

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

Yours sincerely,

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

Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Southport

Wednesday 16 July 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 Meetings

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Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 29 May 2014 and the Adjourned Annual Council meeting held on 3 June 2014

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. Membership of Committees 2014/15

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Report of the Director of Corporate Services

8. Capital Scheme Approvals 2014/15

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Report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

9. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2013/14

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Report attached

10. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Hartill

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Hartill:

“The Council understands that Fracking is the drilling technique where high pressure fluids are forced into the ground as a means of extracting fossil and geothermal fuels such as shale gas.

The Council is aware that:

- There are currently many environmental concerns associated with Fracking. These concerns include worries that the Fracking process can cause small earth tremors.
- There is believed to be a great deal of shale gas and oil under the Sefton Coastline and this will no doubt become a target area for drilling companies
- At this time, the law of “Trespass” protects home owners from Fracking being carried out under built up areas. This is because people and businesses own the land under their properties from the surface down to the earth’s core.
- The Department of Energy and Climate Change are currently carrying out consultation with a view to introducing new legislation that will allow energy companies to carry out Fraking activities below 300 metres in built up areas, without the permission of the owners of the land above.

The Council believe that to suggest such a change in law is a huge breach of civil trust and may even contravene the Human Rights Act regarding the peaceful enjoyment of property and the right to a peaceful life.

The Council requests the Chief Executive to:

1. Write to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and inform them that the Council does not support, and in fact strongly opposes the proposed changes to the Trespass Law; and
2. Inform the DECC that the Council, as mineral planning authority, is likely to require any potential applicant, who is seeking planning permission to carry out Fracking operations within Sefton, to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment which assesses the potential risk to people, plants, animals, soil, water, climate, landscape ,

architectural and archaeological heritage.”

11. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Robertson

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Robertson:

“That the Council welcomes the publication of the Draft Liverpool City Region Long Term Rail Strategy but is concerned that the Southport - Wigan - Manchester line, which supports commuter travel for Sefton residents living in the north of the Borough, who work in Manchester and the tourist trade/economy in Formby/Southport/North Sefton, is omitted from the report.

The Council calls upon the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to include this line, and the development and promotion of it in the final draft of the strategy.

All options to upgrade this line need to be fully considered within the strategy and should include:

- Renewal of outdated/inappropriate rolling stock
- Increased passenger/train capacity
- A potential new park and ride station at Kew
- Electrification
- Adoption of Meols Cop Station by Merseytravel
- Connectivity with the Ormskirk - Preston line

The benefits that could flow from including this line within the final City Region Long Term Rail Strategy will support the north of the Borough and help sustain Sefton's tourist economy. It will also ensure that the north of the Liverpool City Region is well connected to West Lancashire, Preston and Manchester City Region by rail.”

12. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Bennett

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Bennett:

“That the Council encourages all contractors, when working in the Borough of Sefton, to be aware of the needs of its neighbours and the environment and to respect these.”

13. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Mahon

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Mahon:

“This Council:

Calls on the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Mr. Eric Pickles M.P. to examine the changes this coalition government has made to this country’s planning system to see if they are working for the benefit of the communities. Some of the issues are detailed below.

The National Planning Policy Framework

There is a body of opinion that sees this as a ‘Developers Charter’ where the rules have shifted in favour of allowing much more development.

Prior Notifications

Several kinds of developments can now progress without the need for full application and full assessment of impacts. In most cases these don’t include highway issues and ignore issues that many residents may be concerned about.

Types of development covered by these changes include large house extensions, changes between different uses, changes of agricultural buildings to many other uses like hotels etc. Councils still need to determine these prior notifications, in many instances with no fee and with reduced timescales for decision making.

Changes to the Use Classes Orders

Now a much wider range of uses than ever can change to another use without the need for planning permission.

These include shops to residential – what will this mean for our town centres? Restaurants to offices, shops to building societies or credit unions. These are only a small number of the changes of use that are now possible without needing planning permission.

Localism Act – Neighbourhood Planning and Community Right to Bid.

Neighbourhood Planning could be a positive tool to support our own local plans. The process has been designed so that communities can help plan their local areas, but only if they accept the same, or more, development than our own Local Plan.

Community Right to Bid – this is in danger of becoming a tool

to stall development proposals from many months when key assets come up for sale. This does not provide certainty and speed for new developments – it provides the opposite.

Abolition of Regional Planning

This was intended to bring more effective local decision making through the removal of a whole regional tier of control and influence in strategic planning. This has resulted in each local authority now having to prepare their own evidence and their own estimates about how many houses they need to build in their area. This has, in effect, introduced a huge new area of controversy and uncertainty for councils.”

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

COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON THURSDAY 29TH MAY, 2014

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

Councillors Ashton, Atkinson, Ball, David Barton, Jo Barton, Maria Bennett, Veronica Bennett, Booth, Bradshaw, Brennan, Brodie - Browne, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Crabtree, Cummins, Cuthbertson, Mark Dowd, Peter Dowd, Dutton, Fairclough, Lord Fearn, Friel, Gatherer, Grace, Hardy, Hartill, Jones, Keith, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Lappin, Lewis, Maher, S. McGuire, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Owens, O'Brien, Page, Papworth, Preece, Roberts, Robinson, Roche, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Weavers, Webster and Welsh

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dams, Dawson, Dodd, Hands, Killen, Peter Maguire, Mahon, McGinnity, Robertson and Shaw.

2. FORMER MAYORESS, MRS MARY MCVEY

The Mayor reported on the sad death of Former Mayoress, Mrs Mary McVey on 17 May 2014.

The Mayor advised that Mrs McVey had supported her husband, Former Councillor Paul McVey during his Year of Office as Mayor of Sefton in 1998/99.

The Council then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for Mrs Mary McVey.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2014/15

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

RESOLVED

That Kevin Cluskey, a Councillor of the Borough, be elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by his successor.

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Councillor Cluskey then made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair for the meeting.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR 2014/15

It was moved by Councillor Brodie - Browne, seconded by Councillor Lord Fearn and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Maureen Fearn JP, a Councillor of the Borough, be elected the Deputy Chair of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by her successor.

5. VOTE OF THANKS FOR RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Brodie - Browne, seconded by Councillor Lord Fearn and unanimously

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Council does hereby place on record its appreciation of the ability, courtesy and impartiality, shown by Councillor Maureen Fearn in her capacity as Mayor of the Borough and Chair of the meetings of the Council, during the Municipal Year 2013/14 and for her attendance at many civic and public functions, both inside and outside of the Borough;
- (2) the Council also desires to extend its thanks to Mr Frank Winrow for his support and encouragement given to the Mayor;
- (3) the Council wishes to record its appreciation of the excellent effort and involvement by both Councillor M. Fearn and Mr Winrow in connection with the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund;
- (4) the Council further desires to extend its sincere thanks to Councillor M. Fearn and Mr Winrow for the hospitality extended to Royal Visits, Overseas Visitors, Civic Dignitaries and Twinning Officials hosted by this Borough; and
- (5) a copy of the Resolution be passed under the Corporate Seal and presented to Councillor M. Fearn and Mr Winrow.

Councillor Maureen Fearn and Mr Frank Winrow were then presented with framed copies of the Vote of Thanks as tokens of the Council's appreciation of the manner in which they had undertaken their duties in the Office of Mayor during the past twelve months.

Councillor Maureen Fearn responded to the Vote of Thanks and expressed her appreciation to her Consort Mr Frank Winrow, the members

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of the public, various organisations and Council officers who had supported her during her Year of Office.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RESOLVED:

That the meeting be adjourned and the Council re-convene on Tuesday, 3 June 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in Bootle Town Hall.

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COUNCIL

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON TUESDAY 3RD JUNE, 2014

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

Councillors Ashton, Atkinson, Ball, David Barton, Jo Barton, Maria Bennett, Veronica Bennett, Booth, Bradshaw, Brennan, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Crabtree, Cummins, Cuthbertson, Dawson, Dodd, Mark Dowd, Peter Dowd, Dutton, Fairclough, Lord Fearn, Friel, Gatherer, Grace, Hands, Hardy, Hartill, Jones, Keith, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Kermode, Kerrigan, Lappin, Lewis, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, S. McGuire, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Owens, O'Brien, Page, Papworth, Preece, Roberts, Robertson, Robinson, Roche, Shaw, Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Weavers, Webster and Welsh

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brodie-Browne, Dams, Killen and Peter Maguire.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 April 2014 be approved as a correct record.

10. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Election of New Councillors

The Mayor congratulated all of the Councillors who were re-elected to office following the Local Government Elections held on 22 May 2014, and extended a warm welcome to the following 8 new Councillors elected to office, who stood up in the Council Chamber to introduce themselves to the other Members of the Council:

David Barton, Jo Barton, Maria Bennett, June Burns, Janet Grace, Daniel Lewis, Robert Owens and Michael O'Brien.

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The Mayor reported that the remaining new Member, Councillor Andy Dams had sent his apologies for tonight's meeting, as he was away on holiday.

Councillors Not Re-Elected

The Mayor indicated that he wished to place on record, the gratitude of the Council to the four former Councillors who were not re-elected to office, for their dedicated service to the Borough of Sefton, namely:

- Sean Dorgan who served on the Council for 4 years;
- Bruce Hubbard who served on the Council for 4 years;
- David McIvor who served on the Council for 5 years; and
- Andrew Tonkiss who served on the Council for 22 years.

Annual Council and Installation Dinner

The Mayor thanked all of the Councillors who attended his Installation Ceremony and Dinner on 29 May 2014 and expressed the hope that they all enjoyed themselves.

11. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor reported that members of the public had not submitted any petitions or questions.

12. ELECTION RESULTS - 22 MAY 2014

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer on the results of the Council Elections held on 22 May 2014, subject to a typographical amendment to the results for Dukes Ward which would be republished on the Council website.

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

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

13. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Webster, seconded by Councillor Maher and

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that Councillor P. Dowd was appointed as the Leader of the Council by the Council on 17 May 2011 for a period of four years.

14. CABINET AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Cabinet, comprising of the Members indicated below, was appointed by the Leader of the Council at the Council meeting held on 15 May 2012 for a four year term of office or until such time as their term of office expires, they are removed by the Leader or for any of the reasons set out in Paragraph 4 in Chapter 5 of the Constitution:-

Portfolio	Member
Leader of the Council	Cllr. P. Dowd
Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure	Cllr. Moncur
Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment	Cllr. Hardy
Cabinet Member – Corporate Services and Performance	Cllr. Tweed
Cabinet Member – Older People and Health	Cllr. Cummins
Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Tourism and Deputy Leader of the Council	Cllr. Maher
Cabinet Member – Transportation	Cllr. Fairclough

15. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS 2014/15

The Council considered a schedule which provided details of the allocation of Committee Places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules and the proposed Membership of the Committees and Working Groups for 2014/15.

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

That:

- (1) the allocation of Committee Places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules, as set out below, be noted; and
- (2) the Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Committees and Working Groups as set out in the schedule be appointed for a period of twelve months until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting to be held in May 2015.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Ashton that Paragraph (2) of the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

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“except that the Audit and Governance Committee shall be chaired by a Member of the largest opposition party.”

Following debate thereon, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 37 votes to 25.

A further amendment was moved by Councillor Hartill, seconded by Councillor Papworth that the Motion be amended as follows:

“That Councillor Ball be appointed as a Member of the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel and Councillor Dutton be appointed as a Substitute Member for Councillor Ball on the Panel.”

Councillor P. Dowd indicated that he accepted the amendment and on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the Revised Motion was carried by 38 votes to 24 and it was

RESOLVED:

That:

- (1) the allocation of Committee places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules, as set out below be noted; and
- (2) the Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Committees and Working Groups set out below be appointed for a period of twelve months until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting to be held in May 2015.

(A) OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN’S SERVICES) **(10)**

(Plus 4 Education Added Members and 2 Associate Members)

(Lab 6 / Lib Dem 3 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Veidman
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. O’Brien
3.	Cllr. Ball	Cllr. Hartill
4.	Cllr. Hands	Cllr. Booth
5.	Cllr. Keith	Cllr. Maureen Fearn
6	Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Page
7.	Cllr. McKinley	Cllr. Byrom
8.	Cllr. Preece	Cllr. Jo Barton
9.	Cllr. Thompson	Cllr. P Maguire
10.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Carr

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Education Added Members (Voting Co-opted Members):

Church Diocesan Representatives appointed until 31 May 2015:
Canon R. Driver and Father D. Seddon.

Parent Governor Representatives appointed until 31 May 2016:
Mr. D. McCaughrean and Mrs. C.A. Ryan-Palmer

Associate Members (Non - voting Co-opted Members):

Representative and Deputy to be nominated by Healthwatch, Sefton; and
Mrs S. Cain

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) (10)

(Plus 1 Associate Member)

(Lab 7 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. Page	Cllr. O'Brien
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Bradshaw
3.	Cllr. David Barton	Cllr. Crabtree
4.	Cllr. Jo Barton	Cllr. S. McGuire
5.	Cllr. Burns	Cllr. Webster
6.	Cllr. Dams	Cllr. Grace
7.	Cllr. Dawson	Cllr. Keith
8.	Cllr. Gatherer	Cllr. Kermodé
9.	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly	Cllr. Killen
10.	Cllr. Lappin	Cllr. Brennan

Associate Member (Non - voting Co-opted Member)

Representative and Deputy to be nominated by Healthwatch, Sefton.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (10)

(Lab 6 / Lib Dem 3 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. McKinley
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Byrom	Cllr. Veidman
3.	Cllr. Veronica Bennett	Cllr. Dams
4.	Cllr. Booth	Cllr. Dawson
5.	Cllr. Jones	Cllr. Dutton
6.	Cllr. Kermodé	Cllr. Roche
7.	Cllr. Lewis	Cllr. Ashton
8.	Cllr. Owens	Cllr. Murphy
9.	Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Roberts
10.	Cllr. Weavers	Cllr. Shaw

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) (10)

(Lab 7 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. McKinley	Cllr. Webster
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Bradshaw
3.	Cllr. Atkinson	Cllr. Roche
4.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Jones
5.	Cllr. Gatherer	Cllr. Robinson
6.	Cllr. Lappin	Cllr. Murphy
7.	Cllr. P. Maguire	Cllr. Thompson
8.	Cllr. S. McGuire	Cllr. Jo Barton
9.	Cllr. O'Brien	Cllr. McGinnity
10.	Cllr. Weavers	Cllr. Booth

(B) REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Members of the Council (other than Cabinet Members) to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee. (Lab 2 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 0)

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (10)

(Lab 6 / Lib Dem 3 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. Roberts	Cllr. Friel
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. Byrom
3.	Cllr. Ashton	Cllr. Robertson
4.	Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Mahon
5.	Cllr. Mark Dowd	Cllr. Dams
6.	Cllr. Lord Fearn	Cllr. Weavers
7.	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly	Cllr. Kermode
8.	Cllr. Lappin	Cllr. Atkinson
9.	Cllr. Papworth	Cllr. Dutton
10.	Cllr. Shaw	Cllr. Lewis

Membership is the Leader of the Council and the other 2 Party Group Leaders (or their nominees) and 7 Non-Executive Members of the Council.

HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

INITIAL ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

Co-opted Voting Members of Audit and Governance Standards Sub-Committees:

Parish Councillors J. Colbert (Aintree Village Parish Council); G. Lee (Melling Parish Council and D. Warren (Hightown Parish Council) have been nominated by the Sefton Area Partnership of Local Councils. – If any complaints are submitted in respect of the conduct of any Parish Councillor in the Borough, one of the above Parish Councillors will be selected to form part of the 3 Member Panel on the Sub-Committees set out above.

EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Members of the Council to form a panel from which a minimum of 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee (Lab 2 /Lib Dem 1 /Con 0). At least one member of the Cabinet to be included on the Committee.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Members appointed by the Leader of the Council	Councillor Moncur – Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Chair)
	Councillor Cummins – Cabinet Member – Older People and Health
	Councillor John Joseph Kelly
Director of Public Health	Dr. Janet Atherton
Director Older People	Dwayne Johnson
Director of Young People and Families	Colin Pettigrew
Representative of NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Clive Shaw
Representative of NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Niall Leonard

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Chief Officer of NHS South Sefton and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Groups	Fiona Clark
Representative of NHS England	Phil Wadeson
Representative of Healthwatch, Sefton	Maureen Kelly

The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 made under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 provide that the Board shall be a committee of the Council. The requirement for political balance does not apply to the Board and the Act requires that the Councillor Membership is nominated by the Executive Leader (Leader of the Council).

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (15)

(Lab 9 / Lib Dem 4 / Con 2)

	Member
1.	Chair: Cllr. Kerrigan
2.	Vice-Chair Cllr. Robinson
3.	Cllr. Ashton
4.	Cllr. Ball
5.	Cllr. Bradshaw
6.	Cllr. Burns
7.	Cllr. Carr
8.	Cllr. Keith
9.	Cllr. Kermode
10.	Cllr. Killen
11.	Cllr. Mahon
12.	Cllr. Papworth
13.	Cllr. Preece
14.	Cllr. Thompson
15.	Cllr. Welsh

LICENSING AND REGULATORY (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)

(Lab 2 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 0)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. Kerrigan	Cllr. Bradshaw
2.	Cllr. Preece	Cllr. Welsh
3.	Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Kermode

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Sub-Committee.(Lab 2 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 0)

LICENSING (SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES) SUB-COMMITTEE

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Sub-Committee.(Lab 2/ Lib Dem 1/Con 0)

PAY AND GRADING COMMITTEE (6)

(Lab 4 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 1) – including Cabinet Member – Corporate Services and Performance

	Member
1.	Chair: Cllr. Tweed
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Fairclough
3.	Cllr. Crabtree
4.	Cllr. Lappin
5.	Cllr. Roberts
6.	Cllr. Welsh

PLANNING COMMITTEE (15)

(Lab 9 / Lib Dem 4 / Con 2)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. Veidman	Cllr. Burns
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly
3.	Cllr. Carr	Cllr. Page
4.	Cllr. Dodd	Cllr. Keith
5.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Jones
6.	Cllr. Maureen Fearn	Cllr. Dawson
7.	Cllr. Friel	Cllr. Atkinson
8.	Cllr. Grace	Cllr. Byrom
9.	Cllr. Hands	Cllr. Welsh
10.	Cllr. Hartill	Cllr. Crabtree
11.	Cllr. Mahon	Cllr. Owens
12.	Cllr. O'Brien	Cllr. Thompson
13.	Cllr. Roberts	Cllr. Webster
14.	Cllr. Robertson	Cllr. Shaw
15.	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Killen

PLANNING (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)

(Lab 2 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 0)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Chair: Cllr. Veidman	Cllr. Mahon
2.	Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Friel
3.	Cllr. Robertson	Cllr. Dodd

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PLANNING VISITING PANEL (15)

The Panel comprises of the Members of the Planning Committee.

(C) LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES

The Members of the Wards included below in the area of each Committee.

The Chair, Vice-Chair, Parish Council Representatives (where applicable) and Local Advisory Members to be appointed by the respective Area Committee.

CENTRAL SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE (27)

Ward	Member
Blundellsands	Cllr. Veronica Bennett
	Cllr. Dams
	Cllr. Papworth
Church	Cllr. Cummins
	Cllr. Veidman
	Cllr. Webster
Harington	Cllr. Cuthbertson
	Cllr. Dutton
	Cllr. Killen
Manor	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly
	Cllr. McGinnity
	Cllr. Roberts
Molyneux	Cllr. Atkinson
	Cllr. Carr
	Cllr. Murphy
Park	Cllr. Burns
	Cllr. Kermode
	Cllr. Robertson
Ravenmeols	Cllr. Maria Bennett
	Cllr. P. Maguire
	Cllr. Page
Sudell	Cllr. Gatherer
	Cllr. McKinley
	Cllr. Owens
Victoria	Cllr. Byrom
	Cllr. Grace
	Cllr. Roche

SOUTH SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE (18)

Ward	Member
Derby	Cllr. O'Brien
	Cllr. Robinson
	Cllr. Thompson
Ford	*
	Cllr. Lappin
	Cllr. Moncur
Linacre	Cllr. Fairclough
	Cllr. Friel
	Cllr. Kerrigan
Litherland	Cllr. Hardy
	Cllr. John Kelly
	Cllr. Tweed
Netherton and Orrell	Cllr. Bradshaw
	Cllr. Brennan
	Cllr. Maher
St. Oswald	Cllr. Mark Dowd
	Cllr. Peter Dowd
	Cllr. Mahon

*The Mayor, Councillor K. Cluskey will not be a Member of the Area Committee during his year of office.

SOUTHPORT AREA COMMITTEE (21)

Ward	Member
Ainsdale	Cllr. Hartill
	Cllr. Jones
	Cllr. Preece
Birkdale	Cllr. Brodie-Browne
	Cllr. Hands
	Cllr. Shaw
Cambridge	Cllr. Crabtree
	Cllr. Keith
	Cllr. S. McGuire
Dukes	Cllr. Ball
	Cllr. David Barton
	Cllr. Dawson
Kew	Cllr. Booth
	Cllr. Maureen Fearn
	Cllr. Weavers
Meols	Cllr. Ashton
	Cllr. Jo Barton
	Cllr. Dodd
Norwood	Cllr. Lord Fearn
	Cllr. Lewis
	Cllr. Welsh

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(D) CONSULTATIVE BODIES

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (3 members)

Mr. E. Davies }
Mr. J. Fraser } 4 year term until May 2016
Mrs. S. Lowe }

(To advise and make recommendations to the Authority about the allowances to be paid to Elected Members).

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFFS

(9 Council Members plus 9 Teacher representatives)

(Lab 6 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Cllr. Jo Barton	Cllr. Hands
2.	Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. P. Maguire
3.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Grace
4.	Cllr. Crabtree	Cllr. Ball
5.	Cllr. Cummins	Cllr. Tweed
6.	Cllr. Peter Dowd	Cllr. McKinley
7.	Cllr. Keith	Cllr. Booth
8.	Cllr. Killen	Cllr. Page
9	Cllr. Moncur	Cllr. John Kelly

LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

(12 Council Members plus 12 Trade Union Representatives)

(Lab 8 / Lib Dem 3 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Cllr. Carr	Cllr. Kermode
2.	Cllr. Dawson	Cllr. Maureen Fearn
3.	Cllr. Peter Dowd	Cllr. Maher
4.	Cllr. Fairclough	Cllr. Friel
5.	Cllr. Lord Fearn	Cllr. Robertson
6.	Cllr. Grace	Cllr. Dams
7.	Cllr. Lewis	Cllr. Jo Barton
8.	Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Mahon
9.	Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. Atkinson
10.	Cllr. Papworth	Cllr. Ball
11.	Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly
12	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. McKinley

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (4)

(Lab 2 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 1)

	Member	Substitute
1.	Cabinet Member – Corporate Services and Performance – Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. Byrom
2.	Cllr. Ashton	Cllr.S. McGuire
3.	Cllr. Ball	Cllr. Dutton
4.	Cllr.Robinson	Cllr. Owens

(E) MAJOR SERVICE GOVERNANCE BODY

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES OPERATIONAL BOARD (1)

Cabinet Member - Corporate Services and Performance
(Councillor Tweed).

16. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

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

RESOLVED:

That the terms of reference of the Committees and Working Groups as set out in Chapters 6 and 7 of the Council Constitution be approved.

17. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MERSEYSIDE JOINT AUTHORITIES 2014/15

The Council considered a schedule of the proposed representation on the Merseyside Joint Authorities for 2014/15.

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

RESOLVED:

That the following Members be appointed to serve on the following Joint Authority Bodies in 2014/15:

Joint Authority

Liverpool City Region
(LCR) Combined Authority

Merseytravel Committee
(LCR Combined Authority
Transport Committee)

Representatives

Leader of the Council (Councillor P. Dowd)
Substitute Member – Deputy Leader of the
Council (Councillor Maher)

Councillors Carr (Lab), Dodd (LD), Friel
(Lab) and Kermode (Lab)

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Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillors Byrom (Lab), John Joseph Kelly (Lab), Mahon (Lab) and Robertson (LD)
Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	Councillors Cluskey (Lab) and Hardy (Lab)
Merseyside Police and Crime – Panel (Nominations only – The appointments are agreed on a Pan- Merseyside basis)	Councillors Kerrigan (Lab) and Shaw (LD)

18. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON SEFTON PARTNERSHIP BODIES 2014/15

The Council considered a schedule of the proposed representation on the Thematic Partnerships of the Sefton Borough Partnership and the Area Partnerships for 2014/15.

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

RESOLVED:

That the following Members set out below, be appointed to serve on the Thematic Partnerships of the Sefton Borough Partnership and the Area Partnerships in 2014/15:

<u>Thematic Partnerships</u>	<u>Number of Representatives</u>	<u>Member</u>
Sefton Safer Communities Partnership	3	Cabinet Member - Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy) and the two Council representatives on the Merseyside Police and Crime Panel (Councillors Kerrigan and Shaw)
Sefton Partnership for Older Citizens	1	Cabinet Member – Older People and Health (Cllr. Cummins)

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Area Partnerships

Crosby Area Partnership	2	1 Member of the Crosby locality to be appointed by the Central Sefton Area Committee plus 1 Cabinet Member appointed by the Leader of the Council (Cllr. Cummins)
Formby Area Partnership	2	1 Member of the Formby locality to be appointed by the Central Sefton Area Committee plus 1 Cabinet Member appointed by the Leader of the Council (Cllr. Fairclough)
Sefton East Area Partnership	2	1 Member of the Sefton East locality to be appointed by the Central Sefton Area Committee plus 1 Cabinet Member appointed by the Leader of the Council (Cllr. Moncur)
South Sefton Area Partnership	2	Chair of South Sefton Area Committee plus 1 Cabinet Member appointed by the Leader of the Council (Cllr. Hardy)
Southport Area Partnership	2	Chair of Southport Area Committee plus 1 Cabinet Member appointed by the Leader of the Council (Cllr. Maher)

19. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014/15

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

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Council meetings scheduled to be held during the Municipal Year 2014/15 are as follows:

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- 24 July 2014
- 25 September 2014
- 16 October 2014 (Extra-ordinary Meeting)
- 20 November 2014
- 29 January 2015
- 5 March 2015 (Budget Meeting)
- 23 April 2015

20. PROTOCOL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE

Further to Minute No. 73 of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) held on 6 May 2014, the Council considered the report of the Director of Corporate Services requesting approval to the draft protocol attached to the report which had been produced in response to the possible establishment of joint health scrutiny arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside. The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust was anticipated to formally consult all local health overview and scrutiny committees across Cheshire and Merseyside in due course, as to whether they considered the proposals the Trust was developing constituted a substantial variation in services. The relevant legislation stated that where such a proposal impacted on more than one local area, a joint overview and scrutiny committee must be appointed for the purposes of the consultation. In anticipation of this impending possibility, scrutiny officers across the region had produced the protocol setting out arrangements for how such a joint overview and scrutiny committee might operate in practice.

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor John Joseph Kelly and

RESOLVED:

That the Protocol for the establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside as set out in the report be approved.

Report to:	Council	Date of Meeting:	24 July 2014
Subject:	Membership of Committees 2014/15	Wards Affected:	All
Report of:	Director of Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision?	No	Is it included in the Forward Plan?	No
Exempt/Confidential	No		

Purpose/Summary

To advise the Council that Councillor Crabtree has given formal notice of his membership of the Labour Group with effect from 19 June 2014, which has changed the Political Balance on the Council and to inform the Council that the change in proportionality affects the entitlement to formal Committee Places. The Labour Group and Conservative Group on the Council have been notified of the change to their entitlement of Committee Places

Recommendation(s)

- (1) That the Political Groups below report orally on the changes to the Planning Committee in order to effect the revision to the allocation of Committee Places resulting from the change in proportionality:
 - The Labour Group to nominate one additional Member and one Substitute Member for the Planning Committee; and
 - The Conservative Group to lose one Member on the Planning Committee.
- (2) That Political Groups report orally on other changes which they wish to make within their allocations of Committee Places.

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		✓	

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7	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	✓		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To effect the revision to the allocation of Committee Places resulting from the change in proportionality on the Council

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None

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: The Chief Executive received formal notice of a change in the membership of the Labour Group in accordance with Paragraph 9 (b) of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. The allocation of Committee Places has been revised following the change in proportionality on the Council to meet the requirements of Paragraph 15 (d) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.	
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 of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

None

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD3075/14) notes that there are no financial commitments in this report.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD2379/14) 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

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1. Introduction/Background

1.1 Councillor Crabtree has given notice that he no longer wishes to be a Member of the Conservative Group and he formally became a Member of the Labour Group from 19 June 2014. This has changed the political balance on the Council and following a request from Councillor P. Dowd, Leader of the Labour Group, a recalculation of the entitlement to formal Committee Places has been undertaken which results in the Labour Group gaining one place on the Planning Committee and the Conservative Group losing one place on that Committee.

1.2 The change in proportionality is as follows:

Political Group	Number of Seats on Council	Entitlement to Committee Places	
		From 19 June 2014	Prior to 19 June 2014
Labour	41	51	50
Liberal Democrat	17	21	21
Conservative	6	8	9

1.3 The revised allocation of Committee Places is as follows:

Committee	Places Available	Places Allocated to Political Groups		
		Labour	Liberal Democrat	Conservative
Audit and Governance	10	6	3	1
Licensing and Regulatory	15	9	4	2
Planning	15	10	4	1
O&S Children's Services	10	6	3	1
O&S – Health & Social Care	10	7	2	1
O&S – Performance & Corporate Services	10	6	3	1
O&S – Regeneration & Environmental	10	7	2	1
TOTAL	80	51	21	8

1.4 The Labour Group and Conservative Group on the Council have been notified of the change to their entitlement of Committee Places and they have been requested to report orally on the changes to the membership of the Planning Committee.

1.5 Political Groups may also report orally on other changes which they wish to make within their allocations of Committee Places.

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Report to: Cabinet
Council

Date of Meeting: 17 July 2014
24 July 2014

Subject: Capital Scheme Approvals 2014/15

Report of: Head of Corporate Finance & ICT

Wards Affected: All

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Exempt/Confidential

No

Purpose/Summary

To provide Members with details of the latest capital projects that have been recommended for inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan for 2014/15 by the Cabinet and the Strategic Capital Investment Group (SCIG).

Council is recommended to:

- i) approve the scheme to relocate Air Quality Monitoring Equipment from the land at Hemans Street and Rimrose Road at a cost of £15,000 to be funded from capital receipts as detailed in paragraph 2, and
- ii) approve revenue Trajectory funding of £549,000 be capitalised to undertake capital work to provide additional places for early education for 2 year olds as detailed in paragraph 3.

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		√	

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To advise Members of the increased costs of these 2 previously approved capital schemes and the proposed method of funding the shortfall.

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What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

Any revenue costs of these approvals will be met from existing resources.

(B) Capital Costs

The capital costs of these new schemes and can be met from various grants and capital receipts as detailed in the report.

Implications:

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

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 on Service Delivery:

The new schemes to be approved will enable more cost effective services to be provided.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD 3067/14) and the Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD 2372/14) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

The options available to Members are to not approve the schemes which would lead to the new capital work not being carried out.

Implementation Date for the Decision

After call in following Cabinet and after Council

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Background Paper

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Strategic Capital Investment Group met on 23rd June to consider new potential capital schemes and requests Members to approve the new capital schemes as detailed in the paragraphs below. Subsequently the Cabinet have considered and recommend to Council the following two schemes which are not funded by external funding and are not currently in the programme.

2. Land at Hemans Street and Rimrose Road, Bootle

- 2.1 The land at Hemans Street and Rimrose Road is owned by the Council and previously formed part of St Joan of Arc Primary School. Parcel A is held on a 999 year Lease from 25 March 1895 and Parcel B is held freehold. The buildings have been demolished and the remainder of the school site is owned by the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

It should be noted that there is an Air Quality Monitoring Station located on Parcel B which requires relocation prior to any development or disposal of the site. An alternative Council owned site in close proximity at Crosby Road South has been identified as suitable and the cost of relocation has been estimated at £15,000, and it is proposed that this will be funded from any future capital receipt received from the sale of land.

3 Trajectory Funding 2 Year Old Offer

- 3.1. The Department for Education announced in December 2012 £100m of additional capital funding towards expanding Early Nursery Education for eligible two year olds from lower income households. Sefton's share of this capital allocation was £427,970. This grant was non-ring fenced and could be used for any capital purpose, but it was intended to support implementation of early education for two year olds. It must be noted that the original capital funding available would never have been enough to meet the capacity required.
- 3.2. On 14 May 2013, Council approved for inclusion within the Capital Programme, the allocation of £427,970 towards funding schemes which would build capacity for the Early Education for Two Year Olds from Lower Income Households in 2012/13, and this was fully allocated by the end of 2013/14.
- 3.3. The Department for Education have been keen to see the expansion of 2 year old eligibility and have set a target for local Authorities to achieve 40% take up of eligible 2 year olds to receive 15 hours per week free nursery education by the end of the financial year 2014/15. This has meant having to ensure there is extra capacity to expand place numbers at Nurseries where there is a definite need.
- 3.4. In addition to Capital allocation and Revenue funding for places, one –off Trajectory funding has also been allocated to Local Authorities in 2013/14 and 2014/15. This was revenue funding given, to enable Authorities to plan for the expansion of 2 year old places through support with training and other issues across providers. Sefton has been allocated £1,012,042 for this purpose. The funding is out of Dedicated Schools Grant for Early Years and so is technically

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ringfenced in its application. Regionally however, trajectory funding has been used more flexibly by many Local Authorities, and in some instances has been capitalised where appropriate, to support larger schemes rather than minor works. Currently £549,251 of this £1,012,042 is still uncommitted and which could be capitalised if required, to support additional capital schemes, after allowing for some ongoing revenue capacity to support future providers. As noted above the Council is obliged to increase the numbers of eligible 2 year olds into nursery education from 20% capacity in 13/14 to 40% of eligible 2 year old children in 14/15. This has prompted the LA to seek out potential nursery providers to ensure we meet this target. By 14/15 we need to have 1429 places for 2 year olds available and we should reach this target by January 2015 subject to having nurseries ready to accommodate the numbers. As the original capital allocation was exhausted at the end of 13/14 and there were other nurseries in the wings requiring to be extended etc to increase numbers, the only way forward is to capitalise this trajectory funding.

- 3.5. As all the original capital funding has been assigned to approved schemes the local authority has been in contact with DfE to seek support in how to increase capacity when capital has been used. The DfE has advised that some LA s have utilised their DSG Early Years Trajectory funding more flexibly through capitalising it to support building extra capacity.
- 3.6. The Strategic Capital Investment Group (SCIG) has recently approved this in principle, subject to approval from the DfE to capitalise the funding. It is therefore recommended that the identified uncommitted Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant trajectory revenue funding of £549,000 is capitalised, to enable the continued programme of increase in two year old places to be maximised as indicated above.

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Overview and Scrutiny Management Board 2013/14



Councillor Steve McGinnity
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for 2013/14.

Four meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board took place during 2013/14.

As promised in my Annual Report 2012/13, the Board kept a close eye on Health Inequalities across the Borough. The Board recognised the link between health and general wellbeing, with other areas of strategic importance, such as employment, education, housing and environment. With this in mind, Members requested that a report be provided to the Board identifying the various health issues dealt with by G.P.'s, to include an audit trail of those then referred onto specialists and subsequently requiring treatment, to be analysed by ward profile. The Board received a number of presentations from representatives of the South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group and the Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group and it became apparent that due to data protection and the fact that individuals could be easily identified, this information was unable to be shared in the way requested. The Board referred the matter to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) to monitor on a regular basis and the Director of Public Health, Dr. Janet Atherton, undertook to include a breakdown of neurology treatments in the updated Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment.

Communication has always been a key consideration for the Management Board and some time ago the Board agreed that Cabinet Member reports would be submitted, if the Chair of the Committee deemed it necessary, to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee in order to contribute towards the relationship between the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Members. Members have welcomed the Cabinet Member update reports and attendance of relevant Cabinet Members at Overview and Scrutiny Committees. This process will remain in place despite Cabinet Member decisions being managed electronically.

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During 2011/12, the Board established a cross-cutting review investigating the Port Master Plan. The Final Report, along with its recommendations, was considered by the Board which commended the report to the Cabinet for approval. The Board has continued to monitor the progress made in relation to the implementation of recommendations.

The Board was consulted on the proposal to publish Service Standards which would provide the public with information on what they could expect from the Council. The Board referred the reviewing of Service Standards on an annual basis (September) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services).

All Overview and Scrutiny Committees have embraced the proposal to adopt an alternative approach to business. The Management Board has offered support and guidance, where necessary, in the promotion of mini- reviews/single item meetings with a view to being more productive and adding value with reduced resources. This has been welcomed by all Committees and we hope to build on the successes from the previous year to ensure we continually improve.

The Board welcomed receiving a report in relation to a Motion that had been referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) and to the Board from the Council concerning Accident and Emergency Services. The Board agreed with the sentiments of the Motion that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) should continue to monitor local Accident and Emergency Services as part of the Committee's Work Programme.

The Board received a report from the Director of Public Health, Dr. Janet Atherton in relation to the respiratory health of Sefton residents living near the docks. This is an issue that is on the radar of the Management Board and will be monitored closely.

I think the forthcoming year will be extremely busy for Overview and Scrutiny and the Board, along with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) will keep abreast of the implications emerging in relation to Welfare Rights Reform, the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Universal Credit. The Board will continue to be updated on the prioritisation of Council services thereby ensuring that we continue to deliver services that meet the needs and expectations of our residents, partners and clients, within the set budget available.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Officers of the Democratic Services Team for all their hard work during the year and I look forward to working with the team again this year.

Councillor Steve McGinnity
June 2014

Children's Services



Councillor Robert Brennan
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Children's Services)

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Sefton Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (Children's Services) Annual Report 2013/14 to the Council.

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During 2013/14 the Committee met on 6 occasions, including a special meeting on 12 May 2014 to consider the draft Quality Accounts for the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and the Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. Quality Accounts are annual reports from NHS healthcare providers about the quality of services provided and available to the public. Such providers have a legal duty to invite comments from relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees, prior to publication of the Quality Accounts.

In June 2013, the Committee considered a progress update on the Council's decision to re-design the Youth Service as a result of the budget-setting process for 2011, together with a report on the performance of the Sefton Adoption Agency.

The Committee considered a report on school organisation and school places and raised concerns about pupil places and projections, particularly in relation to the Local Plan. Officers agreed to monitor the position and submit proposals, if required, to ensure sufficient places in Sefton's schools. An update on this situation is due to be considered in January 2015.

An update report was presented to the Committee on the progress of the recommendations of the Joint Working Group which investigated the situation in respect of young people who were not in education, employment or training (NEET). The Committee has asked for update reports at six monthly intervals.

The Committee also considered a progress report on the recommendations resulting from the Corporate Parenting review which was undertaken in 2010. It has been agreed that future annual reports of the Corporate Parenting Board would be submitted to the Committee.

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A report on the Council's Troubled Families Programme was considered by the Committee in September 2013. The Government has extended the Programme for a further five years from 2015 and a further report is due to be considered in September 2014.

Other agenda items included the following:-

- 2013 Safeguarding Diagnostic One Year On;
- Quality Accounts of the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and the Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust; and
- N.S.P.C.C. Underwear Rule Campaign, an issue raised by Councillor Pat Keith.

Pre-Scrutiny – The Key Decision Forward Plan

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also been given the opportunity to pre-scrutinise items from the Council's Key Decision Forward Plan. The Forward Plan is submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the Work Programme update. The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.

Cabinet Member Reports

In order to keep Overview and Scrutiny Members informed, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board had previously agreed for relevant Cabinet Member Reports for the Children, Schools, Families and Leisure portfolio to be submitted to appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs for them to determine what items should be reported to Committee. During 2013/14 I have again requested Cabinet Member Update Reports to be included on Committee agendas for general information purposes for Members of the Committee. Items considered within Cabinet Member reports have included issues relating to:-

- Vulnerable children, including Children's Social Care Re-design; outcome of safeguarding diagnostic; and review of child protection process
- Early intervention and prevention, including staffing re-structure
- Learning support, including the Hawthornes Free School; academies; industrial action; and inspections of the Authority's arrangements for supporting school improvement
- Capital schemes approval
- School performance, including details of Ofsted inspections; and the Ofsted Annual Report.

New Committee Members

Mrs. Sandra Cain was appointed as a non-voting Advisory Member for 2013/14 and she has now been re-appointed for 2014/15. Following the resignation of Mrs. M. Bradley as a parent governor representative on the Committee, two new parent governor representatives (Mr. David McCaughrean and Mrs. Carrie Ryan-Palmer) have been appointed to the Committee. Their term of office will expire in May 2016.

Working Groups

At its meeting on 28 January 2014, following consideration of the latest Cabinet Member report, which included details of the 2012/13 Ofsted report on Education, Children's Services and Skills, the Committee decided to undertake a review into the disparity between the performance of Sefton schools in the primary and secondary sectors which had been identified in the Ofsted report. Accordingly, a School Performance Working Group was established, comprising myself, Councillors Hands, Hartill, Keith, Preece and Webster, together with Advisory Member Mrs. S. Cain and parent governor representatives Mr. D. McCaughrean and Mrs. C. Ryan-Palmer. The Working Group initially met on 17 March 2014 and the Review is ongoing.

The Year Ahead

I look forward to the new Municipal Year as we look forward to working as a critical friend to our Cabinet Member and partners. The Committee will be examining Key Priorities for the Council and examining areas for us to investigate in order that the services we provide are continually improved to benefit all who live and work in the Borough.

I am particularly appreciative of our Democratic Services Officers for their commitment, advice and support and especially to the responsible officer during 2013/14, Mike Morris, for his assistance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all Committee Members for their support, hard work and contributions to our work throughout the year.

Councillor Robert Brennan
June 2014

Health and Social Care



Councillor Catie Page
Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee
(Health and Social Care)

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2013/14 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care).

Introduction

This is my second Annual Report as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care). I believe that the Committee has built on the existing good working relationships with many of our health partners. The trust that has been established has meant that we are recognised in our role of “critical friend”, that we are listened to and have been able to have a positive influence on the development of health services within Sefton.

The Committee met on seven occasions during 2013/14 and this Report is presented to the Council and a wider audience beyond in the hope that the information it contains will contribute to the debate and discussion about the provision of health and adult social care services for Sefton residents and their development, improvement and access.

NHS Trust Quality Accounts

As usual, the Committee commenced 2012/13 with consideration of draft Quality Accounts from local healthcare providers. This provides Committee Members with an opportunity to comment on the performance of local NHS Trusts during the preceding twelve months, particularly in relation to patient experience, safety and clinical effectiveness. Eight local NHS Trusts submitted their draft Quality Accounts for consideration and comment in May 2013. It is always a challenge to provide adequate time to consider all the draft Quality Accounts in sufficient detail and the Committee requested that consideration be given towards revising the arrangements for their consideration during May 2014. The outcome was that two additional meetings were held during May 2014, dedicated to considering nine draft Quality Accounts, and this proved to be a much more effective method of scrutiny.

With the impact of the Health and Social Care Act, the GP consortia emerged in both South Sefton and Southport and Formby from April 2013. Throughout 2013/14 the Committee received regular update reports from the two **Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)** within Sefton during its first year of full operation on a range of

activities, including events held throughout the Borough for the promotion of wellbeing amongst residents. I believe that excellent relationships have been established between the Committee and officers of the CCGs, particularly the Chief Officer who attends every Committee meeting and has always been willing to take up issues raised by Members and explain aspects of the services provided. Updates submitted by the CCGs included details of CCG Board meetings to which members of the public were invited; strategic planning for the CCGs; plus details of the following:-

- Big Chat events on health services and seeking views of residents to shape future plans;
- Extra support to help the most vulnerable to stay well;
- Government proposals to set up an Integration Transformation Fund;
- Better and earlier detection for eye conditions;
- New GP out of hours service;
- Improving Access to Psychological Therapies;
- Care at the Chemist for minor ailments;
- Invitation to Clinical Commissioning Groups Governing Body meetings;
- Preparing for winter services and updates;
- Stoma service pilot in Bootle;
- Be wise to antibiotics;
- Enhancing primary care;
- Formby GP care home pilot;
- New annual medicines review for care home patients;
- New lay member appointment;
- Mini Chats focus debates about long term health plans;
- Extension of Commissioning Policy Review;
- Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust;
- Pharmacy at Litherland; and
- Southport and Formby practices go to vote.

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust also reported to the Committee on a regular basis during 2013/14 on a range of issues affecting the Trust, particularly issues raised regarding Accident and Emergency Services during the winter period and the Care Closer to Home Programme. Other items considered included:-

- the Care Closer to Home Programme;
- in-patient experience of the Trust;
- staff engagement to improve the service at the Trust and reduce bureaucracy;
- arrangements to obtain Foundation Trust status;
- appointments made by the Trust;
- the response to an issue raised at the last meeting of this Committee in relation to referrals of children to Alder Hey Children's NHS Trust for specialist treatment;
- quality;
- public engagement;
- pathology; and

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- nurse staffing.

Regular Update Reports were also received from **Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust** on a range of issues affecting the Trust, including winter pressures and the redevelopment of both A&E and Urgent Care Services. Other issues considered included:-

- Referral To Treatment Performance and quality and safety of services;
- Shadow Health Secretary views Aintree's new lifesaving knife crime trauma partnership with the StreetDoctors Project;
- National Care and Compassion Conference 2013;
- Aintree's pioneering cancer checklist system implemented across UK;
- Aintree wins Heart of Mersey smokefree accreditation ;
- Aintree haematologist helps to promote NHS TA Reservists;
- Mersey School of Anaesthesia donation;
- Focus on Support for Carers event;
- Annual Members' Meeting;
- Quality Strategy to support improvements;
- Aintree to launch pioneering specialist unit for elderly patients;
- New cancer research lab announced at Aintree;
- Open and honest care;
- Focus on mortality improvements;
- Urgent care and trauma centre update;
- Aintree named as top 100 apprenticeship employer;
- North west alcohol conference 2013;
- Aintree staff flu vaccination - record levels of uptake;
- Quality Strategy;
- Emergency surgery to be showcased;
- National regulator praises quality of Aintree medical training;
- Aintree consultant selected for nationwide leadership programme;
- New tinnitus research project;
- Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection visit to Aintree; and
- NHS Change Day.

Following the return of **Public Health** to the local authority remit, the Committee received a report on the measles and MMR vaccination catch-up campaign; and the study of links between health, regeneration and economy in Linacre and Derby Wards, in conjunction with the Director of Built Environment.

Presentations

Throughout 2013/14 the Committee received a number of presentations on the work undertaken by various Trusts, particularly by the following:-

- Mersey Care NHS Trust;
- North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust; and
- Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust.



A representative of the Cheshire and Merseyside Commissioning Support Unit also attended a meeting to present on a commissioning policies review.

Site Visits

During 2013/14 Members of the Committee visited the call centre at Anfield for the North West Ambulance Service and Southport and Formby District General Hospital. Both these site visits provided opportunities for Members to ask questions and to view the range of services provided.

Working Groups

No specific Working Group reviews were undertaken by the Committee during 2013/14 but the Committee did request additional information on a number of issues and concerns held by Members and these were acted upon by the Trusts concerned. One such example was the organisation of a presentation for Members of the Committee and also local Ward Councillors on the future of the Maghull ambulance station which representatives of North West Ambulance station attended to address concerns on the matter.

Pre-Scrutiny and the Key Decision Forward Plan

As ever, the Key Decision Forward Plan provided the Committee with an opportunity to pre-scrutinise Key Decision items from the Council's Forward Plans as each of the latest Forward Plans are submitted to the Committee as part of its Work Programme update. The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.

Cabinet Member Reports

The regular attendance of the Cabinet Member - Health and Social Care, Councillor Cummins, has been particularly appreciated by Members of the Committee. Throughout the year I have agreed the inclusion of all the relevant Cabinet Member Update Reports on agendas as I feel that it is particularly important to include regular updates on such a major part of the Council's activities, particularly during a time when budgets have been increasingly restricted. Councillor Cummins's attendance and the presence of senior officers from the Adult Social Care Directorate has been very useful and provides Members with an opportunity to question them about any developments within that service area. The update reports and presentations have included the following matters:-

- Integrated Adults System;
- Church Ward Pilot on older people at risk of social isolation;
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- Healthwatch and the Sefton official launch;
- Community Meals;
- Day Opportunities;
- Respite;
- Community Meals Service;
- Progress of Church Ward Older People Pilot;
- Sefton Dementia Strategy and Dementia Action Alliance;
- Autism Initiatives Transfer of First Initiatives to Alternative Futures;



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- Formation and Role of the Health Protection Forum;
- Sefton Adult Substance Misuse Treatment Service;
- Mental Health Day – a summary of findings from an event, together with planned next steps was included;
- Social Worker of the Year nomination and award;
- Integrated Sexual Health Service procurement;
- Winter preparedness;
- Flu vaccination;
- Sefton directory;
- James Horrigan Court – Extra Care Housing Scheme;
- The Care Bill;
- Market position statement;
- Better Care Fund;
- 2014/15 fees and charges;
- North West Adaa Annual Risk Review 2013 – Sefton Overview Analysis; and
- Public Health Campaigns.

A and E Monitoring

Following the referral of a Notice of Motion from the Council, the Committee committed itself to monitoring local Accident and Emergency services and this process will continue into 2014/15 with the submission of an update report by the Chief Officer of the CCGs to each meeting.

Contributions Made During 2013/14

The regular attendance of representatives of organisations and partners, including senior officers and members of NHS Trusts, has been much appreciated and I would like to thank our partners for their openness and their responses to our requests and suggestions. I would also like to express my gratitude to members of the public who attended the Committee during 2013/14 together with my appreciation of the advice and support of Fiona Clark, Chief Officer for both the Sefton Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Dr. Janet Atherton, Sefton's Director of Public Health. I am also grateful to all the Members of the Committee for their support and for the enthusiastic way that they have contributed to our work. Special thanks go to our outgoing Director of Older People and Health, Robina Critchley, for all her valuable contributions over the years and I look forward to working with her successor, Dwayne Johnson. My particular appreciation goes to our Democratic Services Officers for their commitment, advice and support and specifically to the current officer, Debbie Campbell, for her enthusiasm and hard work.

The Year Ahead

Looking ahead it is anticipated that the Committee is likely to be fortunate in securing the services of a co-opted member from Sefton Healthwatch who will be able to bring additional experience and expertise to the table. The transformation of cancer services across Cheshire and Merseyside is likely to be an on-going issue. With continuing pressures on health and social care services and the forthcoming implementation of the Social Care Act, I am conscious that the Committee will face fresh challenges during 2014/15. However, I am confident that the Committee will continue to rise to the challenges it faces.



Councillor Catie Page
June 2014

Performance and Corporate Services



Councillor Steve McGinnity
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Performance and Corporate Services)

On behalf of the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services), it gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2013/14 Annual Report.

During the year the Committee has met 6 times and considered issues relating to the Youth Offending Team, the revenue budget 2014/15, budget monitoring and the achievement of savings, welfare reform, the Strategic Asset Management Plan, the Equalities Review, crime and disorder in Sefton, the Combined Authority for Greater Merseyside and the operation of the Council's bailiff service. The Committee received many presentations and this enabled Members to engage with colleagues from within and outside of the Council on topics identified below.

Youth Offending Team Improvement Plan (YOT)

The YOT Inspection Framework was a risk based model to provide assurance and promote improvement; and evidence that young people involved with YOT had access to mainstream and specialist services. The Committee were also provided with information on the key findings of the YOT Inspection relating to work to reduce re-offending; work to protect the public; work to protect children and young people and make them safer; work to ensure the sentence was served and governance arrangements. Eight recommendations contained in the Inspection Improvement Plan were identified together with the next steps contained in the Post Inspection Improvement Plan and how performance would be improved.

The Youth Justice Board of England and Wales has identified improvements across the post inspection year 2013/14 against the 8 inspectorate recommendations. Therefore, YOT practice and governance improvements have met the required level and sufficiency. The service will not be subject to national scrutiny however, but will continue with an improvement plan to ensure performance is sustained and the service is 'inspection ready'. Accountability for continued improvement will be from Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Board, Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the YOT Partnership Management Board.



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Welfare Reform

The Committee spent considerable time scrutinising and gathering information on the Government's Welfare Reform proposals relating to:-

- **The Bedroom Tax in Merseyside** – The Operations Director of One Vision Housing (OVH) gave two presentations on the impact of the Bedroom Tax in terms of income for OVH; issues associated with the Benefit Cap; and how families in OVH tenancies were affected. The wider welfare impacts that affected OVH tenants were also detailed relating to increases in debts, the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, benefit sanctions, the Disability Living Allowance change to Personal Independence Payments and the future introduction of Universal Credit.
- **Foodbanks** – The Committee viewed two films produced by Sefton Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) and Sefton CVS Young Advisors. The CAB film highlighted how levels of debt were increasing across communities and that more people were becoming reliant on foodbanks. The film also depicted two real life case studies that showed the impact of the welfare reform changes. The Young Advisors film "On The Frontline" looked at the impact of welfare reform on voluntary sector providers. The film showed interviews with volunteers at the Foodbanks and Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) in Sefton and identified what the volunteers thought the challenges were for people they worked with, and the services they provided, in 21st century Britain.
- **Council Tax and Business Rates Collection** - Government changes to the Council Tax and Business Rates Schemes in 2013/14 meant that there was a greater financial risk to the Authority should income levels reduce, and financial targets not be achieved. Consequently, Members felt that it was important to be kept informed of the financial position for the Authority on these issues throughout the year and therefore, regular updates were provided.
- **Member Led Welfare Reform Reference Group** – The Committee monitored the work of the Group which looked at the impact of the implementation of Welfare Reform legislation so far; work that partners and the Council were doing collectively around the mitigation of impact where possible; and the preparatory work for further Welfare Reform legislation impacts. The Committee recognised the work of partners and the Council to mitigate, wherever possible, the impacts of Welfare Reform legislation.

Strategic Asset Management Plan

The Committee was updated on the progress made towards the development of a new asset management plan including the asset disposal policy/criteria.

Equalities Review

The Committee was updated on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the previously undertaken Equalities Review.

Crime and Disorder in Sefton

The Committee was very pleased to receive a presentation from Jane Kennedy, Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner, on her proposals to reduce crime and disorder in Sefton. The welcome news was that across the board, crime statistics in Sefton were better than expected and that there had been a large decrease in the numbers of burglaries. Members also had the opportunity to question the Commissioner on her performance.

Combined Authority for Greater Merseyside

The Committee was consulted on the Liverpool City Region's draft response to the Government's consultation on the creation of a Combined Authority for Greater Merseyside. The Committee requested that the Cabinet be advised of the concerns and points raised by Members relating to the name and scrutiny arrangements of the Combined Authority.

Operation of the Council's Bailiff Service

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT on the recently awarded tender, containing six lots, for the operation of the Council's Bailiff Service. Members then asked questions of senior officers of the five successful tendering companies; and were reassured that adequate controls were in place to protect vulnerable persons.

Revenue Budget 2014/15

A major part of the Committee's work involved scrutinising the proposed budget for 2014/15 and a special meeting of the Committee was held for this purpose. This year was very challenging with a budget gap to be addressed of £27m, and budget considerations had to be set in the context of the coming years' challenges of finding further savings of £55m after 2014/15. Members were able to ask the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT numerous questions on aspects of the budget. The Committee will continue to scrutinise the Revenue Budget during the course of 2014/15.

Cabinet Member Reports

In keeping with previous years and in order to keep Members informed, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agreed for relevant Cabinet Member Reports to be submitted to appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee covered the portfolios of the Cabinet Member – Corporate Services and Performance and the Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment.

Pre-Scrutiny – The Key Decision Forward Plan

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also been given the opportunity to pre-scrutinise items from the Council's Key Decision Forward Plan. The Forward Plan is submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the Work Programme update. The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet to make effective decisions by giving the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to examine issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.



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The Year Ahead

The Committee will continue to make progress on the following priorities over the coming year:

- Monitoring the impact of the Welfare Reform and Universal Credit proposals on Sefton's residents
- The consideration of budget proposals and savings and the Medium Term Financial Plan
- Review the Council Tax Reduction Scheme during the second year of operation
- To undertake an annual review of the service standards for individual Cabinet Members in accordance with a decision of the Management Board held on 7 January 2014,
- To undertake the role of the Council's "Crime and Disorder Committee"

I envisage the forthcoming year to be extremely busy and challenging for the Committee given the difficult budgetary challenges and financial savings that have to be met in Sefton.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our work over the past year. I would personally like to thank all Members of the Committee, officers who had attended meetings for their support to me over the past year and to colleagues from external organisations who gave up their time to attend meetings and provide the Committee with valuable information.

Councillor Steve McGinnity
June 2014

Regeneration and Environmental Services



Councillor Patrick McKinley
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Regeneration and Environmental Services)

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Sefton Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (Regeneration and Environmental Services) Annual Report 2013/14.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to chair the Committee during the year. The Committee met on seven occasions during the year, and we were grateful to all those who were invited to attend and the various Council Officers who presented reports and offered guidance, advice and support to the Committee.

As Chair, I have built strong relationships with the four Cabinet Members whose portfolios are within our Terms of Reference. As part of that process we have continued to welcome update reports from Cabinet Members into our agenda. This ensures that the Committee are briefed upon current Cabinet Member activities. It also allows Committee to make judgements and offer assistance to the Cabinet Members where they agree it's required. Cabinet Members have regularly attended the Committee Meetings and Members have appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications on certain aspects of their work.

The Committee dealt with three decisions that had been "called in" during the year 2013/14. The call-in mechanism allows at least three Members, who are not Members of the Cabinet, to call in a decision for further review. There are certain stipulations associated with what constitutes a valid call-in and the Committee must, in the first instance, determine if the call in is a valid one. When considering a call-in at Committee, there is a set procedure to be followed and this assists the Committee in ensuring that they receive all the evidence required to determine if the original decision was a sound one.

The following decisions were subject to call in:-

- Library Review – Assessment of Alternative Community Proposals;
- Ainsdale and Birkdale Sandhills Local Nature Reserve Higher Level Stewardship Agreement Review; and
- Library Review – Alternative Library Proposals: Second Gateway Assessments.



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Members of the public attended for one of the listed items above and were invited to make representations to the Committee.

The Committee continued to actively monitor the progress on the implementation of the 29 recommendations from the Watercourse Maintenance and Flooding Working Group. Those recommendations have been agreed as actioned and have been incorporated into the Local Flood Risk Strategy. The Floods and Water Management Act 2010 has placed a number of duties on Local Authorities, in particular those that are Lead Local Flooding Authorities (LLFA). I note that in previous years this Committee has been instrumental in ensuring that the Council complies with the sentiments of the Act by working with Cabinet to ensure that the Council are fulfilling its duty as an LLFA. This year being no exception, the Committee received an Annual Report on Flood and Coastal Risk Management. The Committee will continue to monitor compliance with the Act.

Local Plan Update

The Committee has been updated on the outcome of the “consequences study” and preferred options document which led into a 12 week consultation. The consultation raised numerous infrastructure issues and the Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Tourism has requested that this Committee investigate and review the infrastructure implications of the emerging Local Plan. In that respect the Committee has agreed to establish a Working Group to examine the issues in more detail. Due to the timescales involved it has been necessary to establish the Working Group immediately which means that the work will continue into the municipal year 2014/15 and is likely to be completed sometime during August 2014. As Chair of this Committee I welcome the opportunity to investigate these issues on behalf of the Community. The Committee will be updated on progress.

Review of Progress Made Against the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

The Committee welcomed the Waste Strategy Manager from the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority who made a presentation on progress on delivery of the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy. The Committee also received an update from a Senior Officer of the Council detailing the progress Sefton had made against the delivery of the objectives of the Strategy.

The Committee agreed that it would be most appropriate to continue to scrutinise the progress of the Merseyside Waste Partnership in delivering the key objectives of the Strategy on an annual basis. This Committee will scrutinise the Strategy at the time the Annual Report which details performance is published. We look forward to working with the partnership to ensure that the targets are met.

Review of Winter Service Policy and Operational Plan

The Committee welcomed the Annual Report reviewing the winter service policy and operational plan. The pre-scrutiny process allows Overview and Scrutiny

Committees to pre-scrutinise reports such as this and feed comments back to the Cabinet Member or Cabinet for consideration. In terms of the Winter Service Policy/Operational Plan the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that the policy and plan are “fit for purpose” in the coming Winter months and it’s fair to say that the plan was “fit for purpose” and all roads across Sefton were deemed to be safe during the Winter months 2013/14. The Committee will monitor this on an annual basis.

NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) Working Group

In September 2012 the Committee embarked on a Joint Review with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children’s Services) to investigate NEET. The review took a focused approach to the investigation, involving interviewing various organisations and their honesty in answering the Group’s questions was welcomed.

The Committee has been updated on statistical information regarding NEET in Sefton. As a Member of the Working Group I am keen to monitor the progress made against each of the recommendations and as such the Committee will be briefed upon the latest position with regard to NEET on a six monthly basis.

Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group

The Committee established a Working Group to conduct a policy review to investigate Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies. The Terms of Reference and Objectives of the review were rather detailed and with this in mind, the Working Group agreed to split the review into two parts for investigation purposes.

The Working Group were keen to examine Employment Development and areas of potential economic growth and future skills needs to develop a clear training strategy based on an assessment of employer needs and how these needs can be met by training local people with a view to formalising recommendations to maximise job opportunities for local people.

The Working Group were also keen to ensure that all Council assets be organised in a holistic way to maximise the Local Authority impact on regeneration, something that will become increasingly important as Public Sector funding continues to be reduced. As part of the brief, Members interviewed many key witnesses and the final report was submitted to Cabinet in November 2013. All recommendations were agreed by Cabinet.

The Working Group continued its brief in investigating Local Town Centres and interviewed many key witnesses. The Working Group are currently formalising the findings of the final part of the review with a report scheduled to be submitted in September 2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Members, Officers and those organisations who have given up their time to come and speak with the Group. This Committee will monitor the action made against all the agreed recommendations.

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Port Master Plan

In September 2011 the Committee established a Cross-Cutting Working Group/Joint Review with Members from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) to investigate the Port Master Plan.

The report was agreed by Cabinet in September 2012.

This Committee has received updates in relation to progress made against 15 of the recommendations and the Committee will continue to monitor progress.

The Year Ahead

The Committee will continue to keep abreast of the various matters as listed above.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Committee Members, Officers, Partner Organisations and Ruth Harrison, Senior Democratic Services Officer for all their hard work, dedication and support throughout the year.

Councillor Patrick McKinley
June 2014



During 2013/14, the following Members served on the Committees indicated:-

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Councillor Byrom (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Bradshaw
Councillor Brennan
Councillor J. Kelly
Councillor McKinley
Councillor Page
Councillor Robinson

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services)

Councillor Brennan (Chair)
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Councillor Hands
Councillor Hartill
Councillor Keith
Councillor Killen
Councillor McKinley
Councillor Preece
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Webster
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Father D. Seddon - Church Diocesan Representative
Ms. M. Bradley, Mr. D. McCaughrean and Mrs. C. Ryan-Palmer - Parent Governor Representatives
Mrs. S. Cain - Advisory Member

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Health & Social Care)

Councillor Page (Chair)
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Councillor J.J.Kelly
Councillor McGuire
Councillor Rimmer
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