

MEETING: CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION  
DATE: Wednesday 27 October 2010  
TIME: 10.00 am  
VENUE: \*\*Town Hall, Bootle (this meeting will be video conferenced to the Town Hall, Southport)

Councillor

DECISION MAKER: Maher  
SUBSTITUTE: Fairclough

SPOKESPERSONS: Dorgan Hough

SUBSTITUTES: Pearson Sumner

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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.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>		
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> 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.	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September, 2010</b>		(Pages 5 - 8)
4.	<b>Licence to Demolish Properties in the Klondyke Area between SMBC and Adactus Housing Association</b>  Report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director	Church; Derby; Linacre; Litherland; Netherton and Orrell;	(Pages 9 - 14)
5.	<b>Towards a Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Network for the Liverpool City Region</b>  Joint Report of the Strategic Director Communities and the Planning and Economic Development Director	All Wards;	(Pages 15 - 22)
* 6.	<b>North Liverpool and South Sefton Strategic Regeneration Framework</b>  Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director	Derby; Linacre;	(Pages 23 - 30)
7.	<b>Local Enterprise Partnership and Regional Growth Fund</b>  Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director	All Wards;	(Pages 31 - 36)

8. **Local Economic Assessment and Sustainable Economic Development Strategy**

All Wards;

(Pages 37 - 44)

Report of the Planning and Economic Development Director

**THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER, 2010. MINUTE NOS. 45, 47, 48 AND 49 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL IN".**

## **CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION**

### **MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Maher

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Dorgan and Hough

#### **42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

#### **43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **44. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER, 2010**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **45. INFORMED ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SEFTON**

Further to Minute No.59 of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 August 2010, the Cabinet Member considered a joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director and Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that provided an update on the comments received during consultation on the draft Informed Assessment of the Economic Viability of Affordable Housing; and seeking approval for the final Informed Assessment of the Economic Viability of Affordable Housing as part of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework, taking into account consultation comments.

This was a key decision and was currently included on the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the comments received during the consultation process into the draft study and the responses to the comments be noted; and

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- (2) the Cabinet be recommended to approve the Final Informed Assessment of the Economic Viability of Affordable Housing to inform the emerging Core Strategy for Sefton.

## **46. PLUGGED-IN-PLACES PROGRAMME - AN UPDATE**

Further to Minute No. 76 of the meeting of Cabinet Member – Technical Services held on 22 September 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director and Environmental and Technical Services Director updating on the Plugged-in-Places Programme and seeking consent for Sefton Council to be the Accountable Body for the sub-regional bid.

The report indicated that the sub-region's Expression of Interest for the Plugged In Places project was formally submitted to Department of Transport (DfT) in July 2010; out of 15 applications, the DfT had indicated that the Merseyside bid was likely to succeed subject to a number of key issues being addressed; and that officers were of the view that the issues could be satisfactorily addressed to enable a full bid to be submitted by 29 October 2010 deadline.

Merseytravel, who were expected to undertake Accountable Body status for the project, had now indicated that it would not be possible for them to assume such status; and given that Sefton had agreed to become the Accountable Body for the sub-regional REECH Project, and the fact that associated activities were all related to addressing CO2 emissions reduction, helping local SMEs, creating local employment opportunities, and the development of the low carbon economy, the Cabinet Member was requested to agree to Sefton becoming the Accountable Body for the Plugged-In-Places project, subject to the bid being successful.

RESOLVED:

That Plugged-in-Places – An Update report be noted.

## **47. FURTHER FORDHAM RESEARCH ADVICE ABOUT HOUSING MATTERS IN SEFTON**

Further to Minute No. 76 of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15 September 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that reported the findings of further studies undertaken by Fordham Research that: clarified and expanded on the affordable housing statistics contained in previously completed Sefton Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2008 and published in 2009; and provided an analysis of housing search and expectations in Sefton.

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The report also sought agreement to a change in the current approved negotiating position with regard to affordable housing provided through the S106 process in Bootle.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the key findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment Technical Note and the Housing Search and Expectations Study be noted;
- (2) the Cabinet be requested to approve the key findings of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment Technical Note; and
- (3) the Cabinet be requested to approve the relaxation of any S106 affordable housing requirement for Bootle with immediate effect.

**48. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OVERARCHING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS WITH BELLWAY HOMES LIMITED AND KEEPMOAT LIMITED.**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that sought approval to make a minor amendment to the Overarching Development Agreements with Bellway Homes Limited and Keepmoat Limited.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be requested to approve the amendment of Paragraph 6.3 of Schedule 2 to the Overarching Development Agreements between the Council and Bellway Homes Limited and between the Council and Keepmoat Limited as set out in paragraph 4 of the report.

**49. REDUCTION IN HOUSING MARKET RENEWAL FUNDING BY THE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (2010-11)**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that set out the reductions and other changes made in Housing Market Renewal funding from the Home and Communities Agency for Sefton in the current financial year, and the proposed changes to the South Sefton Housing Market Renewal programme and budget to account for these reductions.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be requested to approve the proposed reductions in expenditure and revised budget and programme for the South Sefton Housing Market Renewal Programme detailed in the report and set out in Table 1 of the report.

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## **50. REVENUE EXPENDITURE, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PERFORMANCE - 2009/10 PORTFOLIO FINAL ACCOUNTS**

Further to Minute No. 63 of 28 October 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Interim Head of Corporate Finance and ICT Strategy regarding the final outturn position for the Regeneration Portfolio.

The report outlined the 2009/10 outturn for the Regeneration Portfolio's revenue and capital expenditure budgets and identified the major variations; details of the Portfolio's performance in 2009/10 against its relevant indicators; together with comments by the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director on revenue, capital and performance issues, highlighting any that had ongoing implications for later years.

The report concluded by requesting Members to give consideration to the submission of comments on the outturn to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services).

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Portfolio's revenue expenditure outturn for 2009/10, be noted;
- (2) the impact of the Portfolio's capital expenditure outturn for 2009/10 be noted; and
- (3) the comments made on the Portfolio's performance in 2009/10 be noted.



# Agenda Item 4

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member Regeneration  
Cabinet

**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**SUBJECT:** Licence to Demolish Properties in the Klondyke Area  
between SMBC and Adactus Housing Association

**WARDS  
AFFECTED:** Linacre, Derby, Litherland, Church, Netherton & Orrell

**REPORT OF:** Alan Lunt - Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes  
Director

**CONTACT  
OFFICER:** Tom Clay, HMR Programme Manager  
0151-934 4849

**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To describe the reasons for entering into a licence to allow the Council to demolish vacant properties in the Klondyke area in the ownership of Adactus Housing Association, and to seek approval of Cabinet to enter into the Licence.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

The Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director does not have delegated authority to make decisions relating to such matters.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That Cabinet approves the Council entering into a Licence to allow the Council to demolish vacant properties owned by Adactus Housing Association in the Klondyke area, subject to the financial resources being available to do so.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Upon the expiry of the call in period for the minutes of the meeting

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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** The Council could choose not to enter into such a licence. This would mean that the vacant terraces of property in the Klondyke would remain a target for crime and antisocial behaviour.

The Council could choose to buy the properties from Adactus Housing Association and then demolish them. However, this would mean finding substantial resources (£2-3 million) to do so.

## IMPLICATIONS:

**Budget/Policy Framework:** None

**Financial:** Funding for these demolitions will either use slippage in the current year's HMR funded programme and/or HMR funding in 2011/12 and beyond. This will be subject to a separate approval as and when the resources are available.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2013/ 2014 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:

The Acting Head of Legal Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report. The Licence has been prepared by the Legal Services Department.

### Risk Assessment:

The Risk Assessment shows that the demolition of the properties will reduce the risks to public safety and the risks to the Council.

### Asset Management:

No implications- the properties are due to be demolished in any case as part over the overall

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HMR Programme for the Klondyke.

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

FD 529 - The Interim Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into this report.

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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		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

None.

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 As part of the Housing Market Renewal (HMR) programme for the Klondyke area of South Sefton, the Council is currently acquiring properties for demolition from private owners, both owner occupiers and private landlords, as and when residents are rehoused or properties become vacant, in most of the area known as Phases 2 and 3.
- 1.2 The Council's lead RSL for the area is Adactus Housing Association. Approximately 204 houses in this area are currently owned by Adactus Housing Association, who purchased them from Riverside Housing Association in 2008. These properties are 'pepper potted' around the area, but constitute nearly half of the 445 houses.
- 1.3 Under the normal course of events, the Council would also buy the properties from Adactus as they too became empty. Given the constraints on the Council's resources and on the grant in aid from the Homes and Communities Agency for the HMR programme, it has been agreed that, in lieu of the Council buying Adactus property at market value, which would cost the Council several million pounds, instead, Adactus will hold an interest in its land and that this interest will be transferred to the Council's lead developer partner (or other developer) at a later date for development for the value of that interest.
- 1.4 In the meantime, the properties are gradually becoming empty. 168 properties had been purchased at 30<sup>th</sup> September with vacant possession by the Council, and 160 properties are vacant and owned by Adactus.
- 1.5 There are now complete terraces and lengths of terraces that are empty. These properties are increasingly the focus of antisocial behaviour and crime, and there has been a spate of arson attacks on some of the vacant properties. This is causing considerable distress to the remaining residents, and increased expenditure by the emergency services, and by the Council in continually having to attend and resecure properties or carry out 'make safe' works.
- 1.6 It has therefore been proposed by the Council and agreed by Adactus that they are prepared to enter into a licence agreement with the Council which will permit the Council to demolish terraces and groups of properties owned in their entirety by the Council and Adactus when they become vacant.
- 1.7 The licence will operate on a 'draw down' basis ie the Council will 'put' a group of properties to Adactus as being empty and ready for demolition, and Adactus will then carry out the necessary checks before confirming this. Because of the need to remove services, carry out asbestos surveys etc., and serve statutory notices, it will then be several weeks before the demolition proper can start on each block.
- 1.8 Because of the restriction on resources, it is unlikely that much demolition in Phase 2 and 3 of the Klondyke will be achieved in the current financial year, but

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with the licence in place, vacant blocks can be demolished swiftly as resources become available.

## **2.0 Conclusion**

- 2.1 Entering into a licence agreement with Adactus will enable the council to quickly demolish property in the Klondyke as resources become available, thus reducing the risk of crime and anti social behaviour related to vacant properties and reducing void security costs for the Council and Adactus.

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**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member – Technical  
Cabinet Member – Environmental  
Cabinet Member – Regeneration  
Cabinet -

**DATE:** 20th Oct 2010  
20th Oct 2010  
27th Oct 2010  
28th Oct 2010

**SUBJECT:** Towards a Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Network for the  
Liverpool City Region

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All Wards

**REPORT OF:** Bill Milburn – Strategic Director Communities  
Andy Wallis – Planning and Economic Development Director

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Andrew Hall - 3604

**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To provide Members with details for developing a Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Network for the Liverpool City Region and to seek Members consent for Sefton Council to be the accountable body for the sub-regional bid.

Funding had been offered through the Department of Communities and local Government to support the Climate Change Local Area Support Programme (CLASP), inviting sub-regional bids by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The programme will conclude June 2011 so all necessary outputs and outcomes will need to be delivered within than period. Agreement has been reached across the Liverpool City Region (LCR) that there should be a single co-ordinated bid.

The project will build community, member and officer ability in/ support for renewables installations/ climate adaptation through co-learning and shared services that allows LCR to do more with less through joint action to reduce costs whilst improving performance. This concept behind this work is to build the LCR ability to make progress on the substantial opportunities the low carbon economy offers but to do it in a way that develops an efficient approach and use of the capacity available.

It is proposed Sefton Council act as the accountable body, given that the LCR Board for Environment & Waste would like the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) (who are hosted by Sefton) to be the project manager. The project would simply be added to the existing partnership arrangements between MEAS/Sefton and the other 5 Districts by identifying this specific project as a priority within the work programmes.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To comply with reporting procedures

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

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It is recommended that:-

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Technical Services:-

1. Support the proposal to begin to develop a Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Network for the Liverpool City Region funded through the DCLG
2. Continue to receive updates on this proposal as it develops through the Climate Change Co-ordination Group (CCCG)

Cabinet:-

3. Support the proposal to begin to develop a Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Network for the Liverpool City Region funded through the DCLG
4. Agree to Sefton Council being the accountable body for this sub-regional approach, to be hosted and project managed by MEAS

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Immediately after the call in period

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

- 1) Not to proceed with the LCR bid for funding
- 2) Another Council within the LCR is requested to come forward to act as the accountable body

## IMPLICATIONS:

**Budget/Policy Framework:**

## Financial:

Financial management would be undertaken by MEAS in the same way that MEAS already manages several other projects on behalf of the LCR. Acting as the accountable body for this funding is considered low risk and at would no cost to the Council.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2014/ 2015 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				



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Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:** Legal have been consulted and this project will be added to the existing partnership agreements between MEAS (Sefton Council) and the other 5 Districts. It will form part of the MEAS work programme and is viewed as an operational decision to be made with the Directing Group.

**Risk Assessment:** Yes - The Risk associated with Sefton acting as the accountable body is advised as low given the nature of the proposal and deliverables expected from this funding (This is set out in section 3.0 of the report).

**Asset Management:** No

## **CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

FINANCE FD 527 - The Interim Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into this report.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
NEIGHBOURHOODS INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT  
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## **CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>		<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
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2	Creating Safe Communities		/	
3	Jobs and Prosperity	/		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	/		
5	Environmental Sustainability	/		

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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

### 1.0 BACKGROUND:

Funding through the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) is available to support the Climate Change Local Area Support Programme (CLASP). Its purpose is to increase local authority capacity to tackle the causes and effects of climate change in the North West of England.

The requirements of this funding stream are to build skills and capacity across the range of local authority responsibilities to:

- Help local authorities understand and undertake their role in tackling climate change;
- Facilitate the delivery of increased renewable energy supply through supporting the local planning process
- Allowing planning departments to promote better community engagement in climate change and the planning process, including on renewable technologies

Funding of £100,000 had been offered to each of the five sub-regions to submit proposals by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The programme will conclude June 2011 so all necessary outputs and outcomes will need to be delivered within that period. Agreement has been reached across the Liverpool City Region (LCR) that there should be a single co-ordinated bid.

Given the tight deadline, an outline bid was presented to and approved by the LCR Waste & Environment on 20th September 2010, in conjunction with a paper drafted by Knowsley (as Board lead on Low Carbon Energy) on options for delivering low carbon services in the future. The Board endorsed the concept of exploring the potential for a LCR Low Carbon Hub and this will be added to the Board's forward work plan (administered by MEAS). TMP and the NWDA were both in attendance and supported this approach. Discussions are ongoing with Liverpool City Council to ensure that their needs are accommodated as far as possible within the bid given that Liverpool was considering a separate bid to CLASP.

The application has been drafted by Knowsley MBC (as CLASP Advisory Group rep for the city region), with informal inputs from peers in the city region (environment, planning, regen).

### 2.0 Current Position

The submission will – build community, member and officer ability in/ support for renewables installations/ climate adaptation through co-learning and shared services that allows LCR to do more with less by joint action to reduce costs whilst improving performance. This concept behind this work is to build the LCR ability to make progress on the substantial opportunities the low carbon economy offers but to do it in a way that develops and makes more efficient use of existing capacity.

It is proposed Sefton Council act as the accountable body, given that the Board would like MEAS (who are hosted by Sefton) to be the project manager. The Board are aware that

there is due process required by Sefton Council and that this would have to be completed (Approved by Sefton’s Cabinet) after the submission date. This position is reflected in the funding bid of 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The project will be added to the existing partnership arrangements between MEAS/Sefton and the other 5 Districts by identifying this specific project as a priority within the work programmes. Financial management would be undertaken by MEAS in the same way that MEAS already manages several other projects on behalf of the LCR.

The proposal includes a budget option for £0.100m (Scenario 1). In the event of under spend elsewhere, additional works are proposed too £0.200m (Scenario 2). No other sub-regional bids are expected, and therefore chances of success are considered to be good.

Project work streams will be based around ‘Community Awareness’, ‘Planning Department Engagement’ and options for how a LCR Low Carbon Hub might develop. Given the gap in external expertise and the short timeline, delivery will be through a combination of external advisors and nominated Council staff. A sub-group of the LCR Waste & Environment Board will be convened to ‘task and finish’ this programme for LCR.

The project will complement and build on existing capacity and ongoing activity in the City Region, the LCR Renewable Energy Capacity Study, and the emerging LEP, to map capacity and skills gaps and suggest a future framework for delivering low carbon services more efficiently across the City Region, with a core principle being to find ways to do more with less. Deliverables are expected to include:

- ‘How to’ training and guide for community groups
- Toolkit & handbook for planners to assist work with developers and others
- NVQ qualification for business advisors and RSLs (options and issues study)
- Skeleton business plan for a public-led ESCO and Low Carbon Hub (including investor brochure for district heating projects or mechanism for carbon compensation levy).

The project will be overseen by a small, but senior, steering group with overall reporting of progress to the LCR Environment and Waste Board. A lean and efficient project management approach will be adopted.

### 3.0 Risk Assessment

The Risk associated with Sefton acting as the accountable body is advised as low given the nature of the proposal and deliverables expected from this funding.

Risk	Managed
Timeline to meet deliverables by 2011	<p>Deliverables are revenue based around building capacity and awareness within communities and planning departments and developing longer term options for a LCR Low Carbon Hub.</p> <p>Early agreement of the detailed work plan on award of funding.</p> <p>Deliverables will be supported by external advisors, who are experts in</p>

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	this field 40%
Financial	As this is 100% funded, there is no direct additional cost to Sefton Council or any of the project partners.
Impact on MEAS core service	MEAS will receive a management fee of 10% The work area is an existing priority for MEAS and the Districts via the work programme. Through more effective co-ordination duplicated effort will be avoided.
Impact on Council Staff	Part-time staff secondments (Open to MEAS and Councils) are included in the budget 40% to support deliverables
	Allowance made for expenses 10%

## 4.0 Conclusion

The project offers an excellent opportunity for the wider City Region and synergy with on-going work such as those being led by the Low Carbon Economy Panel chaired by TMP. It will also help deliver Sefton Council's ongoing commitment to climate change and the low carbon economy (reported to Cabinet 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010) and supported by the Council's 'Climate Change Champions', Cabinet Members for Technical Services, Regeneration and the Environment.

## 5.0 Recommendations:

It is recommended that:-

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Technical Services:-

5. Support the proposal to begin to develop a Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Network for the Liverpool City Region funded through the DCLG
6. Continue to receive updates on this proposal as it develops through the Climate Change Co-ordination Group (CCCG)

Cabinet:-

7. Support the proposal to begin to develop a Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Network for the Liverpool City Region funded through the DCLG
8. Agree to Sefton Council being the accountable body for this sub-regional approach, to be hosted and project managed by MEAS



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**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION

**DATE:** 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

**SUBJECT:** NORTH LIVERPOOL & SOUTH SEFTON STRATEGIC REGENERATION FRAMEWORK

**WARDS AFFECTED:** LINACRE, DERBY

**REPORT OF:** PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**CONTACT OFFICER:** MARK LONG x3471

**EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To update members on the North Liverpool & South Sefton Strategic Regeneration Framework, and explain the next steps for consultations and strategy development.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To allow for consultation on the proposed strategic framework.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That members:

- (i) Note this report
- (ii) Agree to support and attend the Key Stakeholder Event planned for November, with a specific invitation to members of this Committee and Linacre/Derby Area Committee, as well as other key partners
- (iii) Refer the Final SRF document to Overview & Scrutiny (Regeneration and Environmental Services)
- (iv) Request an appraisal of the SRF by officers, along with feedback from Overview & Scrutiny, to be presented to a future meeting of this Committee
- (v) Concurrently with the consultation and approval process, authorise officers to begin work with Liverpool City Council, Liverpool Vision and Homes & Communities Agency on a comprehensive 3 year delivery and action plan.

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**KEY DECISION:** Yes

**FORWARD PLAN:** Yes

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Immediately following the call-in period for the minutes of this meeting.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** The preparation of a Strategic Regeneration Framework is seen as the best way, if not the only way, to access scarce public resources held by the HCA and other regeneration agencies.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** There are no financial consequences as a direct result of this report and therefore the Finance Director has not been consulted.

**Financial:**

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2009 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:** N/a

**Risk Assessment:** N/a

**Asset Management:** N/a

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**



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SRF Key Stakeholder Event – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010  
Linacre/Derby Area Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

## CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

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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

Draft North Liverpool/South Sefton Strategic Regeneration Framework 2010

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## **Background**

1. In July 2009, Liverpool Vision invited Sefton MBC to support the development of a Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF), for the 6 wards of County, Anfield, Kirkdale, Everton (in Liverpool), with Linacre and Derby (in Sefton).
2. In September, DPP Shape Consultancy were appointed to develop the SRF and to lead a consortium of specialist consultants. The cost of the study was met by Liverpool Vision, NWDA and HCA.(there is no financial contribution required from Sefton).
3. The brief, and the initial evidence base, were reported to members of this Committee on 20th January 2010. Members agreed that the Cabinet Member should be included within the consultation process for the SRF, and requested a further report on the SRF.
4. This report summarises work undertaken on the SRF to date, and describes the next steps.

## **Work on Stage 2**

5. Following completion and verification of the Stage 1 evidence report early in 2010, work began on the Stage 2 report. The aim of this stage was to identify key issues that the Strategy should address and place them in a long-term perspective up to 2030.
6. Consultants DPP Shape organised a Key Stakeholder Event on 1<sup>st</sup> March for representatives of appropriate partner organisations, the private sector and community groups to attend. Though never intended to be a large-scale comprehensive consultation event, Sefton officers sought to broaden out the invitation list to ensure a variety of local players were involved including ward and Cabinet members.
7. Subsequently, a report was taken to Linacre & Derby Area Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 with a summary of the Stage 1 Report, and also with a view to seeking early comment on the issues local members wanted addressing by the SRF. Members requested a presentation from the consultants before the final report was published.
8. During the summer of 2010 DPP Shape prepared and refined a draft Stage 2 Report, on which officers have been commenting.

## **The Stage 2 Report**

9. The Stage 2 Report will be the subject of a formal appraisal by officers when it has been finalised. It may be useful to flag up here its main conclusions.
10. The SRF proposes three high-level frameworks to guide action and investment over a twenty year period:

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- Economic & Employment Framework
  - People & Communities Framework
  - Neighbourhood & Places Framework
11. The Frameworks are deliberately high-level statements of intent as the SRF was produced before and after the General Election at a time of great uncertainty about future government plans, the state of the economy, and future availability of resources.
12. Nevertheless, the SRF states that over the coming period the top-level priorities and transformational projects for North Liverpool & South Sefton are:
- A. Economic & Employment Framework
    - A1. Liverpool Waters
    - A2. Port Expansion
    - A3. The Football Stadia
    - A4. Low Carbon Business Transformation
    - A5. Business Land & Premises
    - A6. Developing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
  - B. People & Communities Framework
    - B1. A Total Place Approach to Family Support, and Education & Skills
  - C. Neighbourhood & Places Framework
    - C1. Project Jennifer
    - C2. New Housing – New Approaches
    - C3. Green Infrastructure
    - C4. Neighbourhood Management
    - C5. Everton Park
13. Each transformational project is itself a series of development opportunities, initiatives and proposals, all at different stages of the planning process. More detail will be found in the SRF document.
14. Some guidance is given as to the spatial framework in which these actions can be incorporated, but the SRF is not itself a delivery plan.
15. Therefore the primary output from this stage of the SRF is a set of strategic priorities which require further working up and an understanding of feasibility, resource requirements and lead in times. There also needs to be much further community consultation to ensure proposals fit well with neighbourhood ambitions.

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## Next steps

16. At the North Liverpool SRF Steering Group meeting held on 26 August, a number of actions were agreed to progress the finalisation of the document, and put together a programme for further consultation, formal endorsement by Partners and the preparation of a medium term Delivery Plan.
17. The agreed actions were as follows:
  - ❑ The full Draft Consultation SRF Report, together with a short summary of the strategy, will be completed and made available for consideration by key partners and stakeholders by early October.
  - ❑ A Key Stakeholder Event will be held in November to provide the opportunity for further input to the Framework findings and recommendations. This will effectively be a reconvention of the Key Stakeholder Event which was held in March 2010 to which representatives from appropriate partner organisations, the private sector, and community groups were invited. Invitations to the Event will be distributed shortly.
  - ❑ The outcomes of the Stakeholder Event, and an online consultation forum set up during October, will feed into further Report editing/review in November.
  - ❑ Following the consultation period, it is anticipated that the full SRF Report will be presented to the respective Boards/Committees, as appropriate, including the Liverpool City Council North Liverpool Scrutiny Panel (date tbc); Liverpool Vision Board (3 December); and Sefton Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Regeneration (23 November) and Cabinet Member – Regeneration (15 December).
  - ❑ On receipt of the formal endorsement of key partners, we will issue a joint press release to highlight the publication of the Framework, which illustrates the close and effective collaboration between the local authorities of Liverpool and Sefton, and key partner agencies.
  - ❑ Running concurrently with the consultation and approval processes outlined above, Liverpool Vision, together with Liverpool and Sefton Councils and the HCA, intend to begin work immediately, in close consultation with key partner agency colleagues, on a comprehensive 3 year Delivery and Action Plan. It is intended that this comprehensive forward programme will be agreed by early 2011.
  - ❑ As preserve our options, a proposal for Regional Growth Fund to support the initial stages of the SRF plan-making and development process has been submitted to TMP – see item elsewhere on this agenda.
17. The follow-on work with Liverpool Vision, Liverpool CC and HCA, and the RGF proposal, is being taken forward entirely without prejudice to any views on the SRF that have yet to be conveyed to Liverpool by Sefton Council. It is simply to ensure Sefton remains engaged in the search for support and resources, and

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does not forego the opportunity to take forward priority actions when they have been agreed.

18. The SRF is a high level strategy statement. It has not engaged deeply with communities. That is the purpose of the next stage, and the more detailed and meaningful planning with HCA. Linacre/Derby Area Committee has requested a presentation on the SRF, but in fact DPP Shape are shortly to be decommissioned, and no local presentations are planned. Officers suggest that the best alternative is to invite all members of this Committee and the Linacre/Derby Area Committee to attend the November Stakeholder Workshop, where the SRF will be presented and discussed in some detail. A further presentation to the Area Committee by officers can be arranged as required.

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**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION

**DATE:** 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

**SUBJECT:** LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP AND REGIONAL GROWTH FUND

**WARDS AFFECTED:** ALL

**REPORT OF:** PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**CONTACT OFFICER:** MARK LONG x3471

**EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To advise members of the submission of a Merseyside bid to establish a City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in response to an invitation issued in June by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills; and to advise of the process for submitting a bid for Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To ensure members can influence the development of the LEP and shape the submission for RGF.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the report is noted and further updates are provided when appropriate.

**KEY DECISION:** No.

**FORWARD PLAN:** No.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following call-in date.

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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** Not to participate in the LEP would deny the Council influence over the RGF resources which only the LEP can endorse.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** There are no financial consequences and therefore the Finance Director has not been consulted.

**Financial:**

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2009 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:** N/a

**Risk Assessment:** N.a.

**Asset Management:** N/a

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**



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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. **Key Issues For Consideration**

- 1.1 The aim of a Local Enterprise Partnership is to help strengthen local economies. It is part of a reform of our system of sub-national economic development by enabling Councils and Business to replace the existing Regional Development Agencies.
- 1.2 It is expected that LEPs will be based around natural economic areas and demonstrate coherent public and private sector support. They will seek to provide strategic leadership in their areas to set out local economic priorities and to help create the right environment to stimulate business and growth.
- 1.3 The Coalition Government has also made clear its intention to set up a £1bn Regional Growth Fund (RGF) next year to support economic growth in parts of England hit by public sector cutbacks. Applications for RGF support will only be considered when endorsed by LEPs, and the Fund is expected to be open for applications in December.
- 1.4 The City Region Cabinet at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July agreed to proceed with a LEP bid for the Liverpool City Region and a bid was submitted by the 6<sup>th</sup> September deadline.
- 1.5 The City Region LEP submission is based around the delivery of the Transformational Actions first set out in the Multi Area Agreement – Visitor Economy, Knowledge Economy, Low Carbon Economy and Superport. It seeks to ensure that the appropriate infrastructure and resources, in terms of inward investment activities, enterprise and business support, is available locally to help deliver these priorities. A copy of the Bid Document is attached.
- 1.6 In terms of governance, the LEP will report to the City Region Cabinet and is modelled on the existing Economy Board. It will be supported under existing Board arrangements. The Board will be made up of Local Authority and Private Sector Leaders, and includes the Leader of Sefton Council. The first meeting of the Board is expected to take place in late October.
- 1.7 56 LEP bids from across the country have been submitted. Feedback suggests the Merseyside bid has been well received and may be selected to be one of up to 15 of the stronger bids to be established as “pathfinders”. However final decisions are unlikely to be made until after the Spending Review in October. In the meantime, development of the LEP should continue in anticipation of a start later this year.
- 1.8 Detailed guidance on Regional Growth Fund will be issued in a White Paper on economic development to be released alongside the Spending Review 2010. In the meantime, the Mersey Partnership is co-ordinating expressions of interest and developing principles to allow the development of a strong, credible sub-regional programme with defined private sector involvement.

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- 1.9 For example, the final programme should refer to substantial opportunities sitting within the four Transformational Actions, and bring forward site-specific private sector led capital investment and development projects.
- 1.10 Sefton's submission makes the case for
- (a) additional investment in the low carbon economy, building on existing pan-Merseyside initiatives for house insulation (REECH), and infrastructure for low emissions transport (Plugged in Places), for both of which Sefton Council is the accountable body
  - (b) a Merseyside private sector investment fund, directing additional finance into good private sector proposals
  - (c) joint investment with Liverpool CC to bring forward potential sites and early action projects in the six wards covered by the Strategic Regeneration Framework for south Sefton/north Liverpool – see report elsewhere on the agenda, and
  - (d) action to connect people losing their jobs as a result of the recession or public expenditure retrenchment, with opportunities available elsewhere in the city region or generated through this programme.
- 2.11 The risks associated with the RGF are as yet unclear, but it is possible that major capital projects will generate a revenue “tail”, so any liability falling back upon the Council must be identified and authorised before funding commitments are entered into.
- 2.12 Any opportunities or risks presented by the Spending Review 2010 have not yet been taken into account, and may materially affect the shape and purpose of the RGF programme for Merseyside.

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**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION

**DATE:** 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

**SUBJECT:** LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

**WARDS AFFECTED:** ALL

**REPORT OF:** PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**CONTACT OFFICER:** MARK LONG x3471

**EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL:** NO

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To update members on progress with preparing the Local Economic Assessment, and the Sefton Sustainable Economic Development Strategy.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

For purposes of accountability in the implementation of a statutory duty.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That members note the report and request an appropriate officer to make further stage reports.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Immediately following the call-in date for this Committee.

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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:** N/a

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:**

**Financial:** The costs of consultancy work and printing and distribution costs associated with the Local Economic Assessment will be around £45,000. This will be met from 2010/11 Area Based Grant Resources awarded for the purpose.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2010 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>	<b>2013/ 2014 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure		£45,000		
Funded by: LEA allocation within ABG		£45,000		
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:** N/a

**Risk Assessment:** N/a

**Asset Management:** N/a

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

**FD 528** The Interim Head of Corporate Finance & Information Services has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into this report.

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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. On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009, members received a report detailing a new statutory duty placed on local authorities under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, to undertake a Local Economic Assessment (LEA).
2. Members noted progress and requested the Planning & Economic Regeneration Director to report back on plans for the preparation of the Sefton LEA, and any financial implications.
3. Members also agreed in principle to the preparation of a Sustainable Economic Development Strategy for Sefton (SEDS).
4. This report reports progress with the LEA, and sets out how we intend to prepare a strategy for the sustainable prosperity of the borough.

## **Local Economic Assessment – update**

5. The original intention, reported in December 2009, was to prepare a two-tier economic assessment, with The Mersey Partnership co-ordinating a Merseyside-wide assessment, picking up key cross-border and strategic issues, while the individual local authorities prepared individual borough assessments. The city region assessment was to be supervised by an independent private sector led panel, along the lines of the Manchester Independent Economic Review.
6. The government's decision to wind-down the Regional Development Agencies meant that the North West Development Agency had to withdraw its offer to Merseyside of financial support for the strategic tier of assessment. The local authorities have received an allocation (£65,000) within their Area Based Grant for 2010/11 to deliver an LEA, but as ABG is not ringfenced the opportunity has been taken by several to reallocate the resource. Therefore it has not been possible to pool the local authority resource and replace the lost NWDA funding. In order to achieve savings in this year's budgets, Cabinet agreed on 8 July 2010, to reduce the use of some of its Area Based Grant resources and this particular resource identified for LEA, has been reduced by £20,000 to a level of £45,000. It is felt that this reduced level of resource will however be sufficient to fund the costs of consultants (£40,000) and go towards document production and distribution (£5,000) associated with the LEA work.
7. The current position is that TMP will produce a light-touch assessment looking very similar to the Annual Merseyside Economic Review they would normally publish, while the local authorities are at liberty to produce a local assessment if they wish. The case for Sefton to prepare an LEA remains strong:
  - The recession has rendered all previous assessments and plans obsolete
  - Local partners need a route map that will rebalance the economy and guide us down the path of "green growth"
  - Shortage of resources means public sector investment decisions need to become smarter and better informed about our prospects



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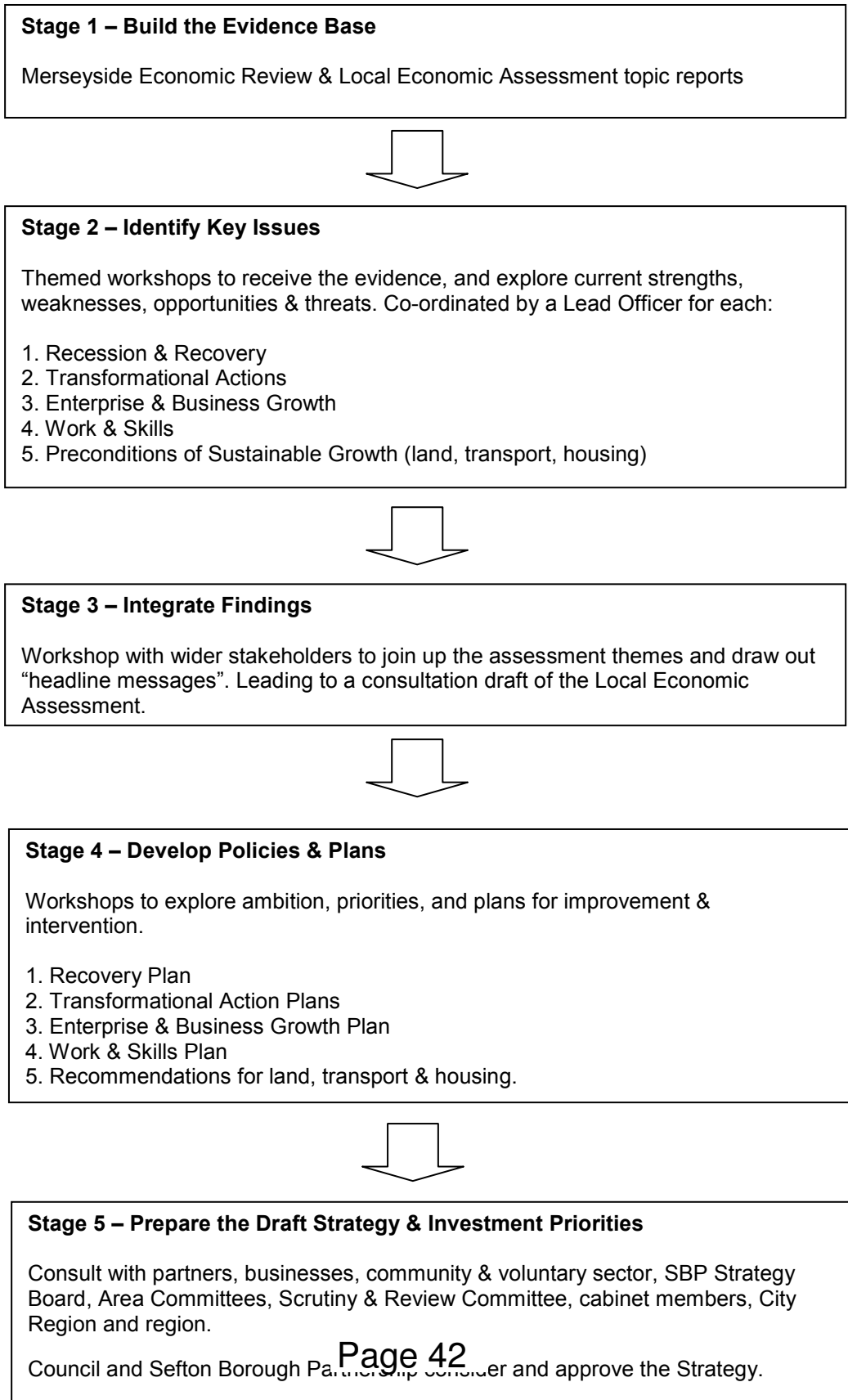
- A strong local assessment and strategy will allow Sefton to “punch its weight” at city region level.
8. The government issued Statutory Guidance on preparation of LEAs in March 2010. The Coalition Government has subsequently placed the Statutory Guidance (but not the duty itself) on a list of parliamentary items to be repealed. This means the LEA can be prepared in almost any form the local authority prefers.
  9. Sefton has convened a Steering Group to prepare its Local Economic Assessment. It includes officers from across the Council, a representative from TMP, and officers from West Lancashire and Preston MBCs (in recognition of our cross-border linkages). The key step is creating capacity to deliver the assessment. Having received permission to appoint a consultant from the Establishment Control Panel, a tendering process is underway. Officers will provide a verbal update at the meeting.
  10. The LEA work programme anticipates a consultation draft will be available by January 2011. The duty requires Sefton to consult with a number of statutory partners, and their feedback will be returned to this committee in March, before formally approving the assessment.
  11. The local economic assessment will contribute to the Core Evidence base of the Sefton Borough Partnership, and the LEA will be developed with the support of Sefton Understood.

## **Sustainable Economic Development Strategy – update**

12. Neither Sefton Council nor the Sefton Borough Partnership has an up-to-date and forward looking statement of policy on economic development. This impedes decision-making on the use of scarce resources, setting priorities, or promoting resilience in a turbulent world.
13. We also need a strategic framework that checks and completes all the necessary links between prosperity, employment, and environmental sustainability. To show that economic growth must be capable of being repeated across the generations and without depletion of vital natural resources or damaging ecosystems, we have designated this a Sustainable Economic Development Strategy (SEDS).
14. The starting point for the preparation of the strategy is the recent world economic turmoil:
  - The reality of double-dip recession, and “jobless growth” to 2014
  - The anticipated impact of public deficit reduction on jobs and services
  - The longstanding performance gap between Merseyside and the rest of the country
  - Persistent concentrations of economic deprivation and worklessness in certain neighbourhoods within Sefton
  - The opportunities for Sefton and Merseyside presented by the city region’s Transformational Actions and other “green shoots” of recovery.

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- 15. The preparation of the Strategy is being approached with a “light touch”, to avoid repeating work that has already been done, and to avoid overburdening partners. Therefore engagement will be principally through a series of themed workshops, allowing participants to contribute in just the policy areas they prefer to be involved.
- 16. The diagram below summarises the process:



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17. A Strategy Steering Group has been formed, with lead officers designated for each workstream, and chaired by the Assistant Director – Regeneration. This group will guide the preparation of the Strategy, provide support for each stage, and supervise the development of policies and plans. Stage reports will be brought to this committee.
18. The target date for a draft Sustainable Economic Development Strategy for Sefton is March 2011.
19. A Consultation and Engagement Plan, in line with corporate standards, will be prepared, and reported to the Public Engagement & Consultation Standards Panel.
20. An Environmental Impact Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment will be produced at consultation stage to improve the quality of the final Strategy and ensure compliance with corporate standards.
21. The costs of preparing the Assessment and Strategy will be met from within the ABG allocation for this activity.

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