streets. (Minute No. 7 (c) of 27 May 2010 referred). She also presented a petition of local residents calling upon:

'Sefton MBC and the Local Police Authority to clear up issues connected with the problem families that are creating high levels of anti-social behaviour. Moreover, we would like the length of time it takes for the Police attendance to emergency calls addressed'.

The Chair indicated that questions raised at previous meetings were not normally reconsidered until three months had lapsed between the previous time of asking. However, as part of the question related to the Police he asked Inspector Chris Burnham for a response in this respect.

Inspector Burnham concurred that the problems were serious but reiterated that any problems should be reported to the police switchboard for logging in the incident log to build up evidence to enable appropriate action to be taken.

The Chair advised that he would take this matter up with the Community Safety Area Partnership.

Members of the Area Committee expressed disappointment at the length of time being taken in resolving this problem and resolved that:

- (1) the Committee's concern at the time being taken for the matter of anti-social behaviour in the Hawthorne Road/Bedford Road area be noted;
- (2) the petition be forwarded to the Cabinet Member – Communities and it be noted that Councillor Gustafson indicated that she would speak to the petition and advise residents of the date of the Cabinet Member meeting.

Councillor Gustafson has been advised of the date of the meeting.

Dear Chair,

I'd like to be able to raise a question concerning travelers who live opposite my home

Yours sincerely,
Kathleen Burgess

PETITION
ATTACHED

Kathleen Burgess
1 Bedford Villas.
207 Bedford Road
Booth L20 9QB

0151 983 2079

MEASURE NO. 21 (d) REFERS.

We the undersigned call upon Sefton MBC and the Local Police Authority to clear up issues connected with the problem families that are creating high levels of anti social behaviour. Moreover we would like the length of time it takes for police attendance to emergency calls addressed. As council tax payers we call upon the above to deal with these serious matters with immediate effect especially in the Hawthorne/Bedford Road and neighbouring Streets right up to the Liverpool border.

NAME	POSTCODE
K. Bimen	L20 9QB
H. Edgcomb	L20 9QB
C. Moore	L20 9QB
S. Moore	L20 9QB
T. Bowdler	L20 9QB
J. Poyan	L20 9NB
N. O'KEEFE	L20 9NB
P. Jenkins	L20 9NB
P. Clark	L20 - 9QB
J. Levington	L20 - 9QB
E. Milby	L20 - 9QB

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Agenda Item 5

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Regeneration
Cabinet Member – Communities

DATE: 1st September 2010
8th September 2010

SUBJECT: Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Department –
Service Plan 2010-2011

WARDS AFFECTED: All

REPORT OF: Alan Lunt – Neighbourhoods & Investment Programmes Director

CONTACT OFFICER: Alan Lunt 0151 934 4580

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To seek approval to the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Departmental Service Plan 2010-2011.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Compliance with Corporate Policy

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Communities:-

1. Approve the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Departmental Service Plan for 2010-11

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the call in period for the minutes of the relevant meetings

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

None

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework:

Financial: There are no financial implications as a result of this report, although those implications flowing from the content of the plan are incorporated into approved Departmental. Budgets 2010-2011

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<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None

Risk Assessment: A risk assessment has been carried out as part of the Service Planning process

Asset Management: None

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	/		
2	Creating Safe Communities	/		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	/		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	/		
5	Environmental Sustainability	/		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	/		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	/		
8	Children and Young People	/		

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT
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None

1.0 Background

1.1 As work progresses to refresh the existing Sustainable Community Strategy, Service Departments have been requested to complete a 'light touch' service planning process for 2010-11, focussing upon existing Corporate and Departmental priorities.

1.2 The attached draft Service Plan is the first to be presented for approval under the new Organisational structure and Departmental name. The Service plan (attached as Appendix 'A') seeks to deliver against a range of key priorities and objectives for the constituent divisions of the new Department, which are;

- Neighbourhoods
- Strategic Housing
- Investment Programmes (including Housing Market Renewal)
- Corporate Energy
- Private Sector housing
- Homelessness
- Home Improvements

1.3 There are six key priorities contained within the service plan which seeks to deliver a number of positive outcomes across all aspects of the Departments delivery. These priorities are;

- Delivery of excellent, responsive and customer focussed services
- Development and implementation of Area Management arrangements across Sefton
- Delivering a range of high quality and affordable housing
- Reducing the Council's energy consumption
- Effective management of external funding in accordance with priorities established by the Sefton Borough Partnership
- Supporting the development of family based approaches to tackling deprivation and worklessness.

1.4 Beneath these priorities there are 24 actions that will be achieved in order to deliver the priority outcomes set out above.

2.0 Conclusion

2.1 The draft Departmental Service Plan will achieve significant outcomes against identified Departmental priorities and will provide the focus for the activity of all Departmental staff during the current financial year. Future service plans will reflect the potentially evolving Corporate priorities but will also report on progress made against those outcomes targeted for 2010-11, which will help to deliver high quality services to safer and sustainable communities across Sefton.

Neighbourhoods and investment Programmes Department – Service Plan March 2010 to March 2011

Name of Directorate: Communities

Name of Service / Team: Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes

Page 18 for the Service	1. To deliver excellent services that are responsive and based on the needs of individuals, businesses and local communities.		Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving customer responsiveness is a key corporate project for Sefton As a 4 star authority we must strive to maintain excellent service delivery based upon what we know and understand of our communities Efficient use of resources is dependent upon knowing the demands of our customers and responding accordingly 	
	Which priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011		Is it resourced?	Deadline

1	<p><i>To deliver a customer focused approach to our services so that the customer is at the heart of everything we do. This will mean that we -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>support our staff and give them all the skills they need in customer care to deliver services that our customers deserve and expect</i> - <i>commit to putting the right systems in place to make sure that the customer has a single point of contact and deal with all their issues in one go</i> - <i>Develop principles of customer contact – detailing how we respond to our customers, response rates etc</i> - <i>develop effective systems for recording customer contact</i> 	Yes	March 2010	Customers will receive a consistent level of service regardless of who they speak to within the department
	<p><i>Ensure all staff are briefed to play a key role in delivering the Transformation Programme by recognising that we own it and by constantly challenging ourselves on ways to deliver better services for less or in more innovative ways to provide service improvements.</i></p>	Yes	March 2010	<p>Culture of positive challenge and not defensiveness within the department Staff feel part of the transformation agenda within the Council and can execute their roles within it Internal service reviews with focus on service improvement</p>
	<p>To recognise that addressing equalities and diversity is the only way to develop stronger communities and to design all of our services around the needs of individuals and communities and not one size fits all</p>	Yes	March 2010	<p>Better understanding of our communities and their individual needs Compliance with equalities legislation Improved service planning</p>
	<p><i>To maintain the strong relationships with our key partners and to contribute towards the development of our new area based governance structures as part of the Sefton Borough Partnership</i></p>	Yes	March 2010	<p>Effective partnerships with specific terms of reference and clarity of role Services with a stronger understanding of the local Better local accountability</p>

	<i>To actively implement corporate risk management processes and embed these into our culture so that we all anticipate and plan for risks as part of our business. To ensure that we have an appropriate and costed asset management plan, accommodation strategy and the necessary ICT to operate an effective and efficient customer led service.</i>	Yes	July 2010	Culture within the department that is not risk averse but risk aware Systems to allow rapid response to risk
	To have robust performance management systems in place which will highlight our areas of good and poor performance. To act on any issues that come up in a positive and consistent way.	Yes	July 2010	Greater understanding within the department of levels of performance and expectation Staff with performance as a core role
Page 20	To empower our staff through positive leadership to effect changes to the way we work for the benefit of our community. To do this through a strong commitment to workforce development and by rewarding positive achievement and by investing in our staff. To send out clear consistent messages about where we are going and how we need to get there.	Yes	July 2010	Department strong in leadership, coaching and mentoring Staff given the opportunity to develop and contribute to both the Department's and Council's development

	<p>To communicate the priorities and actions within our plan to as wide an audience as possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to ensure that staff within the Department sign up to it and work across the Council to deliver them. - so that other parts of the Council and partners work with us to deliver these priorities - so that our residents, Parishes and businesses can have say in what needs to be done and can tell us if we need to change anything to make it work for them 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>June 2010</p>	<p>Engaged and aware staff Clearly defined priorities – efficient use of staff resources Better understanding of community needs</p>
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Name of Service / Team: Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes

Page 22 Priorities for the Service	2. To lead on the development and implementation of area management within the Council and key partner organisations.		Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of the Borough Core Evidence confirms that the need to address inequalities throughout Sefton is a key priority. • Key workstream within the Governance Review • Highlighted within the Comprehensive Area Assessment that we don't know and understand our communities well enough. • Key corporate project for Sefton.
	Which priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline
1,2,3,4,5,6	1. To get the area based governance structures right. Focussing on building up the Area Committees skills and knowledge to enable them to take on a larger influencing role over the next twelve months. This will also mean rationalising/incorporating some of the existing area based groups that exist such as Community Safety Area Partnerships, Business Village Partnerships within the area governance arrangements.	Yes – although there are vacancies within the team	March 2011	Review of Area Committees completed Effective area committees with relevant agenda and discussion items Better service responsiveness to Area Committees

	2. Working within the public engagement model and with the Equalities Partnership to ensure that residents, Parishes and businesses can have their say about how services are designed and run and also continually feeding back to them on how we are doing and asking are we doing the right things and in the right ways.	Yes	March 2011	Better engagement of residents in Governance structures Strengthened links with CEN – awareness of needs of hard to reach groups
	3. Working with service providers within and outside of the Council who deliver services that mean something to neighbourhoods and people within them. Helping services to work better together to reduce duplication, increase co-ordination and people's satisfaction with services. Encouraging services to take an area based view of what needs to be done according to need and to take on a patch management approach. To take the lead on developing Area Plans.	Yes	March 2011	Better service understanding Delivering service improvements Increased satisfaction levels with service delivery
	4. As part of working with service providers start to undertake Total Place mapping at an area level to investigate how far we can take area management.	Yes	Ongoing	Knowledge of resource investment in Sefon

	5. To continue with our interim area management arrangements and keep them focussed on meeting the needs of our elected members and residents.	Yes-although there are vacancies within the team	March 2011	Increased responsiveness to needs of residents and Members To continue to support vulnerable residents in areas subject to major HMRI change,
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Page 24 ties for the Service which priority it links to?	3. To ensure that Sefton can offer attractive and affordable housing within reach of local amenities which people choose to live in.			Why are they priorities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Strategy • HMRI Strategy • Affordable Warmth strategy • Homelessness legislation • Strategic Housing Inspection
	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
1,3	1. To measure the impact of the Housing Strategy and to make sure that actions arising from it are actioned by all partners.	Yes	Ongoing	- To deliver the items in the Housing Strategy Action plan under it's 4 themes

	<p>2. To provide new life-time homes where people want to live and target those areas/properties/households most in need of housing renewal by tackling issues of low demand, and poor quality housing</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>March 2011</p>	<p>HMR –acquisition of properties in target areas of the Klondyke and Queens/Bedford Rd, through either CPO or voluntary means. demolition of 257 properties, and preparation of land for new house building.</p> <p>Delivery of Sefton Affordable Warmth Strategy, Reduction in households suffering from fuel poverty and excess winter deaths. Contribution towards NI 187, 186</p> <p>Assisting our housing partners to build 450 new homes on various sites , providing a range of types and tenure of dwellings</p> <p>Improved choices and opportunities for looked after children in our Corporate parenting role by helping to provide quality accommodation and support to find a job or enter training</p>
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	<p>To enable people to continue to live at home independently and improve their health</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>March 2011</p>	<p>Improve the conditions of HMOs, remove Category hazards from all homes occupied by vulnerable people and reducing the number of empty homes, by increasing the number of licensed HMOs, utilising our enforcement powers, and improving engagement with private landlords through a new Accreditation scheme</p> <p>Effective intervention towards mitigating the effect of the recession through participation in the Mortgage Rescue scheme</p> <p>Reduction in numbers of people who are homeless by provision of preventative services. Target for 2010/11 is 3.2 successful cases prevented per 1,000 households</p> <p>Improve the waiting times for the provision of major adaptations to 29 weeks., to assist keep vulnerable households living comfortably in their own homes</p> <p>Improved Management the Broad Lane Gypsy & Travellers Site, to ensure satisfactory provision of accommodation and facilities for residents</p>
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	<p>3. To support the provision and survival of a range of locally based services which meet local peoples needs such as community centres, shopping parades and town centres.</p>	<p>Yes (until March 2011)</p>	<p>March 2011</p>	<p>Working in partnership with CVS to deliver a coherent support mechanism for third sector organisations to maximise their delivery and support sustainability. Focus on business planning, infrastructure, financial stability and policy development and implementation.</p> <p>Build business confidence and support small local businesses to continue to trade within a challenging economic climate. Working with services and partners to provide an effective response to business needs</p> <p>Recognise the distinct, vital role Sefton's Town Centres play and to provide appropriate support in their development and function</p>
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Name of Service / Team: Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes

Priorities for the Service	4. To ensure that the Council can reduce its energy consumption		Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Act 2008 – statutory requirement to reduce carbon emissions • Sefton LAA target NI 188 (mitigation of climate change) • Carbon Reduction Commitment – statutory requirement
Which priority does it link to?	<i>What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011</i>	<i>Is it resourced?</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment</i>
Page 28	To deliver a range of measures in line with the Carbon Reduction Commitment to minimise costs to the Council for energy consumption	Staff - Yes, but 2 vacancies. Carbon Trading at £500K to be agreed via Finance	March 2011	Structured actions agreed to ensure legal compliance with CRC to avoid rigorous financial and legal penalties that apply to this statutory obligation Deliver Strategic Energy Review by June 2010 and implement recommendations by March 2011, resulting in reduced utilities consumption costs from Council buildings by 3%

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Priorities for the Service	5. To ensure that all Area Based Grant and external funding programmes are managed appropriately and in accordance with Council and Sefton Borough Partnership priorities.			Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of resources is a key line of enquiry under Audit • Performance Management Framework is a key Corporate project • Aligning resources to priorities is key part of Transformation agenda
Which priority does it link to?	<i>What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011</i>	<i>Is it resourced?</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment</i>	
Page 29 1,2,3,4,5	<i>1. To ensure that adequate succession planning measures are put in place for post 2011 to mitigate risks of present levels of resource dropping of being discontinued</i>	<i>Yes- until March 2011</i>	<i>January 2011</i>	<i>Investment agreement in place with the HCA and the HMR Programme sustained to completion</i> <i>Clear identification of those services impacted upon by fixed term funding; full risk assessments completed and succession action plans produced.</i>	
1,2,3,4,5	<i>2. To ensure that all activities funded have clear decision making processes and robust performance management and audit systems in place.</i>	<i>Yes- Until March 2011</i>	<i>January 2011</i>	<i>Standardised approach to decision making and performance management across all funded activities</i> <i>Clear understanding of how ABG and external funding programmes are being used – what is spent, how it is spent and how it is delivered</i>	
1,2,3,4,5	<i>3. That a transparent and clear commissioning and prioritisation process is in place for any funding post 2011.</i>	<i>Yes- until March 2011</i>	<i>December 2010</i>	<i>Resources are best used to deliver against strategic priorities</i> <i>Allocation of resources is conducted to achieve best outcomes for funding</i>	

Name of Service / Team: Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes

Priorities for the Service	6. To support the development of family based approaches to tackle deprivation and especially worklessness	Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite significant levels of investment areas of deprivation have remained unchanged within Sefton • Looked after Children is a corporate priority
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<i>Which Priority does it link to?</i>	<i>What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011</i>	<i>Is it resourced?</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment</i>
2,3,4,5,6	<i>To utilise Working Neighbourhoods Fund to develop a pilot family based approach to address worklessness</i>	<i>Yes – Until March 2011</i>	<i>March 2011</i>	<i>Testing alternative methods to tackling worklessness where traditional approaches have failed</i> <i>Better understanding of what approaches could be successful in long term interventions in relation to overcoming economic inequalities</i>
	<i>To continue to participate in the Vulnerable Localities Initiative and bring an area management perspective to it</i>	<i>Through existing resources</i>	<i>March 2011</i>	<i>Ensure consistency in approaches and sharing of good practice</i>
	<i>To actively contribute towards the corporate parenting role of the Council by thinking about how we can support looked after children when they leave our care.</i>	<i>Need to identify level of support required</i>	<i>March 2011</i>	<i>Extending the Department's involvement in wider approaches to improving outcomes for looked after children</i>

Agenda Item 6

REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER (Performance & Governance)
CABINET MEMBER (Corporate Services)
CABINET MEMBER (Communities)

DATE: 4th August 2010
8th September 2010
11th August 2010

SUBJECT: Chief Executive's Departmental Service Plan 2010-11

WARDS AFFECTED: All

REPORT OF: Assistant Chief Executive

CONTACT OFFICER: Samantha Tunney: 0151 934 4039
Sue Varga: 0151 934 4602

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To seek approval of the Chief Executive's 2010/11 Departmental Service Plan

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To approve the proposed actions/activities of the Chief Executive's Department as contained in the Service Plan attached to the report.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Note the progress made on 2009/10 actions and
2. Agree the intended action plans for 2010/11 which are already underway.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: .

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: N/A

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework:

Financial: Financial: There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, as these have all been considered and taken account of in the Council's overall budget.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None

Risk Assessment: None

Asset Management: None

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS:

Not Applicable.

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability	√		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People	√		

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1. Introduction

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2. The Chief Executives Department Service Plan

- 2.1 The attached Service Plan sets the departments key priorities for 2010/11.
- 2.2 The Chief Executive's Department consists of four separate divisions:
 - ❖ Communications
 - ❖ Performance and Partnerships
 - ❖ Democratic Services (Electoral Services, Scrutiny & Review, Committee & Member Services and Civic and Mayoral Services)
 - ❖ Sefton Equalities Partnership
- 2.3 The functions of the department fall under the responsibility of separate Cabinet Members and the Cabinet as follows:
 - ❖ Cabinet Member for Performance and Governance – Communications and Performance and Partnerships
 - ❖ Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Democratic Services and Transformation
 - ❖ Cabinet Member for Communities - Sefton Equalities Partnership

3. Chief Executive's Department - Looking Back

- 3.1 In a period of continuing change and development, the various services, which make up the Chief Executives' Department, have risen to the challenges.
- 3.2 Notable achievements from the past year include:-

Strategic

- ❖ Completion of the Governance Review Projects
- ❖ Project lead for the Communications and Performance Improvement Projects, under the Transformation Programme – work to implement is covered in this Service Plan.

Communications

- ❖ Together with the Transformation Team, Informing Sefton Intranet section. Each news sheet attracts an audience of around 4,000 hits from staff. The sheets are also printed by managers for staff who do not have access to the Intranet.
- ❖ Informing Sefton has a continuous front page presence on the Intranet.
- ❖ Full elections media service developed and delivered for both General and Local election, May 2010. Live results service posted on the Sefton Website with media officers feeding results through to the Web Manager as they were announced. These are then updated within minutes of the declaration being made.
- ❖ Media accreditation scheme launched and operated with accredited media from across the country applying for passes.
- ❖ Broadcast liaison arranged for both TV and Radio to ensure correct facilities

and opportunities available

Performance and Partnerships

- ❖ Key role in supporting achievement of Strategic and Corporate Management of the Council
- ❖ Continued support for LAA including co-ordination of re-refresh process
- ❖ A new performance management framework has been developed as part of the Governance Review it has been approved by Members and the detail of how it will work need to be expanded.
- ❖ Established a Sefton Understood Group with partners which supported the creation of a single core evidence base which has been discussed with Members and the SBP Board.
- ❖ Used the single evidence base to produce an initial priorities framework.
- ❖ Produced a draft Story of Place for Sefton.
- ❖ The development of the partnership database. There was an initial list of 250, which has been reduced to 99. Of which 40 are identified as 'significant partnerships'

Democratic Services

- ❖ Successful delivery of the combined parliamentary and local elections.
- ❖ High quality support for the democratic and school appeal processes
- ❖ A well-attended overview and scrutiny away day to gain Members views on the shape of the scrutiny function in the future
- ❖ A successful Mayoral year and installation ceremony
- ❖ A thriving twinning and cultural links programme

Sefton Equalities Partnership

- ❖ The Council is on course to achieving the target of Excellence on the new equality framework by March 2011. The Council is currently at 55% on the new EFACT performance Management system. It is important to note this new framework replaces the Equality Standard that previously had five levels
- ❖ The Council working in partnership have replaced their 3 specific duties/schemes around race disability and gender and incorporated them into Seftons Single Equality Scheme
- ❖ A number of key work streams on the Single equality scheme around Equality impact assessments, monitoring, positive action, consultation and engagement and procurement have taken place via the single equality scheme working group

4. Chief Executive's Department - Looking Forward

4.1 The next three years will continue to be testing for the Department with specific service areas addressing the issues identified below

- ❖ The Conservative led Coalition Government has started with a programme of reducing the budget deficit. This is to a very tight timescale with initial cuts being felt in this financial year to the tune of £6billion nationally and expected further cuts of approximately £32billion for the next financial year. This will have a massive impact on public sector spending and as a Council we have to react to this huge challenge. In Sefton this is likely to mean savings to be made by the Council in the region of £53 million over the next three years.
- ❖ Alongside the reduction in the deficit there are a number of coalition measures badged under the 'big society', which is an emerging entirely clear policy direction which has a number of identifiable strands. Localism, meaning decisions being made closer to local people, probably at

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neighbourhood level (rather than local authority level). Increasing everyone's civic participation with policy options of free schools and the push for more voluntary, faith and community sector involvement in service delivery. At an individual level there is the expectation of more transparency for local people, certainly from their Councils, such as publication of spend over a certain level and the understanding of salaried staff within local authorities.

- ❖ The abolition of the Comprehensive Area Agreement (CAA) regime and the end of the Tell Us survey and the postponement of the Place Survey. In other areas the future is less certain, for example the correspondence and messages around Local Area Agreements, and Tenants Survey.
- ❖ To date nothing specific has been mentioned in relation to the use and reporting of National Indicators, although the general expectation is that further guidance will be published at some point in the future.
- ❖ A workstream of the Strategic Budget Review which includes the rationalisation of all performance, research, intelligence, policy and communications functions, will create the infrastructure to provide an Intelligence Function for the Council, underpinning the performance Improvement agenda, and support a move to smart commissioning.
- ❖ A new communications strategy will be developed as part of the Communications Review being led by the Assistant Chief Executive.

5. Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Note the progress made on 2009/10 actions and
2. Agree the intended action plans for 2010/11 11 which are already underway.

SERVICE PLANNING – 2010/11

Introduction

The Strategic Leadership Team at its meeting on 11th March agreed that there will be a revised approach to service planning this year and this lighter touch approach was supported by the Cabinet Member for Performance and Governance. The rationale for this is twofold; first the provision of high-level priorities from services will improve the prioritisation process currently taking place and secondly the corporate plan and sustainable community strategy can be revised following that prioritisation process so a simplified approach is appropriate for services this year.

The organisational and service delivery changes will mean, in some cases, radical rewrites of the current plans. There will, following the prioritisation exercise, need to be a refresh of Cabinet Member Portfolios, which as part of the governance review, has been agreed will be put back until the Council has determined its priorities which will be made clear through changes around the transformation programme.

The Cabinet Member for Performance and Governance has been consulted and has agreed a simpler approach as an interim measure whilst the prioritisation exercise takes place, on the understanding that we will develop a new approach for next year.

The simplified approach

All Service Directors were requested to complete the attached one-page proforma. Each Director was requested to identify a maximum of 6 priorities for all service areas they're responsible for. The purpose of this one page is:

- to list the key priorities of the service,
- the reason these are priorities,
- the main actions that will be undertaken in the next year,
- and to identify the resources and key performance indicators associated with them.

In thinking about priorities, Service Directors were asked to think about the 'must do's' – i.e. we cannot deliver our desired outcomes, not legal without this, unsafe without it, not financially viable without it.

At the same time, Service Directors were also asked to think about what would be desirable, but not essential; likely to be painful to leave out, but is still possible. This thinking has helped shape the content of Service Plans in 2010/11.

March 2010 to March 2011

Name of Directorate: Chief Executive

Name of Service / Team: **Communications**

Priorities for the Service	<p>1. Development of a Corporate approach to branding, communications, public relations, marketing, advertising, print production, media management, consultation and engagement, by maximising the opportunities of available and emerging technologies, such as the web, video, social marketing and social media, with the aim of enhancing the image/perception of the Council, through effective engagement, consultation and information management among its communities.</p>	Why are they priorities?	<p>The public are entitled to information about and need to be able to influence, and be involved in the design and delivery of services that impact on their lives.</p>
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Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
1	<p>1. The development of a Corporate Communications Strategy for the Council and implementation Plan.</p> <p>2. The development of a Communications Strategy and Plan for the Local Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>3. Implementation of the objectives within the Communications Project Initiation Document (PID)</p>	Yes	March 2011	<p>Develop a truly corporate approach for all communications activity. Prioritise and enhance corporate brand, create a single message culture and achieve a Corporate Saving of £250,000.</p> <p>Plan to achieve a proportion of the £1m saving for integration in the MTFP in 2011/12.</p>

March 2010 to March 2011

Name of Directorate: Chief Executive

Name of Service / Team: **Performance & Partnerships**

Priorities for the Service	2. Development and Implementation of the Performance PID	Why are they priorities?	Ensure the Council's Performance & Intelligence function can drive improvement and facilitate challenge Thematic responsibilities under revised SLT management structure
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Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
2	4. Implementation of the objectives within the Performance Project Initiation Document (PID)	Yes	March 2011	Plan to achieve a proportion of the £1m saving for integration in the MTFP in 2011/12.
2	5. Embed the Council's new performance management framework.	Yes	March 2011	Sefton MBC will have clearer arrangements in terms of monitoring, improving and reporting performance to stakeholders. The relationship between partners in the achievement of strategic priorities/targeted performance will be significantly strengthened. In addition, there is an ambition to have increased collaborative working, which will reduce data/performance burdens and costs. The role of Members in terms of assessing best practice and reviewing/challenging performance will also be developed and strengthened.
2	6. Lead responsibility for data quality; and ensure data quality	Yes	March 2011	There will be a refreshed data quality policy for the Council, and where applicable partners.

Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
	standards are adhered to by all directorates.			Data quality standards will be produced, and will be regularly reviewed at a departmental level to ensure adherence to the policy.
2	7. Strengthen the Council's existing intelligence arrangements, and have lead responsibility for corporate intelligence.	Yes	March 2011	<p>The Council's corporate intelligence function will be significantly strengthened, with strategic and corporate intelligence e.g. demographic information, being provided by the Performance & Intelligence Team.</p> <p>Strengthening corporate intelligence will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reduce data collection between and across directorates/services. b. Enable services to focus and use information which is absolutely relevant to the service. c. Reduce costs in terms of officer time and/or system support in collecting, analysing and reporting data.

Priorities for the Service	3. Development of Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan to drive improvement.	Why are they priorities?	Thematic responsibilities under revised SLT management structure Comprehensive Area Assessment
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Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
3	8. Refresh and development of the Sustainable Community Strategy	Yes	March 2011	<p>The borough of Sefton will have a 15 year strategic plan with clearly identified priorities, sub-priorities and underpinning strategies/action plans. The SCS will also state how partners, working alone or in partnership, will contribute towards these priorities. This is important to set the vision for public service in the coming years.</p> <p>A refresh mechanism will be built into the strategy, enabling priorities to be changed or new priorities incorporated. This mechanism will be intelligence-led in support of any amendments/inclusions.</p> <p>In terms of measures, both national and local performance indicators will be mapped against priorities. In addition, "soft intelligence" such as service-user satisfaction levels, demographic information and resident focus groups, will be used to not only demonstrate performance, but support the need to change/include priorities within the strategy.</p>
3	9. Development of the Council's Corporate Plan 2011-2014	Yes	March 2011	Sefton MBC will have a new Corporate Plan with alignment to the priorities of Sustainable Community Strategy. The Corporate Plan therefore will demonstrate the Council's contribution towards strategic community priorities.

<i>Which Priority does it link to?</i>	<i>What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011</i>	<i>Is it resourced?</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment</i>
				<p>The Corporate Plan will also clearly state the strategic, corporate and service level priorities for the council.</p> <p>In terms of measures, the Corporate Plan will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance against National and local performance indicators • Performance against service standards • Service user satisfaction levels • Strategic, corporate and service delivery risks

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Name of Directorate: Assistant Chief Executive
 Name of Service / Team: **Democratic Services**

Priorities for the Service	1. To provide a responsive, proactive and efficient support function to the Council's democratic processes	Why are they priorities?	To ensure Democratic Services provide a high quality, sustainable and publicly available committee administration service to the Council, its Members and the Committees upon which they serve.
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Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
COMMITTEE AND MEMBER SERVICES				
1	1. Implement statutory petitions scheme	Yes (for year 1 only)	15 June 2010 (model scheme) 15 December 2010 (e-petitions) – statutory requirements	Increased community engagement in the democratic process – measured by numbers of petitions received.
1	2. Comprehensive review of the Council's Constitution	Within existing budgets	31 st March 2011	Refreshed Constitution incorporating structural changes to the Council – leading to increased understanding by community
1	3. Organise and Clerk School Appeals	Yes – through SLA with Children's Services	31 st March 2011	Robust appeals process in line with statutory guidance – reducing complaints to the Ombudsman is measure of improvement

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<i>Which Priority does it link to?</i>	<i>What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011</i>	<i>Is it resourced?</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment</i>
1	4. Revise website content and 'role of Councillor' information	Within existing budgets	31 st March 2011	Set out in Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 but not yet commenced. Outcome is increased public understanding.
1	5. Roll-out of modern gov functionality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action lists • report templates • guidance for report authors • agenda management timetable • electronic report and minutes clearance • e-petitions 	Within existing budgets	31 st March 2011	Reduced paperwork, greater understanding of the democratic process, robust systems for report and minute clearance.
1	6. Member Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction Programme • Personal Development Plans for a minimum of 80% of Councillors 	Within existing budgets	June 2010 October 2010	New Councillors provided with sufficient information and training to fulfil their roles Training opportunities identified and provided to Councillors to enable them to fulfil their role (requirement for Member Development Charter Level 1 re-accreditation)
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY				
1	7. Support and advice provided for the review of Overview and Scrutiny and subsequent implementation	Within existing budgets	July 2010	To facilitate a comprehensive review and ensure a successful implementation of any revision to the Overview and Scrutiny structure and to support the scrutiny of partners as required by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2009 and the Strengthening Local Democracy White Paper (2009).

<i>Which Priority does it link to?</i>	<i>What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011</i>	<i>Is it resourced?</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment</i>
1	8. Provide support and assistance to Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to develop challenging work programmes in line with the Council's improvement priorities	Within existing budgets	July 2010	Completed scrutiny reviews that significantly contribute to the Council's improvement processes.
ELECTORAL SERVICES				
1	9. To successfully deliver a combined local and parliamentary election in 2010	Part funded centrally	May 2010	Robust election processes with the confidence of voters and candidates.
1	10. To prepare for forthcoming legislation on individual voter registration and quantify the impact on resources this will have	No	September 2010	To prepare adequately for substantial changes in the electoral process
CIVIC AND MAYORAL SERVICES				
1	11. To provide a pro-active, responsive and efficient Mayoral Service	Yes	May 2011	Enhanced civic pride and positive feedback
1	12. To complete the review of the attendants service	Yes	September 2010	To review the attendants service to ensure it meets the current and future needs of the organisation
1	13. To lead on the twinning and cultural links programme	Yes	May 2011	Successful exchanges based on community involvement and evaluation.

March 2010 to March 2011

Name of Directorate: Policy and Partnerships

Name of Service / Team: **Sefton Equalities Partnership**

Priorities for the Service	1. To lead, inform, manage and consolidate the response of the Council and its key partners, through Sefton Equalities Partnership, to meet its statutory requirements and corporate responsibilities in relation to equality, diversity, human rights and public consultation and engagement	Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with Public sector equality duties and corporate responsibility • Compliance with Duty to Involve • Compliance with CAA • Align agenda with current governance review of Sefton Borough Partnership
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Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enable Sefton Council and key partners to meet its specific equality duties under race, disability and gender 2. To develop an interim (2010/11) Single Equality Scheme in line with Single Equality Bill 3. Work towards achieving 'excellence' status under the new Equality framework for local Government 	Yes	<p>March 2011</p> <p>March 2011</p> <p>March 2011</p>	<p>Council and key partners are compliant with specific equality duties through, Schemes, action plan and progress reports</p> <p>Equality agenda is widened in line with Single Equality Bill. Scheme delivers against new priorities developed through the Council and the SBP governance review</p> <p>Sefton Council continues to work towards achieving excellence status through refreshed corporate approach and equalities groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EFACT (performance management) ➤ Peer review

Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
	<p>4. Mainstream Equalities and Diversity and public engagement and consultation back into the corporate structures of Sefton Council as part of performance improvement</p> <p>5. Support the implementation of the public engagement and consultation framework through sefton borough partnership approach and the work of the panel</p> <p>6. To deliver and maintain a comprehensive database of public engagement and consultation activity and intelligence</p> <p>7. To evidence the impact of engagement and consultation activity across the borough</p>		<p>March 2011</p> <p>March 2011</p> <p>March 2011</p>	<p>Improved Knowing and Understanding of communities to assist prioritisation and improving customer outcomes</p> <p>Improved Quality of public consultation and engagement across council and partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NI 4, 3, 5 • Standards • review <p>Improved intelligence around Knowing and understanding our communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place survey • E consult • Citizens panel • Share point <p>Can evidence outcomes as a result of public consultation and engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NI 4, 3, 5,14, 21 • Place survey

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REPORT TO: CABINET COMMUNITIES

DATE: 8 September 2010

SUBJECT: Safer Stronger Communities Departmental Service Plan 2010-11
(Social Care and Wellbeing Directorate)

WARDS AFFECTED: All

REPORT OF: Assistant Director Safer Stronger Communities

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To seek approval of the Safer Stronger Communities 2010/11 Departmental Service Plan

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To approve the proposed actions/activities of the Safer Stronger Communities Division as contained in the Service Plan attached to the report.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

The Cabinet Member Communities is recommended to:

1. Note the progress made on 2009/10 actions and
2. Agree the intended action plans for 2010/11 -

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following expiry of the call in of the minutes of this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: N/A

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework:

Financial: Financial: There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, as these have all been considered and taken account of in the Council's overall budget.

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<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2010	2011	2012	2013
	£	£	£	£
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N				When?
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None

Risk Assessment: None

Asset Management: None

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS:

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
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4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
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2. The Safer Stronger Communities Department Service Plan

- 2.1 The Safer Stronger Communities Division brings together the Council's main strategic, operational, and tactical functions in relation to addressing crime, disorder, anti social behaviour, substance misuse, environmental crime and public/community safety in Sefton. Along with the relevant Council departments we work actively with key agencies to help build *safer communities*, and reduce the risks of becoming a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour, and *stronger communities*, by reducing inequalities and increasing community wellbeing.
- 2.2 The Division consolidates the councils role within the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership (SSCP) so that its work complements, reciprocates and adds value to the work undertaken by the Police Authority, Police, Fire Service, Public Health Partnership, Probation Service, HM Courts, the Third Sector and the Local Criminal Justice Board. Adopting this approach secures the council, and its partners responsibility to ensure that Sefton residents, along with those working, visiting and investing here, are safe and feel secure in their environment.
- 2.3 The Division aims are to:
- Reduce crime
 - Reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime
 - Tackling the causes of reoffending
 - Build respect in communities and reduce anti-social behaviour
 - Reduce the harm caused by domestic, sexual violence and hate crime
 - Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs and alcohol
 - Improve the quality of the local environment by addressing environmental crime
 - Protecting the public in relation to civil contingencies and emergency planning.
- 2.4 The attached Service Plan sets out how the Division currently seeks to achieve these aims in 2010 / 2011.
- 2.5 It should be noted that these plans were developed at the start of the financial year, since which the Council, along with many of our public sector colleagues, has seen and is experiencing significant change to both the structural and financial environment. The achievement of the key outcomes and principles of the service plan will remain our goals, however it is anticipated that flexibility will be required to accommodate the changing environment.

3. Safer Stronger Communities Division - Significant Changes

- 3.1 In April 2010 responsibility for the Division moved from the Chief Executives Directorate to the Social Care and Wellbeing Directorate. This move also saw the

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integration of the Drug Action Team and Civil Contingencies (emergency planning) Team into the Division.

- 3.2 At the same time the Division assumed additional responsibilities for Hate Crime, Cohesion, and the PREVENT agenda. In addition new legislation placed the statutory responsibility for Hate crime and Reducing Reoffending with the Sefton Safer Communities Partnership (SSCP) so further extending the remit and agenda of the Division.

4. Safer Stronger Communities Division - Looking Back

- 4.1 This has been a period of continuing change and development for the Division, during which we have continued to deliver and to make a significant difference to the quality of life for the residents of Sefton.

- 4.2 Notable achievements from the past year 2009/10 include:-

Safer Communications

- **2.4%** reduction in BCS Crime to Sept 09 in comparison to the previous year, four of the top five highest BCS Crime Wards experienced a higher rate of reduction than the Sefton average during this period Linacre 3.7%, Dukes 23.5% St.Oswald 9.7% & Church 12.1%
- **Increase** in the number of residents who consider the Council and police are dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime. Sefton has out performed all other Merseyside authorities as well as the average for all authorities in its Most Similar Group.
- **Reductions in repeat victims** by focusing on repeat victims, offenders and locations with immediate joint action plans to preclude further occurrence
- **10,800** hours of work delivered within Sefton communities through Community Payback.
- **60** arson reduction home security programmes delivered to vulnerable victims.

Anti Social Behaviour

- **9.5%** reduction in ASB Incidents to Sept 09, in comparison to the previous year, three of the top five highest ASB Wards experienced a higher rate of reduction than the Sefton average during this period Linacre 12%, Dukes 14.7% & Church 22.1%
- **135** young people referred to the Anti Social Behaviour Unit and offered a range of services to address their behaviour including educational, training and youth service providers.
- **3652** individual visits offered through the Street Games initiative
- **350** young people involved in 2 music and band nights held at Dunes Splash World to offer diversionary activity.
- **192** advisory letters & Parental Advise booklets sent out to parents/ guardians regarding the behaviour of their children in relation to ASB and/or alcohol misuse.

Domestic & Sexual Violence

- **Reduction in the number of Repeat incidents** of domestic violence. Sefton outperformed its repeat target by 9 percentage points in 2009/10
- **180** high risk victims of domestic & sexual violence have received help from agencies at MARAC, inc: benefits advise, housing support, and employment

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- **16** victims of hate crime have received help from agencies at MARAC, inc: benefits advise, housing support, and employment
- **150** home security programmes delivered throughout the borough to vulnerable victims of crime including domestic violence and hate crime.

Community Safety Area Partnerships

- Continued development of Area working with over 20 departments and partners and 55 local elected members attending the CSAPS through the year.
- The coordination with Merseyside Probation Trust of the Community Payback programme, which see offenders on community orders delivering these against locally determined priorities, such as graffiti removal, clean up operations etc.
- **22** schools visited to discuss ASB and or deliberate fire setting
- Tackling under age drinking in bars and nightclubs in Southport Town Centre, resulting in significant reduction in under-18s being found in licensed premises
- Co-ordination of Operation Staysafe. Staysafe is a joint operation between Merseyside Police, Sefton Youth Service, Brunswick Youth Centre and Leisure Services to identify and deal with young people that are at risk of significant harm.
- Operation Collar to combat dog fouling, carried out in St Oswald, Netherton and Orrell areas saw a five-week long initiative across 12 locations, with Sefton's Dog Wardens, Community Safety Officers and Merseyside Police joining forces to tackle the problem. A total of 344 people were stopped and provided with information.
- Co-ordination and deployment of Operation Maynard, an pilot to tackle the problem of aggressive and dangerous dogs by offering micro-chipping and registering as well as offering the neutering of the dog. Also resulted in the seizure of a banned breed dog.
- Tackling mini-moto issues on Leeds – Liverpool canal banks through installation of a gate that prevents access to the canal but allow pedestrian access

Drug Action Team

- Gaining status as a Pilot Area under the Drug Treatment System Change Programme. Sefton is one of seven successful pilots, which will provide more flexibility to explore innovative approaches to tackling drug misuse. Sefton's proposals are the most ambitious of the seven partnerships within the programme. We are undertaking whole system change and the development of new approaches to both local community and prison based treatment
- Establishment of a Single Point of Assessment in Knowsley Road Bootle and in Church Street Southport in partnership with the Social Care & Well-Being Directorate. Service users now receive a holistic assessment of their health and social care needs along side their drug treatment needs.
- Successful and rapid negotiation of a new service provider in the borough following our main community based treatment provider, the Lighthouse Project, falling into administration, in October 2009.
- **56** persons accessed the Move On scheme which offers people with drug issues intensive support into education, employment, training.
- **900** children across the boroughs schools spoken to about drugs and their effects by Police School Liaison Officers

Civil Contingencies

- Successful management of the Flu Pandemic, Severe Weather Emergency and the Southport Gas Leak.
- Delivery of Business Continuity Seminar to assist local businesses in planning for a serious incident or major disruption. Delegates from a range of companies learnt how

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to plan for incidents such as fire, flood, staff sickness, terrorism, or loss of technology or supplies.

Safer Stronger Communities Partnership (SSCP)

- Development of a boroughwide collective **Partnership Plan**
- Continued development of the statutory Strategic Intelligence Assessment to enable Area Committee level profiling together with predictive analysis
- Launched of a brand new SSCP website, which gives people the chance to find out more about what we are doing in Sefton to make their communities safer and improve their wellbeing. The site shows videos about the work the Partnership does, allows people to check out the latest news and initiatives and view statistics on anti-social behaviour, environmental issues, crime and satisfaction.
- **78** priority and prolific offenders offered intensive support service into education, employment, training.
- **30** repeat offenders have attended problem solving courts and been offered assistance in education, employment and training, benefits & housing.
- **5** alcohol test purchasing operations involving 57 premises, undertaken in conjunction with the Police and Trading Standards **Over 15** licensed premises have achieved Best Bar None standard, relating to employee and customer standards.

4.3 A summary of progress achievement against Performance Targets is shown below:

LAA Indicators exceeding performance targets in 2009/10:-

- NI 17 - Perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour
- NI 20 - Assault with injury crime rate
- NI 21 - Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local authority and police
- NI 30 - Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders
- NI 32 - Repeat incidents of domestic violence
- NI 195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness - litter
- NI 195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness – detritus

LAA Stretch Target Performance – April 2007 - March 2010

In 2006 through the Local Area Agreement Sefton were set a number of 'stretch target' subject to performance reward grant. Four off these fell under the remit of the division and have all been achieved following the introduction and coordination of significant activity to achieve that target:

- In 2006, the percentage of Sefton's residents who felt that buying and selling drugs was a fairly big or big problem was 35.7%. In 2009, the percentage had vastly improved to only 20.98%. Sefton exceeded target and is in a position to apply for 100% of performance reward grant.
- In 2006, the percentage of Sefton's residents who felt well informed about what was being done to tackle anti social behaviour was 32.9%. In 2009, the percentage had greatly improved to 43.58%. Sefton exceeded target and is in a position to apply for 100% of performance reward grant.
- In 2006, the percentage of Sefton's residents who were engaged in formal volunteered for more than two hours per week was 9.4%. In 2009, the percentage had improved to 12.17%. Sefton exceeded target and is in a position to apply for 100% of performance reward grant.

- In 2006, the percentage of Sefton's residents who felt that people from different backgrounds got on well together was 62.8%. In 2009, the percentage had improved to 65.82%. Sefton exceeded 60% of the stretch target and is in a position to apply for 60% of associated performance reward grant

6. Safer Stronger Communities Division - Looking Forward

4.1 The next three years will continue to be challenging for the Division, some of the key issues will be:

- ❖ The Conservative led Coalition Government has started with a programme of reducing the budget deficit. This is to a very tight timescale with initial cuts being felt in this financial year to the tune of £6billion nationally and expected further cuts of approximately £32billion for the next financial year. This will have a massive impact on public sector spending and as a Council we have to react to this huge challenge. In Sefton this is likely to mean savings to be made by the Council in the region of £53 million over the next three years.
- ❖ Significant elements of the Division and those services and agencies it works with and supports, such as positive activities for young people, domestic and sexual violence services, priority and prolific offender service, are subject to cocktails of funding including Area Based Grant and Working Neighbourhoods Fund. How we ensure the outcomes from these services are maintained in the future will provide a challenge.
- ❖ There is considerable uncertainty about the future direction of drug treatment. The National Treatment Agency (an arms length body) has overseen drug treatment within England since 2001 but there are some voices within the new government calling for it to be replaced by a National Addictions Board. It has been indicated that the current drug strategy and the clinical governance which underpins it will be replaced by a new strategy which is promised for December this year. Our future plans will need to reflect both of these. In addition the level of future funding remains a concern as we await the outcome of the public spending review in October.
- ❖ As the public sector environment both structural and financial undergoes significant change the retention of key partnership working is critical and our ability to maintain and grow these relationships is paramount.

5. Recommendations

The Cabinet Member Communities is recommended to:

1. Note the progress made on 2009/10 actions and
2. Agree the intended action plans for 2010/11

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Service Plan Template - March 2010 to March 2011

Social Care & Wellbeing Directorate - Safer Stronger Communities Division

Priorities for the Service	<p>1. Address the needs of and risks faced by Vulnerable Victims</p> <p>WHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To secure the improved wellbeing and health of some of the most vulnerable members of our communities and ensure that they key needs such as employment, training and settled accommodation. To provide clear pathway for vulnerable victims to; ensure they do not remain exposed to risk and potential for repeat victimisation. Improve cohesion & satisfaction within the community by enabling all members of our community to participate and engage without fear. To provide seamless & effective needs based services to reduce the economic and social cost on Sefton and the services of the Council. 	Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) Hate Crime Guidance Domestic & Sexual Violence Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) SSCP Partnership Plan Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by Anti-terrorism, Crime & Security Act 2001) Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 Indicators (Public Service Agreement (PSA) 16, 23, 14, 25 <p>Assessment of Police and Community Safety (APACS)</p>
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Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
1.	Lead, develop, implement, co-ordinate and review strategy, policy and frameworks in relation to the Hate Crime Strategy	No, from April 2010	March 2011	<p>Outcome: The provision of seamless customer focussed services which will empower the victim to design their own safety or recovery plan through a personalised approach, increase the confidence in services by vulnerable victims and reduce repeat victimisation by identifying and reducing associated risk</p> <p>Measures: PSA 21, NI 1, 2</p> <p>Current: Services work well, however victim awareness of 'what's on offer' is limited as is the wider definition/understanding of hate crime which means victims do not become 'supported witnesses'.</p>
1.	Lead, develop, implement, co-ordinate and review strategy, policy and frameworks in relation to Domestic & Sexual Violence Strategy	Yes	March 2011	<p>Outcome: The provision of seamless customer focussed services which, empower the victim to design their own safety or recovery plan through a personalised approach, increase the confidence in services and reduce repeat victimisation by identifying and reducing associated risk</p> <p>Measures: PSA 23, NI 26, 32, 34, 141,142</p> <p>Current: Services work well however, services that address risk do not/are not those that would address clients 'needs'. As such, outcomes that are sustainable are not always achieved leaving clients/service users vulnerable to 'relapse'.</p>

Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
1	Develop a Victims Charter and Victims Champions	Yes (external, time limited funding)	March 2011	Outcome: Improve quality of life and health of vulnerable victims and their families through tailored support. Increase confidence and satisfaction with the Council Measures: PSA 23, NI, 17, 21, 32 Current: Services are available, but client/customer awareness is limited and thus inhibits vulnerable victims coming forward to get help from services.
1	Lead and manage a multi agency project board to investigate feasibility and develop a project plan for the establishment of a Vulnerable Victims (Family Justice) Centre	Yes	Oct 2011	Outcome: A one-stop-shop approach that provides holistic wrap around services which work together to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify the 'personalised' needs & reduce the risks to victims & their families of violence and abuse and significantly increase life chances • To meet the stated needs of our service users by the implementation of collaborative service delivery across all key partners. • Produce efficiency uplifts that enable the Council to deliver successful outcomes that will narrow the justice gap. Measures: PSA 23 & NI, 17, 21, 32 Current: There is no 'one front door' that vulnerable victims can step through to receive a 'wrap round' and personalised service to address the full range of risks/needs to achieve a sustainable outcome.
1	To work with the third sector to design and deliver services that support the needs of most vulnerable victims and communities	Yes	March 2011	Outcome: Ensure that the sector provides relevant and required support services which match customer need and address risk. Promote and achieve a thriving third sector. Measures: PSA 23 & NI 7, 6, 32, 21 Current: There is an excellent 3 rd Sector offer in Sefton for vulnerable clients, but the awareness of the services/offer within the mainstream services is 'invested in personalities not process. To improve outcomes for vulnerable victims means closer and clear working practices to be developed.

Priorities for the Service	<p>2. Address the reasons why people become and remain offenders</p> <p>WHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% of active offenders are responsible for half of all crime • 2.5% of every generation get caught in a lifetimes disadvantage • 160,000 children have a parent in prison (<i>National Estimate</i>) • Parental Involvement in criminal activity is the critical ‘family based risk’ that predicts poor social and educational outcomes for children & one that predicts intergenerational offending • Employment can reduce the risk of repeat offending by between 30-50% • Suitable accommodation can reduce the risk of offending by up to 20% 	Why are they Priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAA • Policing Crime Act 2009 • The Equality Bill 2009 • LAA • Indicators - PSA 8,11,12,12, 14,16, 23,25 & NI 22,28,29,69,72,73,74, 87,110,111,115,117,118,143,144, 151152,153. • APACS
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2	The development of a children and families ‘centred’ pathway to prevent the risk of intergenerational offending by identifying the families and children of offenders at risk of poor social outcomes	Yes	March 2011	<p>Outcome: A sustained reduction in families and children experiencing multiple risks of intergenerational inequality which is strongly correlated with early onset anti-social and offending behaviour and entry into the youth justice system.</p> <p>Measures: NI 22,28,69,72,73,74,87,110,111,115,117,118.</p> <p>Current: No consistent ‘<i>whole service</i>’ approach in place, services often centre on the distinctions between children and adults rather than a think family approach. Outcomes are not in many cases sustainable</p>
2	As part of the new Integrated Offender Management duty to develop clear personalised and supported pathways around offenders health, training, employment and housing	Yes	March 2011	<p>Outcome: Reduce the reconviction rate of the 1070 offenders in probation supervision in Sefton. At present the predicted re-offending rate (medium-high risk) is estimated at 62%.</p> <p>Measures: NI 143, 144, 151, 152, 153.</p> <p>Current: The defined pathways that reduce offending are proven but within Sefton are not always joined up to address the needs of the offender and family. Offender worklessness, alcohol use and accommodation are known risks associated with offending in Sefton (especially worklessness where Sefton are below target)</p>

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2	Fully implement the personalisation Drug System Change pilot programme within the DAT	Yes	March 2012	Outcome: A customerisation agenda which will reduce the offending lifestyle of a significant cohort of offenders in Sefton whose alcohol/drug use is a contributory factor in their offending behaviour Measures: PSA 25 & NI 38, 40, 42, 143, 144, 152, 153. Current: Approx 500 offenders in Sefton had alcohol/drugs as one of the risks associated with their continued offending behaviour. The prioritisation of offenders with alcohol dependency is not as well financed /developed and at present is a gap in service provision.
2	Develop a mechanism for the sharing of information about offenders to identify children and families at risk of poor outcomes so services can apply a 'think family' intervention (Development of an Integrated Offender Management IOM Database)	No	March 2011	Outcome: More personalised, effective, efficient and impactful services due to better risk assessment leading to early intervention and the prevention of <i>crisis management</i> Measure: process improvement Current: Much of this personalised data exists in data silo's where the analysis of risk for the service is good, but the understanding of the wider need for the client, (offender, children and family) is fragmented and as such poor. Crisis Management is more expensive than prevention.
2	Develop the SIA to include Offender Data (clear protocols on sharing information from different partners such as Health, Education, Worklessness, Probation, and Youth Offending gives agencies a better understanding of risk and need,	Yes	May 2011	Outcome: Allow partners to better understand the patterns and risks associated with re-offending across Sefton allowing for better co-ordination of local services. This is a statutory requirement that adds this additional analytical responsibility in the construction of the SIA. Measure: process improvement Current Position: The interconnection and impact of risk factors is not wholly understood across agencies, and as such whilst service outputs are good, customer / client outcomes are often not sustained resulting in increased costs to public services.

Priorities for the Service	<p>3. Prevent Young People from engaging in Anti-Social and Criminal Behaviour & steer them on to the 'path to success.'</p> <p>WHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the Wellbeing of our young people and ensure they are actively involved and are seen to contribute to the success of their local communities. ASB is a predictive risk of criminality in the future. Levels of ASB is one of the most critical factors associated with our communities 'satisfaction' with their area as a place to live & invest. 	Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA (Red Flag) Core Evidence Base Crime & Disorder Act 1998 LAA Safe Stronger Communities Strategic Intelligence Assessment (borough & local area) Children & Young People Plan (ECM) Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Plan JSNA Public Perception - SSCP Insight Tracker Survey National Youth Crime Strategy Youth Alcohol Action Plan TSNW – Alcohol Profile Indicators –PSA 12,14,23,25 & NI17,110,111,115, 22,21,5,24,27,5,45.46. APACS
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3	Lead, develop, implement, co-ordinate and review strategy, policy and frameworks in relation to ASB Strategy	Yes	March 2011	Outcome: To ensure that strategy and policy are complementary and provide young people with a seamless service tailored to their need. Measures: PSA 23, 25 & NI 17, 110, 111,115 & tracker survey Current: Perceptions of ASB remain a 'priority' issue for communities who continue to identify ASB as the main reason behind overall dis/satisfaction with the place they live.
3	Work with agencies to support a programme of open access and targeted prevention and support for young people at risk of engaging in ASB	Yes (fragmented)	March 2011	Outcome: increase the number of young people in positive activities to divert them from ASB and crime and steer them on the path to success Measures: PSA 12, 23 & NI 17, 110, 111,115 Current: Excellent Leisure, Youth, 3 rd Sector offer however this 'offer' needs to be sustained as it has a proven track record of reducing perceptions & prevalence of ASB.

Which Priority does it link to?	What are the main actions which will impact on this priority for 2010-2011	Is it resourced?	Deadline	What are the outcomes of doing the action? Any related measures for the outcome and how we're doing at the moment
3	To work with the Childrens Trust & SSCP to deliver against the Youth Crime agenda, review services & prevent youth offending & reoffending.	Yes	March 2011	Outcome: Promotion of the Wellbeing of our young people. Increasing the number of young people who contribute to the success of their local communities. Reduction in the number of first time entrants into the youth justice system Measures: PSA 12,23,25 & NI 17, 110, 111,115,45,46 Current: Services deliver well, some good integration but there remains fragmentation that reduces the overall benefit services should bring to the most vulnerable communities, families & victims.
3	To develop with the multi agency alcohol crime sub group measures to prevent and address the harm of alcohol related ASB to young people and communities	Yes (fragmented & external)	September 2010 – ongoing.	Outcome: Reducing the number of young people involved in underage drinking and substance misuse. Reduction in the number of first time entrants into the youth justice system. Reduce the perceptions of Anti Social behaviour Measures: PSA 23, 25 & NI 21, 17, 22, 24, 41 & tracker survey Current: Alcohol interventions (prevent, enforce, engage) are delivering well however perceptions of underage drinking remain a top priority & feed perceptions of ASB and negativity in relation to young people.
3	To strengthen and develop our work with 'client centred services that meet the needs & risks caused by the most vulnerable young people at risk of offending, and their families , through family intervention programmes	Yes (Government time limited)	March 2011	Outcome: Reduction in the number of first time entrants into the youth justice system. Reducing the number of young people involved in underage drinking and substance misuse. Reduce the perceptions of Anti Social behaviour. Measures: PSA 12, 23 & NI 22, 110, 111, 115, 17, 21, 5, 24, 27. 45,46. Current: Existing services tend to focus on young people or adults but NOT family. As such services can be fragmented which means there is no sustainable outcome.

<i>Priorities for the Service</i>	<p>4. Tackle crime and disorder issues that matter most to local communities</p> <p>WHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community & customer concerns must be at the heart of service design and delivery to ensure community confidence, satisfaction and sustainability. • Crime is the single most important factor in determining how ‘satisfied’ people are with their neighbourhood as a place to live. • Disorder is a fundamental risk to community well-being as anti-social behaviour is one of the most important things people consider when moving in to, remaining and investing in a community. • A one size fits all approach to managing crime and disorder in Sefton is not appropriate and suggests we don’t know, understand or meet our communities needs. 	<i>Why are they priorities?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAA • Core Evidence Base • JSNA (safe places) • Police & Justice Act 2006 • Safer & Confident Neighbourhoods Strategy (National) • SSCP SIA • SSCP Partnership Plan • Local Area Agreement • SSCP Insight Tracker Survey • Hallmarks of Effective Partnership • Indicators - PSA 14,16,21,23, 24, 25 & NI 21,17, 5,18,24,27, 20,19, 110,111,115,15,16 • APACS
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4	We will identify and address the community concerns that affect our communities the most through the development of local area committee area SIA, that include reliable community insight & do NOT rely exclusively on ‘data’ from services.	Yes (through time limited Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership funding)	June 2010 - ongoing	<p>Outcome: The most efficient, impactful use of resources that will reduce crime and disorder issues that matter most to local communities and residents.</p> <p>Provide a platform and the business case for the council to co-ordinate, plan and deploy services with partners, to address local community safety issues.</p> <p>Greater engagement, inclusion of communities in the decision-making processes of the council, & greater accountability of services.</p> <p>Measures: NI 21, 17, 5. & Tracker Survey</p> <p>Current: The current SIA approach has proven to facilitate the delivery of effective, impactful and efficient partner services and evidence how the council discharges its S17 Crime & Disorder Act responsibilities.</p>

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4	Co-ordinate the Community Safety Area Partnerships (CSAPs) and ensure alignment with 'emerging' Neighbourhood management frameworks.	Yes	March 2011	Outcome: Reduce crime and disorder issues that matter most too local communities within the broader Neighbourhood management model. Improve local accessibility and accountability by bringing together local services and agencies in a more responsive 'local' partnership. Greater engagement and participation of communities in the decision-making processes of the Council. Measures: NI 21 & Tracker Survey Current: The CSAP's specifically allow the local delivery & co-ordination of services to specifically address the communities stated and specific concerns of crime, disorder, drug use, anti social behaviour & offending behaviour.
4	To lead and co-ordinate the National Justice Seen Justice Done Agenda within Sefton	Yes (Home Office time limited funding)	March 2011	Outcome: Increase public confidence in the local criminal justice service and local criminal justice agencies. Measures: PSA 24 (offenders brought to justice) Current: The Community Safety section lead through Home Office funding the delivery & coordination of this agenda with HMCS / Probation
4	Interface to Community Payback scheme to ensure alignment with local concerns identified in the local SIA	Yes (SSCP funded)	March 2011	Outcome: Increase public confidence in the local criminal justice service and local criminal justice agencies. Measures: PSA 24 (offenders brought to justice) Current: The Community Safety section lead & coordinate with HMCS / Probation and the Local Criminal Justice Board the delivery & communication of the 'justice seen justice done' agenda in Sefton.

Priorities for the Service	<p>5. To promote and embed a corporate responsibility and understanding of Social Cohesion</p> <p><u>WHY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the socio economic wellbeing and empowerment of individuals and our communities and improve quality of life. To encourage engagement and participation to ensure our communities can shape and influence what we deliver and increase satisfaction and belonging. To tackle the most deep rooted inequalities and address the risks to the cohesion of our communities. 	Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA Core Evidence Base Hate Crime Guidance Local Government Act 2000 Education & Inspections Act 2006 (Ofsted) LAA Place Survey Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Plan Hallmarks of Effective Partnership Public Perception - SSCP Tracker Survey PREVENT strategy Indicators - PSA 21, 26 & NI 5,7,35,36
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5	Create a common and agreed understanding of a stronger definition for Sefton Council and undertake a ' stronger ' audit ' across the Council.	Yes	August 2010	Outcome: Defined & shared understanding of agenda and current position on delivery of the same. Ability to clearly demonstrate an understanding as to the currency it adds to local community cohesion. Measures: NI 1,5 & balanced scorecard Current: 'Variable' understanding as to how the Council is delivering its services corporately & adds value to the sense of stronger communities.
5	Development of a Stronger Agenda 'toolkit' to embed understanding and delivery through Sefton Council Directorates and for Members as local community leaders.	Minimum funding of £14k	October 2010	Outcome: Systematic & structured evidence base as to the way the Council is fulfilling its wellbeing duty. Increased percentage of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood. Measures: NI 1,5 & process improvement Current: No consistent understanding / audit of service contribution which means CAA evidence is incomplete & does not reflect real value Council brings to cohesion.
5	Create a ' Stronger ' Champions Group for Sefton Council to promote understanding, raise public awareness and provide reassurance.	Yes	August 2010	Outcome: Provision of strong leadership & engagement. Ability for information to be easily disseminated / outcomes tracked & evidence / performance measured. Measures: NI 1,5 & process improvement Current: No consistent understanding of service contribution which means CAA evidence is incomplete & does not reflect real value Council services bring to cohesion agenda.

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5	Lead, develop, implement, co-ordinate and review strategy, policy and frameworks in relation to Community Cohesion Strategy	Minimum funding of £14k – as above	March 2010 - ongoing	Outcome: Increased percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area, Increased percentage of people who feel that they can influence decisions in their locality, and increased percentage of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood. Measures: PSA 21, 23, 26 & NI 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 35, 36 & tracker survey Current: Current strategy provides solid basis & requires further analytical depth/ evidence as to how we address inequality & promote cohesion.
5	Work with and support schools to deliver their duty in relation to social cohesion.	No	March 2010 - ongoing	Outcome: Increased resilience within communities to violent extremism and increased wellbeing of our young people. Measures: Ofsted Current: Schools have a duty under the Education & Inspections Act 2006 to address social cohesion and this is inspected by Ofsted. This work is not consistent across establishments.
5	Lead, develop, implement, co-ordinate and review strategy, policy and frameworks in relation to Hate Crime .	No	March 2010 - ongoing	Outcome: The Provision of seamless customer focussed services which empower the victim to design their own safety or recovery plan through a personalised approach, increase the confidence in services and reduce repeat victimisation by identifying and reducing associated risk. Measures: PSA 21, NI 1, NI 2, 35, 36
5	Lead, develop, implement, co-ordinate and review strategy, policy and frameworks in relation to the CONTEST framework and PREVENT Strategy	No	March 2010 - ongoing	Outcome: Ensure the Council can evidence its work and embed features of this agenda within the council & its partners. Increased resilience within communities to violent extremism and increased percentage of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood. Measures: PSA 21, 26 & NI 1, 2, 4, 35,36 Current: Activity is on going but audit/systematic approach to its evaluation/performance is fragmented.

Priorities for the Service	<p>6. Keep our communities informed, to build public confidence & create reassurance</p> <p>WHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality local information and communication are known to improve the satisfaction of local residents that public services are responsive, accountable and are dealing with their local problems. (IPOS MORI source) • Only 41% residents in Sefton feel well informed about what the council/police do to tackle ASB (<i>the biggest overall factor associated with residential dissatisfaction*</i>) • Only 22% of residents in Sefton feel they can influence local decisions* • Civic participation in Sefton is only 10.8% (Place Survey) 	Why are they priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAA • Core Evidence Base • Civil Contingencies Act 2004 • Safe & Confident Neighbourhoods Strategy (National) • LAA • SSCP Partnership Plan • Public Perception - SSCP Insight Tracker Survey • Indicators - PSA 23,25,24,21,26 & NI 5, 17, 21, 27,22,42, 37, 4,22, 23, 24,2,1,41,42 • APACS
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6	Development of Victims & Witness Charters and directories in the development of community safety services (eg. Victims Charter, ASB directory etc) to ensure that Services and Standards empower local residents to have greater local awareness of what the council does with its partners	Yes (limited)	March 2011	Outcomes: Improved satisfaction as local communities have and know what to expect from local services so they can hold them accountable. Measures: NI 21,22,24,41,42 & tracker survey Current: Service standards developed/distributed that use methods/structures that are not maximising impact and message and often not planned/coordinated using best practice/marketing methodology & therefore are not efficient, effective & impactful.
6	Implement the Civil contingencies Act (Warn and Inform)	Yes (limited)	March 2011	Outcomes: Better awareness/confidence in what to do and the role/actions and the preparedness of the council to make residents safe in the event of an emergency. Measures: NI 36 Current: Assessed in the LAA (Place Survey) the overall awareness of residents is very low (only 12% aware of any arrangements) significantly lower than the total met/England average

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6	Further develop website to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular information about local action to address local community safety concerns • Straight facts on local changes in patterns/ crimes • Increasing communication choice of local residents 	Yes	March 2011	Outcomes: More responsive/reactive in keeping local residents informed about how the council and its partners address local concerns that drive dissatisfaction with services' Measures: NI 17, NI 21, NI5 & tracker survey Current: Web-site has been developed however its platform needs to be further developed to maximise its potential in informing Sefton residents about the work of the council and its partners in addressing local community safety concerns (Sefton has at its lowest estimate 50% home-user internet access & highest is 90%)
5	Design and distribute targeted information to increase Public Confidence using; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACORN segmentation • Tracking Survey data on perceptions • Local focus/ community design groups • Local information designed by consumers of the information 	Yes (limited)	March 2011	Outcomes: Increase satisfaction with how the Council & its partners are addressing local concerns. Social marketing model will ensure a more efficient, effective and impactful use of resources to communicate and build resident satisfaction with council/partner services evidenced in the place survey/CAA. Measures: NI 17, NI 21, NI5 & tracker survey Current: Model established based on ACORN/ tracking survey data shown to be impactful, funding to develop this approach is limiting further development of a model that is known to work @improving resident awareness (e.g. LAA with reward target)
5	Promote and Publicise the outcomes of Community Payback Actions to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement in the justice seen justice done agenda • Resident involvement in Community Payback program • A criminal justice service where offenders are seen to 'payback' 	Yes (limited)	March 2011	Outcomes: Local residents have a greater say/influence in local decisions in how offenders payback for their crimes so as to improve overall community satisfaction/confidence that offenders and crime is being addressed Increase public confidence in the local criminal justice service and local criminal justice agencies. Measures: PSA 24 Current: Funding constraints limit the regular and optimum frequency of information to improve resident satisfaction

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REPORT TO: Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Cabinet Member – Environmental
Cabinet Member – Communities

DATE: 5th July 2010
4th August 2010
8 September 2010

SUBJECT: **BEST BAR NONE**

WARDS AFFECTED: All

REPORT OF: Peter Moore
Environmental & Technical Services Director

CONTACT OFFICER: Andrew Naisbitt
0151 934 4014

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To inform the Cabinet Member – Environmental, Cabinet Member – Communities and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee of “Best Bar None” a strategic intervention to promote the four licensing objectives; prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To inform the Cabinet Member – Environmental, Cabinet Member – Communities and Licensing and Regulatory Committee of the results of the Best Bar None “2009/10” and to seek endorsement for further similar interventions.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Cabinet Member – Environmental, Cabinet Member – Communities and Licensing and Regulatory Committee:

- a) Note the content of this report and
- b) Endorses the continued promotion of the “Best Bar None” Scheme.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: N/A

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Immediately following the expiry of the “call-in” period for this meeting.

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Enforcement of the Licensing Act is a statutory duty. The Best Bar None Scheme promotes four licensing objectives; prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm and complements traditional law enforcement activity by consensual approach to help to deliver a safer night time economy.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: None - Best Bar None is a joint initiative commissioned by the Public Health Partnership Alcohol Related Crime Sub Group, Trading Standards Service and the Police and part funded by the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

Financial:

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Funded by:	-	-	-	-
Sefton Capital Resources	-	-	-	-
Specific Capital Resources	-	-	-	-
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Funded by:	-	-	-	-
Sefton funded Resources, within existing budget	-	-	-	-
Funded from External Resources	-	-	-	-
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N				
How will the service be funded post expiry?	N/A			

Legal: Any legal implications as a result of this project will be reported separately.

Risk Assessment Enforcement of the Licensing Act is a statutory duty

Asset Management N/A

Consultation Undertaken/Views

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CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

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Background

1. The Cabinet Members will be aware that The Sefton Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership (SSCP) has been assigned the responsibility for the delivery of National Indicator 21 – “Dealing with local concerns about ASB and Crime by the Local Council and Police”
2. The Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) will assess performance and prospects for delivery on the priority indicators. The CAA is a new framework through which the major public service inspectorates will together make independent assessments of how well people are being served by their local public services. Its focus is primarily on the prospects for better outcomes locally rather than the internal workings of individual organizations.
3. A key factor in satisfying NI21 is having baseline data which can inform intelligence led interventions and serve as a benchmark for assessing progress.

Best Bar None

4. Best Bar None is a national award scheme which recognises and rewards well managed licensed premises. It is centred round the four licensing objectives; prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.
5. The scheme was developed by the Manchester City Centre Safe as part of its remit to address alcohol related crime. The aim was to enhance and complement traditional law enforcement activity by consensual approach to help to deliver a safer night time economy. Good operators were rewarded through Best Bar None; bad operators were similarly identified and tackled through targeted enforcement activity. Best Bar None has since been adopted by many towns and cities across the UK and is even now being taken up in parts of Europe, USA, New Zealand and Australia.
6. The objectives of Best Bar None are:
 - To reduce the risk of alcohol related harm, disorder and crime.
 - To establish a benchmark of good practice in licensed premises.
 - To identify and reward responsible operators and share their good practice with others.
 - To create consistency of standards throughout the UK with which to underpin the alcohol harm reduction strategy and the 2003 Licensing Act.
 - To improve the knowledge and skills of enforcement and regulation agencies, licensees and bar staff in order to deal effectively with issues relating to the management of licensed premises and to understand how this can reduce alcohol related crime and disorder, minimise the harmful effects of binge drinking, whilst improving profitability of an individual business and attractiveness of a general area.

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- To raise public awareness of choosing to use well run licensed premises, thereby increasing public reassurance and the promotion of social inclusion and diversity of use.
 - To create a positive vehicle for all sectors of the night time economy to work together in partnership for the common good.
 - To improve the attractiveness and economic vitality of the awards area.
7. Best Bar None was initially introduced in Sefton through the Safer Stronger Communities Partnership (SSCP) by Merseyside Police in 2007 when Southport town centre pubs, clubs and bars were invited to apply. In 2008, the scheme was broadened to include all districts within the Borough, and 'The Willow Grove' in Southport was the overall winner. In early 2009, the SSCP invited the Council's Trading Standards Service to take over the management of the project
8. The 2009/10 Best Bar None competition was launched in Sefton in May 2009 and 13 applications were returned before the deadline on the 30th September. There were 3 applicants from Southport, 2 from Formby, 2 from Waterloo / Crosby and 1 from each of Hightown, Sefton Village, Maghull, Aintree, Bootle, and Thornton.
9. The application form served to guide the licensed premise through all the issues that should be considered in compiling and delivering an effective operating schedule and included:
- Security, security reviews
 - Managing capacity
 - Dealing with drunkenness
 - Dealing with drugs
 - Thefts and burglary
 - Disorder
 - First Aid
 - Event control
 - Glass collection and glass safety
 - Building safety and fire control
 - Noise control
 - Community engagement
 - Litter
 - Underage sales
10. The Premises were judged on the number of policies and procedures they had in place to ensure they met all the essential criteria applicable to their premise to be accredited under the scheme. The essential criteria are:
- Carrying out regular security reviews
 - A policy on searching patrons
 - Management and staff ensure drunkenness is managed on the premises
 - All staff receive training in relation to handling drunkenness
 - Policies in place to prevent the use and supply of drugs on the premise
 - Procedures in place if illegal drugs are discovered on the premises, including how to surrender any drugs to the police

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- Toilet attendants/documentated toilet checks are carried out
 - A clear anti-theft strategy is in place
 - A lost property recording system is in place
 - Strategies in place for dealing with disorder/conflict
 - A policy in place to prevent overcrowding
 - A written accident recording system in place
 - Procedures are in place for building evacuations in the event of an emergency (fire, terrorism, power loss)
 - An effective glass collection policy is in place
 - An effective spillage and broken glass policy is in place
 - The police and any relevant agencies are notified of any special events that are not already included on the licence, which may impact on the neighbourhood to a much greater extent than normal trading practice
 - A written fire safety risk assessment in place, which has been completed and reviewed in the last 12 months
 - Staff receive documented training in fire safety procedures
 - Daily pre opening checks are carried out
 - Fire fighting and safety equipment is inspected/serviced annually
 - Processes, procedures and policies are in place to ensure noise disturbance from the operation of the premises and from customers is kept to a minimum
 - A dispersal policy is in place
 - Documented procedures are in place to minimise the risk of under 18s buying, consuming or being supplied with alcohol
 - A proof of age policy is in place
 - There is documentary evidence of staff training in relation to age/alcohol related offences
 - There are posters and other materials displaying warnings about underage drinking and stating that proof of age may be required
11. Applicants received additional bonus points for extra initiatives they have in place such as, providing a free taxi phone service, involvement in community initiatives, promotion of soft drinks to drivers.
12. Independent assessors verified the claims made by the premise during a comprehensive assessment visit. 11 premises, (2 withdrew at the assessment stage) underwent consistent, vigorous assessments by 2 independent assessors and all of them were accredited. This meant that they met all the essential criteria necessary to become a Best Bar None premise and display a commemorative plaque and use the BBN logo. This was twice the number of accredited premises compared to 2008.
13. The accredited premises were then put forward to the marking stage where they were marked and ranked according to their score comparing like for like. As all the applications were of a high standard, they were all put forward to the judging phase where a panel of judges examined the applications together with a comprehensive breakdown of the scores for each category.
14. The 2009/10 winners were announced at the Awards Ceremony on 26th January 2010 at the Jospice Academy. All 11 premises received accreditation certificates and plaques to be displayed on their premises. In addition 5 premises were Highly Commended and they received a further plaque. The overall winner received a Winners Plaque and trophy together with free advertising on 3 hackney cabs which will also serve as advertising for next year's scheme. In addition the winner has been invited to a Parliamentary reception. All premises have also been listed on the tip seats of 10 further hackney cabs within the borough.

15. The 2009/10 awards were as follows:

Overall Winner

Barbacoa, 47-51 Merseyview, Waterloo,

Highly Commended

The Merton Inn, Merton Rd. Bootle,

The Royal Hotel, Marine Terrace, Waterloo,

The Willow Grove, 387-389 Lord St. Southport

The Royal, 59-63 Liverpool Rd, Formby

Maloneys- Scarisbrick Hotel, 239 Lord St. Southport

Accredited

The Pheasant, 20 Moss Lane, Hightown,

The Punchbowl, Lunt Rd, Sefton Village,

The Freshfield, 1 Massams Lane, Formby,

The Phoenix, 2-4 Coronation Walk, Southport

Sir Henry Segrave, 93 – 97 Lord Street, Southport

The Way Forward

16. The 2010/11 Best Bar None competition was launched at the beginning June when all the pubs, clubs and bars across Sefton were invited to apply. Offers of help in completing the forms and meeting the minimum requirements will again be advertised and new members will be encouraged to apply through personal visits and Pubwatch meetings. The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2010. Assessment visits will take place during October and November. The judging will take place in December and the Awards Ceremony will be held in January, 2011.
17. Best Bar None is a well recognised scheme, supported by the government and the licensed retail industry, which is being successfully run in a number of local authorities. Such schemes serve to promote the local economy whilst tackling anti social behaviour, and act as a catalyst for joined-up thinking on a wide range of policies in the management of the night time economy.

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REPORT TO: Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
Cabinet Member for Communities

DATE: 8 September 2010

SUBJECT: Regularising of Flag Flying across the Borough

WARDS AFFECTED: LINACRE, DUKES, CHURCH

REPORT OF: Samantha Tunney, Assistant Chief Executive

CONTACT OFFICER: Jason Carroll. Head of Civic & Mayoral Services

**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To inform the Cabinet Member of the current arrangements for flying of flags on Town Halls in the Borough, and to propose arrangements for regularising the arrangements in order to provide consistency.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To allow for consistency in flag flying when there is a notable death, and give a consistent process for organisations requesting a flag to be flown.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services:

1. Approves the proposed arrangements for flying flags at Southport and Bootle Town Halls.
2. Approves the proposal that the Union Flag be not flown at Crosby Town Hall as it has ceased to be used as a base for political groups, which is in accordance with current practice.
3. Approves the proposal that the process, outlined on Appendix A be introduced for applications from organisations to fly flags: it being, noted that in this regard, that at Southport Town Hall, the St Georges Flag would need to be taken down, and at Bootle Town Hall, the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Flag would be taken down, to accommodate any requests that were approved.
4. Approves the suggested approach for flying flags in recognition of notable deaths, as outlined in table 2.4.
5. Refers to the Cabinet Member for Communities, the decision whether to fly the IDAHO flag.

That Cabinet Member for Communities be requested to consider whether the Rainbow Flag be flown on the 17th May in recognition of International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO) Day.

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KEY DECISION:

No

FORWARD PLAN:

No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the minutes of this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Continue as at present without a consistent policy, and wait for a request to fly a flag

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework:

Financial:

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2006/ 2007 £	2007/ 2008 £	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal:

Risk Assessment:

Asset Management:

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

None

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

Corporate		Positive	Neutral	Negative
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Objective		Impact	Impact	Impact
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
3	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		✓	
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT
Current legalisation on Flying Flags (issued by the Department for Culture Media and Sport) on Government Buildings 2007

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Southport Town Hall and Bootle Town Hall currently fly flags. None of these flags are floodlit, and all flags are flown 24 hours a day.
- 1.2 Crosby Town Hall previously flew a flag, but it was stolen and the flagpole was vandalised in 2008. Crosby Town Hall has ceased to act as a political building. However, a request has been made to technical services that the flag pole be maintained, as this would enable the Cabinet Member to determine whether to agree that flags should be not flown on this building, given the aforementioned comments, about the flag being stolen. Photographs of the flagpole will be available at the meeting.
- 1.3 Southport Town Hall flies four flags, namely:
 - Union Flag
 - Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Flag
 - European Union Flag
 - St George's Flag
- 1.4 Bootle Town Hall flies two flags, namely:
 - Union Flag
 - Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Flag
- 1.5 There have been maintenance issues with the flagpoles at Bootle Town Hall which flies the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Flag and more recently the Union Flag which have only recently been rectified in the last financial year.
- 1.6 There are 18 days in the year 'government' buildings are expected to fly the Union Flag. As Southport and Bootle Town Hall both fly the Union Flag constantly throughout the year these requirements are met.
- 1.7 The Council, from time to time receives requests to fly flags on behalf of organisations and there is no formal mechanism in place to allow this to happen. In addition, there have been maintenance issues with the flag poles which have only recently been rectified which has meant that these requests could not be accepted. An example of this is a request, received from the Equalities Partnership, that the Council fly the IDAHO flag, which was then subsequently followed up by a member of the public who felt strongly that the Council should fly this flag. At the time, the maintenance problems with the flag poles meant the request could not be acceded to, but further there was no mechanism in place for dealing with this request.
- 1.8 In order to provide a consistent approach, it is suggested a process of approval be adopted, as outlined in the appendix to the report, and that the Head of Civic and Mayoral Services, and the Chief Executive, or other authorised person to deal with requests from organisations. It would be expected that where an

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organisation makes a request to fly a flag, that they would provide the flag(s) to facilitate flag flying.

2. **CURRENT AND RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR DEATHS**

- 2.1 The current and recommended procedures for the deaths of notable people are outlined in the following two tables.
- 2.2 Where the table refers to a flag, the practice is to lower the flag on notification of the death and raise it at the end of the day of the funeral.

(In respect of a Member of the Royal Family or specifically the death of the Monarch, direction would be taken from the Palace, but ordinarily a death would be dealt with as 2.2)

Table 2.3 Current Practice for notable deaths

Death	Current Policy	Display a “Notification of Death” notice on the public notice board	Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council flag (Bootle and Southport)	Union Flag
Death of current Mayor/ Mayoress, Deputy Mayor/Mayoress	Current practice (no written policy), Mayoral Protocol	yes	yes	
Death of Ex Mayor/Mayoress	Current practice (no written policy) Mayoral Protocol	yes	yes	
Death of a serving Member of the Council	Current practice (no written policy), Protocol	yes	yes	
Death of an ex Member of the Council	Current practice (no written policy), Protocol	no	no	
Death of current Senior Officer	Current practice (no written policy), Protocol	no	no	
Death of Ex-Senior Officer	Current practice (no written policy), Protocol	no	no	
Death of the Sovereign	No current procedures in place			
Death of Members of the Royal Family	No current procedures in place			
Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside	No current procedures in place			
Freeman of the Borough	No current procedures in place			
Serving MP of the Borough	No current procedures in place			
Serving Chief Constable of Merseyside	No current procedures in place			

Table 2.4 Recommended Policy for notable deaths

Death	Display a “Notification of Death” notice on the public notice board	The Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Flag on notification of a death is then lowered is raised at the end of the day on the day of the funeral.	The Union Flag is lowered is raised at the end of the day on the day of the funeral.
Death of current Mayor/Mayoress, Deputy Mayor/Mayoress	Yes	Yes	No
Death of Ex Mayor/Mayoress	Yes	Yes	No
Death of a serving Member of the Council	Yes	Yes	No
Death of an ex Member of the Council	No	No	No
Death of current Senior Officer	Yes	Yes	No
Death of Ex-Senior Officer	No	No	No
Death of the Sovereign	Yes	No	Yes
Death of Members of the Royal Family	Yes	No	Yes
Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside	Yes	No	Yes
Freeman of the Borough	Yes	Yes	No
Serving MP of the Borough	Yes	Yes	No
Serving Chief Constable of Merseyside	Yes	No	Yes

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services:

1. Approves the proposed arrangements for flying flags at Southport and Bootle Town Halls.
2. Approves the proposal that the Union Flag be not flown at Crosby Town Hall as it has ceased to be used as a base for political groups, which is in accordance with current practice.
3. Approves the proposal that the process, outlined on Appendix A be introduced for applications from organisations to fly flags: it being noted that in this regard, that at Southport Town Hall, the St Georges Flag would need to be taken down, and at Bootle Town Hall, the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Flag would be taken down, to accommodate any requests that were approved.
4. Approves the suggested approach for flying flags in recognition of notable deaths, as outlined in table 2.4.
5. Refers to the Cabinet Member for Communities, the decision whether to fly the IDAHO flag.

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Appendix A



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL CIVIC & MAYORAL SERVICES

APPLICATION TO FLY A FLAG AT BOOTLE AND / OR SOUTHPORT TOWN HALL

Name of organisation:	
Address of organisation:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Contact Name of person making application:	
Position in organisation:	
Organisations website address (if applicable)	
Flag requested to fly:	
Reason for the request to fly the flag:	
Date required for the Flag to be flown:	
If you require the flag to be flown prior to your event, indicate: (no guarantee can be made in relation to this request)	3 days 5 days 7 days
Signature of applicant:	
Date of application:	

See terms and conditions attached

For office use only

Date application received:	
Town Hall Location:	
1 st Stage Approval or declined by Head of Civic & Mayoral Services:	APPROVED/DECLINED
Head of Civic & Mayoral Services Signature	
Date:	
(If declined give reason)	
Final authorisation by Chief Executive:	APPROVED/DECLINED
Chief Executives signature	
Date:	
Written response to Organisation sent (Date):	

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REPORT TO: Cabinet Member for Communities

DATE: 25th June 2010

SUBJECT: IDAHO Flag
(International Day Against Homophobia) which takes place yearly on the 17th May.

WARDS AFFECTED: LINACRE, DUKES

REPORT OF: Jason Carroll. Head of Civic & Mayoral Services

CONTACT OFFICER: Jason Carroll. Head of Civic & Mayoral Services

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To inform the Cabinet Member for Communities of the approved report on “Regularising Borough”.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

In the report presented to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services of “Flying the Flags on Town Halls in the Borough” which was approved, it was recommended to refer the decision to the Cabinet member for Communities whether to fly the flag for International Day Against Homophobia, which takes place on the 17th May on an annual basis.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Cabinet Member for Communities approves the request to fly the IDAHO Flag on a yearly basis.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: On approval of Cabinet Member for Communities Report and on completion of application form by organisation and approval.

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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: No

IMPLICATIONS: None

Budget/Policy Framework: None

Financial:

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2006/ 2007 £	2007/ 2008 £	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: Not Applicable

Risk Assessment: Not Applicable

Asset Management: Not Applicable

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The report was submitted to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services on the 31st March 2010 to approve the general report of "Regularising of Flag Flying across the Borough" which was subsequently approved.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		X	
2	Creating Safe Communities		X	
3	Jobs and Prosperity		X	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		X	
5	Environmental Sustainability		X	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		X	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		X	
8	Children and Young People		X	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Current legislation on Flying Flags (Issued by the Department for Culture Media and Sport) on Government Buildings 2007.

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BACKGROUND:

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The “Regularising of Flag Flying across the Borough Report” has now been approved and this allows organisations to be able to submit a request to be able to fly a flag at both Bootle and Southport Town Halls on either a nominated day or number of days on the lead up to a special event or support day.
- 1.2 The authorisation of an organisation to be able to fly a flag is approved at the first stage by the Head of Civic & Mayoral Services. The application is then given final approval by the Chief Executive of Sefton Council.
- 1.3 The organisation requesting to fly a flag has to fund the purchase of a flag and submit the flag to Civic & Mayoral Services for flying.
- 1.4 The IDAHO Flag (International Day Against Homophobia) is a flag that is now flown on the 17th May each year by organisations and Public Buildings who have decided to support and highlight this cause.
- 1.5 EMBRACE are the local organisation within SEFTON (the lesbian, gay and bisexual network supported by Sefton Equalities Partnership and the In-Trust Community Empowerment Network for Transgender and Intersex people who would purchase the flag)

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To authorise the flying of the IDAHO Flag as Cabinet Member for Communities.
- 2.2 For the Head of Civic of Civic & Mayoral Services to send the relevant form to the nominated contact of EMBRACE for submission and approval as per the application process.

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE 2010. MINUTE NOS. 6 AND 9 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN".

ST. OSWALD AND NETHERTON AND ORRELL AREA COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE NETHERTON ACTIVITY CENTRE, GLOVERS
LANE, NETHERTON
ON THURSDAY 27TH MAY, 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Mahon (in the Chair)
Councillors Brennan, M Dowd, P Dowd and Maher
Local Advisory Group Member Mrs. M. Elson
Sergeant Barnes - Merseyside Police
3 members of the public in attendance

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2010/11

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillor Mahon be appointed Chair of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/11; and
- (2) Councillor Brennan be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bradshaw.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 18 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum the following questions/comments/petitions were submitted:

- (a) Councillor M. Dowd, on behalf of residents of Reapers Way, complained about cars and heavy goods vehicles inadvertently travelling down Copy Lane from the Northern Perimeter Road; that the problem was caused by inadequate signage directing traffic; and that a traffic sign at the location directing traffic to Crosby and Southport along the Northern

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Perimeter Road would greatly reduce the problem. Councillor M. Dowd concluded that the Assistant Director (Transport and Spatial Planning) had been requested to install such signage but that the request had not been complied with.

Mr. M. Kilpatrick, Neighbourhoods Division, indicated that two signs had been ordered for the location but stated "Road not suitable for HGV's".

Members expressed concern about the non-compliance with the request; also complained that approval had been given to install street signs at Heysham Road and in various other locations in the St. Oswald and Netherton and Orrell Wards many months ago; and that although funding had been allocated via the devolved budget for the street signs, they had not yet been installed.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Assistant Director (Transport and Spatial Planning):
 - (i) be advised of the concerns of the Area Committee relating to the inactions in erecting traffic directional signage at the Northern Perimeter Road; and
 - (ii) arrange for the installation of a directional traffic sign for Crosby and Southport on the Northern Perimeter Road before the next meeting of the Area Committee to be held on 1 July 2010; and
 - (2) the Neighbourhoods Area Co-ordinator be requested to pursue with Capita Symonds the installation of the outstanding street signs; and if the outstanding signs are not installed within a month then the matter be referred to the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director.
- (b) Mrs. D. Frostick, referred to Marian Square and its lack of cafés and places to eat; and indicated that she did not know of any other square without such facilities. Mrs. Frostick concluded by asking would the Council help in facilitating the opening of a café in Marian Square.

A local resident in attendance at the meeting also complained about the lack of public conveniences in the Marian Square vicinity.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Chief Executive be requested to investigate what action can be taken by the Council to facilitate café provision at the Marian Square; and
- (2) the Operational Services Director be requested to investigate and advise the Area Committee what public convenience provision was

available in the Marian Square area and the potential for the provision of new provision.

(c) Local Advisory Group Member Ms. M. Elson asked whether the Traffic Services Manager could check out the car parking in Netherton Grange by the shops. She indicated that double yellow lines were in place part way up one side of the road which caused all vehicles to park on the opposite side; and that the parked cars impeded the full vision of traffic coming down the road, which may be hazardous for pedestrians, especially children, going to the shops. Ms. Elson concluded by asking if action could be taken to improve the situation.

Ms. Elson advised the Area Committee that she had received a written response from the Traffic Services Manager, but considered that it did not respond adequately to the points she had raised.

RESOLVED:

That the Traffic Services Manager be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Area Committee on the points raised in Ms. Elson's question.

(d) Councillor Brennan, on behalf of residents of Johnson Avenue and Moss Lane referred to the highways/traffic problems they were experiencing in the vicinity of the entrance to the bowling green on Moss Lane (Crescent).

The problems related to visitors to the shops parking across residents' driveways; numerous delivery vehicles using Johnson Avenue as a shortcut to the Netto supermarket on Orrell Lane; People Ford cars being test driven down Johnson Avenue; and that the road had now become a rat run and that the situation would worsen once construction work commenced on the former BAT site.

Councillor Brennan concluded that a sensible solution would be to restrict vehicular access so no traffic could enter from the Orrell Lane end. This would not pose a problem for emergency vehicles and would end the nightmare for residents. However, if that was deemed not viable for valid reasons, alternative measures must be explored including resident only parking at the Crescent as yellow lines would prevent those residents that lived on the corner of the Crescent from parking outside their homes.

Mr. S. Waldron, Assistant Director, Planning and Economic Development Department had advised that with a closure of Johnson Avenue at the Orrell Lane end there would not be enough space to create a turning head, and this may create unsafe turning movements at the Pearson Drive junction. In addition, the alleged rat-running by vehicles from Peoples and Netto would more than likely transfer to the parallel road (Alexandra Drive).

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The views of the emergency services would need to be sought and it was likely they would not be supportive as the alternative route, if the appliance was coming from Orrell Lane, would be quite time consuming.

Parking at the Moss Lane end by shoppers and visitors to the Bowling Club could only be addressed by a Residents Privileged Parking (RPP) scheme. It was already on the list of 130 roads and the progress of these schemes was to be discussed with the Cabinet Member - Technical Services shortly.

On balance, the area would need to be considered as a whole and the traffic and parking issues addressed as part of a package of measures. It was recommended that further consideration was given when a way forward for RPP schemes had been determined.

Mr. Chadd, a resident of Johnson Avenue, detailed to the Area Committee the extent of the problems being experienced by local residents; and also complained about the use of floodlights at the bowling club, on occasions until 10.00 p.m., which shone onto residents' homes.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to:
 - (i) formally approach the bowling club to explain the problems being caused by their members/visitors parking indiscriminately; seek a solution to the problem; and review the situation in three months to see if the problems experienced by residents have been alleviated; and
 - (ii) arrange a meeting with residents of Johnson Avenue/Moss Lane to discuss the problems they are experiencing; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director and Environmental and Technical Services Director be requested to investigate whether any breaches of planning conditions are occurring at the Moss Lane/Crescent bowling club in relation to the hours of operation of the floodlighting.
- (e) Mrs. G. Kinder requested the allocation of £1000 - £2000 from the Area Committee's devolved budget to upgrade the landscaping works at the Urban Oasis, Netherton.

Mr. M. Kilpatrick, Neighbourhoods Division, advised that this matter was currently being investigated and costings were being obtained for various improvement works; and that he would keep Mrs. Kinder advised of progress on the matter.

6. BENEFIT TAKE-UP TEAM - PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation from Mr. P. Jenner, Development Officer, Sefton Benefits Section, on the work of the Benefits Take-Up Team in promoting Housing/Council Tax Benefit and other benefits in Sefton.

Mr. Jenner detailed the Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) take-up in the St. Oswald and Netherton and Orrell Wards; that there had been increase of 167 HB and 363 CTB awards made for the period April 2009 - December 2009, resulting in a total annual benefit increase of £1,671,135; and that in St. Oswald Ward, 2185 properties (40.46%) were in receipt of benefit whilst in Netherton and Orrell the figure was 1732 (32.76%);

Mr. Jenner also indicated that an Assistant Take-Up Officer had been appointed and that from November 2009 205 visits had been made to vulnerable claimants; detailed campaigns relating to child benefit awareness and low paid workers awareness and the production of a credit crunch leaflet; and concluded that the Take-Up team had recently worked with Shop Direct (Littlewoods) and Ladbrokes following the decision to make staff redundant; had visited Walton Prison for a meeting with NACRO; and had held talks with many groups in Sefton.

Mr. Jenner sought suggestions from Members on locations to hold benefit take-up surgeries within the Area Committee's boundary.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Mr. Jenner be thanked for his informative presentation;
- (2) the following locations be considered for benefit take-up surgeries/information distribution:
 - (a) post offices
 - (b) the Netherton Feelgood Factory as an outreach office for ½ day per week; and
- (3) Members be requested to contact Mr. Jenner direct with any further suggestions.

7. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant C. Barnes reported on the following issues:

- anti-social behaviour contracts issued to youths who committed offences in the Marian Square area; this had reduced the number of complaints received from residents and business owners
- the shop watch operation undertaken in Marian Square

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- problems experienced by local residents caused by youths congregating in the Orrell Mount Pavilion area; and that positive feedback was received from residents for the Police operation to tackle the problem
- that he would request his colleagues to investigate the traffic/parking problems being experienced in the Johnson Avenue area

Members referred to:

- the increasing frequency of youths hanging around the shops on Orrell Road. A representative of the Youth Service advised that she had been working closely with Inspector Thompson on dispersal tactics to resolve such problems at this and other locations in the area
- the phone box at Moss Lane/Crescent being used for drug dealing purposes; and that there was also general anti-social behaviour occurring in the area
- a break-in in Gardner Avenue to obtain the keys to the owners car that was subsequently stolen. Sergeant Barnes stated that this was the work of opportunist thieves and was a current problem
- disturbance being caused to residents by youths using motorcycles/quad bikes on the field at the back of Lunar Drive, Netherton. What was the Police enforcement position?

Sergeant Barnes advised that the Police had similar vehicles to use in the apprehension of offenders who were dealt with severely; and that numerous motorcycles had been confiscated and crushed. Sergeant Barnes concluded that the more calls that were logged, the easier it was to prioritise hot spots and target resources to resolve the problems experienced.

- Neighbourhood Watch Schemes/local community groups and how it was important that the Police responded to any issues raised by them.

RESOLVED:

That Sergeant Barnes be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

8. BUDGET MONITORING

The Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director which advised that the balance of its budget available to allocate during 2010/11, including amounts set aside for litterbins and street signs was £51,203.80 and that no requests for

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allocation had been received since the last meeting; and detailing the progress made to date on allocations agreed during 2009/10.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the balance of the Area Committee's budget of £51,203.80 available for allocation during 2010/11 be noted; and
- (2) the progress made on allocations agreed during 2009/10 be noted.

9. PARK LANE WEST NETHERTON - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN REFUGE - RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Further to Minute No. 71 of the meeting held on 11 February 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director advising of the results of the recent consultation exercise undertaken with residents of 77-85 Park Lane West and 2 and 4 Pinetree Close, Netherton, on a proposal to introduce a pedestrian refuge on Park Lane West adjacent to properties numbered 79-81.

The report detailed the comments of the respondents to the consultation exercise, of which 66.7% were in favour and 33.3% were opposed; concluded that the refuge was one of seven proposed throughout Sefton as a result of the 2009/10 pedestrian crossing review; and that it was prioritised in the review as the site showed significant conflict between pedestrians and vehicles.

RESOLVED:

That the introduction of the pedestrian refuge scheme at Park Lane West, Netherton, and incorporating minor highway amendments as detailed in the report be approved.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting be held on **Thursday, 1 July 2010 at the Bootle Day Centre, Linacre Lane, Bootle, commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

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**MEETING HELD AT THE BOOTLE DAY CENTRE, LINACRE LANE,
BOOTLE ON THURSDAY, 1 JULY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Brennan (in the Chair)
Councillors Bradshaw, P. Dowd and Maher.
Local Advisory Group Member: Mrs. M. Elson.
Superintendent P. White and
Inspector S. Thompson – Merseyside Police.
4 Members of the public.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Dowd and Mahon.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 27 May, 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

14. LYNDZAY ROBERTS, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR

The Chair referred to the continued absence from duties of Lyndzay Roberts, due to a health-related matter.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Lyndzay.

**15. ONE VISION HOUSING -
PROGRESS/PRIORITIES/OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING
WITH THE AREA COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered a presentation by Mr. Mike Coyne, Neighbourhood Manager of One Vision Housing which updated on the work undertaken in the Committee's area. The organisation had undertaken capital work at a cost of £26,073,201 and still had projects costing £1,409,588 to complete.

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RESOLVED:

That Mr. Coyne be thanked for his presentation.

16. OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum, the following matters were raised:-

(a) Ms. P. Brown asked if the Council could pave the grassed area fronting Gorse Lane, since residents had been asking for off-road parking for many years.

It was agreed to request Mr. M. Kilpatrick, the Area Co-ordinator, to arrange for a written response to be sent to Ms. Brown.

(b) Ms. G. Nolan referred to ongoing problems of youths behaving in an anti-social manner and causing annoyance and disruption in the Copy Farm Park area of Netherton. She also asked if the park could be cleared of weeds, broken glass and refuse and if noticeboards could be provided at the entrances to the park.

Inspector Thompson indicated that the Police were involved in an operation in this area with a view to identifying the youths concerned, but he felt that a co-ordinated plan of action was required. Councillor P. Dowd referred to a site visit which would be held at the park next Wednesday and he hoped that all possible options could be considered. Mr. Kilpatrick, the Area Co-ordinator, agreed to progress this issue after the site visit.

(c) Ms. L. Crosbie had written to thank Members of the Committee for the birthday card received by her son on his 18th birthday and asked how feedback on local issues could be relayed to local Councillors. It was agreed that meetings of this Committee was the perfect means by which local people could alert Councillors of local issues.

17. POLICE ISSUES

Superintendent P. White introduced himself and explained that he was attending the meeting in order to acquire an awareness of local problems. Inspector Thompson referred to a number of issues including:-

- Operation Hatfield, targeting anti-social behaviour in areas including Marian Square, Orrell Mount (which had quietened down recently), Copy Farm Park, Old Roan Railway Station and King Avenue (with St. Augustine's field to the rear in Liverpool)
- a number of arrests and anti-social behaviour contracts relating to plastic pipes being used to propel missiles
- work being undertaken with residents of Roseworth Avenue, off Bull Lane
- a successful conviction in respect of a prolific local burglar

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- significant seizures of drugs and 42 arrests in recent months for drugs offences
- the continuation of Operation Handle by P.C.S.O.'s
- the conviction of two offenders for the theft of boilers in the Netherton area
- the arrest of a prolific shoplifter in the Marian Square shopping precinct
- a number of burglaries targeting older people
- a meeting being held next Wednesday in Springwell Park Primary School to discuss youth disorder and a problem with motorbikes in the area
- arrangements to site a mobile Police Station at the Marian Square shopping precinct.

The Chair referred to a number of burglaries in the Harris Drive area whereby keys had been accessed and residents' cars driven off. Inspector Thompson confirmed that CCTV footage from the nearby St. Robert Bellarmine Primary School was being examined as part of Police enquiries into these incidents.

RESOLVED:

That the Police representatives be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.

18. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environment and Technical Services Director, which sought comments on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone transmission masts on Council-owned land, prior to re-consideration of the matter by the Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land be noted; and
- (2) the Cabinet be informed that this Area Committee believes that all Area Committees should be given the power to make decisions at a local level regarding the siting of masts.

19. PARK RANGER SERVICE REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that provided an update on the recent review undertaken on the Park Ranger Service. The report explained that the review was undertaken as a matter of good practice following its first full year in operation. The report

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highlighted both successes and directions for the future for the Park Ranger Service.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the successes and achievements of the Park Ranger Service be noted; and
- (2) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteer Park Rangers, be noted.

20. IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAY FACILITIES AT DEERBARN PARK / OLLERY GREEN

Further to Minute No.59 of 29 October, 2009 the Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director seeking the Area Committee's support to improve play facilities at the Deerbarn Park/Ollery Green Play Area, Netherton, to be funded from the Council's Play Builder allocation.

The report set out details of the outcome of consultation with residents in the catchment area around the two sites. It was proposed that the play scheme at Deerbarn Park be scaled down to provide a smaller, informal play facility at a central location in the site and that some of the existing play equipment in Ollery Green Play Area be improved and upgraded.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the approach outlined in the report be supported; and
- (2) the Committee's dissatisfaction at the lack of progress in replacing a slide in the Ollery Green Play Area for which Neighbourhoods funding had previously been agreed, be recorded and the Leisure and Tourism Director be requested to submit an update on this matter at the next meeting.

21. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.8 of the meeting held on 27 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Director that provided information on available resources for the Committee and progress on those items approved at previous meetings.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Ward budgets for 2010/11 and progress to date on items agreed previously be noted; and
- (2) the ongoing issues from 2009/10 be noted.

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22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the approved programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting be held on Thursday, **26 August 2010** at **Netherton Activity Centre, Glover's Lane, Netherton, commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

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LITHERLAND AND FORD AREA COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE CATHY ROBERTS MEMORIAL HALL,
OSBORNE ROAD, LITHERLAND
ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY, 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor K.Cluskey (in the Chair)
 Councillors Brady, Kelly, Moncur and Tweed

ALSO PRESENT: Local Advisory Group Members: Mrs.Burnhill,
 Mr.M.J.O'Brien, Mr.McNeight and Mr.Walsh

1 Member of Merseyside Police

13. **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hardy.

14. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Item	Interest	Action
Councillor Kelly	Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land	Personal – is a Member of the Planning Committee	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Tweed	Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land	Personal – is the Chair of the Planning Committee	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion of the item and voted thereon

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15. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

16. OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum the following questions / issues were submitted:

- (a) Mrs.J.O'Connor, complained that she submitted an application for a disabled parking place in December 2009, which was refused. Her son then wrote a letter elaborating on the application; however the application was still refused. She went on to add that her road became very busy and congested when the Kingdom Hall was in session and also the road was being used as a car park by people using the station.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to liaise with Mrs.O'Connor with regard to her request for a disabled driver parking bay.

- (b) Mrs.G.Storey, requested that a 'No Football' sign be erected on a post in Beck Road and Lunt Road to stop children playing football in the area around the Lunt Road / Beck Road junction.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to initiate the necessary processes to erect a 'No Ball Games' sign on Lunt Road Bootle; and
- (2) subject to the successful completion of (1), the 'No Ball Games' sign be funded from the Litherland Ward devolved budget allocation.
- (c) Mr and Mrs Hannan, requested the erection of a 'No Ball Games' sign on Markfield Road.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to initiate the necessary processes to erect a 'No Ball Games' sign on Markfield Road Bootle; and

(2) subject to the successful completion of (1), the 'No Ball Games' sign be funded from the Litherland Ward devolved budget allocation.

(d) Ms.S.Willis, proprietor of Sandra's Store Ltd., requested to raise the issue of cleaning Kirkstone Road North Shopping Parade.

Mr.O.Hansen, clerk to the Committee, explained that the rules regarding asking questions at the Open Forum meant that the question could not be accepted as Ms.Willis had raised this matter as a question at the previous meeting of the Committee.

Ms.D.Edwards, Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator, added that Ms.Willis's initial complaint had been dealt with as a formal corporate complaint.

(e) Ms.S.Willis, proprietor of Sandra's Store Ltd., submitted a question to discuss forthcoming events to be held at Kirkstone Road North Park. However, as Ms.Willis was not in attendance at the meeting she was not able to elaborate on the issues she would like to discuss with regard to forthcoming events to be held at Kirkstone Road North Park.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to liaise with Ms.Willis to ascertain her concerns / queries.

(f) Mrs.J.Merity, asked whether it would be possible to say when the proposed new footbridge would be constructed and whether there would be a new footpath for people who used the rear entrance to the Tesco store.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested reply to Mrs.Merity.

(g) Mrs.J.Merity, complained about the graffiti on the walls of the subway on Sefton Street, beneath the Princess Way fly-over and asked to have the walls cleaned as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mrs.Merity's concerns.

(h) Mr.and Mrs.Parr, complained that a property on Stanley Road had overgrown and unkempt hedges. Residents had to walk in the road

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when cars were parked. They went on to ask, whether the Council could trim the hedges and charge the tenants the bill for the work.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mr.and Mrs.Parr's concerns.

- (i) Mr.Harrison, requested a traffic survey for Harris Drive be conducted, as residents were blighted by HGVs and other heavy vehicles travelling down the road.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to investigate Mr.Harrison's concerns.

17. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Thompson referred to:

- Burglaries, major operations had taken place across Litherland and Ford. Over the last couple of months there had been numerous arrests for burglary that had resulted in a reduction in the number of burglaries. Many of the burglaries were aided by residents not locking alleygates or leaving the back door to their houses open. However, through initiatives like 'Operation Handle' in which Police Community Support Officers tested the handle of homes to check whether residents had locked their door. Through this initiative home security and general good housekeeping was improving in the area.
- Anti-social behaviour continued to be an issue of concern; in particular Hatton Hill continued to have issues with anti-social behaviour. However, when youths were dispersed from Hatton Hill they tended to re-congregate at Orrell Mount. However, some new approaches were proving to be successful, such as free busses to take youths to venues where organised activities were held to steer them away from anti-social activities. Also, dispersing gatherings earlier in the evening (from 17:00) was proving a successful approach.
- There was recently a large scale disturbance at the new Tesco store between rival groups of youths. Councillors commented that they had received reports that the Police responded slow to the incident. Inspector Thompson confirmed that officers were in attendance at the store as soon as possible after receiving the emergency call.

- A Councillor commented that following a high profile shooting incident in the borough of Knowsley, a Sefton based Police officer was seconded to Knowsley. He went on to asked whether the Police officer had returned to serve in Sefton. Councillors agreed that Councillor Kerrigan, one of Sefton Council's representatives on the Police Authority would be best placed to answer the query.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Police be thanked for their presentation; and
- (2) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to pursue the Councillor's query with the Council's Police Authority representative.

18. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environment and Technical Services Director, which sought comments on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone transmission masts on Council owned land, prior re-consideration of the matter by Cabinet.

Councillors discussed the matter in detail and raised a number of queries with a representative of the Environment and Technical Services Department. The Committee expressed its grave reservations regarding the Protocol's feasibility

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land report be noted; and
- (2) the Committee's comments regarding its grave reservations regarding the Protocol's feasibility be noted.

19. IMPROVEMENTS TO HATTON HILL PARK - PHASE 2

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that informed of proposals to make further significant improvements to Hatton Hill Park and sought the Committee's comments on its design.

Councillors discussed the report in detail and raised a number of queries with a representative of the Leisure and Tourism Department.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Improvements to Hatton Hill Park – Phase 2 report be noted; and

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- (2) comment on the design improvements be deferred to the September meeting of the Committee to enable adequate time to consider the proposed design.

20. PARK RANGER SERVICE REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that provided an update on the recent review undertaken on the Park Ranger Service. The report explained that the review was undertaken as a matter of good practice following its first full year in operation. The report highlighted both successes and directions for the future for the Park Ranger Service.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the successes and achievements of the Park Ranger Service be noted;
- (2) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteers be noted; and
- (3) the Leisure and Tourism Director be requested to provide data on when the Park Rangers are in Litherland and Ford and the parks they attend.

21. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No.10 of the meeting held on 26 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Director that provided information on available resources for the Committee and progress on those items approved at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the current financial position and progress to date on items previously agreed within the report be noted.

22. ITEMS RELATING PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee considered the report of the of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that set out comments on matters raised at previous meetings as well as correspondence relating to previous Open Forum questions.

RESOLVED:

That the update report be noted.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting of this Area Committee will be held on **1 September 2010, commencing at 18:30 at Goddard Hall, Stanley Road, Bootle.**

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CROSBY AREA COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE WATERLOO RUGBY CLUB, THE PAVILION,
ST. ANTHONY'S ROAD, BLUNDELLSANDS
ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Hough (in the Chair)
Councillor Veidman (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Barber, Cummins, Dorgan, Gibson, Hill,
McGinnity, Papworth, Parry and Webster
Parish Councillors B. Draper and T. West

ALSO PRESENT: Sergeant S. Owen, Merseyside Police
27 Members of the Public

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tonkiss and Parish Councillor Hounsell.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Minute No.	Interest	Action
Councillor Barber	23 - in relation to questions on Sainsbury's Supermarket planning application	Personal - currently a Member of the Planning Committee, but due to be replaced with effect from 8.7.10	Stayed in the room, took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Dorgan	23 - in relation to questions on Sainsbury's Supermarket planning application	Personal - Member of the Planning Committee with effect from 8.7.10	Stayed in the room, but took no part in the consideration of the item
Councillor Hough	23 - in relation to questions on Sainsbury's Supermarket planning application	Personal - Member of the Planning Committee with effect from 8.7.10	Stayed in the room, but took no part in the consideration of the item

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Councillor Webster	23 - in relation to questions on Sainsbury's Supermarket planning application	Personal - Substitute Member of the Planning Committee	Stayed in the room, but took no part in the consideration of the item
Councillor Cummins	22	Personal - Non-Executive Director of NHS Sefton	Took part in the consideration of the item

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

(Further to Minute No. 96 of 24 February 2010, a letter had been received from Geraldine Williams, the late Bob Wright's daughter, thanking the Committee for the commemorative bench which it had provided.)

21. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Simon Owen reported on Police activity during the month of June. Apart from an increased number of burglaries in one particular area, almost every other crime category had been below projected targets for the area. These included violent crimes, robberies and motor vehicle-related crimes. With the one exception of burglaries, the Police in the Crosby area had done very well during June compared to colleagues in other areas of Sefton.

Sergeant Owen and his colleagues were thanked for their efforts.

22. THORNTON CLINIC

Ms. Marie Rice, Director of Operations and Workforce Development at NHS Sefton, responded to representations about the service provided at Thornton Clinic. Councillor Gibson explained that although he was not doubting the excellent job which the Clinic did in general, a number of his constituents had raised the issue of continuity of care to him in recent months. This was, apparently, a result of a lack of permanent doctors which had led to some patients' prescriptions being changed within a short space of time.

Ms. Rice explained that there had been recruitment problems last December, but apart from Wednesdays, the same doctors were on duty on set days at the Clinic. A new full-time G.P. would be starting in September. She had received two particular complaints, but she was

happy to pursue any others. In addition, she agreed to speak to staff at the Clinic to try to arrange for patients, particularly elderly patients, to see the same doctor when appointments are made.

23. OPEN FORUM

The following matters were raised during the Open Forum:

(a) Mr. N. Scarborough asked if smells emanating from the sewerage overflow facility at the bottom of Mariners Road could be investigated. He understood that the overflow had only been sited here with the assurance that there would be no smell and it would only be used during heavy rain. He wondered why there was a smell when there had been hardly any rain during May and June and whether United Utilities was managing the facility as per its contract with the Council.

It was agreed that a written response be sent to Mr. Scarborough.

(b) Mr. N. Scarborough asked if the "terms of use" for the car park opposite the Leisure Centre had changed. On recent weekends he had seen a number of mobile caravans or camper vans parked in the car park for at least two nights. He felt that this was not only unsightly to the area's many visitors, but the rubbish left by the caravans on 7 June was disgraceful. He asked if more patrols could be deployed in this area and perhaps more car park signs erected.

It was agreed that a written response be sent to Mr. Scarborough.

(c) Ms. N. Farrell asked how the Council had allowed Sainsbury's to believe that it was acceptable and possible to demolish two 1930's art deco buildings (Glenn Buildings) which were in full use.

The Planning and Economic Development Director had indicated that it should be noted that these buildings were not listed and they were not within a conservation area. Consequently, the Council's heritage conservation policies did not apply and it was therefore legally possible to demolish these buildings and this is the advice that the Council must give to the owners. The proposal to demolish these buildings formed part of a wider planning application to redevelop Crosby town centre, which had not yet been determined. During pre-application discussions with the developer, it was recognised that these two art deco properties may have merit even though they have no statutory heritage designation and the Council had asked the developer to carry out a heritage appraisal. The developer appointed Peter de Figueiredo, an independent historic buildings advisor, formally of English Heritage and one of the most experienced and knowledgeable professionals working in the field of historic building conservation, to prepare an impartial assessment of these and other buildings proposed for demolition. His opinion was that neither of these buildings proposed for demolition were of sufficient "quality" to meet the criteria for listing and this view is very much respected.

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This information had been forwarded to Ms. Farrell.

(d) Mr. D. McLean asked, given that Crosby currently faced one of the biggest decisions it would have to make for some time, if all Councillors that represented the affected areas could openly give their views on the proposed Sainsbury's development in order that their local constituents could be aware of them. He suggested that the best forum would be through the local Press and that it should be in advance of the appropriate Planning Committee meeting.

Members of the Committee referred to opinions which had already been quoted in the Press and to the number of meetings which had already been arranged to discuss the issue. A number of the Members outlined their individual views.

The Planning and Economic Development Director had commented that Members of Planning Committee, who will be making the decision on the planning application submitted by Sainsbury's, were required to come to the meeting with an open mind, prepared to read all the material presented to them and listen to any representations before weighing up all matters and making their decision. Indicating a clear view of any sort in advance would risk not being able to take all material considerations into account and any Member doing this should not take part in deliberation on the application. Any failure in its decision-making process would lay the Council open to challenge by way of judicial review. The Planning Committee's meetings were open and the public could attend and listen to the debate and views expressed.

(e) Dr. N. Wachsmann asked how confident Councillors were in the impartiality of the advice received from White, Young, Green (WYG), Planning and Design, Sefton's retail consultants, given that the company had very close business links to Sainsbury's, acting as its agent in the planning process for numerous new superstores across the country.

A detailed written response from the Planning and Economic Development Director had been forwarded to Dr. Wachsmann. The response indicated that WYG was a very significant multi-disciplinary company offering planning advice from fourteen U.K. offices. The quality of its retail advice was highly respected both nationally and regionally. It was true that in the south-east and south-west of England, WYG was retained to provide retail planning advice to Sainsbury's and as a result, within these two regions, WYG do not provide advice to the public sector on retail planning applications. However, the Manchester office is not involved in any of this work and operates independently of these regions. It does not work for Sainsbury's but instead acts for over 35 local planning authorities throughout the north of England. Therefore, the Council's Planning and Economic Development Director had correctly advised Councillors that WYG's advice to Sefton is impartial and should be treated as such. The Manchester planning team was quite separate from WYG's offices in London and Bristol. To reinforce this point, it was important to note that WYG had recently provided advice to Carlisle City Council and

Northumberland County Council on Sainsbury's applications. In the case of Carlisle, WYG concluded that the development failed the sequential approach which challenged Sainsbury's view. In the case of the proposed foodstore in Morpeth, WYG recommended that the proposed Sainsbury's should be refused because it also failed the sequential approach and would have an impact on Morpeth Town Centre. It was important to note that both of these applications were out-of-centre and not in-centre like the proposal at Crosby. Therefore, the reason why WYG's report is supportive of the Crosby proposal had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that WYG act for Sainsbury's in the south of England but to do with the fact that the development is within an established centre, will help address the current over-trading at the existing store and will help to secure the centre's future vitality and viability in both the medium and long term. WYG's advice to Sefton as independent retail consultants had always, and would remain, totally impartial. Within Sefton, WYG had supported both Tesco and Asda schemes in Litherland and Bootle where they were policy compliant. The same applied to the proposed foodstore in Crosby. Where developments had been policy compliant (such as the extension of Tesco in Southport), WYG had recommended refusal.

(f) Ms. M. Draper asked if the Committee could confirm that Sainsbury's store in Crosby had the second highest grossing turnover of all Sainsbury's supermarkets and that this was the reason for the proposed Sainsbury's hypermarket.

Members of the Committee were unable to provide such confirmation but Mr. J. Alford, the Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development, explained that a full report on Sainsbury's proposals would be submitted to the Planning Committee during August.

(g) Mr. C. Rawsthorne asked if Sainsbury's did not obtain planning permission for their current proposals, where else in Sefton would they be allowed to build a store of the size currently proposed.

Mr. Alford indicated that he could not answer this question, as future proposals could not be anticipated or predicted and would have to be treated on their merits if submitted.

(h) Ms. A. McVerry asked why the current draft "Development Agreement" between Sainsbury's and the Council could not be published so that residents could see the proposed financial deal between the parties. It seemed to her as if it was influencing the Council's view of what were otherwise very negative proposals for the long-term future of Crosby. She also asked if the Council could confirm that the long-term viability of Crosby as a sustainable community centre was being put before short-term financial expediency.

A detailed response from the Planning and Economic Development Director had been forwarded to Ms. McVerry. This indicated that the Council had various roles. The Planning Committee's role was in respect of the planning application submitted by Sainsbury's and it would base its

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decision on this application on the requirements of the Development Plan (UDP), Government policy and advice, and other material planning considerations as it was required to do under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The officers dealing with the planning application would be focussing on the relevant and proper planning matters. In addition, the Cabinet would deal with any financial matters and would be advised by other officers. The Planning Committee and its officers would not be involved in any financial discussions concerning the land. Sustainable development was a key plank to Planning (PPS1) and, together with the viability of Crosby, would be important considerations for the Planning Committee.

(i) Ms. J. Rawsthorne asked, in relation to the current Sainsbury's proposal and traffic, what plans and proposals had the Council made to ensure the free flow of traffic in local roads adjacent to those actually surrounding the development, if contingency plans had been drawn up to address the problem of non-residents preferring to park in them and where these plans could be seen.

A detailed response from the Planning and Economic Development Director had been forwarded to Ms. Rawsthorne. This indicated that a full traffic assessment which considered the impact of the proposed development on the local highway network, including residential areas had been submitted by Sainsbury's. This could be viewed as part of the planning application documents on the Council's website. Free flow of traffic would be an important consideration when the Planning Committee makes its decision on the planning application in due course.

(j) Ms. T. McGeagh asked, in view of the considerable opposition to the design of the proposed new Sainsbury's store - with a petition approaching 4,000 signatures - if Councillors agreed that a more extensive public consultation was necessary before the Planning Committee could make a decision.

A detailed response by the Planning and Economic Development Director had been forwarded to Ms. McGeagh. This indicated that Sainsbury's had undertaken a number of public consultation events before the planning application was submitted which received considerable coverage in the local Press. Leaflets were widely distributed throughout the Crosby area. On submission of the planning application, a range of local groups and many local households were notified, well beyond the minimum required in the Council's code of practice. The local media and Press were informed and have reported news items on several occasions. A petition with nearly 4,000 signatures indicated a high level of local knowledge and involvement.

(k) Mr. H. Edmondson alleged that the Council's parks management team had been guilty of gross dereliction of duty and failure to observe the legal requirements of their employment contracts in relation to the provision of musical entertainment in Victoria Park on Saturday, 26 June 2010. He said that he had been told by Council staff at the event that a

licence for it was held, but he believed this to be a lie. He also believed that a number of employees, together with the Committee of the Friends of Victoria Park were aware that in 2007, the Council's Leisure Services Department applied to the Licensing Committee for a licence to hold events within Victoria Park. A licence was granted with numerous conditions relating to the hours that licensed events could take place, along with the condition that the Pavilion Building was excluded from all events. It was also a requirement that residents living within 200 metres of the boundary should be notified prior to events taking place and be invited to meetings every six months to discuss the park and any events planned for Victoria Park. The Council's Leisure Services Department had subsequently surrendered the licence for Victoria Park. He understood that all licensable events held in Victoria Park since the surrender of the licence required a Temporary Event Notice (TEN). He had a record of the events that the Council had held in the park since 2007, including the event on 26 June 2010, and he believed that no TEN was applied for or issued in respect of this park. He believed that a number of Council employees were guilty of gross negligence in their duties and of organising and operating events within a public area in breach of the Council's own Regulations. Under the licensing laws, any person in breach of the laws applicable to any event was liable to prosecution.

He added that the conditions under which TEN licences are issued include proving to the satisfaction of the Police that measures are in hand to ensure the safety of all persons attending the event. This includes the ability to keep the attendance figures below the maximum number permitted (499), the provision of stewards, providing adequate toilet facilities with clear and concise signage, the provision of a First Aid Post and Lost Children Post, the facilities and staff to be able to control the crowd and evacuate the premises in an emergency and the ability to keep noise levels down to an acceptable level for attendees and residents living in close proximity to the event. Mr. Edmondson continued that the relevant staff were guilty of at least 10 breaches of the TEN that was not obtained. He added that he had personally taken out four TEN licences in recent years and had ensured full compliance with all of the rules and regulations under the threat of prosecution should he fail in any of his duties. He also believed that the Council had failed to notify Merseyside Police that Victoria Park was not covered by the licences which the Council had taken out in respect of other parks within the Borough.

In addition, Mr. Edmondson stated that in 2008 the Leisure Services Department issued the Area Committee with a 55 page full colour brochure, at a cost to all Council tax payers, detailing the Management Plan for Victoria Park for the period from 2008 to 2013. This expensive publication was presented to the Area Committee for approval and he questioned the need for the expense of producing a further Master Plan for expenditure in Victoria Park in relation to a sum of money estimated to be £800,000 in the coming years, without any definitive explanation as to the expenditure of this sum of money. He believed that no approval of expenditure should be given without the provision of a full financial statement on funds to be spent and how future projects will be monitored.

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He asked for a full investigation into the gross incompetence of the park management team in operating in breach of their own Regulations. He added that a separate complaint had already been issued to Merseyside Police for failing to respond to a resident's complaint in respect of this event. He understood that the licensing laws required the Police to be the body responsible for taking action should the noise levels from an event be excessive.

Mr. P. Esseen of the Leisure Services Department indicated that an investigation into Mr. Edmondson's comments was being undertaken. Sergeant S. Owen of Merseyside Police stated that he was not aware of the complaint referred to by Mr. Edmondson, but that he would speak to him with a view to pursuing the matter.

(l) Mr. I. Hamilton-Fazey, the Chairperson of the Waterloo Residents Association, referred to a proposal to form a not-for-profit community interest company, with charitable status, to take forward the Mersey Observatory project, which he had submitted to the Mersey Estuary Forum on 2 July 2010. He supplied full details of his proposal and stated that the project would bring immense benefits to Merseyside, Sefton, and Waterloo in particular and he asked for the moral support of the Area Committee and Council to his proposal.

RESOLVED:

That Mr. Hamilton-Fazey's proposal be supported by this Committee, in principle, bearing in mind the current economic situation.

(m) Mr. and Mrs. Brown asked why double yellow lines had been provided on Myers Road East and into Whitham Avenue, Crosby; why a reduction in the length of the restriction was denied at the Area Committee meeting on 10 September 2008; and why the lines were still 11.5 metres long as against the stated 10 metres. They also asked if consideration could be given to reducing the 10 metres restriction.

Mrs. J. Maxwell, the Neighbourhood Engagement Co-ordinator agreed to liaise with colleagues in the Traffic Services Section with a view to obtaining responses to these issues, possibly following a site visit.

24. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director, which sought comments on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone transmission masts on Council-owned land, prior to re-consideration of the matter by the Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land be noted; and
- (2) the Cabinet be informed that this Area Committee believes that all applications for the siting of masts should be submitted to the appropriate Area Committee before being considered by the Planning Committee.

25. REPLACEMENT OF BEACON IMAGE ON AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA FRONT PAGE WITH IRON MAN IMAGE

The Committee considered the possibility of replacing the river Mersey beacon logo on its agendas with an Antony Gormley "iron man" image.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Committee Administrator be requested to arrange for the use of an iron man image on future Area Committee agendas; and
- (2) the dissent of Councillors Barber, Dorgan, Papworth and Parry, from the decision contained in (1) above, be recorded.

26. IMPROVEMENTS TO VICTORIA PARK

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director on proposals for significant improvements to Victoria Park, Crosby and setting out details of the design of works within a draft masterplan for the park.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed works designed for Victoria Park be endorsed.

27. PARK RANGER SERVICE REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that provided an update on the recent review undertaken on the Park Ranger Service. The report explained that the review was undertaken as a matter of good practice following its first full year in operation. The report highlighted both successes and directions for the future for the Park Ranger Service.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the successes and achievements of the Park Ranger Service be noted; and
- (2) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteer Park Rangers, be noted.

28. BUDGET MONITORING

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Further to Minute No. 14 of the meeting held on 26 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director indicating that the balance of the budget available for allocation during 2010/11, including sums set aside for the provision of litterbins and street signs was £46,895.66 and setting out details of the progress of schemes for which funding had previously been approved. This included funds set aside for schemes in Manor Ward which had not been claimed.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Ward budgets for 2010/11 be noted;
- (2) the ongoing schemes for which funding was provided in 2009/10 be noted; and
- (3) the withdrawal of funding of £1,100 for schemes in Manor Ward, be noted.

29. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - THORNBECK AVENUE, HIGHTOWN

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which would restrict waiting for vehicles at all times on Thornbeck Avenue, Hightown at the entrance to the Blundellsands Sailing Club.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Order as shown on the plan at Annex A and as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order.

30. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS - HOUGOUMONT GROVE / HOUGOUMONT AVENUE, WATERLOO

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the proposed introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which would be to amend the existing "no waiting Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m." restrictions; extend the existing "residents only" parking bays; and introduce double yellow lines at the junction of Hougoumont Grove and Hougoumont Avenue; and also instal a bracket marking adjacent to the driveway of No. 10 Hougoumont Grove to keep the access to the driveway clear of parked vehicles.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Order, as shown on the plans at Annexes A and B and as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order.

31. PREVIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE OPEN FORUM

Copies of responses to issues raised at previous meetings of the Committee were submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the correspondence be noted; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be requested to submit an update to the response which he forwarded to Ms. Y. Verlander following her question about a serious parking problem in the Hightown village triangle area, which was considered at the meeting on 26 May 2010 (see Minute No. 6(a)).

32. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held at **6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 September 2010, at SING Plus, Cambridge Road, Seaforth.**

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THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 29 JULY 2010. MINUTE NOS 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 AND 29 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO 'CALL-IN'

LINACRE AND DERBY AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM - TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON MONDAY 12TH JULY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Friel (in the Chair)
Councillors L. Cluskey, Gustafson and Kerrigan; and

Local Advisory Group Members:
Mr. J Costello, Ms A. Myers, Mr. F. Roberts, Mr. D. Robinson and Mr. N. Woods.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fairclough and Mrs. Rouse (Advisory Group Member).

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received:

Member	Minute No.	Interest	Action
Councillor Gustafson	Minute No.21(b) Open Forum question regarding alley gates	Personal – works for a company which manufactures alley gates	Remained in the room, took part in consideration of the item and voted thereon.

19. MINUTES

Mr. Roberts, Advisory Group Member, indicated that it was his understanding that Minute No. 6 (f) had resolved that a letter be sent to the Governor of Liverpool Prison requesting that prison staff be discouraged from parking in the Aintree Road area and in streets in the vicinity of the prison.

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) Minute No. 6(f) be amended to state that a letter be sent from the Area Committee to the Governor of Liverpool Prison expressing concern about prison staff parking in the Aintree Road area and in the vicinity of the prison and requesting that they be asked not to park there; and
- (2) subject to the above amendment, the Minutes be approved as a

correct record.

20. FEEDBACK ON ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Martin Kilpatrick, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator reported on action from previous meetings:

- 20 (a) In respect of Minute No. 6 (g) regarding noise and air pollution problems emanating from the Docks Estate, Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company had been approached by Mr. Greg Martin, Principal Environmental Protection Officer in respect of drawing up a Complaints Investigation Protocol. In this respect a Docks Liaison Meeting had been arranged for 19 July 2010.

Arising from this meeting, a report would be prepared by the Environmental and Technical Services Director for submission to the next Linacre and Derby Area Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued and Committee Members expressed disappointment at the continued delay with this long awaited report.

The Chair indicated that he had also been approached by Mr. John Barlow, Chair of the Irlam Road Resident's Association in respect of the continued problems being experienced by local residents in relation to noise from the Dock Estate.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the liaison meeting between the Docks and Harbour Company and the Environmental and Technical Services Department on 19 July be welcomed;
 - (2) in the light of continued problems experienced by local residents in respect of problems emanating from the Dock Estate, the Committee's disappointment at the delay in a report on the matter being presented to them be noted; and
 - (3) the Environmental and Technical Services Director be requested to ensure that a report on problems from the Dock Estate and a draft complaints protocol be submitted to the next Area Committee meeting without further delay.
- 20 (b) Further to Minute No. 7 (a) regarding an Open Forum question from Mrs. Barbara Rouse, Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that a written response from the Head of Traffic Services regarding the rules and regulations governing load capacities of heavy goods

vehicles had been passed on to Mrs Rouse.

RESOLVED:

That a copy of this response be forwarded to the Committee Administrator for inclusion with the Agenda for the next meeting.

- 20 (c) Further to Minute No. 7 (b) regarding an Open Forum question from Mr. Ken Rouse regarding the problems of taxis parked at the gates of Derby Park at Oxford and Worcester Road, a response from the Head of Traffic Services advised that double yellow lines would be extended across the gates.

In respect of the supplementary question about litter, Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the Taxi Licensing Team Leader had written to the three main taxi companies in the area.

RESOLVED:

That copies of correspondence in relation to this matter be included with the Agenda for the next meeting.

- 20 (d) Further to Minute No. 7(d), the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services had been consulted and a letter sent to Mr Woods on 16 June 2010, regarding the legality of youths playing football in the street.

In addition, on 15 June 2010, the Community Safety Area Partnership had been asked to monitor issues near Mr. Woods' home and raise the matter with the Probation Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.

A visit to the area near Mr. Woods' home on 10 June 2010 had unfortunately revealed that it would be unsuitable for landscaping to deter youths from playing football.

Finally, in respect of by-laws for the erection of No-Ball Games Signs, the Interim Head of Corporate Legal Services had sent an e-mail reminding the Committee of the report of the former Legal Director which had been noted by the Area Committee on 2 November 2009. (Minute No. 58 refers). The e-mail reiterated the content of the report that a bye-law could not be considered as there was already primary legislation (the Highways Act) which dealt with the issue in relation to the highway; and that the real issue was enforcement which rested with the Police, who were not in a position to carry out such enforcement.

RESOLVED:

That copies of correspondence in relation to this matter be included with the Agenda for the next meeting.

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- 20 (e) In relation to Minute Nos. 7 (e) and 7 (f), written responses had been sent to both Mr. Keenan and Mr Robinson regarding electoral arrangements in Bootle and copies of these letters would be included with the Agenda for the next meeting.
- 20 (f) In respect of the Open Forum question about anti-social behaviour and drug use in Peel Road Park and on the old St Joan of Arc School Site (Minute No. 7 (g) refer), the Area Co-ordinator had contacted Mr Hanratty from the Community Safety Area Partnership to advise him of issues raised and to organise a co-ordinated response. Inspector Chris Burnham, indicated that the Police were investigating the problems in both areas, but reminded of the importance of persons ringing the Police to report any issues, in order that the calls could be logged, evidence built up and the areas concerned identified as crime hot spots and targeted for direct action where appropriate.
- 20 (g) Action taken in response of the complaints about dust, noise and debris arising from building work being undertaken by Kier Construction on the Greenfield Project, Cricklade Close, Bootle referred to in Minute No. 7 (h) was being undertaken by Julie Sadlier, from One Vision Housing in the form of consultation between herself, the contractor and the complainant, together with Martin Kilpatrick.
- 20 (h) Following Area Committee agreement to a request for up to £1,000 funding towards hanging baskets for the Peel Road Community and Residents Association requested by Mrs Hardwick, as indicated in Minute No. 7 (i), an invoice for the amount required was awaited from Mrs. Hardwick in order that a cheque could be sent out.
- 20 (i) War Memorial Monument in King's Park, Bootle – Minute No. 15. Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the statue was still undergoing repair by a specialist contractor and that he would report back to the Committee on progress at next meeting.

Arising from discussion, additional matters were raised in respect of damage done to Connolly Island and the reinstatement of grass and a tree on the island, following works undertaken by United Utilities; and the suggestion that United Utilities be requested to take preventative action to minimise damage done in future.

It was also suggested that consideration be given to the Area Co-ordinator's feedback report / action list being included with the Agenda for future meetings. Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that this was already being considered by the Assistant Director – Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes in respect of Area Committees across the borough.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Mr. Kilpatrick be thanked for his feedback and for his work in progressing matters raised by the Area Committee; and
- (2) Mr. Kilpatrick be requested to take additional action in respect of:
 - (i) reinstating the tree and grass on Connolly Island following works by United Utilities; and
 - (ii) liaising with United Utilities in respect of preventative measures being undertaken to prevent future damage to the island by asking if there was the possibility of creating a covered access area.

21. OPEN FORUM

The Committee considered the following Open Forum questions:

- 21 (a) Mrs. A. McDerby had requested that consideration be given to putting a single yellow line on Aintree Road to prevent prison staff parking there.

Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee that a response had already been sent to Mrs McDerby by the Traffic Services Manager.

Arising from the discussion, it was suggested that the Traffic Services Manager be requested to meet with Ward Councillors together with local residents to discuss a way forward.

The Chair also reminded the Committee of the resolution referred to in Minute No. 19 above, and reiterated that a letter would be sent to the Prison Governor requesting that prison staff be asked not to park in the area.

It was agreed that:

- (i) the response from the Traffic Services Manager be published with the Agenda for the next meeting;
- (ii) the Area Co-ordinator be requested to arrange a meeting between the Traffic Services Manager, Ward Councillors and local residents to consider a way forward; and
- (iii) a letter be sent to the Prison Governor (as indicated in Minute No. 19 above), asking for his co-operation in requesting that prison staff do not park in the Aintree Road area.

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- 21 (b) Mrs. Murphy had submitted a question regarding two alley gates located at each end of Cedar Street, which were being left open by local shopkeepers. Concern was expressed that this had led to a number of burglaries in the area and Mrs Murphy wished to know what steps could be taken to remedy the problem.

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that he had received a response from Technical Services prior to the meeting and he would write to Mrs Murphy with the response.

It was agreed that

- (i) a copy of Mr. Kilpatrick's letter to Mrs. Murphy would be included with the Agenda for the next meeting; and
 - (ii) Mr. Kilpatrick would liaise with the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes team to try and come up with a solution to the problem.
- 21 (c) Mr. Jack Costello had submitted a question expressing concerns at Government cutbacks and the potential impact on Merseyside Police and what this would mean within the boundary of the Area Committee.

It was agreed that Mr. Kilpatrick be requested to raise Mr. Costello's concerns with Chief Superintendent Pilling.

- 21 (d) Mrs. Kathleen Burgess asked for further consideration to be given to the question raised about anti-social behaviour by problem families living in the Hawthorne Road / Bedford Road area and neighbouring streets. (Minute No. 7 (c) of 27 May 2010 refers). She also presented a petition of local residents calling upon:

'Sefton MBC and the Local Police Authority to clear up issues connected with the problem families that are creating high levels of anti-social behaviour. Moreover, we would like the length of time it takes for the Police attendance to emergency calls addressed'.

The Chair indicated that questions raised at previous meetings were not normally reconsidered until three months had lapsed between the previous time of asking. However, as part of the question related to the Police he referred to Inspector Chris Burnham for a response in this respect.

Inspector Burnham concurred that the problems were serious but reiterated that any problems should be reported to the police switchboard for logging in the incident log to build up evidence to enable appropriate action to be taken.

The Chair advised that this matter would be taken by him to the Community Safety Area Partnership for consideration.

Discussion ensued and Members expressed disappointment at the length of time being taken in resolving this problem.

It was agreed: That

- (1) the Committee's concern at the time being taken for the matter of anti-social behaviour in the Hawthorne Road/Bedford Road area be noted;
- (2) the petition be forwarded to the Cabinet Member – Communities and it be noted that Councillor Gustafson indicated that she would speak to the petition and advise residents of the date of the Cabinet Member meeting.

- 21 (e) Mrs. Kath Dixon asked for the Committee to chase up dog fouling stencils and posters which had been 'promised' following a meeting of Strand Road residents together with Mr Monks, Environmental Protection Officer in February 2010. She indicated that areas identified along Litherland Road from Marsh Lane to the Strand Road Bridge and also in Oak Street, Beech Street, Cedar Street, Holly Street and Ash Streets, some dog fouling posters had been put up, but no pavement stencils had been provided.

It was agreed that the Area Co-ordinator be requested to contact Mr. Monks about this matter.

The Chair referred to two additional questions raised by Mrs Dixon, which could not be allowed under the rule that only one Open Forum question was allowed per member of the public (and one linked supplementary question at the Chair's discretion). However, one of the questions had already been asked by Mrs. Murphy as indicated in Minute No. 21 (b) above. She was asked to refer the other question regarding speeding along Strand Road, to Mr. Kilpatrick.

- 21 (f) Mrs. Diane Roberts asked about the Council's plans in lieu of the Government's new policy to cease funding free entrance to Council swimming pools for children and the over 60's.

It was agreed that the Leisure and Tourism Director be requested to provide a written response to Mrs. Roberts.

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22. POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Chris Burnham apologised for the lack of police representation at the previous meeting and assured the Committee that this would not happen again.

Inspector Burnham provided feedback on crime and policing in Linacre and Derby Wards and answered questions from Members and members of the public on the following issues:

- anti-social behaviour in the Hawthorne Road / Bedford Road area referred to in Minute No. 21(d) above
- anti-social behaviour in the Peel Road Park and St Joan of Arc school site referred to in Minute No. 20 (f) above
- the importance of local residents ringing the police either on the Emergency 999 Number or the Merseyside Police main number - 0151-709 6010 to report incidents of anti-social behaviour and thus ensure that incidents were logged and an evidence base built up to enable proactive policing / crime prevention
- Operation Maynard – run in partnership with the Council's Environmental Protection (Dog Unit) over four nights, providing a free microchip service, the identification of dangerous dogs, dog fouling advice, provision of poop bags and enforcement.

It was suggested that it would be useful for the Committee Administrator to be provided with a brief written summary of policing activity prior to future meetings.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Inspector Burnham be thanked for his attendance at the meeting; and
- (2) Inspector Burnham be requested to e-mail a brief written summary of his feedback to the Committee Administrator prior to future meetings.

23. PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Dr. Janet Atherton - Deputy Chief Executive/ Director Public Health Sefton NHS, was in attendance to answer questions and provide feedback to the Committee on public health issues in the Linacre and Derby area.

She acknowledged the particular problems experienced in the area as the result of the close proximity of the docks and the concern of the local community over an application for planning permission to install an incinerator on the docks on which NHS Sefton and the Primary Care Trust, and also Environmental Protection were providing advice.

The Chair referred to the Sefton Health Profile 2010 published by the Department of Health and suggested that it would be useful if Dr Atherton could speak to the Committee on the profile at a future meeting.

Dr. Atherton indicated that unfortunately she was unable to attend the next meeting on 20 September, but that she would be pleased to address the Committee on the Health Profile for Sefton at the following meeting of the Committee on 1 November 2010.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Dr. Atherton be thanked for her attendance at the meeting; and
- (2) Dr. Atherton be requested to address the Committee on the Department of Health's Health Profile for Sefton at the meeting to be held on Monday 1 November 2010.

24. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF TELEPHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone masts on Council owned land, prior to reconsideration of the matter by Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be informed that this Area Committee reiterates its previous decision that it is wholly opposed to the lifting of the current moratorium on the siting of mobile phone masts on Sefton Council land.

25. PARK RANGER SERVICE

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that provided an update on the recent review undertaken in respect of the Park Ranger Service. The report explained that the review had been undertaken as a matter of good practice following its first full year in operation.

Tony Hearn, Head Park Ranger, and Ian Collins, dedicated Park Ranger for the Linacre and Derby area, presented the report highlighting both successes and directions for the future for the Park Ranger Service.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Tony Hearn and Ian Collins be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and commended for their valuable work as

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park rangers;

- (2) the successes and achievements of the Park Ranger Service be noted; and
- (3) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteer Park Rangers be noted.

26. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - ALTCAR ROAD / ALT ROAD, BOOTLE

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order the effect of which would impose 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction of Altcar Road/Alt Road, Bootle.

It was proposed to introduce an individual Order for the road incorporating all the existing restrictions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Order as set out on the plan in Annex A and as detailed in schedule on Annex B in the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order.

27. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No. 13 of 24 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director advising that the balance of its budget available for allocation during 2010/2011, including amounts set aside for litterbins and street signs was £28,625.18.

The report also referred to allocations made in 2009/2010 which were still ongoing.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the balance of the Area Committee's budget, £28,625.18 available for allocation during 2010/2011 be noted; and
- (2) the progress made on allocations agreed during 2009/10 be noted.

28. RESULTS OF RESIDENTS PRIVILEGED PARKING CONSULTATION - BEDFORD ROAD AREA, BOOTLE

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the results of the recent consultation with residents in the Bedford Road Housing Market Renewal area of Bootle, regarding the possible introduction of a Residents Privileged Parking scheme and to recommend a way forward.

The report indicated that the majority of residents who had responded to the consultation were not in favour of a residents' privileged parking scheme.

Mr. Dave Marrin, Traffic Services Manager presented the report and answered questions thereon, in particular with regard to Wadham Road, Keble Road and Queens Road where the residents had voted with a majority in favour of the RPP scheme due to problems with college students and office workers parking in their roads.

Discussion ensued and the Committee felt that the scheme should not be introduced on an ad hoc road by road basis. Also that introducing the scheme to prevent non residents parking in one road, would merely move the problem on to another road.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the results of the public consultation be noted;
- (2) no further action be taken regarding the introduction of a Residents Privileged Parking scheme in the Bedford Road Housing Market Renewal area, Bootle; and
- (3) the residents be advised of the results of the consultation and the Committee's decision.

29. HAWTHORNE ROAD, BOOTLE - PROPOSED PARKING LAY-BY

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the progression of a parking lay-by in conjunction with the junction improvement scheme at Hawthorne Road and Linacre Lane Bootle.

RESOLVED:

That the progression of a parking lay-by outside 508 to 556 Hawthorne Road, Bootle, be approved.

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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The Chair indicated that he would be unable to attend the next meeting and wished officers to ensure that they liaised with the Vice Chair, Councillor Kerrigan regarding the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) in accordance with the agreed programme of meetings, the next Area Committee meeting would be held at **6.30 p.m. on Monday 20 September 2010, Bootle Town Hall**; and
- (2) In lieu of the Chair's apologies for non attendance at the next meeting, Council Officers be requested to liaise with the Vice Chair regarding the Agenda for the meeting.

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON TUESDAY 10 AUGUST, 2010. MINUTE NO.19 IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL IN".

SEFTON EAST PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE OLD ROAN METHODIST CHURCH, AINTREE
ON THURSDAY 15TH JULY, 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Blackburn (in the Chair)
Councillors Byrne, Hubbard, C.Maine, S.Maine
and Robertson

ALSO PRESENT: Parish Councillors Baldwin and Todd
14 members of the public
1 member of Merseyside Police

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howe, Carr, Fenton, Parish Councillor Baker and Town Councillor Walker.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Item	Interest	Action
Councillor Blackburn	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor Byrne	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor Hubbard	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor Robertson	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon

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Councillor C.Mainey	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor S.Mainey	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

17. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Squire reported that compared to the same period last year overall crime was down 26%; violent crime was down 35%; domestic burglary was down 39%; theft of a motor vehicle was up 18%; theft from a motor vehicle was down 77%; theft from the person was down 25%; theft of a bicycle was down 65%; theft from a shop was up 25%; other theft was down 19%; fraud and forgery was down 13%; drug offences was down 34%; arson was up 80%; criminal damage was down 22%; and other crime was down 67%.

Sergeant Squire said initiatives to remind residents to lock their doors and windows were improving home security and encouraging general good housekeeping in the area as well as reducing the number of burglaries.

Councillors commented on the persistent nuisance of mini-motor bikes residents had reported seeing them around Satinwood Crescent, Jubilee Woods, Brewery Lane and along the canal tow path. Sergeant Squire said she would look into this matter. A Councillor commented that British Waterways and the Council's Neighbourhoods Team were in consultation with an aim to devise ways to impede and stop mini-motor bike use along the canal tow path, without affecting residents' enjoyment of the canal.

A Councillor commented that they had received reports from residents regarding cars speeding along Brewery Lane. Sergeant Squire said she would look into this matter.

A resident complained about cars travelling at excessive speed along Lamshear Lane, Lydiate. He commented that if the Police set up a 'speed

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trap' on the lane they would catch the offending motorists. Sergeant Squire replied that the Police had, on a number of occasions, operated a 'speed trap' and not one motorist was caught speeding.

A resident complained that inconsiderate and generally poor parking around Brewery Lane created a traffic hazard, obstructing motorists' views when exiting junctions. Sergeant Squire said she would look into this matter.

RESOLVED:

That the Police be thanked for their presentation.

18. OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum the following questions/comments were submitted:

- (a) Mr.G.Harris, Clerk to Aintree Village Parish Council, asked the Committee to:
- Note that the Parish Council has several times requested yellow lines at the junction of Wango Lane / Felsted Drive due to parked cars in Wango Lane obstructing the sight line of drivers exiting Felsted Drive;
 - Note that on every occasion, the request has been turned down;
 - Note that the matter was raised again at the last Parish Council meeting as it was a real concern for Aintree Village residents; and
 - Instruct Officers to proceed with yellow lines.

Mr.O.Hansen, clerk to the Committee, advised that a full response to Mr.Harris's question, from Mr.R.S.Waldron Assistant Director – Transportation & Spatial Planning, was located at page 51 of the agenda. Mr.Waldron's written response commented, I appreciate your sense of frustration that you have asked for yellow lines to be painted onto the junction of Wango Lane and Felsted Drive and that hasn't happened. However, members of my team have been out to look at this junction and haven't seen any evidence that there is a problem with cars parking there. We have also checked with the Emergency Services, who have said that they have no problems with this junction. On this basis and in the light of ever shrinking budgets and the need to make the best use of what we currently have, I am sorry to have to tell you that there just isn't the evidence of this being a priority for support. For information, besides the time taken by my team to process a Traffic Regulation Order and order the yellow lines, it would cost about £650. I just don't feel that I can justify that level of cost at the moment.

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Parish Councillor Baldwin, circulated photographs of the junction of Wango Lane / Felsted Drive that showed cars parked very close to the junction and on the pavement. He added that he fully supported the introduction of yellow lines. He further commented that yellow lines have been introduced around Atholl Crescent / Altway Junction.

Ms.Maxwell, Neighbourhoods Division referred to a conversation Ms.Prewett, Assistant Director- Neighbourhoods Division, had had with Mr.Harris in which she explained the issue could be further pursued if there was some evidence, for example a photograph. Mr.Johnston, Team Leader – Planning and Economic Development Department, commented that his team had conducted several traffic surveys over the last few years, but there was still no hard evidence to suggest that parking was a problem at this junction. Ms.Maxwell added that as Parish Councillor Baldwin had provided relevant photographs, she could liaise with Mr.Johnston after the meeting as to identify the best way forward.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to investigate Mr.Harris's request and submit a report to the Committee.

- (b) Mrs.Graham, asked for a reduction in the speed limit along Brewery Lane and Spencers Lane from the current 60 miles per hour.

A resident suggested that the speed limit should be reduced to 40 miles per hour.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to investigate Mrs.Graham's request and submit a report to the Committee.

19. LAMBSHEAR LANE / KENYONS LANE, LYDIATE - PROPOSED 'ROUTE ACTION' LOCAL SAFETY SCHEME

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that advised on the results of the consultation carried out with residents regarding the proposed 'route action' Local Safety Scheme on Lambshear Lane / Kenyons Lane, Lydiate. The report also sought approval to proceed with implementation of the scheme.

The Committee and residents raised a variety of queries and concerns regarding the proposed scheme, which were answered by Mr.Johnston, Team Leader – Planning and Economic Development Department.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Planning and Economic Development Director be authorised to proceed with the scheme and the revised measures detailed within paragraphs 3.2 – 3.4 of the report;
- (2) the Traffic Regulation Orders detailed in paragraphs 3.3.4 & 3.4.8 and shown in annexes F and G be approved; and
- (3) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Orders, be approved.

20. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No. 11 of the meeting held on 27 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that indicated that the balance available for the allocation of 2010/11 budget was as follows.

	Balance b/f	2010/11 Budget	2010/11 Litterbins	2010/11 Street Signs	2010/11 Available	2010/11 Commitments	Balance Available
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

SEPAC-wide by Ward							
Molyneux	93.33	1,767.00	-	-	1,860.33		1,860.33
Park	720.33	1,767.00	-	-	2,487.33		2,487.33
Sudell	200.34	1,766.00	-	-	1,966.34		1,966.34

Parish/Town Councils							
Aintree	-	3,860.00	-	-	3,860.00	3,860.00	-
Lydiate	7,220.00	3,610.00	-	-	10,830.00		10,830.00
Maghull	12,035.00	12,035.00	-	-	24,070.00		24,070.00
Melling	20.00	1,520.00	-	-	1,540.00		1,540.00
Sefton	350.00	175.00	-	-	525.00		525.00

Litterbins by Ward							
Molyneux	-	-	557.00	-	557.00	430.00	127.00
Park	-	-	557.00	-	557.00		557.00
Sudell	246.00	-	557.00	-	803.00		803.00

Street Signs by Ward							
Molyneux	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Park	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Sudell	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00

Total	20,885.00	26,500.00	1,671.00	3,000.00	52,056.00	4,290.00	47,766.00
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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the balance of the budget available for each Parish/Town Council from the general budget and to each Ward from the SEPAC-wide budget allocations for the year 2010/11 be noted;
- (2) the balances of the litter bin budget for each Ward be noted;
- (3) progress to date on items agreed in 2009/10 be noted; and
- (4) an allocation of £380 from the Park Ward Budget for a metal litterbin to be located outside Stanley Newsagent, Moss Lane, Lydiate be approved.

21. MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST FOR MATCH FUNDING

The Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that requested an allocation £17,870 from the Maghull Town Area Committee budget for match funding of the below schemes:-

	Maghull Town Council Funds	Area Committee Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Bowling Green's Fencing, HGV Playing Field	7,320	7,320	14,640
New Play Swings & Safety Surfacing, Glen Park	2,773	2,773	5,546
Play Equipment Areas' Fencing in Moorhey, Mersey Avenue & Lathom Gardens Parks	7,777	7,777	1,554
	17,870	17,870	35,740

RESOLVED:

That an allocation of £17,870 be made from the Maghull Town Council for the proposed capital schemes detailed within the report.

22. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environment and Technical Services Director, which sought comments on the draft protocol to govern

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the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone transmission masts on Council owned land, prior to re-consideration of the matter by Cabinet.

Councillors discussed the matter in detail and raised a number of queries with a representative of the Environment and Technical Services Department. The Committee suggested that in addition to consultation with individual Ward Councillors, Area Committees should also be formally consulted; as Area Committees represented an important layer of discussion and consultation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land report be noted; and
- (2) the Cabinet be requested to note the Committee's comments regarding consultation with Area Committees.

23. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee considered the correspondence relating to items raised from the previous meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with the agreed schedule of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 September, 2010, at Maghull Town Hall, Hall Lane Maghull commencing at 18:30.

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THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON TUESDAY 27 JULY 2010. MINUTE NOS 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 AND 28 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO 'CALL-IN'.

FORMBY AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE FORMBY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, PARK ROAD, FORMBY ON THURSDAY 15TH JULY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Cuthbertson (in the Chair)
Councillors Doran, Dutton, Griffiths, Ibbs and McIvor.

ALSO PRESENT: 5 members of the public and Inspector Jim Atherton, Dedicated Neighbourhood Police Officer, Merseyside Police.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Cawley, Parish Councillor Jenkins, Parish Councillor Starkey and Mr. P.G. Thornton, Advisory Group Member.

Apologies had also been received from Hannah Chellaswamy, NHS Sefton and Mr. David Adams, Chair of the Woodland Monitoring Group, who had submitted their annual report to the meeting.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That subject to the inclusion of Parish Councillor Starkey on the list of those present, the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

19. ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Steve Honess, Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes was standing in for Sue Ashe and Janette Maxwell who were unable to attend the meeting. He indicated that there were no actions to update on at this time, but Sue Ashe and Councillor Cuthbertson had arranged to meet separately on 21 July 2010.

20. OPEN FORUM

The following questions were received for consideration during the Open Forum:

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- 20 (a) A request had been received from Mr. Coles, Chairman of Formby Parish Council (FPC) regarding parking problems in various parts of Formby, but in particular near to the train stations, the Chapel Lane area and the satellite shopping areas, specifically those close to schools and requesting that the Council undertake a survey of areas listed and for the Committee to lend its support for this work.

The Committee felt that as the FPC had already met with Mr. Marrin, Traffic Services Manager, together with Formby Councillors and Officers from Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes, on 11 June 2010, this issue was already being dealt with and it was agreed that the Area Committee could take no further action on the matter.

- 20 (b) A request had been received from Parish Councillor Powrie on behalf of Formby Parish Council requesting an additional contribution of £3,000 towards the improvements in Chapel Lane, such as guard rails and also planters for the Neighbourhood in Bloom Competition in July.

The Chair indicated that she had already been sent the FPC's request and had asked for further information in the form of an itemised list of costs before the Committee could consider it.

Parish Councillor Powrie indicated that in 2008, the Area Committee had already agreed to contribute towards funding the improvements at a rate of £3,000 per year subject to funding being available.

It was agreed that the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to locate any documentation relating to approval of funding and report back to the Chair.

- 20 (c) Inspector Atherton had submitted 2 requests from Merseyside Police for funding:

- (i) As part of Operation Beachsafe, a request for £1,350.00 for signs to be attached to lamp posts conveying a message of zero tolerance towards alcohol consumption on the beach and around Formby; and
- (ii) £1,600 to provide diversionary activities in the form of generic passes to Rampworxs Aintree for local youths skateboarding and riding BMX bikes.

The Chair indicated that the requests had been received too late for the Committee to consider them on this occasion, and it was agreed that Members would meet with Inspector

Atherton immediately following the meeting to discuss the requests.

21. POLICE ISSUES

Referring to the crime statistics provided with the agenda, Inspector Jim Atherton updated on crime and policing in the Formby area during May and June 2010 compared with the same months in the previous two years (2008 and 2009).

* He pointed out one amendment to the statistics in respect of 'Burglary Dwelling' which had been 2 in June 2010 not 1 as indicated on the agenda version.

	May 2008	May 2009	May 2010	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010
All crime	67	50	47	49	77	51
Violent crime	10	9	5	6	10	6
Robbery	0	1	1	0	0	0
Burglary dwelling	2	1	3	0	4	* 2 (amended)
Theft of motor vehicle	1	0	0	5	0	1
Theft from motor vehicle	6	7	10	4	13	7
Criminal damage	11	6	8	10	13	2

Inspector Atherton reported and answered questions on the following issues:

- the reported 'All crime' figures of 51 for June 2010 included 13 for possession of cannabis which was the result of proactive policing, and had incurred charge, caution reprimand with Fixed Penalty Notices issued;
- four offenders had been arrested in relation to 4 of the 7 thefts from vehicles. These offenders had been caught on the night concerned as the result of proactive patrolling by a traffic officer and patrol colleagues. The arrests had been reported in the local press and

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enquiries were still ongoing with the offenders being placed on bail with conditions not to enter Formby;

- Operation Beachsafe had been in place since 24 May 2010 and was working well and would continue until September 2010;
- The Anti-Social Behaviour Taskforce were assisting at Formby, Freshfield and Ainsdale railway stations, seizing alcohol and turning youths away;
- with help from media coverage (radio, TV, newspaper) a 'Zero Tolerance' message was being conveyed;
- intelligence had been received about a proposed 'rave' along the Formby to Ainsdale coastline over the coming weekend (16/17 and 18 July); and the Police working in partnership with the Council and other local agencies were working together to prevent it happening, including a proposal to close the beaches to vehicles;
- Superintendent White was organising the presence of 2 teams of PCSO's and a mobile police station to be located in the area over the weekend.
- In respect of reports of skunk cannabis being dealt and used in Formby – not necessarily on the beach areas; and syringes found near the War Memorial Inspector Atherton urged Councillors and members of the public to report any sightings/incidents to the police or Crimestoppers;

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Inspector Atherton be thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for the visible proactive policing of the Formby area; and
- (2) the proposed actions in closing the beaches to vehicles and high visibility at railway stations and other key areas in response to an expected 'rave' be commended; and
- (3) Inspector Atherton be requested to report back to the Chair on the outcomes of 16/17 and 18 July in respect of the rave.

22. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone masts on Council owned land, prior to reconsideration of the matter by Cabinet.

Mr. David Packard (Assistant Director, Environmental and Technical Services) presented the report and answered questions thereon.

Arising from the discussion, concern was expressed that lifting the moratorium might prove costly to the Council in helping the mobile phone operators find suitable locations for the masts and other associated costs; and Members stressed that any proposals must ensure that mobile phone operators were charged for the Council's services.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be informed that this Area Committee has considered the protocol document and wishes to comment that any costs incurred should be charged not to the Council but to the respective mobile phone companies.

23. PARK RANGER SERVICE REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that provided an update on the recent review undertaken in respect of the Park Ranger Service. The report explained that the review had been undertaken as a matter of good practice following its first full year in operation.

Tony Hearn, Head Park Ranger, together with Stella Fairhurst and James Leese, dedicated Park Rangers for Formby and Southport, presented the report, highlighting both successes and directions for the future of the Park Ranger Service and answered questions thereon.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Tony Hearn, Stella Fairhurst and James Leese be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and be congratulated for their excellent work as park rangers;
- (2) the successes and achievements of the Park Ranger Service be commended; and
- (3) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteer Park Rangers be noted.

24. WOODLAND MONITORING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on whether the Woodland Monitoring Group (WMG) should be allowed to widen its membership to persons from outside the Formby area, as the group were experiencing difficulties recruiting Formby residents.

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The report indicated that as the WMG had been established as a specific group of the Area Committee it was felt that membership should be restricted to residents of the two wards covered by the Area Committee. Further, as there were other Groups established on a Borough-wide basis (such as the Sefton Coast Partnership Board and the Nature Conservation Forum) it was felt that widening the membership of the WMG would duplicate this work.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Woodland Monitoring Group be commended for their work and commitment to date in monitoring the Sefton Coast Woodlands Plan, particularly in relation to Formby Woodlands; and
- (2) membership of the Woodland Monitoring Group continues to be drawn from residents of the two wards covered by the Committee – Harington and Ravenmeols.

25. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOODLAND MONITORING GROUP

The Committee considered the report of the Woodland Monitoring Group which provided an annual overview of its work.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

26. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No. 12 of 27 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director advising that the balance of its budget available for allocation during 2010/2011, including amounts set aside for litterbins and street signs was £21,192.92.

No budget requests had been received since the last meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the balance of the Area Committee's budget, £21,192.92 available for allocation during 2010/2011 be noted.

27. CANCELLATION OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the schedule of meetings for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year be altered to allow for the cancellation of meetings as indicated below:

2010/2011 MEETING DATES

Thursday 26 August 2010 **Cancel**

Thursday 30 September 2010

Thursday 28 October 2010 **Cancel**

Thursday 6 January 2011

Thursday 10 February 2011 **Cancel**

Thursday 17 March 2011

Thursday 26 May 2011

and

- (2) the Committee Administrator inform appropriate bodies of the revised schedule.

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

In accordance with the revised schedule of meetings indicated in Minute No. 27 above, the next meeting of Formby Area Committee would be held at **7.00 p.m. on Thursday 30 September 2010, at the Professional Development Centre, Park Road, Formby.**

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THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON MONDAY, 9 AUGUST 2010. MINUTE NOS. 39, 40, 41, 44, 45 AND 46 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

SOUTHPORT AREA COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Hands (in the Chair)
 Councillors Booth, Brodie - Browne, Byrom,
 Lord Fearn, Jones, McGuire, Pearson, Porter,
 Preece, B Rimmer, D Rimmer, Shaw, Sumner,
 Sir Ron Watson and Weavers
 Local Advisory Group Members:
 Mr J Fairhurst, Mrs M Pointon and Mr S Sugden

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector G. Fairbrother, Merseyside Police and
 25 members of the public.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dodd, Glover, Preston and Tattersall and Local Advisory Group Member Mr. I. Goley

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Minute No.	Interest	Action
Councillor Byrom	35 - Budget Monitoring - Allocation of funds to Southport Veterans Parade	Personal - Trustee of the Veterans Fund	Stayed in the room, took no part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Byrom	39(k) - Open Forum Question - Southport Pier	Personal – Board Member of the Southport Pier Trust	Stayed in the room, took no part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Lord Fearn	39(k) - Open Forum Question - Southport Pier	Personal – Board Member of the Southport Pier Trust	Stayed in the room, took no part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

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33. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

34. PRESENTATION - SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

The Committee received a presentation from Mr. D. Jackson, Chief Executive of the Southport Flower Show, on the Southport Flower Show (the Show).

Mr. Jackson indicated that the Show was a national event which had, perhaps more than other single venture, put the name of Southport before the general public; and was the largest independent flower show in Great Britain.

Mr. Jackson detailed:

- the economic benefits of the Show including an estimated £3.7 million in direct economic spend that was generated for the local community and that an audience of approximately 75,000 visited the Show over four days
- the visitor profile to the Show and that 33% of visitors were from Merseyside, 52% from other North West locations and 15% from other areas of the U.K.
- visitor comments relating to the Show
- future growth proposals to enhance visitor experience, build the brand and reinforce relationships
- the future direction of the Show relating to Victoria Park to connect 15 disparate users and improvements for new elements of the Show and new audiences
- the relationship with Sefton Council which had improved since 2008, that no financial support was required and that the Show was a great opportunity for both the Show Company and the Council

Mr. Jackson concluded by stating the Show would be open from 19 to 22 August 2010 and hoped as many Members, officers and public as possible could attend.

Members and Local Advisory Group Members asked questions of Mr. Jackson and commented on the following issues:

- Southport Flower Show appeared to receive much less favourable T.V. coverage than the RHS Show Tatton Park

- widening the remit of the Show to incorporate other events such as firework displays or equine related activities
- liaison with local hoteliers to offer Flower Show deals
- future plans for the disparate users of Victoria Park
- the benefits of the Show having charitable status
- landscaping issues on Rotten Row
- the engagement of children in the Show and incentives to encourage them to attend
- liaison with Northern Rail to promote special offers and to encourage them to provide increased services/improved rolling stock during the Show

RESOLVED:

That Mr. Jackson be thanked for his informative presentation.

35. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No. 23 of the meeting held on 16 June 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director indicating that the balance of the budget available for allocation during 2010/11, including sums set aside for the provision of litterbins and street signs, was as follows:

Ward	Available Funds £
Ainsdale	13,092.08
Birkdale	20,408.23
Cambridge	9,518.33
Dukes	20,444.78
Kew	10,550.79
Meols	12,182.75
Norwood	25,534.34
Town-wide	9,725.00
 Total	 121,456.30

Details of the allocations made by each ward against the general provision in the current year were set out in the report.

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The report also outlined a review of and changes to the budget monitoring process in respect of ring-fencing of the budgets, the town-wide allocation and the procedure for drawing down Area Committee funds.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the remaining balance of £121,456.30 of the budget available for further allocation for the rest of the year be noted;

(2) the following allocations be approved:

Scheme	Ward	Amount £
Hanging Baskets along Botanic Road	Meols	500
Churchtown Primary School project with the residents of Sunny Road	Meols	200
Robust litterbin at end of Colchester Road on footpath leading to Handsworth Walk	Kew	380

(3) the following allocations, notified to the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director since the preparation of his report, be approved:

Scheme	Ward	Amount £
Funding for a fun day for young people in the High Park area on 19 August 2010 at Russell Road Recreation Ground	Norwood	200
North Meols Civic Society project for the ongoing renovation of the Fog Bell	Cambridge	150

(4) the ring-fencing of the Ward, litterbins and street signs budgets as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report be approved;

(5) an additional 10% from each of the seven Wards' budgets be allocated to the Town Wide budget and the operation of the new procedure be reviewed in one year; and

(6) the procedure for drawing down Area Committee funds as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report be approved.

36. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director seeking consideration of and comment on the draft protocol to govern the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone transmission masts on Council owned land prior to reconsideration of the matter by Cabinet.

A copy of the protocol was attached as an annex to the report.

Members expressed strong concerns that there should be a robust consultation mechanism in place at an early stage to ensure that Members' and Area Committees' views were given consideration on the potential siting of masts.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the protocol for lifting the moratorium on the siting of mobile phone masts on Council land be approved; and
- (2) Cabinet be recommended to include formal consultation with Ward Councillors and Area Committees at an early stage in the procedure for evaluating requests to site masts on Council land.

(In accordance with Rule 18.5 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, Councillor Byrom requested that his vote against the above resolution be recorded).

37. PARK RANGER SERVICE REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure and Tourism Director that updated on the recent review undertaken on the Park Ranger Service that was undertaken as a matter of good practice following its first full year in operation; and highlighted both successes and directions for the future for the whole team and in particular the Southport and Formby Park Ranger Cluster team.

The report detailed the main functions of the Service; user satisfaction surveys; vandalism/anti-social behaviour; community engagement/activities and other achievements and highlights.

The report concluded by detailing proposed actions for the future of the Park Ranger Service.

Annex A to the report summarised a range of activities undertaken by the Park Rangers with volunteers.

Mr. A. Hearn, Head Park Ranger, made a brief presentation to the meeting on the operation of the Park Ranger Service.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the successes and achievements of the Park Ranger Service in the Southport and Formby areas since inception be noted; and
- (2) the intention for the Park Ranger Service to continue to promote and develop a network of volunteer Park Rangers be noted.

38. POLICE ISSUES

Members of the public/Councillors raised the following issues:

- Concerns were raised about the costs of policing the 'Orange Parade' on 12 July; anti-social behaviour and drunkenness by revellers at the event; the breaching of bye-laws prohibiting drinking of alcohol in public places; and information was sought on the number of arrests made associated with the event.

Inspector Fairbrother indicated that the Police were responsible for maintaining public order, not only at the Orange Parade event, but at all events held in the public arena; that however the Parade did have a huge commitment on Police resources; that no objections were received to the statutory notice advertising the proposed march; that the Orange Parade organisers provided their own marshals for the event and submitted appropriate plans; that the alcohol ban was rigorously enforced; and that 11 arrests were made for drunkenness and possession of cannabis.

A Member advised that he had received information from the Merseyside Police Authority on the Police costs for the Orange Parade, which indicated that staff for the event were drawn from across the Force, primarily from on duty staff and those on cancelled rest day; and that the cost for overtime and other logistical costs amounted to £3,265.

- Reference was made to recent press articles that indicated that at any one time, only 1 in 10 Police Officers were on duty; but that a contributory factor was that as the Police operated three shifts, two shifts, or 66% of the Police, could not be on duty at the same time.

Inspector Fairbrother indicated the Police had minimum patrol counts to attend to Grade 1 and 2 calls; that other Force Units would also be called upon in various situations, i.e. Neighbourhoods, Traffic, Matrix Units; that a new Police cover protocol came into operation on 27 July 2010, and that 40% of Officers were on duty at any one time, so 2 in 10 Police Officers on duty was a more realistic figure to use.

- Information was sought on the rumours about the closure of Southport Magistrates' Court, and the closure/downgrading of Southport Police Station and custody suite.

Inspector Fairbrother indicated that no decision had been taken to close the Police Station or custody suite.

- A question was asked whether a uniform licensed premises closing time would aid policing in the town centre.

Inspector Fairbrother detailed the policing operations as part of the night time economy; and the use of Reviews to counter licensed premises who breached conditions or were associated with crime and disorder.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Inspector Fairbrother be thanked for his attendance at the meeting; and
- (2) in respect of the Orange Parade, the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods be requested to co-ordinate a report to a future meeting detailing:
 - (i) the full Police costs to cover the event;
 - (ii) the cleansing costs associated with the event; and
 - (iii) the views of the local chamber of commerce/business organisations on the impact of the Parade on the commercial sector.

39. OPEN FORUM

During the Open Forum the following questions/comments/petitions were submitted:

- (a) Ms. A. Owen, who was not present at the meeting, submitted a question that indicated that local cyclists could find themselves waiting at traffic light controlled junctions, sat in the cyclists box that had been provided, often at the front of significant queues of traffic. When the lights turned green, the rider was directly in the way of that traffic as it attempted to accelerate away. Not only was this unnerving and potentially dangerous for riders, but also frustrating for drivers, not all of whom had much patience when it came to cyclists.

This situation was far from ideal, particularly so in a Cycling Town. Would Sefton, therefore, consider providing a cyclists push-button on traffic light support poles, linked into the green-man phase? This would enable riders to get away from junctions before the general traffic set off, making journeys by bike safer and encouraging more people to cycle.

Similar cyclist-operated buttons at traffic light controlled junctions had been in use for many years in countries like Holland and had proven to be very effective. Riders were moving slowly at walking speed when initially setting off, so presented no threat to pedestrians who may also be

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crossing. Since this measure made the use of the existing circuitry for the green man phase, adding this feature would not present a problem from a technical perspective, making it a very cost effective solution.

The Committee Administrator advised that Ms. Owen had been provided with the a response from the Traffic Services Managers.

(b) Mrs. S. Pennington, who was not present at the meeting, submitted a question that stated that following on from the discussion and resolution at the previous meeting, that the upgrading of the amenities on Meols Park was essential. She asked why the railings around Meols Park had not been completed and indicated that there was a real danger that children could get through the broken railing and onto a very busy road. She continued that it was a number of years now since it was decided, at one of these meetings, that the railings should be renewed as they were in such a bad state of repair; that three quarters of the Park looked great, but the other quarter, along Scarisbrick New Road, from opposite the Richmond to the brook, the railings were a disgrace and let the whole area down; and that if she remembered correctly, it was agreed that the railings would be done via the Norwood and Kew Ward budgets, possibly with match funding from elsewhere.

Mrs. Pennington concluded by asking was it possible to find out exactly how much it would cost to finish the job, and asked whether Leisure Services had anything in their budget that could be diverted to finish off this very important job, or whether there were any other 'pots of money' that could be tapped into.

She realised that this was not the best time to find money for anything, however, the safety of our children should be a priority.

The Committee Administrator advised that Mrs. Pennington had been provided with a response from the Head of Landscape and Development.

(c) Mr. J. Searle, who was not present at the meeting, submitted a comment that as a regular cycle user making trips to and from town, he wished to register his support for the Portland Street cycle route. He indicated that Southport had been recognised as a cycling town and that it was essential that the Area Committee appeared to be supporting this, and that it would also help if the cycle tracks we did have were not used as car parks.

(d) Mr. C.W. Barlow, who was not present at the meeting, submitted a comment that he wished it to be noted that he was a supporter of the Portland Street scheme as he was in favour of any improvements in cycle routes as he was a keen cyclist who spent many hours per week in the Southport area. He concluded that cyclists were to be encouraged more and more for safety and the environment and that any new cycle way would be welcomed.

(e) Dr. Orford, who was not present at the meeting, submitted a comment that he/she wished to give his/her support for the Portland Street cycle route scheme for the following reasons:

- (i) as Southport now called itself a "Cycling Town" we must do all we can to make it easier and safer for cyclists to cross from one area to another within the town;
- (ii) as our children turned evermore to indoor pursuits and activities, partly due to the perceived dangers of the 'great outdoors', we must make that environment more welcoming;
- (iii) as a retired doctor, he/she knew first hand the benefits from regular exercise starting at a young age and continuing into adulthood on the health of our nation.

Dr. Orford concluded that for the above reasons the Area Committee should decide in favour of the above scheme.

(f) Mrs. G. McMullen, as a member of "Path n Pedal", who was not present at the meeting, had written to the Area Committee in support of the new cycle route to the east - the Portland Street Scheme; and indicated that as a keen cyclist, she was very much in favour of the scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the Traffic Services Manager be requested to bring the comments referred to in (c) to (f) above to the attention of the Cabinet Member - Technical Services as part of his consideration of the Southport Cycle Town - East West Link.

(g) Mr. S. Kissack, who was not present at the meeting, had submitted a comment referring to the proposed works in Portland Street, where speed tables were intended to be installed at several junctions as part of the traffic calming measures.

Cycling England, co-funders of the scheme, had published a series of recommended design parameters for cycle infrastructure. These were available to access on their website. In this instance, the recommended design of speed tables/humps would be worthy of consideration for the Portland Street Scheme.

In particular, the edges of speed tables/humps were recommended to be of a sinusoidal profile. Standard pre-cast blocks with the appropriate profile were manufactured and available to local authorities. Alternatively, a similar profile could be formed on-site during the proposed works.

It was important that cyclists were able to ride over speed tables/humps, without experiencing a jolt when their wheels made contact with the leading edges. He concluded by asking could Sefton therefore give the

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assurance that Cycling England guidelines for the design of speed table/hump edges would be followed in Portland Street and for all future works within the Borough?

RESOLVED:

That the Traffic Services Manager be requested to respond in writing to Mr. Kissack.

(h) Mrs. A. Cobham asked whether Councillors agreed with her that it was time for a review of Southport's parking regime, with a view to turning it into a more user friendly operation as befits a classic seaside resort.

Members advised Mrs. Cobham that a parking review would be commenced in 2011.

Mrs. Cobham asked, as a supplementary question, whether Members agreed that the issue of a penalty charge notice to the driver of a coach transporting British Limbless Ex-Servicemen whilst parked outside the Scarisbrick Hotel, Lord Street, was bad publicity for the Council.

One Member indicated that the parking attendant should have used his/her discretion in the matter; whilst two Members indicated that the driver of the vehicle owed a duty of care to other road users and should not have parked in such a manner as to cause an obstruction on busy Lord Street; and that it was a dangerous place to park.

(i) Mr. B. Naylor stated that in February/March of this year a large area of thick grey mud was washed upon on Birkdale beach creating a pollution of our once golden sands, and that the Southport Beach Protection Group (SBPG) after inspection, collected a sample and sent it to the Environment Agency for analysis.

The result was that it contained over 140 ingredients, with many of them being toxic and dangerous to health. We suspect that it could be drilling mud coming from the nearby oil platform and mixed with other industrial materials.

Mr. Naylor asked could the Council look into this possibility, especially as it made our tourist beaches unsightly and unpleasant to use. With the worlds biggest environmental oil catastrophe slowly unfolding in the Gulf of Mexico, perhaps we should take a closer look at what this industry is doing only a couple of miles just off Southport's shoreline.

Mr. Naylor indicated, as a supplementary comment, that he had been advised by the drilling company that the mud referred to in his question was a blue algae bloom, which the SBPG disputed.

RESOLVED:

That the Environmental and Technical Service Director and Leisure and Tourism Director be requested to submit a joint report to a future meeting on the points raised by Mr. Naylor.

(j) Mrs. J. Naylor stated that thousands of residents signatures were collected to help save the Market Hall - and she would like to know when was the money allotted going to be spent for the refurbishment of the building, and when was the work going to start?

She continued that it was unfair on the traders trying to make a living under the conditions that existed at the present time.

She concluded by asking was this another example of Sefton's 'managed decline' policy, left to rot and look unsightly as had happened to other Council sites resulting eventually in being sold off for redevelopment.

The Committee Administrator advised Mrs. Naylor that a decision relating to the Southport Market scheme would be taken by the Cabinet at its meeting to be held on 5 August 2010.

Mrs. Naylor indicated, as a supplementary comment, that £5 million had been wasted on the park and ride scheme and that this funding could have been used to refurbish the Market.

(k) Mr. M. Swift stated that on 2 August 1860, the first leisure pier in Great Britain opened in Southport, a structure designed by James Brunlees, funded by Victorian entrepreneurs and supported by municipal interests. In the 20th Century Southport Pier's restoration commenced by public demand, contemporary business interests and municipal support. Monday next, 2 August 2010 at 12.00 noon with today's young people on hand to record 150 years of coastal enjoyment, modestly commemorating the vision of our predecessors whilst looking into the future with the benefit of our education. Would the Southport Area Committee add its congratulations at this historic moment to the restoration project, champion continued public use of Southport Pier, endorse the skill of Sefton M.B.C. officers present and past, recognise the contemporary business skills enabling the entrepreneurial vision to continue and welcome the significant inward investment to Southport from a cocktail of funding sources?

RESOLVED: That

- (1) it be noted that the Area Committee is more than happy to echo the sentiments raised by Mr. Swift; and
- (2) the Chief Executive be requested to write to the Southport Pier Trust to convey formally the best wishes of the Area Committee for the 150th birthday event on 2 August 2010.

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40. TRAFFIC ISSUES - YORK ROAD AND HAWKSHEAD STREET, SOUTHPORT

Further to Minute No. 163 of 31 March 2010, the Committee considered:

- (I) the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on:
- parking issues in Hawkshead Street, Southport, between Kestrel Court and Zetland Street; and
 - parking issues in York Road, Southport, between Weld Road and Bickerton Road

where parking of vehicles on both sides of the road in both locations could cause problems for through traffic; and

- (II) the following question submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Winstanley during the Open Forum:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Winstanley stated that the comments mentioned in paragraph 2.2 of the report were assumptions and incorrect. There were no flats without parking, the only flats were Kestrel Court, and they had their own ample off-road parking space in front of the buildings and never used the road for parking. The garages to the rear of the town houses were always used and they also did not use the road, they, like her, could not park outside their houses because cars mainly from the Southport College parked there on both sides from 8.00 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. The third point in these items, there were no "H" bracket markings over driveways at all in this section and would not help, as cars parked up to and in line with the gateposts, severely restricting the view of the road and the ability of those who had to reverse out of their driveways, quite unsafe.

There were other roads/streets in the area very close with parking restrictions, Manchester Road, top section of Hawkshead Street (Queens Road to Manchester Road) Alexander Road, Ashley Street, Mount Street, Zetland Street, Hall Street, Sussex Road, Kensington Road, all bounding our area. Our section of Hawkshead Street was a main bus route and very busy through road towards the Kew area, and because of car parking on both sides it narrowed the road down to a central single width, which only added to the problems.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the matter be deferred to enable the Planning and Economic Development Director to arrange a site meeting with:

- (1) Ward Councillors and a representative of local residents in relation to the issues at Hawkshead Street between Kestrel Court and Zetland Street; and
- (2) Ward Councillors in relation to the parking issues in York Road between Weld Road and Bickerton Road.

**41. ARUNDEL ROAD/WOODSTOCK DRIVE BIRKDALE -
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO EXISTING TRAFFIC REGULATION
ORDER**

The Committee considered:

- (I) the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director on the proposed introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order, the effect of which would extend the existing "At Any Time" parking restrictions at the junction of Arundel Road/Woodstock Drive, Birkdale; and
- (II) the following question submitted during the Open Forum:

Mrs. J. Hooker, who was not present at the meeting, on behalf of her mother and another local resident stated that the reason for double yellow lines seemed to be the result of parents parking during school drop-off/pick-up times down Arundel Road and Woodstock Drive that was a big problem and the ensuing associated chaos. Mrs. Hooker asked if double yellow lines were introduced down the length of Woodstock Drive, it would mean that residents (and their visitors) would not be able to park outside their own houses. Would it not be possible to keep the original double yellow 10 metre proposal and then have a single yellow line throughout Woodstock with stated times for 'No parking' that coincided with school start and finish times? If the double yellow proposal was approved, would residents be provided with parking permits?

Ward Councillors submitted amended proposals to those detailed in Annex B of the report.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) consideration of this matter be deferred to enable the Planning and Economic Development Director to discuss the amended proposals with the Traffic Management Liaison Group; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to write to Mrs. Hooker to advise her of this decision.

42. SEFTON COAST LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT 1.1 - RECONNECTING MARSHSIDE WITH ITS COASTAL HERITAGE

Further to Minute No. 8 of 26 May 2010, the Committee considered the joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Leisure and Tourism Director advising of the details of the proposed cycle route and walking route along Marshside Road and seeking approval to proceed with the project.

The report indicated that funding had been secured for the scheme; that planning permission was being sought; and that it was hoped that all approvals would be in place to complete the works by November 2010.

Mr. W. Moody, Planning and Economic Development Department, advised that planning permission was now no longer required for the scheme as it was deemed to be permitted development.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the details of the Marshside cycle/walking route scheme be supported and officers be authorised to proceed to implement the new path; and
- (2) subject to any appropriate assessments and Natural England consents, the scheme be implemented.

43. SYNOPSIS OF SOUTHPORT ACA STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities that provided a synopsis of the key information contained within the Southport Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA).

The report indicated that overall there had been a decrease of 12% in the levels of crime and disorder across Southport in the year between April 2009 and March 2010, compared to April 2008 and March 2009, and that all crime and disorder types had seen reductions in the same period except:

- Personal Robbery - increase from 17 offences to 21 offences (4)
- Other ASB - increase from 630 incidents to 683 incidents (53)
- Stray/aggressive dogs - increase from 128 incidents to 193 incidents (65)
- Other fire calls - increase from 16 incidents to 27 incidents (11);

that when compared to same period last year, the number of British Crime Survey (BCS) crimes committed had decreased by 18%; and that for all other non-BCS crimes, each category had shown a reduction in offences when comparing April 2009 - March 2010 with April 2008 - March 2009.

The report also detailed the costs of crime in Southport; the Southport crime trends; and concluded by providing statistical information relating to Southport residents' views on crime issues.

Members expressed satisfaction that the levels of crime were falling in Southport and that it was a safe place to live; wished to emphasise that the fear of crime was much worse than the reality of it; and urged representatives of the press to highlight such positive news in their publications.

RESOLVED:

That the synopsis report on the Southport Strategic Intelligence Assessment be noted.

44. CEMETERY ROAD/EASTBOURNE ROAD SOUTHPORT - PROPOSED ROUTE ACTION ACCIDENT REDUCTION SCHEME

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking approval to introduce suitable traffic calming measures to Cemetery Road/Eastbourne Road, Southport, that would reduce vehicle speeds and increase safety of all road users.

The report identified the site details; traffic flows/speed of vehicles using the roads; the accident record at the location and that most accidents were clustered around junctions; and the proposed speed and accident reduction measures, the funding for which would be provided via the 2010/11 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme.

The report concluded that the proposals were required to address the relatively high casualty numbers and vehicle speed along Eastbourne/Cemetery Road, Southport when compared with other routes in Sefton.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the traffic calming scheme for Cemetery Road/Eastbourne Road, as referred to in the report, be approved;
- (2) the Head of Corporate Legal Services be authorised to execute the necessary legal procedures for implementation of the traffic calming measures and the creation of the Traffic Regulation Orders, including those of consultation and objection, and to advertise the Council's intentions; and
- (3) the consultation exercise in respect of the proposals be undertaken in accordance with the Sefton Standard.

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45. JANE'S BROOK ROAD AND PRINCES STREET - PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director seeking authorisation for the provision of dedicated disabled parking bays at:

- the south-east side of Princes Street
- Jane's Brook Road - cul-de-sac section containing property numbers 104-116 - south-east side
- Jane's Brook Road - cul-de-sac section containing property numbers 87-95 south-west side.

The report indicated that all new Traffic Regulation Orders for Disabled Parking Permits allowed for the provision of a numbered permit which restricted the use of the bay to the applicant only.

It was proposed to introduce individual Orders for the road incorporating all the existing restrictions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Traffic Regulation Orders providing a numbered permit, as set out in the plan at Annex A and detailed in the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Traffic Services Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order.

46. JUNCTION OF ROOKERY ROAD AND HESKETH DRIVE SOUTHPORT - OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Further to Minute No. 154 of 31 March 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director advising of the receipt of objections to the proposed "At Any Time" waiting restrictions at the junction of Rookery Road and Hesketh Drive, Southport.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the objections to the "At Any Time" waiting restrictions be overruled;
- (2) the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders to introduce 15 metres of "At Any Time" restrictions on Hesketh Drive and 10 metres of "At Any Time" restrictions on Rookery Road, be progressed as originally advertised;
- (3) the objectors be advised accordingly; and

- (4) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Orders be approved.

47. PREVIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE OPEN FORUM

The Committee considered correspondence relating to the above.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

48. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Chair, in consultation with the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods, be requested to assess the suitability of a presentation being made on the future of UK Transport - UK Eco Scooters; and
- (2) the Head of Corporate Legal Services be requested to submit a report on the proposed closure of Southport Magistrates' Court to the meeting to be held on 1 September 2010. This will enable a response to be submitted by the Area Committee to H.M. Courts Service by the consultation deadline of 15 September 2010.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the agreed programme of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting be held on **Wednesday, 1 September 2010, at the Town Hall, Southport, commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

Agenda Item 11h

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