



METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

## COUNCIL SUMMONS

To Members of the Metropolitan Borough Council

Dear Councillor

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

be held on **Thursday 12th April, 2012 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Southport** to

transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

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

Chief Executive

Town Hall,  
Southport

2 April 2012

Please contact Steve Pearce, Head of Committee and Member Services  
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# AGENDA

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2012

**4. Mayor's Communications**

**Public Session**

**5. Matters Raised by the Public**

To deal with matters raised by members of the public within the Borough, in accordance with the procedures relating to Petitions, Public Questions and Motions set out in Rule 11 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

**Council Business Session**

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

To receive and consider questions to Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Spokespersons for any of the Joint Authorities upon any matter within their portfolio/area of responsibility, of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

**7. The Future of the Standards Regime at Sefton Council**

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Report of the Head of Corporate Legal Services

**8. Draft Joint Working Protocol between Sefton Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) and Sefton LINK**

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Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning

**9. Report of Independent Remuneration Panel**

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**10. Appointment of Member Champion for Armed Forces**

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**11. Membership of Committees 2011/12**

To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.

**12. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor P. Dowd**

The Council is requested to consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor P. Dowd:

“Following the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Budget Statement on 21 March 2012, it is clear that most people, other than the wealthiest, have been badly affected. In particular, older people appear to be the latest victims of the Tory/Liberal Democrat Government’s economic policy in which millionaires have their wallets fattened and pensioners have their pockets and purses pinched.

The Government’s abject failure to protect pensioners, working families and young people who are suffering to give the very wealthy more alongside further attacks in the form of the “granny tax”, means-testing of older persons’ bus passes, cuts in support for disabled people, the “bedroom tax” and cuts in the winter fuel allowance, are just some of the “financial instruments” used by the Tory/Liberal Democrat Government to redistribute income to the richest 5%.

The Council resolves to undertake an audit of the effects of the Budget on the senior citizens of Sefton, publish those results and send a copy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.”