



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 5th July, 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

27 June 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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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 Meetings

(Pages 7 - 26)

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 10 May 2012 and the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting held on 15 May 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. Transformation, Medium Term Financial Plan and Revenue Budget Update

(Pages 27 - 44)

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

8. Capital Programme and Capital Allocations 2012/13

(Pages 45 - 62)

Joint report of the Strategic Director – Place and Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

9. Dunes Splashworld - Purchase of Fitness Equipment - Recommendation from the Cabinet

(Pages 63 - 64)

Details of the Cabinet recommendation approved on 24 May 2012 attached

- 10. Standards Regime at Sefton Council** (Pages 65 - 86)
Report of the Head of Corporate Legal Services
- 11. Scheme of Members Allowances** (Pages 87 - 98)
Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning
- 12. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011/12** (Pages 99 - 120)
Report attached
- 13. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2012/13**
The Council is requested to:
- (1) approve a proposed change to one of the Council's representatives on the Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority for 2012/13; and
- (2) appoint 1 Labour Group Member and delegate the appointment of the other Sefton Member on to the Merseyside Police and Crime Panel for 2012/13 to the Leader of the Council subject to the political balance being agreed across Merseyside
- 14. Membership of Committees 2012/13**
To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.
- 15. Matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Call-In and Urgency) of the Constitution** (Pages 121 - 122)
Report of the Leader of the Council
- 16. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Hubbard** (Pages 123 - 126)
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Hubbard:
- "The Council notes that:-
1. the centenary of the battle of Festubert will be in 2015;
 2. in excess of 150 men from what is now Sefton, died in that battle; and
 3. in 1920, Southport "adopted" the village of Festubert, raising money and establishing a cultural visits programme on an annual basis.
- The Council calls upon the Mayor to send a letter of friendship to the Mayor of Festubert"

(A copy of a briefing note produced by Councillor Hubbard is attached for information)

17. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Papworth

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Papworth:

"The Council congratulates and thanks those officers who organised the passage of the Olympic Torch through the Borough on 1st June 2012. The event was a huge success, and will have given lasting pleasure to many thousands of Sefton residents. The Council also gratefully acknowledges the part played by Sefton Council for Voluntary Service, Merseyside Police, and numerous other organisations."

18. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Sir Ron Watson

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Sir Ron Watson:

"The Council:

1. recognises the many representations, elected members have had from local pensioners over the changes to their tax allowances in the Budget and considers that the Coalition Government urgently needs to review their policy in this area with the aim of reinstating the previous allowance figure;
2. considers that pensioners in particular, have been the one group of society most badly hit by the unprecedented levels of low interest rates that have drastically reduced their retirement incomes from their hard earned savings;
3. believes that the Coalition Government should alter the tax free ISA provision to allow the current maximum figure of £ 11,280.00 to be invested in a Cash Isa, as opposed to the current situation where half has to be invested in what can be a risky stock exchange situation; and
4. requests the Coalition Government to address these issues in the Chancellors Autumn Statement"

19. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Dawson

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Dawson:

“This Council:

1. Notes the widespread circulation of a report, authored by Cllr Joe Hanson of Liverpool City Council, which has detailed concerns relating to the financial management and past governance of Merseytravel over a number of years, and has prompted criticism from the District Auditor;
2. Welcomes statements from Merseytravel members, councillors of all Parties, of their intention to run their Authority in future in accordance with principles of good governance; and
3. Calls upon the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government to ensure that the matters raised in the 'Hanson Report' and other concerns relating to the governance of Merseytravel in recent years, should be subject of independent investigation.”