

COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY, 2011**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor M Fearn) (in the Chair)
 The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Cummins) (Vice
 Chair)

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Bradshaw, Brennan,
Brodie - Browne, Byrne, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey,
L. Cluskey, Cuthbertson, Dodd, Doran, Dorgan,
M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Dutton, Fairclough, Lord Fearn,
Fenton, Friel, Gibson, Griffiths, Glover, Gustafson,
Hands, Hardy, Hill, Hough, Howe, Ibbs, Jones, Kelly,
Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, C Mainey, S Mainey,
McGinnity, McGuire, Mclvor, Moncur, Papworth,
Parry, Porter, Preece, Preston, B Rimmer,
D Rimmer, Robertson, Shaw, Sumner, Tattersall,
Tonkiss, Tweed, Veidman, Sir Ron Watson,
Weavers and Webster

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Booth, Brady, Hubbard, Larkin and Pearson.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Minute No.	Reason	Action
Councillor Blackburn	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is a Member of Lydiate Parish Council and Maghull Town Council which may be affected by Double Rating referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Brennan	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He is employed by Sefton Council for Voluntary Service which is affected by the proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

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Councillor Brodie-Browne	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Prejudicial - His employer may benefit from proposals set out in the report	Left the room during the consideration of the item
Councillor Brodie-Browne	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is the Chair of Governors at Farnborough Road Junior School which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Carr	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is a Member of the Unite Union which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor K. Cluskey	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He intends to use the facilities of the Catch 22 organisation which is referred to in the report for Councillors Surgery Sessions	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Cummins	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He is a Trustee of the Sefton Council for Voluntary Service which is referred to in the report and his employer is also referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Cummins	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is a Trustee of the Sefton Council for Voluntary Service which is referred to in the report and his employer is also referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

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Councillor Cuthbertson	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - She is a Council representative on the Community Foundation for Merseyside which is referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Doran	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He is a Council representative on the Sefton Council for Voluntary Service which is referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor M. Fearn	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - She is a Trustee of Light for Life which is referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor M. Fearn	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - She is a Governor of Linaker Primary School which is referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Friel	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He is a Member of the Unison union which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Friel	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is a Member of the Unison union which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

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Councillor Gustafson	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - She is a Member of the Unison union which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Hands	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Prejudicial - His daughter works for Southport YMCA which is affected by proposals in the report	Left the room during the consideration of the item
Councillor Hands	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Prejudicial - He is the Manager of a Youth Club directly affected by proposals in the report	Left the room during the consideration of the item
Councillor Hardy	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - She is a Governor of Springwell Park Primary School and her son attends a Nursery School which are both affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Hill	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He is a Trustee of Crosby Age Concern, a Member of the Alzheimers Disease Society and a Council Representative on Sefton Council for Voluntary Service which are affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

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Councillor Hill	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Prejudicial - He is a Governor of Hugh Baird College which is affected by proposals in the report	Left the room during the consideration of the item
Councillor Howe	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is a Governor of Hudson Primary School and a Member of the Aintree Youth Club Management Committee which are affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Kelly	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He is a Trustee of the Pride of Sefton Narrow Boat Committee which is affected by the proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Kerrigan	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - She is a Council representative on the Community Foundation for Merseyside and a Governor of All Saints Primary School which are affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Kerrigan	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - She is a Member of the GMB Union which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

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Councillor McGuire	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - She is a Trustee of Sefton Pensioners Advocacy which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Maher	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He is a Trustee of St Augustine Park Taskman and Northfield Group which is referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Maher	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is a Governor of Springwell Park Primary School which is affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Mahon	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - He has given assistance to the L30 Centre which is referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Mahon	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He has given assistance to organisations which would be affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor B. Rimmer	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Prejudicial - He is a Foundation Governor of Bishop David Sheppard Primary School which is affected by proposals in the report	Left the room during the consideration of the item

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Councillor Robertson	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - He is a Member of Lydiate Parish Council and Maghull Town Council which may be affected by Double Rating referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Shaw	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal - His son is employed by Sefton Library Service and he is a Governor of Farnborough Road Infant School which are affected by proposals in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Sumner	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Prejudicial - He is a Member of Meols Cop Youth Club Management Board and a personal friend of the Youth Leader of the Club who are affected by proposals in the report	Left the room during the consideration of the item
Councillor Veidman	68 - Big Idea 5 - Transforming Sefton - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Review - Stage 1	Personal - His employer is referred to in the report	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon
Councillor Sir Ron Watson	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Personal – His son is employed by Sefton Council in the Supporting People Team	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

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Councillor Weavers	69 - Transformation Programme and Further Options	Prejudicial - He is a Member of Meols Cop Youth Club Management Board and a personal friend of the Youth Leader of the Club who are affected by proposals in the report	Left the room during the consideration of the item
Councillor Weavers	70 – REECH (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Community Housing) Project	Personal - He is a Director of an Alternative Energy Solution Company	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon

62. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 December 2010 be approved as a correct record subject to:

- the amendment of Minute No. 47 (Declarations of Interest) to indicate that Councillor Shaw had a prejudicial interest in Option SCL7a in the revised Appendix E and not a personal interest and that he left the Council Chamber during the vote on that particular issue which is referred to in Minute No. 58 (Transformation Programme and Further Options) and,
- the amendment of Minute No. 58 (Transformation Programme and Further Options) to indicate that the meeting was adjourned to enable Councillor Parry to seek legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and not Councillor Porter as indicated in the minute.

63. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Death of Former Mayoress Mrs. Audrey White

The Mayor reported that the family of the late Audrey White, former Mayoress of Sefton had made arrangements for a Memorial Service to be held on Friday 4 February 2011, at 12 noon in Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport.

Death of Former Councillor Mr. Robert Henry Golightly

The Mayor reported on the recent sad death of former Councillor, Mr. Robert Henry Golightly who served the Birkdale Ward from September

1978 until May 1980. A service was held for Mr. Golightly at Southport Crematorium on Monday, 17 January 2011.

Holocaust Memorial Service 2011

The Mayor reported that in conjunction with the Chairman and Members of the Southport Branch of the Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women, a Holocaust Memorial Day Service would take place at the Garden of Remembrance, Lord Street, Southport on Sunday, 30 January 2011 at 10.30 a.m.

64. CONSTITUTION - RULES OF PROCEDURE - REVENUE BUDGET

Further to Minute No. 187 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 27 January 2011, the Council considered the report of the Acting Head of Corporate Legal Services and Monitoring Officer on proposals to amend the Constitution with regard to the setting of the Revenue Budget.

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne and

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the amendment of the Constitution to provide that the provisions of Rule 15.4 (Content and Length of Speeches) and Rule 17 (Previous Decisions and Motions) of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules be suspended only to enable statements to be made on behalf of the three Political Groups on the forthcoming year's Revenue Budget and to allow Political Group Leaders to move amendments to the forthcoming Revenue Budget where items have been previously debated and voted upon at a Council meeting in the past six months.

65. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

- 1) The Mayor reported that a petition with 3,329 signatures had been submitted objecting to the closure of the Botanic Gardens Nursery operation which had been approved by the Council on 16 December 2010.

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Mr S. Taylor of Southport, the lead petitioner, made a statement in support of the petition.

Councillor Robertson referred to the current position relating to the operation of the nursery and the support being given to the existing staff, and a debate took place on the content of the petition.

It was then moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne and

RESOLVED:

That the petition be noted.

- 2) The Mayor reported that another petition with 3,775 signatures had been submitted requesting the Council to reconsider the closure of a number of SureStart Centres which were referred to in the report to be considered later in the meeting under Minute No.69

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Ms G. Brannan, the lead petitioner, made a statement in support of the petition.

Councillor Robertson referred to the decision taken by Cabinet earlier that day (Cabinet Minute No. 183 (10) (d) refers) relating to a deferral of any decision on all stages of the Sure Start Programme – Childrens Centres pending a Strategic Review and a debate took place on the content of the petition.

It was then moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne and

RESOLVED:

That the petition be considered as part of the Strategic Review.

66. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a written question from Councillor Papworth to the Cabinet Member - Technical Services relating to the proposal to increase the parking charges on the Crosby Town Centre Car Parks. One supplementary question was put and responded to.

67. ADULT SOCIAL CARE DEPARTMENT I.T. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Further to Minute No. 188 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 27 January 2011, the Council considered the report of the Strategic Director - Social Care and Wellbeing which provided further information relating to the I.T. Capital Programme for the Adult Social Care Department together with proposals to use the ICT Strategy Capital in conjunction with the Adult Social Care infrastructure grant to support the implementation of a new Client Management Database.

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne and

RESOLVED:

That the following three schemes be approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme for completion:-

- Adult Social Care ICT Strategy. (£194,600)
- Adult Social Care IT Infrastructure Grant 2008/2011 (£317,052)
- Capital Investment for Transformation of Adult Social Care (£197,000)

68. BIG IDEA 5 - TRANSFORMING SEFTON - VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH SECTOR REVIEW - STAGE 1

Further to Minute No. 182 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 27 January 2011, the Council considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on the initial outcome of the review undertaken by a project group of Members and Officers on how the Council supports, commissions and procures services through the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector. The review is one of the six 'Big Ideas' projects being undertaken as part of the Council's Transformation Programme.

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Blackburn:

That:

- (1) approval be given to the honouring of 90 day contractual commitments for all Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations or groups that lose 100% funding as set out in Appendix D1 and D2 to the report, and to the sum of £10,661 being prioritised in the 2011/12 budget (£5,242 for schemes in Appendix D1 and £5,419 for schemes reduced in Appendix D2 of the report);
- (2) approval be given to the reduced allocations of funding for organisations as detailed in Appendix D1 of the report and to Officers being mandated to formally write to the organisations advising them that the funding has ceased;
- (3) approval be given to the proposed reductions in funding for organisations as detailed in Appendix D2 of the report and to Officers being mandated to formally write to the organisations advising them that the funding has been proportionately reduced and/or ceased and that this will be further reviewed in 2011/12;
- (4) approval be given to officers being mandated to formally write to the organisations in Appendix B1, 2 and 3 of the report advising them that the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative funding has ceased and/or will cease and the Council will not have the resources to continue with these schemes once the specific funding comes to a natural end;
- (5) approval be given to the sum of £15,705 (core) being retained and to the provision of £56,258 for the activity detailed in Appendix C of the report continuing for one year only;

- (6) approval be given to the establishment of a set of reviews as detailed at Appendix E of the report and to the sum of £1,855,353 being prioritised in 2011/12 pending the outcomes of the reviews;
- (7) approval be given to the establishment of a consolidated grant fund of £50,000 for 2011/12 and to Officers and Members of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Overseeing Group being mandated to establish criteria and a process for the allocation of such funds to eligible organisations and that this fund be the responsibility of a designated Cabinet Member (as yet to be determined); and
- (8) further reports be submitted to the Cabinet and Council on the outcomes of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Reviews proposed with any further recommendations.

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Hardy and seconded by Councillor P. Dowd that the motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

"Subject to the deletion of Options B15-114 and B15-115 in Appendix D1, the deletion of Option B15-43.1 in Appendix D2, the re-instatement of a sum of £169,858 to the Sefton Citizens Advice Bureau referred to in Appendix E and the removal of that organisation from the review of services"

On a show of hands, the amendment was **lost** by 36 votes to 22.

A further **amendment** was then moved by Councillor Moncur and seconded by Councillor P. Dowd that the motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

"Subject to the deletion of the Options B15-116, B15-117, B15-118, B15-119, B15-120 and B15 -121 in Appendix D1"

The requisite number of Members having then signified their wish that the voting on the amendment should be recorded in accordance with Rule 18.4 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the voting was duly recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, Doran, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gustafson, Hardy, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Byrne, Cuthbertson, Dodd, Dorgan, Dutton, M. Fearn, Lord Fearn, Fenton, Gibson, Glover, Griffiths, Hill, Hough, Howe, Ibbs, Jones, C. Mainey, S. Mainey, McGuire, McIvor, Papworth, Parry, Porter, Preece, Preston, D. Rimmer, Robertson, Shaw, Sumner, Tattersall, Tonkiss, Sir Ron Watson and Weavers.

The amendment was **lost** by 35 votes to 23.

Following further debate, a vote was taken on the original motion and on a show of hands, the Motion was **carried** by 35 votes to 23 and it was

RESOLVED:

That

- (1) approval be given to the honouring of 90 day contractual commitments for all Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations or groups that lose 100% funding as set out in Appendix D1 and D2 to the report, and to the sum of £10,661 being prioritised in the 2011/12 budget (£5,242 for schemes in Appendix D1 and £5,419 for schemes reduced in Appendix D2 of the report);
- (2) approval be given to the reduced allocations of funding for organisations as detailed in Appendix D1 of the report and to Officers being mandated to formally write to the organisations advising them that the funding has ceased;
- (3) approval be given to the proposed reductions in funding for organisations as detailed in Appendix D2 of the report and to Officers being mandated to formally write to the organisations advising them that the funding has been proportionately reduced and/or ceased and that this will be further reviewed in 2011/12;
- (4) approval be given to officers being mandated to formally write to the organisations in Appendix B1, 2 and 3 of the report advising them that the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative funding has ceased and/or will cease and the Council will not have the resources to continue with these schemes once the specific funding comes to a natural end;
- (5) approval be given to the sum of £15,705 (core) being retained and to the provision of £56,258 for the activity detailed in Appendix C of the report continuing for one year only;
- (6) approval be given to the establishment of a set of reviews as detailed at Appendix E of the report and to the sum of £1,855,353 being prioritised in 2011/12 pending the outcomes of the reviews;

- (7) approval be given to the establishment of a consolidated grant fund of £50,000 for 2011/12 and to Officers and Members of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Overseeing Group being mandated to establish criteria and a process for the allocation of such funds to eligible organisations and that this fund be the responsibility of a designated Cabinet Member (as yet to be determined); and
- (8) further reports be submitted to the Cabinet and Council on the outcomes of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Reviews proposed with any further recommendations.

(In accordance with Rule 18.5 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules the following Councillors requested that their votes against resolutions (2) to (4) set out above be recorded, namely:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gustafson, Hardy, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.)

69. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME AND FURTHER OPTIONS

Further to Minute No. 183 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 27 January 2011, the Council considered the report of the Chief Executive which provided an update on the Transformation Programme and set out recommendations on the relative priority of Council services in the light of the forecast savings required following the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review. This prioritisation informed the identification of further budget options which would reduce the 2011/12-2013/14 budget gap.

This was a Key Decision and was included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne:

That

- (1) approval be given to the activities of the Economic Development Division being directly funded from successful bids for external funding, realising a core budget saving of £714,000, and the Economic Development Division be allowed to reinvest future "other achievements" of external funding into maintaining and further developing service provision;
- (2) approval be given to officers being mandated to continue the consultation process with employees and Trade Unions with a view to realising the reduction in costs identified for the Specialist

Transport Unit including the issue of relevant statutory and contractual notifications;

- (3) approval be given to the further tactical savings options set out in Appendix B of the report subject to:
 - a) the amendment of option SCL4A to a budget saving of £40,000 to be achieved across the Borough including a reduction in winter bedding
 - b) the deferral of option CM60
 - c) a revised charge of £10 for Option CM61 achieving a saving of £10,000 (to be confirmed); and
 - d) the deletion of option CM62;
- (4) approval be given to the package of terms and conditions proposals identified in paragraph 4.3 of the report for negotiating purposes and to officers being mandated to continue negotiations with Trade Unions in this respect;
- (5) the activities to cease/reduce as outlined in Appendix C of the report be noted and approval be given to officers being mandated to commence a consultation process with partners, employees and Trade Unions with a view to ceasing the activities identified including the issue of relevant statutory and contractual notifications;
- (6) approval be given to:
 - a) all Tier 3 Services detailed in Appendix E being de-commissioned to achieve savings of £3.0m in 2011/12;
 - b) subject to the review of Neighbourhoods/Safer Stronger Communities (Tier 1 Service), savings of £1.2m being assumed from these areas from improved co-ordination and the rationalisation of functions. (The detailed achievement of this saving to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);
 - c) a saving of £400,000 to be identified in Leisure Centres to reflect smarter ways of working (Tier 1 Service). (The detailed achievement of this saving to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);
 - d) the deferral of any decision on all stages of the Sure Start Programme - Children's Centres pending a Strategic Review which will consider the national policy direction, local priorities and the need to engage communities to deliver priority outcomes with fewer resources. (The terms of

reference and the timescale of this review to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);

- e) the previous assumption on Management and Support savings being rephased to achieve 20% in 2011/12 and a further 5% in 2012/13, thereby increasing the savings in 2011/12 by £1.5m with a corresponding reduction in 2012/13. (The detailed achievement of this saving to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);
 - f) a further review of Tier 2 services being undertaken to determine if and how 50% cost savings can be achieved in 2011/12. (The outcome of this review to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011 and to include a detailed assessment of the relative priority of service outcomes and implications); and
 - g) note the potential to use one off resources to balance any remaining savings requirement subject to the outcome of the above reviews; and
- (7) approval be given to officers being authorised to engage in consultation with employees and trade unions as appropriate and to prepare and issue relevant notifications under Section 188 of the Trade Union Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and form HR1 to the Secretary of State.

An **amendment** was then moved by Councillor P. Dowd and seconded by Councillor Maher that the motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

"All current Children's Centres in all phases continue to receive funding and specifically in relation to those Children's Centres under threat in phases 2 and 3, that current funding totalling £1.84m for 2011/12 be provided using one-off resources if necessary"

The requisite number of Members having then signified their wish that the voting on the amendment should be recorded in accordance with Rule 18.4 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the voting was duly recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gustafson, Hardy, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed, Veidman and Webster

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Brodie-Browne, Byrne, Cuthbertson, Dodd, Doran, Dorgan, Dutton, Lord Fearn, M. Fearn, Fenton, Gibson, Glover, Griffiths, Hill, Hough, Howe, Ibbs, Jones, C. Mainey, S. Mainey, McGuire, Mclvor, Papworth, Parry, Porter, Preece, Preston, D. Rimmer, Robertson, Shaw, Tattersall, Tonkiss, Sir Ron Watson and Weavers.

The amendment was **lost** by 36 votes to 22.

At this point, the Mayor indicated that the meeting be adjourned for a short period of time for a refreshment break. Following the adjournment, the meeting resumed.

A further **amendment** was then moved by Councillor Maher and seconded by Councillor P. Dowd that the motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

"The proposed closure of the Centre Based Youth Services be deleted from Appendix E (Tier 3) and the identified saving be found from other one-off resources"

The requisite number of Members having then signified their wish that the voting on the amendment should be recorded in accordance with Rule 18.4 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the voting was duly recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Lord Fearn, Friel, Gustafson, Hardy, Ibbs, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Brodie-Browne, Byrne, Cuthbertson, Dodd, Doran, Dorgan, Dutton, Fenton, Gibson, Glover, Griffiths, Hill, Hough, Howe, Jones, C. Mainey, S. Mainey, McGuire, Mclvor, Papworth, Parry, Porter, Preece, Preston, D. Rimmer, Robertson, Shaw, Tattersall, Tonkiss and Sir Ron Watson.

ABSTENTION:

Councillor M. Fearn.

The amendment was **lost** by 32 votes to 24 with one abstention.

A further **amendment** was then moved by Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor P. Dowd that the motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

"The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme in Appendix E be deleted and the identified saving be found from other one-off resources"

On a show of hands, the amendment was **lost** by 35 votes to 21.

Following further debate, the requisite number of Members having signified their wish that the voting on the Substantive Motion should be recorded in accordance with Rule 18.4 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the voting was duly recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION:

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Brodie-Browne, Byrne, Cuthbertson, Dodd, Doran, Dorgan, Dutton, Lord Fearn, M. Fearn, Fenton, Gibson, Glover, Griffiths, Hill, Hough, Howe, Ibbs, Jones, C. Mainey, S. Mainey, McGuire, McIvor, Papworth, Parry, Porter, Preece, Preston, D. Rimmer, Robertson, Shaw, Tattersall, Tonkiss and Sir Ron Watson.

AGAINST THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Friel, Hardy, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

The Substantive Motion was **carried** by 35 votes to 20 and it was

RESOLVED: That

- (1) approval be given to the activities of the Economic Development Division being directly funded from successful bids for external funding, realising a core budget saving of £714,000, and the Economic Development Division be allowed to reinvest future "other achievements" of external funding into maintaining and further developing service provision;
- (2) approval be given to officers being mandated to continue the consultation process with employees and Trade Unions with a view to realising the reduction in costs identified for the Specialist Transport Unit including the issue of relevant statutory and contractual notifications;

- (3) approval be given to the further tactical savings options set out in Appendix B of the report subject to:
 - a) the amendment of option SCL4A to a budget saving of £40,000 to be achieved across the Borough including a reduction in winter bedding
 - b) the deferral of option CM60
 - c) a revised charge of £10 for Option CM61 achieving a saving of £10,000 (to be confirmed); and
 - d) the deletion of option CM62;
- (4) approval be given to the package of terms and conditions proposals identified in paragraph 4.3 of the report for negotiating purposes and to officers being mandated to continue negotiations with Trade Unions in this respect;
- (5) the activities to cease/reduce as outlined in Appendix C of the report be noted and approval be given to officers being mandated to commence a consultation process with partners, employees and Trade Unions with a view to ceasing the activities identified including the issue of relevant statutory and contractual notifications;
- (6) approval be given to:
 - a) all Tier 3 Services detailed in Appendix E being de-commissioned to achieve savings of £3.0m in 2011/12;
 - b) subject to the review of Neighbourhoods/Safer Stronger Communities (Tier 1 Service), savings of £1.2m being assumed from these areas from improved co-ordinating and the rationalisation of functions. (The detailed achievement of this saving to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);
 - c) a saving of £400,000 to be identified in Leisure Centres to reflect smarter ways of working (Tier 1 Service). (The detailed achievement of this saving to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);
 - d) the deferral of any decision on all stages of the Sure Start Programme - Children's Centres pending a Strategic Review which will consider the national policy direction, local priorities and the need to engage communities to deliver priority outcomes with fewer resources. (The terms of reference and the timescale of this review to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);

- e) the previous assumption on Management and Support savings being rephased to achieve 20% in 2011/12 and a further 5% in 2012/13, thereby increasing the savings in 2011/12 by £1.5m with a corresponding reduction in 2012/13. (The detailed achievement of this saving to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011);
 - f) a further review of Tier 2 services being undertaken to determine if and how 50% cost savings can be achieved in 2011/12. (The outcome of this review to be reported to the Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011 and to include a detailed assessment of the relative priority of service outcomes and implications); and
 - g) note the potential to use one off resources to balance any remaining savings requirement subject to the outcome of the above reviews; and
- (7) approval be given to officers being authorised to engage in consultation with employees and trade unions as appropriate and to prepare and issue relevant notifications under Section 188 of the Trade Union Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and form HR1 to the Secretary of State.

(In accordance with Rule 18.5 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules the following Councillors requested that their votes against resolutions (2) to (6) set out above be recorded, namely:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gustafson, Hardy, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.)

70. REECH (RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN COMMUNITY HOUSING) PROJECT

Further to Minute No. 192 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 27 January 2011, the Council considered the joint report and supplementary note of the Planning and Economic Development Director and Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director which indicated that the REECH (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Community Housing) Project had now been approved by the North West Development Agency; and seeking, subject to the agreement of arrangements for the delivery of economic development activity, approval to accept the Offer Letter and to approve the revenue and capital financial implications of the Project.

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne and

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the inclusion of the REECH Project in the Capital Programme as set out in Annex A of the report in the sum of £7,170,624 to be fully funded from European Regional Development Fund grant.

71. POSTPONEMENT OF GUILLOTINE PROCEDURE

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor indicated that the Guillotine Procedure should be applied as the time was 11.00 p.m.

It was then moved by Councillor Moncur, seconded by Councillor Friel that the Guillotine Procedure be postponed in accordance with Rule 10.5 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

On a show of hands, the Motion was carried by 34 votes to 19 and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Guillotine Procedure be postponed in accordance with Rule 10.5 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

72. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2010/11

It was proposed by Councillor Ibbs, seconded by Councillor Porter that the following changes be made to the membership of Committees:

Cabinet Member - Children's Services

Councillor Dutton to replace Councillor Doran as the Substitute Spokesperson.

Cabinet Member - Communities

Councillor Papworth to replace Councillor Doran as the Spokesperson.

Cabinet Member - Leisure and Tourism

Councillor Griffiths to replace Councillor Glover as the Spokesperson.

Councillor Jones to replace Councillor Pearson as the Substitute Spokesperson.

Cabinet Member - Regeneration

Councillor Ibbs to replace Councillor Pearson as the Substitute Member for Councillor Dorgan.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services)

Councillor Dorgan to replace Councillor Glover as Spokesperson on the Committee.

Councillor McIvor to replace Councillor Glover as a Member of the Committee.

Councillor Barber to replace Councillor Sir Ron Watson as a Substitute Member for Councillor McIvor.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care)

Councillor Jones to replace Councillor Pearson as Spokesperson on the Committee.

Councillor Ibbs to replace Councillor Pearson as a Member of the Committee.

Councillor Dutton to be the Substitute Member for Councillor Ibbs.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services)

Councillor McIvor to replace Councillor Pearson as a Member and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Cuthbertson to be the Substitute Member for Councillor McIvor on the Committee.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Management Board

Councillor McIvor to replace Councillor Pearson as a Member of the Management Board.

Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Barber to replace Councillor Sir Ron Watson as the Substitute Member for Councillor McIvor.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Councillor Dorgan to replace Councillor Doran as a Member of the Committee.

Councillor Barber to replace Councillor Pearson as a Member of the Committee.

Planning Committee

Councillor Papworth to replace Councillor Doran as the Substitute Member for Councillor Ibbs.

Councillor Barber to replace Councillor Pearson as the Substitute Member for Councillor Griffiths.

Councillor Cuthbertson to replace Councillor Jones as a Member of the Committee and Councillor Jones to be the Substitute Member for Councillor Cuthbertson

Planning (Urgent Referrals) Committee

Councillor Griffiths to replace Councillor Glover as a Member of the Committee.

Councillor Dorgan to be the Substitute Member for Councillor Griffiths.

Joint Consultative Committee for Teaching Staffs

Councillor Dutton to replace Councillor Glover as a Member of the Committee.

Local Joint Consultative Committee

Councillor Parry to replace Councillor Sir Ron Watson as a Member of the Committee.

Councillor Barber to replace Councillor Parry as the Substitute Member for Councillor McIvor on the Committee.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Ibbs to replace Councillor Pearson as a Council representative on the Committee.

(On a show of hands the Motion was carried by 32 votes in support of the Motion and none against).

It was proposed by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Brodie – Browne that the following change be made:

Pay and Grading Committee

Councillor Hands to replace Councillor Robertson as a Member of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the changes to the membership of Committees listed above be approved.

73. NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SIR RON WATSON

It was moved by Councillor Sir Ron Watson, seconded by Councillor Glover:

"That this Council:

Supports the Prime Minister in his opposition to the introduction of an Alternative Voting (AV) system;

Believes that AV is an unfair system that unduly complicates the electoral process and gives fringe parties several votes whilst supporters of mainstream candidates have one vote only;

Considers that as there are only three countries in the world using AV - Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Australia, this hardly represents an endorsement of the system by the international community;

Agrees with the Deputy Prime Minister, who has described AV voting as "a miserable little compromise" and with the late Lord Jenkins of Hillhead who has described AV as "disturbingly unpredictable"; and

Believes that introducing such a system in the UK would further alienate the general public from the democratic process and considers that Sefton should restate its commitment to "first past the post".

During the debate, Councillor Sir Ron Watson indicated that he would withdraw the words "Prime Minister in his" in the second line of the motion in order to gain all-party support for the motion.

Following debate, on a show of hands, the revised motion was **carried** by 35 votes to 23 and it was

RESOLVED:

That this Council:

Supports the opposition to the introduction of an Alternative Voting (AV) system;

Believes that AV is an unfair system that unduly complicates the electoral process and gives fringe parties several votes whilst supporters of mainstream candidates have one vote only;

Considers that as there are only three countries in the world using AV - Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Australia, this hardly represents an endorsement of the system by the international community;

Agrees with the Deputy Prime Minister, who has described AV voting as "a miserable little compromise" and with the late Lord Jenkins of Hillhead who has described AV as "disturbingly unpredictable"; and

Believes that introducing such a system in the UK would further alienate the general public from the democratic process and considers that Sefton should restate its commitment to "first past the post".

74. NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SIR RON WATSON

It was moved by Councillor Sir Ron Watson, seconded by Councillor Glover and unanimously

RESOLVED:

This Council considers that the representations from Unison to the effect that there is an important financial issue in relation to school balances needs to be addressed and suggests that as the balances in Sefton schools is now in excess of £12 million, the Coalition Government should be urged to consider ways in which these amounts can be used possibly through more advantageous lending arrangements to alleviate the financial pressure on Sefton Council and on its service provision.

The Council support any moves in a pragmatic manner by Unison on both a local and national basis to help secure this flexibility.

On a local basis the Council will work with Unison and the schools in a constructive manner to identify service areas where the schools could reasonably be expected to meet the costs currently borne by all Council taxpayers from their own resources.