



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 22nd November, 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, appearing to read 'M. C. C. C. C.'.

Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Southport

Wednesday 14 November 2012

Please contact Steve Pearce, Head of Committee and Member Services
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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 9 - 18)

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 September 2012

4. Mayor's Communications

Public Session

5. Matters Raised by the Public

To deal with matters raised by members of the public resident within the Borough, of which notice has been given in accordance with the procedures relating to public questions, motions or petitions, set out in Paragraphs 36 to 46 of Chapter 4 in the Council Constitution.

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 by Members of the Council in accordance with Paragraphs 48 to 50 in Chapter 4 of the Council Constitution.

7. Transformation Programme and Revenue Budget 2012 - 2015

(Pages 19 - 84)

Report of the Head of Transformation Services and Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

8. Capital Programme - Contaminated Land Capital Project Grant

(Pages 85 - 88)

Report of the Director of Built Environment

9. **Final Draft Revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy - Gambling Act 2005** (Pages 89 - 96)
Report of the Director of Built Environment
10. **Council Constitution - Urgency and Call-in Provisions** (Pages 97 - 98)
Report of the Leader of the Council
11. **Membership of Committees 2012/13**
To consider any changes to the Membership of any Committees etc.
12. **Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Sir Ron Watson**
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Sir Ron Watson:

"Sefton Council welcomes the clear commitment given by the Prime Minister not to introduce a Mansion Tax"
13. **Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Weavers**
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Weavers:

"This Council welcomes the appointment of consultants for a sustainable energy action plan for the Liverpool City Region.

The Council recognises that a sustainable energy action plan will be of immense importance for investment, businesses, jobs and the environment within Sefton.

This Council commits itself to implementing a sustainable energy action plan and notes that delaying the implementation of an action plan will cost jobs and money."
14. **Notice of Motion from Councillor McKinley**
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor McKinley:

"Financial Malpractice:

This Council recognises that taxation is an investment that enables the public and private sectors ability to do business and that tax evasion and avoidance are dysfunctional for the workings of a healthy economy. We condemn unethical business practice such as tax evasion, tax avoidance through loopholes, the activities of the offshore secrecy industry and the international financial malpractice operated by multinational companies. These actions significantly

contributed to the banking crisis and continue to siphon millions of pounds in flight capital out of the UK economy each day. We believe such activities are immoral and little more than economic crimes against the citizens of the UK, furthermore, they contribute to the growing wealth of the undeserving rich at the expense of and the impoverishment of middle and lower income working people. The UK deficit could be significantly reduced if such financial malpractice could be controlled, this fact exposes the Coalition governments ideologically driven weapon of choice 'austerity' as little more than a convenient smokescreen to embed economic liberalism and reduce the size of the state. We call on national and local government to act to stop immoral financial malpractice.

We call on the National Government to:

Seek international agreement on cross border taxation and the control of multinational transfer pricing and support the European Union's initiatives to introduce a financial transactions Tax;

Re- introduce legislation on Usury to prevent the charging of excessive rates of interest;

Introduce effective regulation of the financial services sector, including democratic control of the offshore industry and the activities of the City of London Corporation; and

Introduce an effective General Anti-Abuse Rule to prevent tax evasion and dysfunctional tax avoidance.

Sefton Council will:

Enhance /reaffirm its commitment to ethical business practice to include a more robust approach to the assessment of ethical business practice as part of the local implementation of Social value/procurement legislation."

15. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Papworth

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Papworth:

"The Council is pleased to note that a 'Military Covenant' for Sefton was signed on 18th May 2012, and that besides being among the first in the Country, our covenant successfully covers all the major points mentioned in the subsequent Royal British Legion publication on Best Practice in such matters.

The Council places on record its thanks to those whose efforts produced this encouraging start - Sefton CVS and

many others in the Voluntary Sector, numerous military officers, and of course, Sefton's own officers.

The Council recognises that the Covenant will always be a 'work-in-progress', needing up-dating to ensure that it meets current needs; in this connection the Council welcomes the Government's recent changes to Housing regulations, which will make it easier for demobilised Service people to gain priority access to local housing."

16. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor McGuire

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor McGuire:

"This Council notes the serious and damaging animal welfare and economic impact that Bovine TB has on British farming. This Council also notes with concern the considerable public and scientific opposition to the Government's proposals to pilot a badger cull.

The Council welcomes the decision to postpone the cull and urges the Government to re-evaluate the options - including vaccination.

The Council acknowledges scientific research that highlights the short-comings in the government's current proposals including a report by the Independent Scientific Group (ISG) that concluded that, 'badger culling can make no meaningful contribution to cattle TB control in Britain."

17. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Brodie - Browne

To consider the following Motion Submitted by Councillor Brodie – Browne:

"This Council notes

- (a) widespread media reports that Starbucks has paid no corporation tax in the UK, in the last three years despite last year having UK sales of £398m. Starbucks describe their UK business as "profitable" and but paid nothing in corporation tax;
- (b) In comparison, the British company, Costa Coffee had sales of £377m and a corporation tax bill of £15m;
- (c) the widespread practice of multinational companies which minimise their exposure to UK taxation by manipulating their payments to subsidiaries located in

tax havens; and

- (d) that many small, local, independent coffee shops pay their taxes in full.

The Council expresses support for the many local businesses which make full and fair tax payments every year and urges the Government to continue to extend its programme of measures designed to make all companies pay fair taxation based upon genuine profit levels

The Council urges citizens of the Borough of Sefton to support those enterprises which fulfil basic duties of corporate social responsibility and pay a proper level of tax.”

18. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Robertson

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Robertson:

“This Council congratulates Councillor Liam Robinson, Chair of Merseytravel, on establishing two Inquiries into concerns raised by Labour Party councillors and others about issues of governance at Merseytravel.

The Council notes that one Inquiry report has been published and one is about to be published.

The Council urges the Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority to carry out all the recommendations in the reports.”