



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 6th September, 2012 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** to transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

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

Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Bootle

29 August 2012

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

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, before leaving the meeting room during the discussion on that particular item.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

(Pages 7 - 18)

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 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. Council Tax Reduction Scheme

(Pages 19 -
32)

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

The Council is requested to give approval to the rescheduling of the Council meeting from 7 February 2013 to 24 January 2013 to enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by the required deadline.

8. Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan - Modifications arising from Public Examination

(Pages 33 -
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Report of the Director of Built Environment

- 9. Merseyside Local Sustainable Transport Fund Major Project** (Pages 41 - 56)
Report of the Director of Built Environment
- 10. Stepclever Legacy Fund Project** (Pages 57 - 62)
Report of the Director of Built Environment
- 11. River Mersey Channel Dredging Project** (Pages 63 - 74)
Report of the Director of Built Environment
- 12. Vehicle Replacements - Refuse Collection Fleet and Specialist Transport Vehicles** (Pages 75 - 92)
Report of the Director of Street Scene
- 13. Review of Council's Constitution** (Pages 93 - 98)
Joint report of the Director of Corporate Support Service and Director of Corporate Commissioning
- 14. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2012/13**
The Council agreed on 5 July 2012 that Councillor Kerrigan be appointed as one of the Council's representatives on to the Merseyside Police and Crime Panel for 2012/13.

The Council is now requested to appoint one Liberal Democrat Group Member as the Council's second representative on to the Merseyside Police and Crime Panel for 2012/13.
- 15. Membership of Committees 2012/13**
To consider any changes to the Membership of any Committees etc.
- 16. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Jones**
To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor Jones:

"The Council:

(1) Recognises the many concerns raised by a significant number of Southport residents, regarding the management of the Ainsdale and Birkdale Nature Reserve and Dunes. In particular, the recent and further application for a felling licence to fell a further substantial amount of English broadleaf trees in this protected natural environment.

- (2) Recognises that these works have progressed without recognition of the public interest, offering little public consultation.
- (3) Recognises that further concerns have been raised by Southport residents regarding the state of Southport beaches and foreshore. There are significant concerns amongst residents with the grass encroachment north of the pier and the deposits of disgraceful sludge covering Birkdale beach.
- (4) Notes that at the recent Southport Area Committee meeting held on 18 July 2012, these concerns were recognised by eleven of the twenty-two questions and a petition presented to the meeting, being related to the Ainsdale and Birkdale Nature Reserve and the foreshore areas.
- (5) Notes that at that same Southport Area Committee meeting, the Liberal Democrat Members finally agreed with Southport Conservatives that these significant public concerns and their questions needed to be addressed and we therefore request that the works ongoing to the Ainsdale and Birkdale Nature Reserve are curtailed pending the completion and outcome of full public consultation being submitted to the Council to enable Members and the public to be informed and gain the answers our residents deserve.
- (6) Realises that a buoyant and prosperous coastal resort like Southport is not only good for the economy of Southport but the whole of Sefton and relies upon the cooperation of our local residents.
- (7) Requests that an urgent review is undertaken of our current coast management programme in order to protect Southport's Dune system, foreshore and the many habitats within it. Our ambition is to understand the 'coastal processes' and work to restore our beaches to their former condition. It is in this understanding that we may be able to encourage our beaches to be used and enjoyed by many people. This will encourage much needed revenue to Southport and Sefton."

17. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor P. Dowd

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

"The Council has difficult decisions to face, and will continue to face, in relation to its finance and provision of services.

Local Government has been harder hit than any other area of government spending. The figures provided by the present Government at the outset of the post emergency budget in June 2010 were misleading and grossly understated and whilst the Government promised fairness it has been lamentable in its delivery on this promise. Contrary to its claims, we are not "all in it together" and the most deprived areas have fared worse. The Council has had and will have to continue to make deep cuts to comply with the Government's funding regime. The Council will have to consider the impact that such cuts may have on the most vulnerable, as a large proportion of our spending is on adult social care.

The all-Party Local Government Association paints a bleaker picture for the future if the Government continues on this path of financial retrenchment.

Whilst the Council acknowledges that public finances are strained, in no small measure as a result of the Government's policies, nevertheless the Council will be lacking in its responsibilities not to inform the people of Sefton why it is having to make these difficult decisions, many of which are as a result of Government demands.

Given this, the Council agrees to ensure that as part of the public budget consultation process, it ensures that in its communications the public are aware of the size and nature of the cuts imposed by the Government on Sefton funding. "

18. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Dawson

To consider the following Motion Submitted by Councillor Dawson:

"This Council, noting the proposed election of a Police Commissioner for the Merseyside area, believes that it is inappropriate for the residents' interests over this substantial area to be represented by a single paid politician."