

# Sefton Council



## 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 September, 2013 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** to

transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

Town Hall,  
Southport

Wednesday 28 August 2013

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on 0151 934 2046 or e-mail [steve.pearce@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:steve.pearce@sefton.gov.uk)

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# AGENDA

**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 - 20)

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2013

**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 Paragraph 36 to 46 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules in Chapter 4 of 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 Paragraph 48 to 50 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, set out in Chapter 4 of the Council Constitution.

**7. Proposed Amendments to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 - 2018**

(Pages 21 - 24)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

**8. Capital Allocations 2013/14**

(Pages 25 - 30)

Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

- 9. Update of the Constitution** (Pages 31 - 42)  
Report of the Director of Corporate Services
- 10. Implementation of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013** (Pages 43 - 52)  
Report of the Director of Built Environment
- 11. Council Constitution - Call - In and Urgency Provisions** (Pages 53 - 54)  
Report of the Leader of the Council.
- 12. Membership of Committees 2013/14**  
To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.
- 13. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Sir Ron Watson**  
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Sir Ron Watson:  
  
"This Council:  
  
(1) recognises the extreme hardship being caused to savers, many of whom are pensioners, by record low interest rates which have meant that their savings are being reduced in real terms by inflation and where the returns have been reduced by some 80%; and  
  
(2) believes that the Government should consider a policy of not taxing the interest on savings until such time as interest rates are restored to normal levels."
- 14. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Byrom**  
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Byrom:  
  
"Sefton Council recognises the excellent work undertaken by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service and applauds the long term commitment of all its officers and staff.  
  
The Council also notes that the ability to protect the people of Sefton is being jeopardised by the Government funding cuts, which are also undermining staff morale.  
  
The Council is deeply concerned by the findings of the Sir Ken Knight review of Fire and Rescue Service's which makes the case for further huge cuts, mergers with other Authorities or Police and Crime Commissioners and most worryingly privatisation.

This Council notes with serious concern the Government's alarming proposals to privatise part if not all functions of the Fire and Rescue Services, along with yet further cuts to their grant funding.

This Council is deeply worried that the Government has lost sight of the Fire Service's main purpose, to protect residents from fire, road traffic collisions and other emergencies.

Recent Government cuts have seen Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service suffer cuts totalling £19.2m over the 4 year spending review with 180 fire fighters' posts deleted and a reduction in fire engines from 42 to 28.

The Government's proposal for further huge cuts in 2015 will have devastating effects on operational response, community safety and prevention work.

This Council therefore calls on the Government to cease their irresponsible cuts to our Fire and Rescue Services and pledge instead to protect them from further cuts and threats of privatisation.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Fire Minister and all Sefton MP's."

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

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

"The Council:

- (1) places on record its congratulations to Southport Rugby Union Club which is celebrating its 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to the Bootle and District Primary School Football Association on reaching its 100<sup>th</sup> year.
- (2) congratulates them on their very many successes and achievements.
- (3) express its thanks to the volunteers of both organisations for their services to sport in Sefton over many decades, and
- (4) records its deep appreciation for the positive impacts that their sporting provision has made to the health and well being of the residents of the Borough."