

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 24th April, 2014 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Southport** to transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Southport

Monday 14 April 2014

Please contact Steve Pearce, Democratic Services Manager
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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

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Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 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 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 the Council Constitution.

7. Designation of Further Streets under the County of Merseyside Act 1980

(Pages 29 - 34)

Report of the Director of Built Environment

8. Proposed Changes to the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Officers Dealing with Planning Applications

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Report of the Director of Built Environment

- 9. Programme of Meetings 2014/15**
Report of the Director of Corporate Services

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- 10. Membership of Committees 2013/14**
To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.

THIS SET OF MINUTES IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

COUNCIL

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON THURSDAY 6TH MARCH, 2014

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor M. Fearn) (in the Chair)
The Deputy Chair (Councillor K. Cluskey) (Vice Chair)

Councillors Ashton, Atkinson, Ball, Bennett, Blackburn, Booth, Brennan, Brodie - Browne, Byrom, Carr, L. Cluskey, Crabtree, Cummins, Cuthbertson, Dawson, Dodd, Dorgan, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Dutton, Fairclough, Lord Fearn, Friel, Gatherer, Hardy, Hands, Hartill, Hubbard, Jones, Keith, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, P. Maguire, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, S. McGuire, McIvor, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Page, Papworth, Preece, Roberts, Robertson, Robinson, Roche, Shaw, Thompson, Tonkiss, Tweed, Veidman, Sir Ron Watson, Weavers and Webster

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradshaw, Rimmer, Sumner and Welsh.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

88. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 January 2014 be approved as a correct record.

89. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor indicated that there were no Mayoral Communications to report upon at this meeting.

90. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor reported that no matters had been raised by Members of the Public.

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91. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a schedule setting out written questions submitted by Councillor Sir Ron Watson to the:

- Leader of the Council (Councillor P. Dowd)
- Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)
- Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Councillor Moncur)
- Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism (Councillor Maher)

together with the responses given. Supplementary questions were asked and responded to by the Leader of the Council and the three Cabinet Members.

92. RECORDED VOTES AT COUNCIL BUDGET MEETINGS

The Council considered the report of the Director of Corporate Services which provided details of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, which came into force on 25 February 2014, and required all local authorities to amend their Constitution, so as to include provisions requiring recorded votes at Budget Council meetings on motions relating to the determination of the budget, council tax levels and the issuing of precepts.

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher and

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the inclusion of the following provision within the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, in Chapter 4 of the Constitution:

“Recorded Votes at Budget Council Meetings

The votes of all Members present in the room will be recorded for and against the motion or amendment or abstaining from voting and will be taken down in writing and recorded in the minutes of Budget Council meetings in respect of the determination of the budget, setting of council taxes or issuing of precepts.”

93. ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMBINED AUTHORITY FOR THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

Further to Minute No. 86 of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 January 2014, the Council considered the report of the Chief Executive which provided an update on the Order and consequential Order to establish a Combined Authority for the Liverpool City Region on 1 April 2014 and the other related documents for approval and adoption.

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher:

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“That:

- (1) the Council confirms its previous decision that the Council should formally become a constituent member of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority;
- (2) the position on the making of the Orders, as contained in Appendix One of the report, and the Parliamentary process in train be noted;
- (3) the Constitution for the Combined Authority as contained in Appendix Two of the report be endorsed for adoption;
- (4) the Operating Agreement for the Combined Authority as contained in Appendix Three of the report be approved for adoption;
- (5) the Leader of the Council (Councillor P.Dowd) be appointed as the Council’s representative on the Combined Authority and the Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) be appointed as the Council’s substitute representative on the Combined Authority;
- (6) Councillors Carr, Dodd, Friel and Kermode be nominated as the Council’s representatives on the Merseytravel Committee, on the basis of continuing with the existing arrangements until the Annual General Meeting in June 2014;
- (7) it be noted that no allowances (other than travel and subsistence) will be paid to Members of the Combined Authority, the Scrutiny Panel and other Committees and Boards, with the exception of the Merseytravel Committee (as part of the transitional arrangements);
- (8) it be agreed that the payment of allowances for co-opted members of the Merseytravel Committee (using the current Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority scheme) would be dealt with by this Council’s own scheme as part of the transitional arrangements, and funded by Merseytravel, as set out in the financial implications;
- (9) it be noted that a review of the Combined Authority’s arrangements would be undertaken during the first year and reported to the Combined Authority in 2015; and
- (10) approval to make any technical amendments to the Constitution and Operating Agreement for the Combined Authority on behalf of the Council be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.”

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Hubbard that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

- “(11) the Council commits to positively lead an exploration of all the realistic options to expand the Combined Authority to encompass

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those areas of Lancashire and Cheshire that are presently not a part of the Combined Authority but may aspire to be such.”

Councillor P. Dowd indicated that he accepted the amendment and it was

RESOLVED:

That:

- (1) the Council confirms its previous decision that the Council should formally become a constituent member of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority;
- (2) the position on the making of the Orders, as contained in Appendix One of the report, and the Parliamentary process in train be noted;
- (3) the Constitution for the Combined Authority as contained in Appendix Two of the report be endorsed for adoption;
- (4) the Operating Agreement for the Combined Authority as contained in Appendix Three of the report be approved for adoption;
- (5) the Leader of the Council (Councillor P.Dowd) be appointed as the Council's representative on the Combined Authority and the Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) be appointed as the Council's substitute representative on the Combined Authority;
- (6) Councillors Carr, Dodd, Friel and Kermode be nominated as the Council's representatives on the Merseytravel Committee, on the basis of continuing with the existing arrangements until the Annual General Meeting in June 2014;
- (7) it be noted that no allowances (other than travel and subsistence) will be paid to Members of the Combined Authority, the Scrutiny Panel and other Committees and Boards, with the exception of the Merseytravel Committee (as part of the transitional arrangements);
- (8) it be agreed that the payment of allowances for co-opted members of the Merseytravel Committee (using the current Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority scheme) would be dealt with by this Council's own scheme as part of the transitional arrangements, and funded by Merseytravel, as set out in the financial implications;
- (9) it be noted that a review of the Combined Authority's arrangements would be undertaken during the first year and reported to the Combined Authority in 2015;
- (10) approval to make any technical amendments to the Constitution and Operating Agreement for the Combined Authority on behalf of the Council be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council; and

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- (11) the Council commits to positively lead an exploration of all the realistic options to expand the Combined Authority to encompass those areas of Lancashire and Cheshire that are presently not a part of the Combined Authority but may aspire to be such.

94. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY FOR 2014/15

Further to Minute No. 100 of the Cabinet meeting held on 27 February 2014, the Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT which provided details of the proposed procedures and strategy to be adopted in respect of the Council's Treasury Management Function in 2014/15.

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher and

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:

- (1) the Treasury Management Policy Document for 2014/15 as set out in Annex A of the report;
- (2) the Treasury Management Strategy Document for 2014/15 as set out in Annex B of the report;
- (3) the amendment to the banking arrangements contained within the Financial Procedure Rules of the Constitution as referred to in paragraph 3 and Annex A of the report; and
- (4) the option set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report being used as the basis for the calculation of the Minimum Revenue Provision for Debt Repayment in 2014/15.

95. THE PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES - PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2014/15

Further to Minute No. 101 of the Cabinet meeting held on 27 February 2014, the Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT on proposals to establish the Prudential Indicators required under the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. This would enable the Council to effectively manage its Capital Finance Activities and comply with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher and

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RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the Prudential Indicators as detailed in the report, and summarised in Annex A, be approved as the basis for compliance with The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- (2) approval be given to the amendment of relevant Prudential Indicators in the event that any unsupported borrowing is approved, as part of the 2014/15 Revenue Budget;
- (3) it be noted that estimates of capital expenditure referred to in paragraph 2.2 of the report may change as grant allocations are received; and
- (4) the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT be granted delegated authority to manage the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

96. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 AND CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS 2014/15

Further to Minute No. 102 of the Cabinet meeting held on 27 February 2014, the Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT which provided details of the 2014/15 Capital Allocations received to date and their use in the development of a new starts programme for 2014/15.

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher:

“That approval be given to:

- (1) the inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan of the Capital schemes to be funded from the 2014/15 Single Capital Pot as outlined in Appendix A of the report, and
- (2) the inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan of the Property Intervention Fund 2014/15 allocation of £500,000 to be funded from Capital Receipts as outlined in paragraph 5 of the report.”

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Hands, seconded by Councillor Hubbard that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

- “(3) the deletion of the self financed scheme to partially demolish the Ainsdale Hope Centre, set out in Appendix B of the report.”

Following debate thereon, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 35 votes to 26.

On a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the original Motion was carried by 35 votes to 10 with 16 abstentions and it was

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RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:

- (1) the inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan of the Capital schemes to be funded from the 2014/15 Single Capital Pot as outlined in Appendix A of the report, and
- (2) the inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan of the Property Intervention Fund 2014/15 allocation of £500,000 to be funded from Capital Receipts as outlined in paragraph 5 of the report.

97. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REQUIREMENTS - ROBUSTNESS REPORT

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT which provided an assessment of the robustness of the estimates and the tax setting calculations, the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves and the production of longer term revenue and capital plans, based on the proposals set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget 2014/15 and the Budget and Council Tax Recommendation 2014/15 (Minute No's. 99 and 100 below refer).

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher and

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

98. STATEMENTS BY POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS

The Mayor indicated that this item would be merged with the following item on the agenda and any contributions by Political Group Leaders could be made under Minute No. 99 below.

99. REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15

Further to Minute No. 99 of the Cabinet meeting held on 27 February 2014, the Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT which identified the required changes to the Medium Term Financial Plan, arising from the non-achievement of specific savings in 2013/14, amendments to resources and anticipated expenditure variations for 2014/15; and requested Members to consider how the short fall of £4.781m would be met from a Council Tax increase, one-off resources and/or new sustainable options.

The report indicated that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) at its meeting held on 18 February 2014, had considered and noted a report on the budget position.

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The report also provided details of the level of fees and charges for 2014/15 which had previously been considered by the appropriate Cabinet Member and approved by the Cabinet.

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher:

“That the Council:

- (1) notes the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) and thanks them for their attention to this matter;
- (2) endorses the revised two year financial plan detailed at Annex A of the report, subject to resolution (3) below:
- (3) reduces the savings target from the Strategic Parking Review (referred to in page 97 of the report) from £300k to £100k. This reflects a reassessment of this proposal following the ongoing dialogue with businesses and residents. This shortfall would be met in 2014/15 by the use of the one off resources identified at paragraph 4.2 of the report;
- (4) approves a Council Tax increase of 1.99% for Sefton Council services which would generate additional income of £1.941m (paragraph 3.1 of the report refers);
- (5) approves a £2.84m contribution from general balances brought forward arising from the 2012/13 Revenue Account surplus (paragraph 4.1 of the report refers);
- (6) approves the 2014/15 budget detailed at Annex B of the report, amended to reflect resolutions (3) to (5) above;
- (7) notes that resolutions (3) and (5) above contain the use of one off resources and that the ongoing shortfall had already been assumed within the Medium Term Financial Plan; and
- (8) notes that the Medium Term Financial Plan is forecasting a further savings requirement of £55m over the period 2015-2017 and that reports on the options available would be presented throughout the year.”

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Hubbard that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text at the end of resolution (6):

“and the reinstatement of the Formby, Crosby and Sefton East Parishes Area Committees (to replace the Central Area Committee) at a cost of £8,000 which would be financed by a reduction of the Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Members and the Planning and

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Licensing Chairs by 5%, which would create a compensating saving of £8,000.”

In accordance with Minute No. 92 above, the voting on the amendment was recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Ashton, Blackburn, Booth, Brodie-Browne, Dawson, Dodd, Lord Fearn, Hands, Hubbard, Keith, S. McGuire, Robertson, Shaw, Tonkiss and Weavers.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Atkinson, Ball, Bennett, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K.Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Crabtree, Cummins, Cuthbertson, Dorgan, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Dutton, Fairclough, Friel, Gatherer, Hardy, Hartill, Jones, J. Kelly, J. J. Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, P.Maguire, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Mclvor, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Page, Papworth, Roberts, Robinson, Roche, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Sir Ron Watson and Webster.

ABSTENTION

The Mayor (Councillor M. Fearn)

The Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 45 votes to 15 with 1 abstention.

A **further amendment** was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie - Browne that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text at the end of resolution (6):

“and the provision of revenue funding support to the Aintree, Birkdale and Crosby Carnegie Community Libraries at a cost of £87,000 which would be financed by a reduction of the Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Members and the Planning and Licensing Chairs by 20%, which would create a saving of £32,000 and by a reduction of £55,000 from the Public Relations Budget within the Communications Service.”

In accordance with Minute No. 92 above, the voting on the amendment was recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Ashton, Ball, Blackburn, Booth, Brodie-Browne, Crabtree, Dawson, Dodd, Dorgan, Dutton, Lord Fearn, Hands, Hartill, Hubbard, Jones, Keith, S. McGuire, Mclvor, Papworth, Robertson, Shaw, Tonkiss, Sir Ron Watson and Weavers.

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AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K.Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, Cuthbertson, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gatherer, Hardy, J. Kelly, J. J. Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, P.Maguire, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Page, Roberts, Robinson, Roche, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

ABSTENTION

The Mayor (Councillor M. Fearn)

The Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 36 votes to 24 with 1 abstention.

A **further amendment** was moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Shaw that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text at the end of resolution (6):

“and the provision of revenue funding support to the Ainsdale, Birkdale and Churchtown Community Libraries in Southport at a cost of £79,000 which would be financed by a reduction of the Special Responsibility Allowances for Cabinet Members and the Planning and Licensing Chairs by 15%, which would create a saving of £24,000 and by a reduction of £55,000 from the Public Relations Budget within the Communications Service”

In accordance with Minute No. 92 above, the voting on the amendment was recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Ashton, Ball, Blackburn, Booth, Brodie-Browne, Crabtree, Dawson, Dodd, Dorgan, Dutton, Lord Fearn, Hands, Hubbard, Jones, Keith, S. McGuire, McIvor, Papworth, Robertson, Shaw, Tonkiss and Weavers.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K.Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, Cuthbertson, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gatherer, Hardy, J. Kelly, J. J. Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, P.Maguire, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Page, Roberts, Robinson, Roche, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

ABSTENTIONS

The Mayor (Councillor M. Fearn) and Councillor Sir Ron Watson.

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The Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 36 votes to 22 with 2 abstentions.

Following further debate, the voting on the Original Motion was recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K.Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gatherer, Hardy, J. Kelly, J. J. Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, P.Maguire, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Page, Roberts, Robinson, Roche, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Councillors Ashton, Ball, Blackburn, Booth, Brodie-Browne, Crabtree, Cuthbertson, Dawson, Dodd, Dorgan, Dutton, Lord Fearn, Hands, Hartill, Hubbard, Jones, Keith, S. McGuire, Mclvor, Papworth, Robertson, Shaw, Tonkiss, Sir Ron Watson and Weavers.

ABSTENTION

The Mayor (Councillor M. Fearn)

The Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 35 votes to 25 with 1 abstention and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

- (1) notes the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) and thanks them for their attention to this matter;
- (2) endorses the revised two year financial plan detailed at Annex A of the report, subject to resolution (3) below:
- (3) reduces the savings target from the Strategic Parking Review (referred to in page 97 of the report) from £300k to £100k. This reflects a reassessment of this proposal following the ongoing dialogue with businesses and residents. This shortfall would be met in 2014/15 by the use of the one off resources identified at paragraph 4.2 of the report;
- (4) approves a Council Tax increase of 1.99% for Sefton Council services which would generate additional income of £1.941m (paragraph 3.1 of the report refers);

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- (5) approves a £2.84m contribution from general balances brought forward arising from the 2012/13 Revenue Account surplus (paragraph 4.1 of the report refers);
- (6) approves the 2014/15 budget detailed at Annex B of the report, amended to reflect resolutions (3) to (5) above;
- (7) notes the resolutions (3) and (5) above contain the use of one off resources and that the ongoing shortfall had already been assumed within the Medium Term Financial Plan; and
- (8) notes that the Medium Term Financial Plan is forecasting a further savings requirement of £55m over the period 2015-2017 and that reports on the options available would be presented throughout the year.

100. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX RECOMMENDATION 2014/15

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT on the level of levies and precepts set for 2014/15 and the options available for setting the Council Tax for 2014/15.

A copy of the formal budget resolution to be agreed by the Council, based on the resolutions referred to in Minute No. 99 above, was circulated to Members of the Council for consideration.

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Maher:

That the content of the formal budget resolution for 2014/15 be approved.

Following debate thereon and in accordance with Minute No. 92 above, the voting on the Motion was recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K.Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, M. Dowd, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gatherer, Hardy, J. Kelly, J. J. Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Killen, Lappin, P. Maguire, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Page, Roberts, Robinson, Roche, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Councillors Ashton, Ball, Blackburn, Booth, Brodie-Browne, Crabtree, Cuthbertson, Dawson, Dodd, Dorgan, Dutton, Lord Fearn, Hands, Hartill, Hubbard, Jones, Keith, S. McGuire, McIvor, Papworth, Robertson, Shaw, Tonkiss, Sir Ron Watson and Weavers.

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ABSTENTION

The Mayor (Councillor M. Fearn)

The Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 35 votes to 25 with 1 abstention and it was

RESOLVED:

That:

- (1) it be noted that at its meeting on 23 January 2014, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2014/15 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 1992 (as amended):
 - (a) 76,992.00 Band D equivalent properties, for the whole area (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended); and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown in the table below:

Parish	<u>Council Tax Base</u> (Band D Equivalent Properties)
Aintree Village	1,972.24
Formby	8,877.62
Hightown	839.36
Ince Blundell	157.78
Little Altcar	261.79
Lydiate	1,976.84
Maghull	6,335.30
Melling	953.97
Sefton	228.65
Thornton	735.83

- (2) the Council calculates that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £99,465,195;
- (3) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£603,992,538	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
(b)	-£503,655,780	Being the aggregate amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£100,336,758	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the

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		year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
(d)	£1,303.21	Being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), divided by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
(e)	£871,563	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
(f)	£1,291.89	Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the amount given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(g)	<p>The amounts below, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Parish</u></th> <th><u>£</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Aintree Village</td> <td>1,337.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Formby</td> <td>1,298.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hightown</td> <td>1,296.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ince Blundell</td> <td>1,302.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Altcar</td> <td>1,301.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lydiate</td> <td>1,357.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maghull</td> <td>1,380.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melling</td> <td>1,310.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sefton</td> <td>1,304.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thornton</td> <td>1,298.01</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Parish</u>	<u>£</u>	Aintree Village	1,337.52	Formby	1,298.09	Hightown	1,296.94	Ince Blundell	1,302.98	Little Altcar	1,301.44	Lydiate	1,357.60	Maghull	1,380.74	Melling	1,310.76	Sefton	1,304.04	Thornton	1,298.01
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Property Valuation Band								
Proportion of Band D	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Parish</u>								
Aintree Village	891.68	1,040.29	1,188.91	1,337.52	1,634.75	1,931.97	2,229.20	2,675.04
Formby	865.39	1,009.63	1,153.86	1,298.09	1,586.55	1,875.02	2,163.48	2,596.18
Hightown	864.63	1,008.73	1,152.84	1,296.94	1,585.15	1,873.36	2,161.57	2,593.88
Ince Blundell	868.65	1,013.43	1,158.20	1,302.98	1,592.53	1,882.08	2,171.63	2,605.96
Little Altcar	867.63	1,012.23	1,156.84	1,301.44	1,590.65	1,879.86	2,169.07	2,602.88
Lydiate	905.07	1,055.91	1,206.76	1,357.60	1,659.29	1,960.98	2,262.67	2,715.20
Maghull	920.49	1,073.91	1,227.32	1,380.74	1,687.57	1,994.40	2,301.23	2,761.48
Melling	873.84	1,019.48	1,165.12	1,310.76	1,602.04	1,893.32	2,184.60	2,621.52
Sefton	869.36	1,014.25	1,159.15	1,304.04	1,593.83	1,883.61	2,173.40	2,608.08
Thornton	865.34	1,009.56	1,153.79	1,298.01	1,586.46	1,874.90	2,163.35	2,596.02
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	861.26	1,004.80	1,148.35	1,291.89	1,578.98	1,866.06	2,153.15	2,583.78

- (4) it be noted that for the year 2014/15, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Property Valuation Band								
Proportion of Band D	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Precepting Authority</u>								
Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority	46.71	54.50	62.28	70.07	85.64	101.21	116.78	140.14
Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner	104.42	121.82	139.23	156.63	191.44	226.24	261.05	313.26

- (5) the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

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Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Parish</u>								
Aintree Village	1,042.81	1,216.61	1,390.42	1,564.22	1,911.83	2,259.42	2,607.03	3,128.44
Formby	1,016.52	1,185.95	1,355.37	1,524.79	1,863.63	2,202.47	2,541.31	3,049.58
Hightown	1,015.76	1,185.05	1,354.35	1,523.64	1,862.23	2,200.81	2,539.40	3,047.28
Ince Blundell	1,019.78	1,189.75	1,359.71	1,529.68	1,869.61	2,209.53	2,549.46	3,059.36
Little Altcar	1,018.76	1,188.55	1,358.35	1,528.14	1,867.73	2,207.31	2,546.90	3,056.28
Lydiate	1,056.20	1,232.23	1,408.27	1,584.30	1,936.37	2,288.43	2,640.50	3,168.60
Maghull	1,071.62	1,250.23	1,428.83	1,607.44	1,964.65	2,321.85	2,679.06	3,214.88
Melling	1,024.97	1,195.80	1,366.63	1,537.46	1,879.12	2,220.77	2,562.43	3,074.92
Sefton	1,020.49	1,190.57	1,360.66	1,530.74	1,870.91	2,211.06	2,551.23	3,061.48
Thornton	1,016.47	1,185.88	1,355.30	1,524.71	1,863.54	2,202.35	2,541.18	3,049.42
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,012.39	1,181.12	1,349.86	1,518.59	1,856.06	2,193.51	2,530.98	3,037.18

- (6) the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is not deemed to be excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(At this point in the meeting, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a period of twenty minutes and thereafter the meeting re-convened.)

101. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2013/14

No changes were made to the Membership of Committees.

102. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION - CALL - IN AND URGENCY PROVISIONS

The Council considered the report of the Leader of the Council setting out the details of those urgent matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 46 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules in Chapter 6 of the Council Constitution.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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103. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR SIR RON WATSON

It was moved by Councillor Sir Ron Watson, seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson:

"The Council recognises the significant amount of funding received under the Discretionary Housing Payments which in 2013-14 is £547,790.00 together with the additional sum of £140,000 which was applied for separately in the light of the Council's experience.

The Council is concerned, however, that the spare room subsidy commonly known as the Bedroom Tax does not adequately represent the position of people with disabilities and urges the Government to ensure that disabled people who are in receipt of the higher level of DLA payment should be exempt from the system.

The Council also believes that in respect of Sefton, consideration should be given to the involvement of Elected Members in determining the allocation of funding in respect of applications received for exemption."

Following debate thereon, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the **Motion was lost** by 35 votes to 25 with 1 abstention and it was

RESOLVED:

That no action be taken on the Motion.

104. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LAPPIN

It was moved by Councillor Lappin, seconded by Councillor Hardy:

The Government's Welfare Reforms and the impact on the lives of people in Sefton

"Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council faces unprecedented levels of cuts to its budget due to the Government's austerity measures.

Since 2010, the Council has reduced the amount of money it has to spend in real terms by £115 million. Out of every pound available to the Council to spend, 52 pence is spent on delivering social care services to vulnerable adults and children in support of its core purpose of protecting the most vulnerable members of our community. This accounts for 52% of the budget available to spend, £116m out of a total budget of £224m. In 2015/16 and 2016/17 the Council needs to further reduce its budget by a further £55m.

Sefton Council is extremely concerned that the impact of these cuts, added to the impact of the Government's welfare reforms, will cause long term and irreversible damage to our adults, to our children, to our families, to our very communities.

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- Sefton’s largest registered social landlord, One Vision Housing, has seen a 23% increase in void properties as a result of welfare reform changes, which has led to 4,963 people on the waiting list for its stock of 2,783 one bedroom properties, and been left with over supply of 2/3/4 bedroom properties due to the introduction of the Bedroom Tax;
- There has been a 489% increase in Discretionary Housing Payments, compared to 2012/13;
- The number of homelessness cases dealt with, and the number of interventions made to prevent homelessness, has increased from 493 cases in 2010-11 to 575 cases in 2012-13, a 16.5% increase, with an anticipation of a similar number in 2013-14; and
- According to a recent study by Joseph Rowntree Foundation, there are now more children in poverty from “working families” than families where no one has paid work and some areas of the Borough, predominantly in the South, have more than half of children living in poverty.

Sefton Metropolitan Council believes that our communities deserve better. It believes that unless action is taken to mitigate these and other issues which affect the quality of lives of its people, Sefton’s service infrastructure will be unable to cope.

Therefore it requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions requesting:

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- (1) that a cumulative impact assessment is carried out by the Government on the impact of its welfare reforms on the residents of Sefton (those in paid work, those out of paid work and the children and young people aged 0-19) as a matter of extreme urgency;
- (2) that the Department of Works and Pensions work in partnership with the Council to reduce the numbers of “benefit sanctions” and their impact on the quality of life for our families and communities; and
- (3) the quality of the benefit entitlement and work capability assessments be significantly improved.

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Upon receipt, the responses be formally submitted to the Cabinet for consideration.”

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Brodie - Browne, seconded by Councillor Robertson that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text at the end of the first paragraph of the Motion:

“brought in following the economic collapse of 2008 to deal with the deficit and the need to bail-out the insufficiently regulated banks.

Notes the commitment of the Shadow Chancellor to introduce tough and binding fiscal rules to achieve a budget surplus by 2020 with further spending cuts and no more borrowing for current spending and the Shadow Works and Pensions Secretary’s statement that “Labour will be tougher than the Tories when it comes to slashing the benefits bill”.

Following debate thereon, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 35 votes to 25 with 1 abstention.

Thereafter, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the original Motion was carried by 35 votes to 25 with 1 abstention and it was

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105. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DAWSON

It was moved by Councillor Dawson, seconded by Councillor Robertson:

"This Council:

- (a) notes that the Local Government Boundary Commission, in its final report of November 1997, concerning the governance of Sefton Metropolitan Borough, recognised the serious difficulties arising from having a borough within which the communities have relatively little in common and concluded:
 - "There are a range of democratic and management arrangements that could be used to address the problem. If these changes are to succeed, they must provide a shared agenda for the Council and those who have been campaigning for Southport to leave Sefton.

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- The encouragement of a culture within Sefton Council which recognises the distinctiveness and importance of Southport and other parts of the borough is needed. We have seen little evidence that Sefton Council as a whole has this kind of decentralised approach and thinking. This is reflected in the way in which residents across the borough feel that other areas receive more favourable treatment - which will only change if the Council behaves in a different way.
 - If the Government places a duty upon local authorities to promote the overall social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the communities they serve then Sefton Council will have to decide how it will implement this new obligation. Best value will require local authorities to discuss and agree these plans with their communities and review them on a regular basis. At the very least, these developments will call upon Sefton Council to develop new styles of working with residents throughout its territory.
 - We believe that Sefton Council could achieve more efficient and convenient local government throughout the various communities it serves. But how to accomplish this must be a matter for the Council, no doubt following consultation with its residents and after examining the experience of other local authorities. We recognise that this may not be an easy process but we have concluded it is an essential one if the demands for splitting the borough are not to resurface at regular intervals.”
- (b) believes that, over the past 16 years, Sefton MBC has failed to adequately-address the issues clearly-identified by the Local Government Boundary Commission and the Council's performance in the areas identified as needing change has, arguably, deteriorated rather than improved particularly during the past two years. In particular, we note:
1. double-rating of parished areas such as Maghull and Lydiate, meaning that residents in those areas have unfairly been paying twice for the same services;
 2. a programme of library closures which clearly discriminated against residents of individual communities within the Borough; and
 3. the creation of a Sefton Central Area Committee which flies in the face of the purpose of Area Committees in that it has councillors from different communities determining matters which should best be decided upon only by councillors of the communities concerned.
- (c) notes the introduction by the Member of Parliament for Southport of the "Local Government Boundary Commission (Public Representations) Bill 2013-14", due to have its Second Reading on 16th May 2014.

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- (d) resolves to write to the Local Government Boundary Committee asking them to return to the Borough of Sefton to conduct a formal Review as to whether the Commission's recommendations in 1997 have been adequately complied with and, if not, to recommend to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government how these issues should now be addressed.”

Following debate thereon, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the **Motion was lost** by 44 votes to 15 with 1 abstention and it was

RESOLVED:

That no action be taken on the Motion.

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Report to:

Council

Date of Meeting:

27th April 2014

Subject: Designation of Further Streets under the County of Merseyside Act 1980

Report of: Director of Built Environment

Wards Affected: Molyneux

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan?
No

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose

To seek resolution from Council for the formal designation of further streets for where street trading is prohibited under the County of Merseyside Act 1980.

Recommendation(s)

That Council:

- i) Formally passes a resolution designating those areas referred to in Annex 1 under Section 36 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980 for where street trading is prohibited;
- ii) That the Head of Corporate Legal Services be authorised to arrange for the publication of the Council’s resolution.

How does the decision contribute to the Council’s Corporate Objectives?

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	

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Reasons for the Recommendation:

Further to the meeting of the Council on 21st November 2013, the Council authorised the Head of Corporate Legal Services to provide notice of the Council's intention to pass a resolution to designate further streets under the County of Merseyside Act 1980. Notices were placed in the local newspapers and were served upon Merseyside Police and the Highway Authority; no representations have been received in response to those notices.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

Costs in the region of £2,300 are estimated which would be contained within existing resources. (Cost Centre DB011)

(B) Capital Costs

N/A

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal	The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD2224/14) has been consulted and has no comments to add.
Finance	The Head of Finance and ICT has been consulted (FD2919/14) and notes the report indicates estimated costs (£2,300) can be contained within existing budgets.
Human Resources	None
Equality	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

None arising from this Report.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

Notices placed within local newspapers, copies served on Merseyside Police and the Highway Authority.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

No

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the Meeting.

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Background Papers:

The County of Merseyside Act 1980.

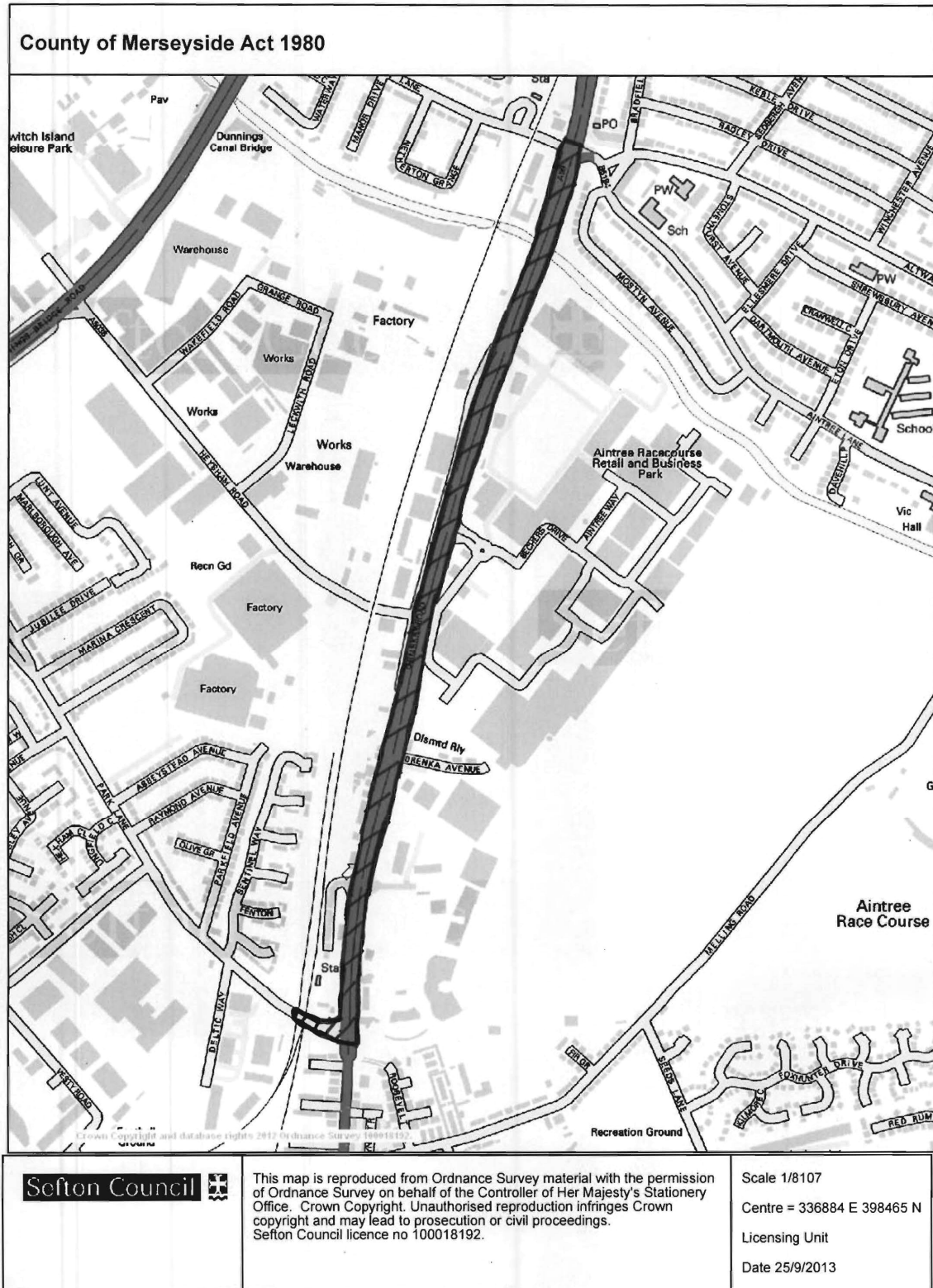
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Background

1. At their Meeting on 11th March 2013 Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee expressed concerns with regard to street trading matters within the Borough and in particular ticket touting taking place at the Grand National Meetings in Aintree.
2. In 1981 the Council adopted provisions under Section 36 of The County of Merseyside Act 1980 to designate a number of town centre streets and holiday areas as prohibited streets where trading was not allowed.
3. A report was considered at the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 23rd September 2013 in which officers proposed three options to Members. The Licensing and Regulatory Committee resolved that the option for: *“the designation of further streets under the County of Merseyside Act 1980, be adopted in order to address the issue of ticket touting at the Grand National Meetings in Aintree”*.
4. At their Meeting on 21st November 2013, Council resolved that:
 - (1) approval be given to the designation of those areas referred to in Annex 1 of the report under Section 36 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980 for where street trading is prohibited; and
 - (2) the Head of Corporate Legal Services be authorised to arrange for the publication of the Council’s proposals and be appointed as the proper officer of the Council for the receipt of any objections received.
5. The notices were published within local newspapers on 15th January 2014, with copies being served the same date upon the Chief Officer of Police for the area as well as to the Highway Authority. No representations have been received in response to these notices.
6. The final stage of the process is for Council to formally pass a resolution designating the proposed new areas under Section 36 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980 for where street trading would be prohibited.
7. Following this, Council must then publish notice that they have passed the resolution for two consecutive weeks within local newspapers.

Areas to be designated

8. The areas to be designated are as below and per Annex 1 attached:
 - Ormskirk Road between Park Lane and Copy Lane and
 - Park Lane from its junction with Ormskirk Road to the railway bridge.



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Reasons for the Recommendation:

To ensure existing policies and procedures for planning decision making are robust, transparent and up to date.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) **Revenue Costs** - None

(B) **Capital Costs** - None

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal

The updates within this report will need to be considered by Audit and Governance Committee and Cabinet.

Human Resources

N/A

Equality

1. No Equality Implication

2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated

3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains

Impact on Service Delivery:

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT (FD2824/14) notes that the report recommends procedural changes and does not have any financial implications.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and her comments have been included in the report. (LD 2130/14)

Are there any other options available for consideration?

No

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following consideration by Audit and Governance Committee and Council.

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Background Papers:

Council's Constitution

Protocol - Pre Applications with Planning Committee

Protocol – Planning Committee Site Visits

Planning Advisory Service 'Probity in Planning for councillors and officers' April 2013

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Introduction

From time to time it is necessary to review processes and protocols for planning decision making. This is good practice and will help to ensure that appropriate, robust and transparent decision making takes place. This is especially necessary within the Planning System since decisions are made in the public arena and can create significant interest and legal challenge. This report contains proposed changes to the process of decision making and protocols for members which, if approved, will need to be reflected in the Council's Code of Conduct and constitution.

It is clear to members that the planning system has undergone significant change in recent years – and it is fair to expect further changes in the coming months. Systems of planning decision making have to balance social, environmental and economic issues in order to achieve sustainable economic development. The abundance of changes in the national system mean that it is more important than ever to ensure that decision making is clear, robust and based on material planning considerations. Planning decisions have to be made in a transparent manner and on occasion decisions taken by committee, or officers, can be controversial since the planning process often has to balance competing interests when coming to a decision. It is therefore essential to ensure that appropriate measures are in place to both inform and protect decision makers.

In recent years this committee has approved a number of protocols to provide more transparency in the committee's process. For example the Site Visit Protocol and the Pre Application with Planning Committee Protocols. These are good practice and have been used successfully to inform and assist decision making in a positive manner. It is considered that there are opportunities to make some adjustments to the code of conduct in order to continue to make improvements to processes, provide more clarity and to ensure decisions remain robust.

Proposed Updates to the Code of Conduct;

- **Ongoing monthly training programme for members is proposed to be continued.** This training is available for all members, including substitute members and any other member who may be interested in the subject. This is important because of the complexities of the planning system, ongoing legislative and procedural changes and the need to ensure members are up to date with training on various planning issues. The monthly training sessions run by officers are well attended and provide a regular platform for discussion and learning. Members are invited to advise the Head of Planning Services at any time for specific topics/requests to be added to the programme.
- **Mandatory training.** In addition to the above and as a consequence of the quasi judicial nature of planning – it is proposed to introduce a new requirement for all committee members (including substitute members) to attend one mandatory training session with officers covering key planning principles/information. This requirement will need to be met before sitting on the committee each municipal year. It is proposed that for the forthcoming Council Year 2014/15, that the mandatory training session be held on **Wednesday 11 June 2014 at 6.30pm in Bootle Town Hall**, prior to the first meeting of the Committee on 18 June 2014.

In addition, there will be a need to attend a further two compulsory training events during the course of each municipal year. Failure to attend the total three required

sessions each year may lead to that member being excluded from the committee. Whilst training events are run every month members will be encouraged to continue to attend as many as possible, having regard to other pressures on their time and availability. This will help to ensure members are well informed and up to date on relevant matters – in particular the council will be able to demonstrate its commitment to informed and robust decision making – in times of increased legal challenge and appeals.

- **Annual appointments** – linked to the above points regarding training is the need to ensure that members are informed to make decisions on planning matters. On occasion membership of the committee changes during the year. This brings new members, sometimes with limited knowledge of planning, onto the committee. In light of the proposed changes regarding mandatory training it is also considered appropriate that appointments to planning committee be made for the full municipal year. If any changes to membership need to occur in exceptional circumstances any new member will be required to undergo the mandatory training before sitting on the Committee.
- **Visiting Panel –attendance to be prioritised for members or substitutes.** Committee site visits are an integral part of the committee’s decision making role. Site visits by the committee enable an additional level of information to be obtained to inform decision making. Visits do not cover all applications on the agenda. Officers will continue to make pro active use of visiting panel as appropriate as recognised good practice to inform decision making– identifying all applications subject to petitions, also identifying sites which involve unusual or complex policy/contextual issues. Members are able to defer items for committee site visits – and are required to set out clear planning reasons for these requests. Due to the importance of Visiting Panel members are strongly encouraged to attend all committee Visiting Panels as an important part of the committee’s role and responsibilities.
- **Visiting Panel – attendance at committee and visiting panel by the same member.** Attendance at visiting panel is key to informed decision making. If a member knows that they are able to attend the site visit but not the committee meeting – or vice versa- that member should wherever possible arrange with their substitute member to attend both meetings. This is to ensure consistency in decision making and to help ensure that all decision makers have access to the same information.
- **Petitions –circulation of materials/photographs to committee to be prohibited.** On occasion petitioners bring along written or other material to the meeting and ask to circulate this to members. At present this is not covered by any protocol and is at the discretion of the Chair. Officers have expressed some concern in these circumstances as they have not seen the information, not had opportunity to form any conclusions on the relevant information and importantly are not able to advise committee as to the accuracy or relevance of the materials. This has potential to put committee in a difficult position – when considering the amount of weight they should (or shouldn’t) give to this information. It is therefore proposed that petitioners, respondents or any other person addressing the committee will not be permitted to display or circulate any information to members or the committee. This can then be communicated in advance to interested parties to help avoid confusion.
- **Ward members addressing the committee** –ward members often ask to address the committee, this is subject to approval of the Chair and occurs at the committee meeting. Hitherto it has been practise that ward members address the

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committee after both a petitioner and the respondent have addressed the committee. This means that the committee, applicant and objectors do not know in advance of the meeting that a ward member will address the committee. In addition the respondent cannot currently respond to the ward members submissions as the member addresses the committee last. In the interests of balanced decision making it is suggested that an amendment to this process would be appropriate and fair. It is suggested that ward members (and only ward members) will be able to address the committee provided that they have written/mailed Democratic Services by midday the day before committee – setting out that they will be addressing the committee and including a short summary of the issues they intend to raise. This information can then be brought to the attention of the petitioner/respondent/applicant as appropriate. The process at committee will then be amended such that the petitioner addresses the committee first, ward councillors address the committee second and the respondent responds to the committee last. It is considered that this measure ensures balance to the decision making process. If there is not a petition the ward councillor may address the committee (subject to the notification as set out above) and the applicant or agent will be given the opportunity to respond. The usual time limits will apply in all cases, i.e. no more than five minutes for each speaker.

Conclusions

The proposed changes are intended to provide further transparency, clarity and equity to the processes of the committee and decision making. In order to ensure appropriate approvals are in place these proposals will need to be considered by Audit and Governance Committee and Council. The Council's Constitution will then be updated in accordance with the final approved scheme.

Report to: Council **Date of Meeting:** 24 April 2014

Subject: Programme of Meetings – 2014/15 Municipal Year **Wards Affected:** All Wards

Report of: Director of Corporate Services

Is this a Key Decision? No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To seek approval of a Programme of Meetings for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

Recommendation

That

1. the Programme of Meetings for the Council, Member Briefing Sessions; Regulatory Committees; Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Area Committees and Health and Wellbeing Board for 2014/15 as set out in Annexes B, C, D and E of the report be approved; and
2. the Programme of Meetings for the Cabinet, Public Engagement and Consultation Panel, Sefton Borough Partnership Operations Board and Sefton Safer Communities Partnership for 2014/15 as set out in Annexes A and E of the report be noted.

How does the decision contribute to the Council’s Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community			
2	Jobs and Prosperity			
3	Environmental Sustainability			
4	Health and Well-Being			
5	Children and Young People			
6	Creating Safe Communities			
7	Creating Inclusive Communities			
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy			

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Reasons for the Recommendation:

To enable the business of the Council and its various Committees/bodies to be conducted during the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The only alternative option would be to not produce a programme of meetings and this option has been rejected.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Financial	
Legal	
Human Resources	
Equality	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

The Programme of Meetings for 2014/15 will be published on the Council's website for the benefit of the residents of Sefton and the wider general public. This will raise awareness of the Council's political management system and allow the opportunity for the public to engage in the Council's democratic processes.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD2788) has been consulted and notes there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD2094) has been consulted and has no comments on the report

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection

1. Introduction/Background

1.1 The Council is required to establish a Programme of Meetings for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

1.2 The following annexes are attached to the report:

- Annex A - Programme of Meetings for the Cabinet in 2014/15
- Annex B - Programme of Meetings for the Council, Members' Briefing Sessions and Regulatory Committees in 2014/15
- Annex C - Programme of Meetings for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in 2014/15
- Annex D - Programme of Meetings for the Area Committees in 2014/15
- Annex E - Programme of Meetings for the Sefton Borough Partnership Operations Board, Public Engagement and Consultation Panel, Sefton Safer Communities Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board in 2014/15.

1.3 Similar to the arrangements put in place last year once the programme of meetings have been approved, an "in-house" diary will be produced for Members of the Council to purchase through their Group Whips.

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2. Programme of Meetings 2014/15

2.1 The key principles of the Programme of Meetings are as follows:

- Due to the Council and European Parliamentary Elections being held on 22 May 2014 the dates for meetings of the Annual and Adjourned Council meetings are later in the year than usual.
- Annual Council Meeting (Election of Mayor) to be held in Bootle Town all at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 29 May 2014.
- Adjourned Annual Council Meeting (Appointment of Cabinet and Committees) to be held on **Tuesday, 3 June 2014**, in the week after the Annual Council Meeting. This will give the Political Groups more time to determine the Membership of Committees etc.
- Five Ordinary Council Meetings to be held every 8 weeks on a Thursday commencing at 6.30 p.m. plus the Budget Council Meeting to be held on 5 March 2015 and an Extraordinary meeting of the Council for the Local Plan (see Paragraph 3 below).
- Council will not meet on the same day as Cabinet.
- Members' Briefing Sessions to be held at 5.00 p.m. prior to the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting and the five Ordinary Council Meetings.
- No meetings will be held:
 - In the period between Christmas and New Year (Dec 2014/Jan 2015).
 - In April 2015 except for the meetings of the Planning Committee, Cabinet and Council.
- As far as possible no meetings will be held during the school half term holiday weeks.
- The venues for all meetings (other than Area Committees and Area Partnerships) alternate between Bootle and Southport Town Halls.
- Cabinet Meetings to be held on a Thursday at 10.00 a.m. The first meeting to be held on 19 June 2014.
- Planning Committee to meet every four weeks on a Wednesday, commencing at 6.30 p.m.
- Planning Visiting Panel to meet 2 days prior to each meeting of the Planning Committee to undertake site visits as agreed by the Committee.
- Each of the 4 Overview and Scrutiny Committees to meet bi monthly, 5 times during the year commencing at 6.30 p.m. – the main Overview and Scrutiny work will be done by the Working Groups to be established on an ad hoc basis.
- Special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) to be held on 24 February 2015 to scrutinise the Cabinet budget process.
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to meet 5 times per year, commencing at 4.30 p.m.
- Licensing and Regulatory Committee to meet quarterly on a Monday commencing at 6.30 p.m.
- Meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee to be convened as and when required.
- Audit and Governance Committee to meet every quarter (4 meetings per year) on a Wednesday commencing at 3.00 p.m. in order to meet statutory requirements etc.
- Pay and Grading Committee to be convened as and when required.

- Each Area Committee to meet quarterly and commence at 6.30 p.m. The meetings will be held at venues across the Committee's geographical area at suitable venues.
- Health and Wellbeing Board to meet 4 times per year.
- The dates for the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel, which are not public meetings are included in the Corporate Calendar.
- The dates for meetings of the Area Partnerships in 2013/14 will be determined by the Area Co-ordinators in liaison with the Chair of each Partnership.

3. Sefton Local Plan

- 3.1 The next stage of Sefton's Local Plan process – the Publication Draft stage – must take account of the updated population projections which are essential to be able to update the housing requirement which is a key part of the Local Plan. These projections are expected to be released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) at the end of May 2014. Following this, a study will be commissioned to assess the implications for Sefton and this will lead to a revised housing requirement. This work will take two months so is not expected to be completed until the end of July.

The Publication Draft Local Plan must be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services), before being reported to Planning Committee and Cabinet. Council will be requested to approve the Plan for consultation (an 8 week period). The Government encourages local authorities to get a Local Plan approved without delay. If the 8 weeks of consultation is to be completed before Christmas, an Extraordinary Council meeting will need to be held on 16 October 2014.

If the draft Plan wasn't approved until the scheduled Council meeting on 20 November, the consultation period would have to be extended to 10 weeks as it would run over Christmas and New Year, therefore delaying the completion of the consultation by two months.

- 3.2 Accordingly, the recommended timetable of meetings to facilitate the process referred to in 3.1 above is as follows:-

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) – 16 September 2014
- Planning Committee (Special Meeting) – 8 October 2014
- Cabinet – 9 October 2014
- Council (Extraordinary Meeting) – 16 October 2014

- 3.3 As a note of caution, if the updated population predictions are not released by ONS at the end of May 2014 then a revised timetable of meetings will need to be put in place. In the event of this situation arising, authority would be sought from the Mayor, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, for an Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on an alternative date.

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4. Health and Wellbeing Board

- 4.1 Cabinet at its meeting held on 27 February 2014 approved the programme of meetings for the Cabinet, Public Engagement and Consultation Panel, Sefton Borough Partnership Operations Board and Sefton Safer Communities Partnership for 2014/15 as set out in Annexes A and E of the report.
- 4.2 Cabinet was advised that the dates of meetings for the Health and Wellbeing Board in 2014/15 were subject to further review. The Health and Wellbeing Board, at its meeting held on 19 March 2014 approved a programme of meetings and the revised dates have been incorporated into Annex E and the calendar of meetings attached to this report.

5. Calendar of Meetings

- 5.1 A copy of the Calendar of Meetings for 2014/15 is attached.

ANNEX A
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON
PROGRAMME OF CABINET MEETINGS - 2014/2015

Meeting	Day	Time	Venue	2014								2015					
				May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
CABINET	Thur.	10.00 a.m.	B		19				11		6		15	5	26		
			S	15		17				9		4		26		16	

Key to Venues:

B - Bootle Town Hall

S - Southport Town Hall

ANNEX C
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON
PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - 2014/2015
(All Tuesday)

Meeting	Venue	2014								2015				
		May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Health and Social Care) (6.30 p.m.) (Tue)	B			1			21					3		
	S					2				6				
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Performance and Corporate Services) (Tue) (6.30 p.m.)	B					9				13	*24			
	S		17					4				10		
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Regeneration and Environmental Services) (6.30 p.m.) (Tue)	B			8					11			17		
	S					16				20				
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Children's Services) (6.30 p.m.) (Tue)	B					23				27				
	S		24						18			24		
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Management Board) (4.30 p.m.) (Tue)	B				26		14					3		
	S		17							6				

* Special meeting to consider Budget proposals.

ANNEX D
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON
PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR AREA COMMITTEES 2014/2015

Meeting	Day	Time	Venue	2014								2015				
				May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
CENTRAL SEFTON	Wed/Thu	6.30 p.m.	TBC		5			3				8		11		
SOUTH SEFTON	Mon/Wed/Thu	6.30 p.m.	TBC		12			10				14		2		
SOUTHPORT	Wed	6.30 p.m.	TBC		25			24			3			25		

Venues:
TBC – to be confirmed

ANNEX E
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON
PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS- 2014/2015

Meeting	Day	Time	Venue	2014								2015				
				May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
SEFTON BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS BOARD	Tues.	2.30 p.m.	B		10	15		16		18		20		17		
			S													
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL ^	Fri	10.00 a.m.	B		6	25		26		21		23		20		
			S													
SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP	Thu	10.00 a.m.	B		12		14		16		11	29		19		
			S													
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD	Wed.	2.00 p.m.	B		18			17			3			18		
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Meetings video conferenced to Southport Town Hall

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MAY 2014		
THU	1	
FRI	2	
SAT	3	
SUN	4	
MON	5	BANK HOLIDAY
TUE	6	
WED	7	
THU	8	
FRI	9	
SAT	10	
SUN	11	
MON	12	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	13	
WED	14	6.30 PLANNING (S)
THU	15	10.00 CABINET (S)
FRI	16	
SAT	17	
SUN	18	
MON	19	
TUE	20	
WED	21	
THU	22	COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
FRI	23	
SAT	24	
SUN	25	
MON	26	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL HALF- TERM HOLIDAY WEEK
TUE	27	
WED	28	
THU	29	6.00 ANNUAL COUNCIL (B)
FRI	30	
SAT	31	
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JUNE 2014		
SUN	1	
MON	2	
TUE	3	5.00 MEMBERS' BRIEFING (B) 6.30 ADJOURNED ANNUAL COUNCIL (B)
WED	4	
THU	5	6.30 CENTRAL SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
FRI	6	10.00 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (B)
SAT	7	
SUN	8	
MON	9	
TUE	10	2.30 SEFTON BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS BOARD (B)
WED	11	6.30 MANDATORY PLANNING COMMITTEE TRAINING SESSION (B)
THU	12	10.00 SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (B) 6.30 SOUTH SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
FRI	13	
SAT	14	
SUN	15	
MON	16	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	17	4.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD (S) 6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (S)
WED	18	2.00 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (B) 6.30 PLANNING (B)
THU	19	10.00 CABINET (B)
FRI	20	
SAT	21	
SUN	22	
MON	23	6.30 LICENSING AND REGULATORY (B)
TUE	24	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (CHILDREN'S SERVICES) (S)
WED	25	3.00 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE (B) 6.30 SOUTHPORT AREA COMMITTEE
THU	26	
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JULY 2014		
TUE	1	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) (B)
WED	2	
THU	3	
FRI	4	
SAT	5	
SUN	6	
MON	7	
TUE	8	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) (B)
WED	9	
THU	10	
FRI	11	
SAT	12	
SUN	13	
MON	14	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	15	2.30 SEFTON BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS BOARD (B)
WED	16	6.30 PLANNING (S)
THU	17	10.00 CABINET (S)
FRI	18	
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TUE	22	
WED	23	
THU	24	5.00 MEMBERS' BRIEFING (S) 6.30 COUNCIL (S)
FRI	25	10.00 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (B)
SAT	26	
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MON	11	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
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WED	13	6.30 PLANNING (B)
THU	14	10.00 SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (B)
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SAT	23	
SUN	24	
MON	25	BANK HOLIDAY
TUE	26	4.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD (B)
WED	27	
THU	28	
FRI	29	
SAT	30	
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SEPTEMBER 2014		
MON	1	
TUE	2	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) (S)
WED	3	6.30 CENTRAL SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
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FRI	5	
SAT	6	
SUN	7	
MON	8	
TUE	9	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (B)
WED	10	3.00 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE (S) 6.30 SOUTH SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
THU	11	10.00 CABINET (B)
FRI	12	
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FRI	26	10.00 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (B)
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MON	6	
TUE	7	
WED	8	6.30 PLANNING (SPECIAL MEETING – LOCAL PLAN) (B)
THU	9	10.00 CABINET (S)
FRI	10	
SAT	11	
SUN	12	
MON	13	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	14	4.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD (B)
WED	15	6.30 PLANNING (B)
THU	16	10.00 SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (B) 6.30 COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING – LOCAL PLAN) (B)
FRI	17	
SAT	18	
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TUE	21	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) (B)
WED	22	
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MON	27	SCHOOL HALF-TERM HOLIDAY WEEK
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TUE	4	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (S)
WED	5	
THU	6	10.00 CABINET (B)
FRI	7	
SAT	8	
SUN	9	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
MON	10	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	11	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) (B)
WED	12	6.30 PLANNING (S)
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WED	3	2.00 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (B) 6.30 SOUTHPORT AREA COMMITTEE
THU	4	10.00 CABINET (S)
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SUN	7	
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TUE	9	
WED	10	3.00 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE (B) 6.30 PLANNING (B)
THU	11	10.00 SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (B)
FRI	12	
SAT	13	
SUN	14	
MON	15	
TUE	16	
WED	17	
THU	18	
FRI	19	
SAT	20	
SUN	21	
MON	22	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK
TUE	23	
WED	24	
THU	25	CHRISTMAS DAY
FRI	26	BANK HOLIDAY
SAT	27	
SUN	28	
MON	29	COUNCIL OFFICES CLOSED
TUE	30	COUNCIL OFFICES CLOSED
WED	31	COUNCIL OFFICES CLOSED
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JANUARY 2015		
THU	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
FRI	2	COUNCIL OFFICES CLOSED
SAT	3	
SUN	4	
MON	5	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	6	4.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD (S) 6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) (S)
WED	7	6.30 PLANNING (S)
THU	8	6.30 CENTRAL SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
FRI	9	
SAT	10	
SUN	11	
MON	12	6.30 LICENSING AND REGULATORY (B)
TUE	13	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (B)
WED	14	6.30 SOUTH SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
THU	15	10.00 CABINET (B)
FRI	16	
SAT	17	
SUN	18	
MON	19	
TUE	20	2.30 SEFTON BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS BOARD (B) 6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) (S)
WED	21	
THU	22	
FRI	23	10.00 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (B)
SAT	24	
SUN	25	
MON	26	
TUE	27	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (CHILDREN'S SERVICES) (B)
WED	28	
THU	29	10.00 SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (B) 5.00 MEMBERS' BRIEFING (S) 6.30 COUNCIL (S)
FRI	30	
SAT	31	
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FEBRUARY 2015		
SUN	1	
MON	2	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	3	
WED	4	6.30 PLANNING (B)
THU	5	10.00 CABINET (B)
FRI	6	
SAT	7	
SUN	8	
MON	9	
TUE	10	
WED	11	
THU	12	
FRI	13	
SAT	14	
SUN	15	
MON	16	SCHOOL HALF-TERM HOLIDAY WEEK
TUE	17	
WED	18	
THU	19	
FRI	20	
SAT	21	
SUN	22	
MON	23	
TUE	24	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) SPECIAL MEETING (B)
WED	25	
THU	26	10.00 CABINET (S)
FRI	27	
SAT	28	
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MARCH 2015		
SUN	1	
MON	2	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B) 6.30 SOUTH SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
TUE	3	4.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD (B) 6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) (B)
WED	4	6.30 PLANNING (S)
THU	5	6.30 BUDGET COUNCIL (B)
FRI	6	
SAT	7	
SUN	8	
MON	9	
TUE	10	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (S)
WED	11	6.30 CENTRAL SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE
THU	12	
FRI	13	
SAT	14	
SUN	15	
MON	16	
TUE	17	2.30 SEFTON BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONS BOARD (B) 6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) (B)
WED	18	2.00 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (B)
THU	19	10.00 SEFTON SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (B)
FRI	20	10.00 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (B)
SAT	21	
SUN	22	
MON	23	
TUE	24	6.30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (CHILDREN'S SERVICES) (S)
WED	25	3.00 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE (S) 6.30 SOUTHPORT AREA COMMITTEE
THU	26	10.00 CABINET (B)
FRI	27	
SAT	28	
SUN	29	
MON	30	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B) 6.30 LICENSING AND REGULATORY (S)
TUE	31	
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APRIL 2015		
WED	1	6.30 PLANNING (B)
THU	2	
FRI	3	SCHOOL EASTER BREAK GOOD FRIDAY
SAT	4	
SUN	5	
MON	6	EASTER MONDAY
TUE	7	
WED	8	
THU	9	
FRI	10	
SAT	11	
SUN	12	
MON	13	
TUE	14	
WED	15	
THU	16	10.00 CABINET (S)
FRI	17	
SAT	18	
SUN	19	
MON	20	
TUE	21	
WED	22	
THU	23	5.00 MEMBERS' BRIEFING (S) 6.30 COUNCIL (S)
FRI	24	
SAT	25	
SUN	26	
MON	27	10.00 PLANNING VISITING PANEL (B)
TUE	28	
WED	29	6.30 PLANNING (S)
THUR	30	
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MAY 2015		
FRI	1	
SAT	2	
SUN	3	
MON	4	BANK HOLIDAY
TUE	5	
WED	6	
THU	7	PARLIAMENTARY AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS
FRI	8	
SAT	9	
SUN	10	
MON	11	
TUE	12	
WED	13	
THU	14	6.00 ANNUAL COUNCIL (S)
FRI	15	
SAT	16	
SUN	17	
MON	18	
TUE	19	5.00 MEMBERS' BRIEFING (B) 6.30 ADJOURNED ANNUAL COUNCIL (B)
WED	20	
THU	21	
FRI	22	
SAT	23	
SUN	24	
MON	25	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL HALF-TERM HOLIDAY WEEK
TUE	26	
WED	27	
THU	28	
FRI	29	
SAT	30	
SUN	31	MAY 2015

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