

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 25th September, 2014 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** 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 17 September 2014

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, before leaving the meeting room during the discussion on that particular item.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

(Pages 9 - 18)

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014.

4. Presentation of Long Service Award to Sir Ron Watson CBE

The Mayor will present a Long Service Award Certificate to Sir Ron Watson CBE, to commemorate his 40 years service as a Member of Sefton Council from 1973 to 1991 and 1992 to 2014.

5. Mayor's Communications

Public Session

6. 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

7. 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.

8. **Department for Transport Pothole Fund** (Pages 19 -
Report of the Director of Built Environment 22)
9. **Proposed Amendments to the Constitution** (Pages 23 -
Report of the Director of Corporate Services 30)
10. **Council Constitution - Call-in and Urgency Provisions** (Pages 31 -
Report of the Leader of the Council. 34)
11. **Membership of Committees 2014/15**
To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.
12. **Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Lewis**
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Lewis:

“(1) The Council notes:

- It has been estimated that the UK Treasury loses as much as £12 billion to tax dodging by multinational companies every year. Developing countries lose three times more to tax dodging than they receive in aid each year - enough to give a basic education to the 57 million children currently missing out.
- The UK has a particular responsibility to end tax dodging, as it is responsible for 1 in 5 of the world's tax havens in the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.
- The use of tax havens by UK companies is rife, with 98 of the FTSE 100 companies routinely using tax havens.
- Large multinational companies pay as little as 5% in corporate taxes globally, while smaller businesses pay up to 30%.

(2) The Council believes:

- As a local authority we have a duty to provide the best possible public services.
- Our ability to provide quality local services would be significantly enhanced by the increased revenues from the government tackling tax dodging.
- All who benefit from public spending should contribute

their fair share; and

- The UK must take a lead role in creating a fairer tax system and combatting tax dodging.
- (3) The Council resolves to support the Campaign for Tax Justice, supporting the following motion:

“While many ordinary people face falling household income and rising costs of living, some multinational companies are avoiding billions of pounds of tax from a tax system that fails to make them pay their fair share. Local governments in developing countries and the UK alike would benefit from a fairer tax system where multinational companies pay their fair share, enabling authorities around the world to provide quality public services. The UK Government must listen to the strength of public feeling and act to end the injustice of tax dodging by large multinational companies, in developing countries and the UK.”

13. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Keith

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Keith:

- “(1) The Council notes that:
- In Sefton 41.5% of the population is over 50 and this number is projected to rise.
 - There are 24,800 people over 75 in Sefton.
 - Southport has successfully met the foundation criteria for dementia - friendly communities.
 - Current national and local planning policies do not require developers of elderly friendly homes to carry out an assessment of how dementia friendly their new developments are.
 - The Alzheimer's Society estimates that Dementia costs the UK £23 billion each year.
- (2) The Council believes that:
- Developers of homes should consider the issues associated with an ageing population, including how dementia - friendly their developments are at all stages of those developments, and
 - Officers of the Council with specific expertise in the area of older people can provide a useful source of information on dementia.
- (3) The Council resolves to:
- Promote increased awareness of the needs of

older people amongst those wishing to develop housing in the Borough, including the design and development of a dementia - friendly environment.

- Develop and publish its Housing Strategy For Older People to identify how best to address the housing needs of Sefton's ageing population; and
- To consider, through the emerging Local Plan process, the making of a policy requiring developers to identify how best to address the housing needs of the ageing population."

14. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Killen

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Killen:

"The Council:

- Wants Sefton mothers and babies to receive the highest standard of maternity care, which includes having a midwife with them throughout established labour as recommended by NHS England and accepted as best practice.
- Recognises that giving birth is the most common reason for being admitted to hospital in the UK.
- Wants to see high-quality, safe maternity care in the most appropriate setting for all Sefton women and babies.
- Requests the South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Southport and Formby CCG to work with the West Lancashire CCG and Liverpool CCG in meeting with local maternity providers to discuss an increase in funding for maternity care which reflects the actual cost of providing safe and appropriate care.
- Requests the South Sefton CCG and Southport and Formby CCG to investigate what cost savings could be made with investment in a midwife-led unit either in Sefton or alongside Ormskirk District General Hospital.
- Requests the Secretary of State for Health to:
 - (i) reassess the maternity tariff and provide evidence, if there is any, that safe, quality care can be provided via the maternity tariff alone without cross-subsidising maternity with other hospital services; and
 - (ii) follow the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee report into maternity services in England, published in January 2014 which states that:

"The Department (of Health) should assess, through a detailed costing exercise, the affordability of meeting its policy objectives, and work with NHS England and Monitor to review whether the current tariffs for maternity care are set at the right level. The Department should ensure the financial incentives enable the best and most appropriate services to be developed at the lowest cost."

15. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Killen

To consider the following Motion Submitted by Councillor Killen:

"The Council recognises that:

- Breastfeeding has been shown to improve health outcomes across the population.
- It is an unlawful under the Equality Act 2010 to discriminate against a woman because she is breastfeeding.
- Wherever women and babies are allowed to be, women can breastfeed and it is discrimination to ask them to stop.
- There have been a number of reports across the UK this summer of women being asked to stop breastfeeding in public, at swimming pools and cafes.
- All public places have a duty to train their staff effectively about issues surrounding discrimination.

The Council resolves that:

- (1) all shops, service providers and organisations across all sectors in Sefton should be contacted to ensure they understand their responsibilities towards breastfeeding mothers; and
- (2) all shops, service providers and organisations across all sectors in Sefton should be sent a 'Breastfeeding welcome here' sticker for them to display if they wish to, and they should be encouraged by Sefton Council to do so."