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MEETING: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES)

DATE: Tuesday 17 March 2015

TIME: 6.30 pm

VENUE: Town Hall, Bootle

Member

Councillor McKinley (Chair)
Councillor John Kelly (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Atkinson
Councillor Gatherer
Councillor Hartill
Councillor Lappin
Councillor P. Maguire
Councillor S. McGuire
Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Weavers

Substitute

Councillor Webster
Councillor Bradshaw
Councillor Roche
Councillor Dams
Councillor Jones
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Jo Barton
Councillor McGinnity
Councillor Booth

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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** (Pages 5 - 14)

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2015.

4. **Monitoring Update on the Port Master Plan** (Pages 15 - 54)

Report of the Director of Built Environment

5. **The Green Deal Scheme and its Impact in Sefton** (Pages 55 - 60)

Report of the Director of Built Environment.

6. **Cabinet Member Reports** (Pages 61 - 80)

Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning.

7. **Work Programme Key Decision Forward Plan** (Pages 81 - 92)

Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning.

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

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MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY, 2015

**Overview
& Scrutiny**



PRESENT: Councillor McKinley (in the Chair)

Councillors Atkinson, Gatherer, Hartill, J. Kelly,
Lappin, P. Maguire, S. McGuire, O'Brien and
Weavers

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member	Minute No.	Reason	Action
Councillor Atkinson	24 - Employment Development Action Plan	Other Interest - due to her employment with Merseytravel.	Stayed in the room and took part in the consideration of the item.
Councillor O'Brien	24 - Employment Development Action Plan	Other Interest - due to his daughters' employment with Sefton@Work.	Stayed in the room and took part in the consideration of the item.

20. MINUTES

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2014. During consideration of the Minutes, Members requested that the Committee place on record its appreciation to Officers in relation to the management of the Meeting and the set of Minutes produced arising from that meeting.

In relation to Minute No. 16 (Infrastructure Working Group), Councillor Weavers reported that Cabinet had considered and agreed the recommendations contained in the report at its meeting held on 15 February 2015. Councillor Weavers took the opportunity to thank all the Officers and Members for their hard work in undertaking and completing the review.

RESOLVED: That

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1. the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014, be confirmed as a correct record; and
2. the Committee place on record its appreciation and thanks to the Officers in relation to the management of the meeting and the set of Minutes produced arising from that meeting.

21. MERSEYSIDE RECYCLING AND WASTE AUTHORITY - ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from Carl Beer, Chief Executive of the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority in relation to progress against the Joint Merseyside Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

The following headlines were reported on:-

- The Waste Hierarchy: Prevention being the most favoured option for waste management followed by preparing materials for re-use, recycling, other recovery and disposal.
- The Merseyside and Halton Waste Partnership serves 1.5 million residents involving 688,000 households with an average 36% recycling rate. Includes 16 Household Waste Recycling Centres, 2 material recovery facilities, 4 Waste Transfer Stations and more than 200 bring bank sites.
- Delivery of the Joint Waste Prevention plan with a target in relation to reducing the total amount of waste produced per household, the key themes targetted being: food, textiles, junk mail and home composting. Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority has been Nationally recognised for its programme of action.
- Waste Prevention has been progressed by raising awareness and educating communities by advertising on Radio City and Juice FM (over 1,100 broadcasts), over 100,000 magazine adverts, over 43,000 junk mail leaflets stickers and almost 50,000 visits to the “recycleformerseyside” website.
- Establishment of the Merseyside Textile Forum which aims to increase re-use and recycling of textiles on Merseyside. Liverpool University student campuses, 3 tonnes collected from the 5 textile banks.
- Progress of the Joint Strategy in relation to Carbon reduction 2013/14 with a target to reduce the carbon emissions from municipal waste management services.
- Progress of the Strategy in relation to behavioural change – for example: in total over 23,700 people engaged at 312 events through Merseyside Recycling Waste Authority funded education and awareness activities during 2012/13 and those included: 4328 visitors at 170 events at Gillmoss and Bidston Recycling Distribution Centres, 6074 visitors at 70 events at the Southport Eco-Centre and 4523 people at 24 events delivered by other organisations.

The following key headlines were also reported upon:

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- Very good value for money long-term Energy From Waste disposal contract which will save £100's millions over landfill.
- Recycling rate over 70% at Household Waste Recycling Centres.
- 6500+ education visits to Recycling Discovery Centres.
- Community fund projects.
- Future priorities will be around the circular economy.
- Collection and Disposal target of 50% by 2020.

The Committee also considered an introductory report to the presentation from the Director of Built Environment that detailed the progress of the Merseyside Waste Partnership against the delivery of the objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

The reported stated that:-

1. All Merseyside Authorities had ratified the 30 year Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy "Resources Merseyside" that was developed following comprehensive resident and industry consultation. It was reported that the Strategy was designed to meet and support relevant European and national statutory drivers for Resource (Waste) Management, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy aspirations.
2. The aim of the joint waste strategy "Resources Merseyside" was to deliver waste management within the context of wider resource management and climate change by:
 - Recognising waste as a valuable resource
 - Minimising the environmental impact of waste management
 - Preventing the creation of waste on Merseyside in the first place
 - Increasing re-use, recycling, composting and the recovery of energy from waste
 - Reducing the amount of waste to land fill
 - Raising awareness and promoting education in resource efficiency, making it easier for everyone to contribute to sustainable waste management activities
 - Consuming less but producing more
 - Tackling climate change by the reduction of carbon emissions from waste management and support for our Low Carbon economy
 - Protecting and enhancing our environment
 - Using and generating renewable energy and fuels.
3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) have previously requested an annual update on progress against the strategy. The report highlighted that Sefton Council was unable to deliver the objectives of the strategy alone and that collective action from all Merseyside Waste partners was required in order that the objectives of the Strategy are achieved in the most economic manner and future direct financial and environmental liabilities minimised. It was reported

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that all partners had previously signed a memorandum of understanding to work together for the best mutual interest and this bolsters the statutory based joint working relationships. A Senior Officer Working Group and operational officer groups meet regularly to progress work streams and projects to deliver the strategy.

4. A review of the performance of the Merseyside Waste Partnership in 2012/13 had been undertaken by the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority. The review formed the basis for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider joint progress against the joint waste strategy objectives. The annual review was presented by Mr Beer at the meeting.
5. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should continue to review the progress of the Merseyside Waste Partnership in delivering the key objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Members raised the following points of observation:

Question/Observation/Comment	Response
Will items such as plastic food containers be included in future recycling plans?	Merseyside Recycling Waste Authority would like to offer that service but at the moment the commodity price of recycling plastic trays does not make it economical. However, a trial could be explored.
Waste prevention in relation to unnecessary packaging and manufacturers over - packaging products. This is a national problem.	Noted.
The performance of St. Helens Council has improved in terms of recycling. What improvements have they made?	St. Helens Council went from a weekly collection to a fortnightly collection and weekly kerb side collection of paper, glass, textiles, food, plastic and cardboard. The reason performance has improved is due to the change from weekly to fortnightly residual waste collection and fortnightly to weekly recycling collection, similar to that in place with Sefton Council. .

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Carl Beer, Chief Executive for Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority, be thanked for his verbal presentation; and

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- (2) this Committee agreed that adequate progress has been made in 2013/14 by the Waste Partnership towards the objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

22. PUBLIC HEALTH - IMPACT ON REGENERATION AND WIDER DETERMINANTS

The Committee received a presentation from Rachael Musgrave, Consultant in Public Health, in relation to Public Health and the impact on Regeneration and the correlation and direct relation between Regeneration and Health.

The following headlines were presented:-

- Life expectancy based on areas along the Southport to Hunts Cross Merseyrail Network and the difference across the Borough in relation to life expectancy.
- A graph was presented illustrating how foodbank use had risen along with Hospital Admissions for malnutrition nationally since the financial crisis in 2008. The national research evidence stated that: Good quality employment is important for health. Poor quality employment and unemployment are bad for health and wellbeing and make existing poor health worse.

Inequality is bad for everybody, equal societies do better across a range of outcomes for example health, education and crime. The research evidence states that to maximise opportunities to improve Public Health at a regional level. Link economic growth with public sector reform to prevent poverty and promote prosperity.

- Promotion of the living wage.
- Use joint spending power to promote good employment.
- Improve quality and affordability of housing locally the priorities were stated as being:-

Advocate for good quality paid employment; interventions to support people returning and staying in work (Sefton@work); Healthy Bootle model testing efforts to tackle the causes of ill health on a focused geography. Explore using the joint public sector procurement and commissioning investment to drive social value.

Members raised the following questions/points of observation:

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<p>The Healthy Bootle project – is there any Member involvement?</p> <p>Is there an action plan?</p>	<p>Discussions with portfolio holders have taken place and we intend to approach Ward Members along with a wide range of other key stakeholders.</p> <p>In terms of an action plan, the Health and Wellbeing Board has a Wider Determinants Forum which has recently set its priorities including: creating good quality employment and creating sustainable places. These will direct the Forum’s work programme going forward as part of the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy.</p>
<p>Life Expectancy – do you see the gap increasing or reducing?</p>	<p>Progress has been made but health inequalities remains a key challenge for Sefton. There are a number of factors that influence health inequalities. The economy is one critical aspect. Sefton has a much older population overall and within our younger communities unemployment is increasing. Public Health having a remit within the Local Authority presents a real opportunity to address the inequalities identified throughout the Borough.</p>
<p>Is it a coincidence that the life expectancy in the wards closest to the Port (Seaforth and Litherland, Bootle New Strand, Bootle Oriel Road and Bank Hall) is much lower than those in other parts of the Borough?</p>	<p>Life expectancy patterns across the Borough have remained the same for some time. There is an established association between life expectancy and deprivation and behaviour (life style choices).</p>

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Ms. Rachael Musgrave, Consultant in Public Health be thanked for her informative presentation; and
- (2) Ms. Musgrave be requested to include Councillor Lappin in the discussions on the “Healthy Bootle” project.

23. FLOOD AND COASTAL EROSION RISK MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Built Environment which referred to a stipulation contained in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 requiring the Lead Local Flood Risk Authority to review and scrutinise its flood risk management functions and coastal erosion management functions. It was reported that this had previously been agreed to be provided through the provision of an annual report.

The report identified the progress that had been made in the last year, highlighted key issues and set out priorities for the coming year. It was reported that activities within Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) could be broadly split into the following outcomes:

- Understanding Risk to our communities – work that seeks to improve our understanding of flood and coastal erosion risk.
- Avoiding increased risk to our communities – controlling actions that may increase risk or impact on flooding or coastal erosion.
- Reducing risk to our communities – maintenance and improvement of the infrastructure.
- Reducing consequences to our communities – preparing for flood or coastal erosion events and working with our communities to increase their resilience.

The report also referred to flood insurance and indicated that last year the Government had consulted on a new approach to flood insurance which would see additional costs on premiums and excess capped. It was reported that this approach would see those at risk of flooding paying some of the cost spread across all home insurance premiums. It was reported that this approach did not apply to homes built after 2009 that are at significant risk of flooding.

It was further reported that further consultation had been undertaken on detailed elements of the scheme. The report drew Member's attention to an additional aspect that confirmed that Flood Re would provide transitional support to households at flood risk over a 25 year period as part of a gradual transition towards more risk reflective prices; this would provide time for choices to be made and risk management action to be taken.

The report referred to future funding and stated that where previously indicative grant allocations were set on an annual basis, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs had promoted the setting of a six year indicative allocation to promote better forward planning. The report highlighted that the overall funding available still fell short of demand and as such the settlement for Merseyside had been disappointing.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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24. EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

Further to Minute No. 8 of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 September 2014 the Committee considered the report of the Director of Built Environment.

The report detailed the implementation of recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Employment Development Working Group and highlighted that the Cabinet on 5 December 2013, Minute No. 72 refers, approved the recommendations as set out in that Final Report. The Cabinet had resolved that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Tourism be requested to develop an action plan/implementation plan for each of the agreed recommendations, including timescales and milestones for completion.

It was further reported that an action plan had been agreed by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Tourism at his meeting held on 10 April 2014, which summarised activity across his portfolio and also identified initiatives undertaken with other portfolio holders. The revised and updated action plan for implementing each of the Employment Development Working Group's recommendations was attached to the report.

The Head of Economy and Tourism, Mr. Mark Long referred Members to the document attached to the report and entitled "Shared Prosperity – A Draft Policy".

Mr. Long reported on the following headlines contained within the draft policy:-

- Accelerating growth, creating Jobs, reducing poverty – an agenda for change.
- A profile of Jobs and Growth in Sefton and the Liverpool City Region.
- Sefton Council and its corporate priorities.
- Partners for More and Better Jobs.
- Policy Instruments.
- Developing the Model for the Future.

A Member of the Committee raised concern regarding the Port and the undertaking from Peel Ports to employ local people.

The Chair reminded Members that some years ago the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) had undertaken a review in relation to the Port Master Plan. The Chair indicated that a report was scheduled to be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee in relation to progress against recommendations of the Port Master Plan Working Group.

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The Chair, Councillor McKinley, thanked Mr. Long for the updated version of the report. He stated that in his opinion the document was the first step in addressing the issues identified in the Final Report of the Economic Development Working Group in relation to supply and demand and social value. He also highlighted that he was encouraged by the notion of accepting Capital to stimulate the local economy.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) a report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee in relation to the progress made against the recommendations of the Port Master Plan Working Group.

25. TOWN CENTRES WORKING GROUP - FINAL REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Services in relation to the Development of Local Town Centres element of the Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group's Final Report.

RESOLVED:

That this Committee supports the contents of the Local Town Centres Working Group's Final Report and recommends the Cabinet to agree the recommendations as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

26. CABINET MEMBER REPORTS

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Services that updated Members on the activities of the Cabinet Members for the December 2014 period for the following portfolios that fall within the remit of this Committee:-

- Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment;
- Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Tourism;
- Cabinet Member – Transportation; and
- Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure.

RESOLVED:

That the activities undertaken by the various Cabinet Members, whose portfolio falls within the remit of this Committee, be noted.

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27. WORK PROGRAMME KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Services in relation to the Committee's programme of work. A number of Key Decisions within the latest Key Decision Forward Plan fell under the remit of this Committee and Members were reminded of their right to pre-scrutinise such items.

The report referred to the completion of the Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group, Local Town Centres element that had been considered elsewhere on the Agenda.

The report outlined progress in relation to the Shale Gas (Fracking) Working Group and sought approval to include Councillors Hartill and Maguire on the membership of that group.

The report also included the scoping document of the Working Group, as detailed in Appendix B to the report, for the Committee to agree.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer, Mrs. Ruth Harrison, referred Members to Appendix C to the report which detailed the programme of work for the Committee for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Committee notes items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan;
- (2) completion of the review regarding Development of Local Town Centres and Economies be accepted;
- (3) the Committee notes the establishment and progress of the Shale Gas (Fracking) Working Group;
- (4) Councillors Hartill and Maguire be included as Members of the Shale Gas (Fracking) Working Group, along with Councillors Lappin, McGuire and Weavers;
- (5) the scoping document of the Shale Gas (Fracking) Working Group, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be approved; and
- (6) the programme of work for the Municipal Year 2014/15, as set out in Appendix C to the report, be approved.

Report to: Overview & Scrutiny (Regeneration & Environmental Services)

Date of Report: 17th March 2015

Subject: Monitoring Update on the Port Master Plan

Report of: Director of Built Environment **Wards Affected:** All

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

Exempt/Confidential: No

Purpose/Summary

In line with the Cabinet decision of 13th September 2012, to provide a periodic update on implementation of the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Cross-Cutting Working Group on the Port Master Plan.

Recommendations

That this report is noted.

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

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

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Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To comply with a decision of Cabinet for an update report.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Implications:

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

Legal	None
Human Resources	None
Equality	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

Not applicable.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT Strategy has been consulted and has no comments to make on this report as there are no direct financial consequences as a result of it. (FD 3475)

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and any comments on this report have been incorporated into it. (LD 2767/15)

Are there any other options available for consideration?

Not applicable.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet/Cabinet Member Meeting

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Introduction

1. On 28th August 2012, Overview & Scrutiny Management Board received the Final Report of the Cross-Cutting Working Group on the Port Master Plan. The report was subsequently accepted by Cabinet on 13th September 2012.
2. The report included a request that the recommendations were monitored and brought back to Overview & Scrutiny every six months. The first update report was received by members on 17th September 2013. This is the second report, and addresses all the recommendations made by the Working Group. Relevant officers have collaborated in the preparation of each response.

Monitoring Update

(1) That the Director of Built Environment be requested to submit a monitoring report in relation to air quality to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) every six months.

An air quality monitoring report is routinely provided to the Cabinet Member Communities and Environment. The detailed air quality report is attached as Annex 1.

(2) That the Director of Built Environment request Peel Holdings to review all its tenancy agreements with a view to including a “good neighbour” clause to minimise dust, dirt and noise pollution.

Regular meetings continue to take place between the Mersey Docks & Harbour Company, Environment Agency and Environmental Health staff to discuss port estate management and pollution control issues. Environmental management systems that include “good neighbour” approaches have been discussed. Leased areas in the 1990’s port expansion area are subject to a formal agreement to this affect. It is envisaged that this approach will be replicated as the port boundary is amended.

The construction of the L2 facility is well underway. Regular Environmental Review meetings with Peel and their contractors continue to take place. As result of these meetings a number of significant changes to the construction/piling process have been made which has further mitigated the noise and vibration impact on local residents from the ongoing works. Concerns raised by residents will continue to be investigated on a case by case basis and the appropriate action taken. All residents are given a direct officer contact and out of hours contact details for The Port of Liverpool Police

(3) That the Director of Built Environment be requested to approach Peel Holdings for a guarantee that Peel Holdings will recruit local residents, with the right attitude, to any additional job/post wherever possible.

Peel Ports made an offer of co-operation on local recruitment, training and on-going employment as part of negotiations for the Council to act as accountable body to the

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Regional Growth Fund channel dredge project – a role that Peel ultimately took on themselves in 2013. The co-operation agreement was therefore not activated.

However, voluntary co-operation has continued as regards (i) the recruitment of two cohorts of apprentices for engineering and administrative posts in Peel Ports, (ii) liaison with the labour service organisations (Drake Port Services and Blue Arrow) which staff Peel Port's facilities, and (iii) the filling of casual vacancies in Peel Port's own workforce.

In June 2013 Sefton@Work supported Peel Ports in the recruitment of:

- 6 Apprentice Mechanical Engineers – 33 candidates were submitted to this vacancy, 13 applicants made the sift.
- 4 Apprentice Electrical Engineers – 42 candidates were submitted to this vacancy, 9 applicants made the sift.

The outcome of this recruitment was that just one Sefton@Work client was successful, when given the robust recruitment process a greater success rate might have been expected.

Since June 2013, Peel Ports has passed other vacancies to Sefton@Work to fill. Most of these posts do not fit the client profile. There have been some examples of entry-level vacancies, but these are few and far between with the majority of jobs requiring more advanced technical & engineering skills.

From 12th November 2013 to 1st August 2014, Sefton@Work were the main supplier for Drakes Port Services, until they lost their contract to supply to Peel Ports in January 2015. During this period, Sefton@Work supplied over 40 general Port Operatives to Drakes. Two lots of recruitment came via a Sector Based Work Academy, working in partnership with The Stobart Group, a number of Port employers, Jobcentre Plus and Talent Training. From 45 referrals, 22 were selected for the PET, of which 16 were subsequently employed in the Port of Liverpool:

, Sefton@Work has produced an evaluation of the two week Sector Based Work Academy programme that commenced in January 2014 (Annex 3). All things considered Drakes were very happy with the level of service provided by Sefton@Work and encouraged the supply of local people into these jobs.

A further 34 Sefton@Work clients have since been placed into Port employers because of relationships built within the sector subsequent to the Academy.

Blue Arrow replaced Drake in January 2015. They anticipate recruitment to an initial 110 vacancies arising from Liverpool 2, so Sefton@Work has designed a Pre-Employment Training (PET) course to prepare candidates for vacancies filled by Blue Arrow – see Annex 2. 12 Sefton@Work clients attended an information session in late February and 9 of those are now ready to go on the first PET, each of which has capacity for 20 clients. Sefton@Work continue to work toward gaining a firmer relationship with Blue Arrow, however they have a contract with Jobcentre Plus and are quite happy to let them supply.

To address the skills needs of the Port, a Sefton Employment & Skills Partners Group has been formed from a partnership of Sefton Council (Sefton@Work, 14-19), Hugh Baird College, Southport College, Jobcentre Plus, Skills Funding Agency,

Sefton CVS and Sefton's independent training providers. One of its primary aims is to strengthen the skills and employment offer to both Peel and the tenants on the port estate.

The first contact event was arranged by InvestSefton in Peel's HQ in July 2014 and attracted 17 maritime companies who are receiving follow-up. A Business Survey of 780 companies across Sefton was completed in December 2014, and it found 63 businesses in or adjacent the Port which were port-related. They together employed 1,500 people. The next step is for the Partners Group to agree an engagement protocol and take a prospectus with a joined-up employment and skills offer out to the maritime companies.

The Port Academy Liverpool is Hugh Baird College's maritime-facing service. The Port Academy works closely with schools to ensure that they are aware developing courses available linked to the careers available and future jobs. It also works with businesses to engage them in meeting their workforce demands through the provision of adequately trained apprentices including warehousing and logistics, team leading and management, business administration, customer service and a range of hospitality programmes. The Academy is introducing elements of maritime programmes into its existing learning offer and will introduce aspects of port operations and maritime logistics across a range of disciplines such as engineering, business management and construction. By September 2015, The Academy aims to offer a Higher Education offer in Port Operations and Maritime Logistics that will allow students to focus on either shipping or logistics within the context of supply chain management.

(4) That the Director of Built Environment request Peel Holdings to continue to attract a potential operator to run a regular rail service to/from various origins/destinations at Seaforth, in order to minimise container traffic on the roads, and that a progress report be submitted six monthly to the Port Health Authority, of which Sefton MBC has representation on.

The Northern Ports and Trans-Pennine Strategic Rail Capacity Study being undertaken by Network Rail has not been published yet, but is expected to proposed infrastructure improvements on the rail connection to the Port as a way of providing additional rail capacity for the future. Details of the proposals and the next stages of work required are expected later this year.

Peel has continued to investigate the requirements for a rail link to the new deep water berth (Liverpool 2). The resolution of the issues associated with Seaforth nature reserve remains critical to securing the future of rail freight from the Port, particularly in relation to containers. The success of future rail services at the Port depends on having rail access directly to the new deep water berth and a route through the nature reserve provides the most direct rail access to the quayside.

Biomass fuel materials for use in UK power stations are now passing through the Port, all of which is being transported by rail.

We understand that Peel is continuing to pursue opportunities for increasing rail freight from the Port.

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(5) That NHS Sefton be requested to report the results of the life style survey to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) at their first opportunity.

Updated information detailing the health needs of the Sefton population, including lifestyle data, are described in the Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment.

[http://www.sefton.gov.uk/your-council/plans-policies/strategic-needs-assessment-\(ssna\).aspx](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/your-council/plans-policies/strategic-needs-assessment-(ssna).aspx)

(6) That NHS Sefton be requested to report the results of the Health Impact Assessment, to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) at their first opportunity.

A Health Impact Assessment (HIA) looking specifically at the port expansion and associated infrastructure development will be commissioned, undertaken by experts in this field, supported by Public Health leads. Given the nature and scale of the expansion this should be done in conjunction with neighbouring authorities located within Merseyside and Warrington. Authorities within the Peel footprint will be approached to consider commissioning a collaborative HIA.

(7) That the Sefton Council representative(s) nominated to sit on the City Region Port Access Steering Group be requested to report progress regularly to the Cabinet Members for Communities and Environment, Regeneration and Tourism and Transportation in order that they may update the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees through their individual Cabinet Member Reports.

The Liverpool City Region Port Access Steering Group was set up in 2012 under the terms of the City Region Deal with Government. The group is chaired by Sefton's Chief Executive and coordinated by the Team Leader of Sefton's Strategic Transport Planning and Investment team. The Chief Executive is taking the lead in keeping Cabinet Members informed of the progress of the group. A briefing on the port access work was provided to Cabinet on 5th February 2015.

(8) That the Sefton Council representative(s) nominated to sit on the City Region Port Access Steering Group be requested to continue raising the concerns in relation to the increased traffic and increased pollution in order that a sensible long term highway solution may be considered, to include pedestrian safety.

As described above, Sefton is represented on the LCR PASG by the Chief Executive and the Team Manager of Sefton's Strategic Transportation Planning Unit. The Director of Built Environment has also attended the group. All three representatives have raised the concerns about the social and environmental impacts of future port related traffic, which are being taken into account in the consideration of a long term highway solution.

(9) That the Director of Built Environment be recommended to introduce a process whereby the relevant Agency (Environment Agency) communicate regularly to Sefton MBC with regards the monitoring of noise pollution and the results collected by the monitoring systems already in place at the Port.

Regular communication, meetings and joint inspections continue to take place between regulatory officers of the Environment Agency who regulate noise, air and water emissions from certain specified permitted processes on the port estate and Sefton Council Environmental Health Staff who regulate such emissions from other sources. Close liaison will continue to ensure effective control of the combined emissions arising from multiple sources with differing regulators.

(10) That the Director of Built Environment be requested to write to the Highways Agency, on behalf of the Council, requesting them to install a Hurry Call System at appropriate points along the A5036 to help in the plight to reduce pollution.

Using information on the existing signal system provided by Investment Programmes and Infrastructure, the Highways Agency has developed proposals for upgrading the traffic signal system along the A5036 as a means of improving traffic management. The proposals are subject to a bid for funding within the Agency, the results of which have not yet been released.

(11) That the Director of Built Environment be requested to manage, on behalf of the Council, the requests of expenditure from the Community Environment Fund, to Peel Ports.

During the negotiations on the RGF bid (see para 3 above), Peel Ports offered to place a sum equivalent to one per cent of the total cost of development into an Atlantic Gateway Community Environment Fund, managed on its behalf by Community Forest Trust. On the basis of £10k development funding from the Trust, Liverpool and Sefton Council's engaged a consultant to consult residents and prepare an Environmental Investment Plan for the immediate hinterland of the Liverpool 2 development: Waterloo, Crosby Coastal Park, Seaforth, and Knowsley/Peel area. Two workshops were held between October and December 2013.

The assignment has been concluded, but Peel Group have not been able to confirm that a one per cent financial commitment will be made to the CEF. The Chief Executive and Leader of the Council met the Chair of Peel Group in late 2014 to press this and other concerns of the Council regarding port expansion. The results of the Environmental Investment Plan will be rolled forward into a more comprehensive assessment of necessary environmental and mitigation works required to receive the chosen surface access solution recommended by the Highways Agency.

(12) That the Director of Built Environment be requested to report progress on all areas of the Area Wide Study/Port Hinterland Study six monthly to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services).

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The Area Wide Study was a proposal developed in the context of the RGF negotiation, to develop a joint investment framework for both Peel's investment in the Port, and corresponding public investment to make port expansion acceptable. Peel declined to contribute financially when Sefton's RGF bid was withdrawn.

However, in July 2014, Cabinet approved funding from the Capital Priorities Fund and the Property Intervention Fund to undertake the first stage of the Area Wide programme: a suite of studies including Dunnings Bridge Employment Corridor, and Bootle Town Centre and Office Quarter.

Bootle Office and Learning Campus

From an investor perspective, Bootle needs to clarify its purpose as a destination for future investment purposes. This particularly applies to the office/learning campus and how it connects to the town's retail centre.

In the centre of Bootle a new vision for the Office/Learning Campus is being prepared (a key a regeneration priority in the Council's emerging Local Plan). This work will promote a joint ambition for Hugh Baird College, the refurbishment, re-use, or redevelopment of office blocks for appropriate new uses, the redevelopment of vacant and under-used land for appropriate uses and the development of new buildings of an appropriate scale and mass on the Stanley Road frontage. Within the wider commercial district and the Bootle Office/learning Campus, in particular, there is potential to convert secondary office space to improve carbon footprint and create flexible space suitable for office, incubator and live work space.

Expected outcomes include;

- An agreed Vision for a 'Office/Learning Campus' distinct from the competition in the city region
- Place Marketing Strategy and Inward Investment Prospectus that communicates the vision & opportunities to investors and responds to the new Planning Policy Framework
- An increased prospect of public sector presence being retained, and diversification through more jobs from the private sector locating in Bootle

Dunnings Bridge Employment Corridor

Feasibility work is needed to identify a strategy to remodel existing employment sites on this corridor (Peerless site, Senate Park, Heysham Road and Switch cars). These interventions not only support jobs and business growth but will help to generate future business rate income to the Council.

This framework will provide the Council with an agreed way forward in terms of the potential to optimise existing and available (but constrained) employment land. The medium/long term objective is to support jobs, business growth and help generate future business rate income to the Council.

Expected outcomes include:

- Overcome site constraints to help unlock employment land and property opportunities

- Increased prospect of existing employment sites being remodelled and strategic employment land brought forward
- External public and private sector investment unlocked and enabling developer partner support to be secured e.g. Senate Business Park
- Help companies to realise their growth plans, safeguard and create new jobs
- Raise and retain additional business rates

(13) That the Director of Built Environment be requested to send a representative to the Port Access Regulators Forum in order that the Councils concerns may be raised.

Regulator liaison mechanisms are in place. Regular meetings are held with Peel Ports, Environment Agency, Port Health and the other Riparian Authorities. In addition to this a member of the Pollution Team will attend future Port Access Regulator Forums as requested.

(14) That the Director of Built Environment request Peel Holdings to promote the guiding principles in relation to its Corporate Responsibility Report, to the companies operating on the Port in order that they create opportunities for the Community.

There has been no update to the 2012/13 Corporate Social Responsibility Report.

Peel Ports have taken the position that they create employment which is filled from across the North West, but that they would prefer posts to be filled from within Liverpool City Region. They have yet to establish a mechanism for securing this outcome, therefore recruitment to Peel Ports itself and by Blue Arrow remains untargeted on local jobseekers.

The Council's preferred solution is for Peel Ports to commit to an Employment Agreement with the LCR local authorities to create a framework within which Peel's need for competent skilled individuals can be met by the creation of a customised recruitment and training solution. To this end, the Sefton Employment & Skills Partners Group (para 3 above) is developing a commercially attractive supply-side offer to the c63 port-related businesses across the maritime cluster.

The Council is assisting Peel Land & Property, owners of Liverpool Waters, with an event in March to promote south Sefton to potential residents of accommodation planned for the first stage of the Waters development.

(15) That the Director of Built Environment be requested to advise Peel Holdings on the publication of a newsletter in order that the Community may be updated on progress of the Port Master Plan and understand the ways in which they can raise their concerns.

Peel Ports has identified six main issues as a result of the 13-week public consultation that took place following the publication of the draft Mersey Ports Master Plan at the beginning of June 2011.

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The consultation closed on September 5, and an initial assessment of the 292 responses which were received - made up of 150 from identified stakeholders and 142 from members of the public – identified the following main issues and areas of concern:

- Planned development of Seaforth Nature Reserve.
- Additional port traffic upon the local highway network.
- Mitigating environmental impacts upon nearby residential areas.
- Planned port expansion near Eastham Village.
- Increased opening of the swing bridges on the Manchester Ship Canal at Warrington.
- Opportunity for local jobs, training and skills, and procurement.

Peel Ports is committed to looking into these six topics in detail, and to that end has formed working groups of senior staff to focus on each area, with the aim of formulating action plans which will inform the publication of a revised Master Plan.

Annex 1 – 2015 Air Pollution Monitoring Update

Annex 2 – Port/Construction Pre-Employment Training

Annex 3 – Evaluation of Sector Work Based Academy in partnership with Stobarts

Subject: Summary of air pollution monitoring results. Report on progress with work undertaken as part of the statutory Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) regime.

Background:

- 1.1. Sefton Council currently monitors air quality using 5 real time automatic monitoring stations measuring fine particles (PM₁₀) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and 99 sites where diffusion tubes provide monthly NO₂ levels that are combined to give an annual mean (average) for comparison with NAQS Objectives. The diffusion tubes are split between the Schools and Community Airwatch programme, 16 sites, in which members of the community and, currently, 2 schools measure NO₂ levels at their property, and the Councils in house NO₂ monitoring programme, 83 sites.
- 1.2. 5 Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) shown in Annex 1, have been declared in Sefton. AQMA are declared where National Air Quality Strategy (NAQS) Objectives have been exceeded. When an AQMA has been declared, the Council is required to undertake a Further Assessment of air quality in this area to identify the principal sources of pollution, confirm the extent of the area and assist in the production of an Action Plan to improve air quality.
- 1.3. For all the AQMA, Further Assessments and Action Plans have been completed and approved by Defra and were considered to be an example of best practice. Initial consultation with residents has been carried out in each of these areas. All Action Plans have now been updated and compiled into one document which has been submitted to Defra for approval and will then be the subject of further consultation with residents.
- 1.4. Two areas; Pleasant Street, Bootle and Marsh Lane, Bootle, were identified in the 2012 Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment (USA) as areas where NAQS Objectives may have been exceeded. Detailed Assessments of air quality in these areas were undertaken and showed that the NAQS Objectives would be complied with and that no further action was required. These areas will continue to be monitored in ongoing USAs and Progress Reports.
- 1.5. As part of the ongoing process of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM), AQMA are periodically reviewed. If it is found that NAQS Objectives have been complied with over a number of years due to measures implemented as part of the Action Plan, Government Guidance recommends that the AQMA should be revoked.
- 1.6. An AQMA for PM₁₀ was declared at Crosby Road North in 2008 following a Detailed Assessment of air quality in these areas. Another Detailed Assessment for PM₁₀ was carried out in 2013 and showed that since the exceedences of the Air Quality Objective (AQO) in 2006 at Crosby Road North compliance has now been achieved all years. These findings support revoking the declaration for PM₁₀ at the AQMA. The conclusions of the Detailed Assessment have been approved by Defra and have been reported to Cabinet Member Environment. Subject to approval by Cabinet Member Environment, consultation will be undertaken and based on the results; a report will be taken to Full Council.

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Summary of Monitoring Information

- 1.7. NO₂ is currently measured at five locations in Sefton using real time automatic continuous monitors located at:
- Former St Joan of Arc School Site, Bootle - CM1.
 - Crosby Road North, Waterloo - CM2.
 - Millers Bridge, Bootle - CM3.
 - Princess Way, Seaforth - CM4.
 - Hawthorne Road, Litherland - CM5.
- 1.8. All locations represent relevant public exposure with the exception of the former St Joan of Arc School Site, Bootle, as the school has closed and has now been demolished. However the site is representative of the 'background' level experienced by properties in this area that are not close to major roads.
- 1.9. Monitoring data from automatic monitoring stations is summarised below. NAQS Air Quality Objectives (AQOs) are shown in Annex 2.

Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)

Real Time Monitors

- 1.10. Annual Average NO₂ levels at automatic monitoring stations (NAQS Objective 40 µgm⁻³) are shown in Table 1. (exceedences shown in bold):

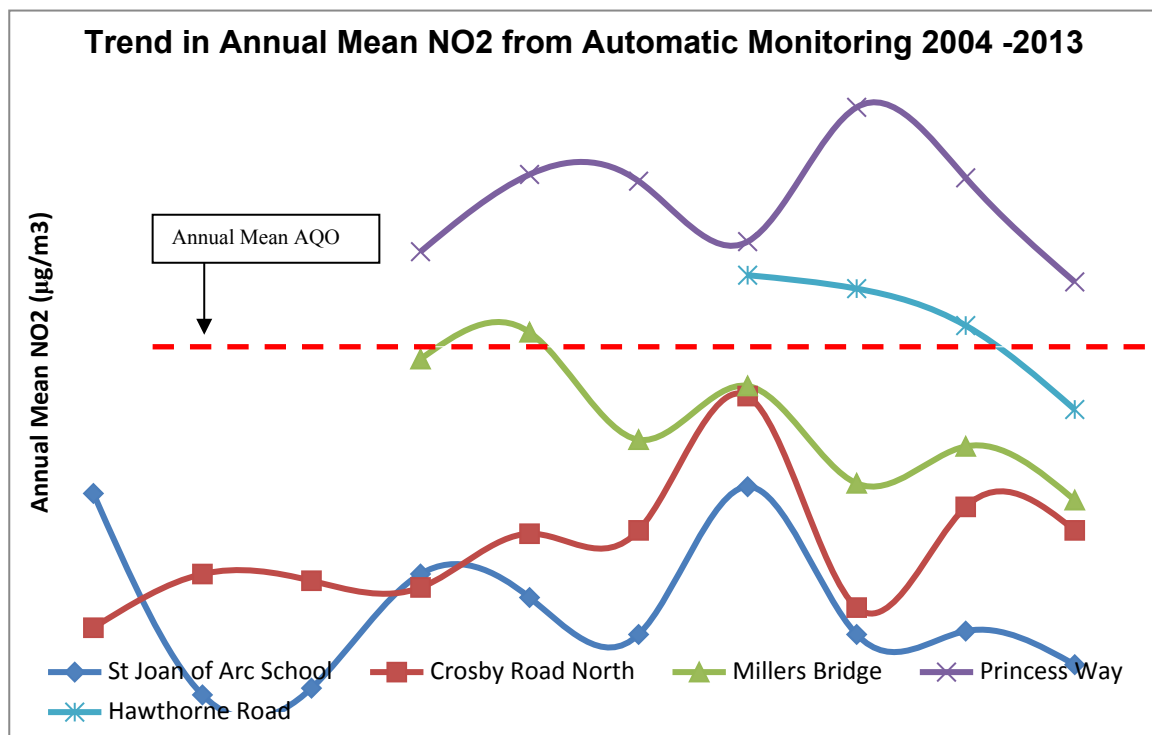
Table 1: Results of Automatic Monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective (2008 – 2013)

Site ID/ Location	Within AQMA for NO ₂ ?	Valid data capture for full calendar year 2013 %	Annual mean concentrations (µgm ⁻³)					
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CM1/Former St Joan of Arc School, Bootle	N	99.2	33.4	32.3	36.7	32.3	32.3	31.4
CM2/Crosby Road North, Waterloo	N	99.9	35.3	35.4	39.4	33.1	36.1	35.4
CM3/Millers Bridge, Bootle	Y	99.9	41.3	38.1	39.7	36.8	37.9	36.3
CM4/Princess Way, Seaforth	Y	97.2	46.0	45.8	44.0	48.0	45.9	42.8
CM5/Hawthorne Road, Litherland	Y	98.7	n/a	n/a	43.0¹ 46.7²	42.6	41.5	39.0

¹ June – December 2010. ² Annual Mean adjusted for short term monitoring,

1.11. Trends in annual mean NO₂ at all sites, are shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentration Measured at Automatic Monitoring Sites



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- 1.12. The trend graph shows the NO₂ annual mean was lower at all monitoring sites in 2013 compared with 2012. Princess Way continues to be consistently well above the annual mean Air Quality Objective (AQO), although there has been a downward trend since the peak of 2011.
- 1.13. Hawthorne Road has shown a downward trend since monitoring commenced in 2010 and showed borderline compliance with the AQO in 2013, having shown non-compliance in the previous three years. Both of these sites are influenced by road traffic on the A5036, particularly from HGVs and NO₂ levels at both sites are anticipated to rise in future years due to the planned port expansion. A dispersion modelling study is currently being carried out in-house by Sefton Council officers, with the methodology reviewed by Bureau Veritas, to examine how the increased HGV movements due to port expansion will affect residents living next to the A5036.
- 1.14. The trend at Millers Bridge has been one of compliance with the annual mean AQO from 2009 - 2013, following a period of non-compliance in 2007 and 2008, although compliance in 2010 was borderline.
- 1.15. Following an unexpected rise in the annual mean NO₂ in 2010 at Crosby Road North, when compliance in that year was borderline, annual concentrations have fallen back to pre-2010 compliance levels.
- 1.16. The former St Joan of Arc School site continues to show compliance with the NO₂ annual mean AQO. Due to sale of the land at this site the monitoring station will be moved to a new location in this area.
- 1.17. Automatic monitoring results for NO₂ for comparison with the 1-hour mean Objective continue to show compliance with the AQO at all current monitoring sites in Sefton. Results from 2008 - 2013 are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Results of Automatic Monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide: Comparison with 1-hour Mean Objective (2008 – 2013)

Site ID/ Location	Within AQMA for NO ₂ ?	Valid data capture for full calendar year 2013 %	Number of Exceedences of hourly mean (200 µgm ⁻³) <small>*Where the period of valid data is less than 90% of a full year, the 99.8th percentile of hourly means is shown in brackets.</small>					
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CM1/ Former St Joan of Arc School, Bootle	N	99.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CM2/ Crosby Road North, Waterloo	N	99.9	0	0	0	0	1	1
CM3/ Millers Bridge, Bootle	Y	99.9	2	2	1	0	0	0
CM4/Princess Way, Seaforth	Y	97.2	0	0	0	2	3	0
CM5/ Hawthorne Road, Litherland	Y	98.7	n/a	n/a	1	0	0	0

Diffusion Tubes

- 1.18. A summary of diffusion tube locations in Sefton which have shown concentrations in excess of the NO₂ annual mean AQO of 40 µgm⁻³ or borderline compliance in 2013 is shown in Table 3. All Objective exceedences are highlighted in bold text. The remaining 83 sites all showed compliance with the annual mean AQO.

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Table 3 Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes that have shown an Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentration in excess of 40 μgm^{-3} or close to the Objective in 2013

Site ID	Site Location	Within AQMA for NO ₂ ?	Valid data capture for full calendar year 2013 %	Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentration (Adjusted for Bias)				
				2009 NO ₂ (μgm^{-3})	2010 NO ₂ (μgm^{-3})	2011 NO ₂ (μgm^{-3})	2012 NO ₂ (μgm^{-3})	2013 NO ₂ (μgm^{-3})
NBM	Millers Bridge, Bootle	Y	92	45	46	46	45	45
NBR	Derby Road, Bootle	Y	92	59	60	56	58	56
NBS	Derby Road, Bootle	Y	83	44	51	46	48	43
NCI	Hawthorne Road, Litherland	Y	100	45	49	49	48	42
NCJ	South Road, Waterloo	Y	83	46	50	43	46	42
NDD	Hawthorne Road, Litherland	Y	92	n/a	n/a	48	42	43
NDI	Crosby Road North, Waterloo	Y	92	n/a	n/a	43	44	41
NDO	Hawthorne Road, Bootle	N	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	42 (44)	44
NDR	Crosby Road North, Waterloo	Y	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	41 (43)	40
NDV	Moor Lane, Crosby	N	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	44 (46)	43
NEB	Copy Lane, Netherton	N	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	39 (41)	39
NEC	Dunnings Bridge Road, Netherton	N	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	43 (45)	40
NEE	Copy Lane Police Station, Netherton	N	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	41 (43)	41
NEL	Breeze Hill, Bootle	N	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	43
NEM	Millers Bridge Industrial, Estate	Y	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	41

1.19. Where less than 9 months of data was collected results have been adjusted to annual means using a calculation provided by Defra. These are shown in brackets.

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- 1.20. Of the 12 diffusion tube sites that showed non-compliance with the annual mean Objective in 2010, eight sites were within existing AQMAs:
- Four locations, sites NBM, NBR, NBS and NEM are within the existing Millers Bridge, Bootle AQMA (AQMA 3).
 - Two locations, sites NCJ and NDI are within the existing South Road/Crosby Road North AQMA (AQMA 4).
 - Two locations, sites NCI and NDD Hawthorne Road are within the existing Hawthorne Road AQMA (AQMA 5).
- 1.21. Of the remaining 4 diffusion tube sites that showed non-compliance with the annual mean Objective in 2012:
- NDO (Hawthorne Road, Bootle) is located near to the junction with Linacre Lane and was sited to monitor NO₂ levels at a new development of flats on Hawthorne Road. An annual mean of 44 µgm⁻³ was recorded in 2013. As the AQO applies at the façade of the property, the Defra NO₂ fall off with distance calculator was used to estimate the NO₂ concentration at the property façade to assess relevant exposure. This showed at annual mean of 36.5 µgm⁻³ at the façade which is below the AQO.
 - NDV (Moor Lane, Crosby) is located close to a roundabout and was sited to assess levels at the property opposite a pedestrian crossing, as this appeared to be a potentially more polluted site than a site which had been set up at the opposite side of the roundabout, site NCK (The Northern Road, Crosby) which had previously shown an annual mean of 36 µgm⁻³ in 2010. An annual mean of 43 µgm⁻³ was recorded for NDV in 2013. The Defra NO₂ fall off with distance calculator was used to estimate the NO₂ concentration at the property façade to assess relevant exposure. This showed an annual mean of 30.6 µgm⁻³ at the façade which is below the AQO.
 - NEE (Copy Lane Police Station) is located close to the A5036 Dunnings Bridge Road / Copy Lane junction. An annual mean of 41 µgm⁻³ was recorded for NEE in 2013, however there is no relevant public exposure at this location as employment sites are not counted as relevant exposure in the LAQM regime. The tube was sited here to build up a picture of NO₂ levels close to the A5036 and the junction to assist in the assessment of the impacts of port expansion.
 - NEL (Breeze Hill) is located near to the A5058 Breeze Hill/ A5038 Southport Road junction. This tube was set up to replace tube NEN Manor Close, to assess NO₂ level at residential property more affected by queuing traffic at the traffic lights in this area. An annual mean of 43 µgm⁻³ was recorded for NEL in 2013. The Defra NO₂ fall off with distance calculator was used to estimate the NO₂ concentration at the property façade to assess relevant exposure. This showed at annual mean of 36.4 µgm⁻³ at the façade which is below the AQO.
- 1.22. Of the two sites that recorded an annual mean of 40 µgm⁻³ :

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- NDR (Crosby Road North) is within the existing South Road/Crosby Road North AQMA 4.
- NEC (Dunnings Bridge Road) is located close to the A5036 Dunnings Bridge Road/Copy Lane junction. There is no relevant public exposure at this location. The site was selected to build up a picture of NO₂ levels close to the A5036 and the junction to assist in the assessment of the impacts of port expansion.

1.23. The single site that showed borderline compliance with the Objective in 2013, with a recorded annual mean of 39 µgm⁻³ was NEB (Copy Lane). The measurement was taken 0.5 m from the kerb and the nearest relevant exposure is 15m away. The Defra NO₂ fall off with distance calculator was used to estimate the NO₂ concentration at the property façade to assess relevant exposure. This showed an annual mean of 28.8 µgm⁻³ at the façade which is below the AQO.

1.24. The results of diffusion tube monitoring have shown annual mean NO₂ concentrations to be above the annual mean Air Quality Objective at a number of locations. However these were either at sites already within existing AQMAs, at locations where there is no relevant public exposure, or were such that the drop off in concentration with distance showed compliance with the Objective at the nearest public exposure receptor.

1.25. Nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes are widely used to assess annual mean concentrations against the Objective. However research studies have looked at the relationship between the annual mean and the 1-hour mean Objective. The technical guidance currently advises that local authorities can assume that exceedences of the 1-hour Objective are only likely to occur where the annual mean concentrations are 60 µgm⁻³ or above. There were no diffusion tube site locations where the measured annual mean concentration in 2013 was greater than 60 µgm⁻³.

Fine particles (PM₁₀)

1.26. PM₁₀ is currently measured at 4 locations in Sefton using real time automatic monitors located at:

- Former St Joan of Arc School, Rimrose Road, Bootle - CM1.
- Waterloo Primary School, Crosby Road North, Waterloo - CM2.
- Millers Bridge, Bootle - CM3.
- Lathom Close, Princess Way, Seaforth - CM4.

1.27. All locations represent relevant public exposure with the exception of the former St Joan of Arc School site Bootle as the school has now closed. However the site is representative of the 'background' level experienced by properties in this area that are not close to major roads.

1.28. Automatic monitoring results for PM₁₀: comparison with the annual mean Objective (40 µgm⁻³), at all current monitoring sites in Sefton are shown in Table 4. Objective exceedences are highlighted in bold text.

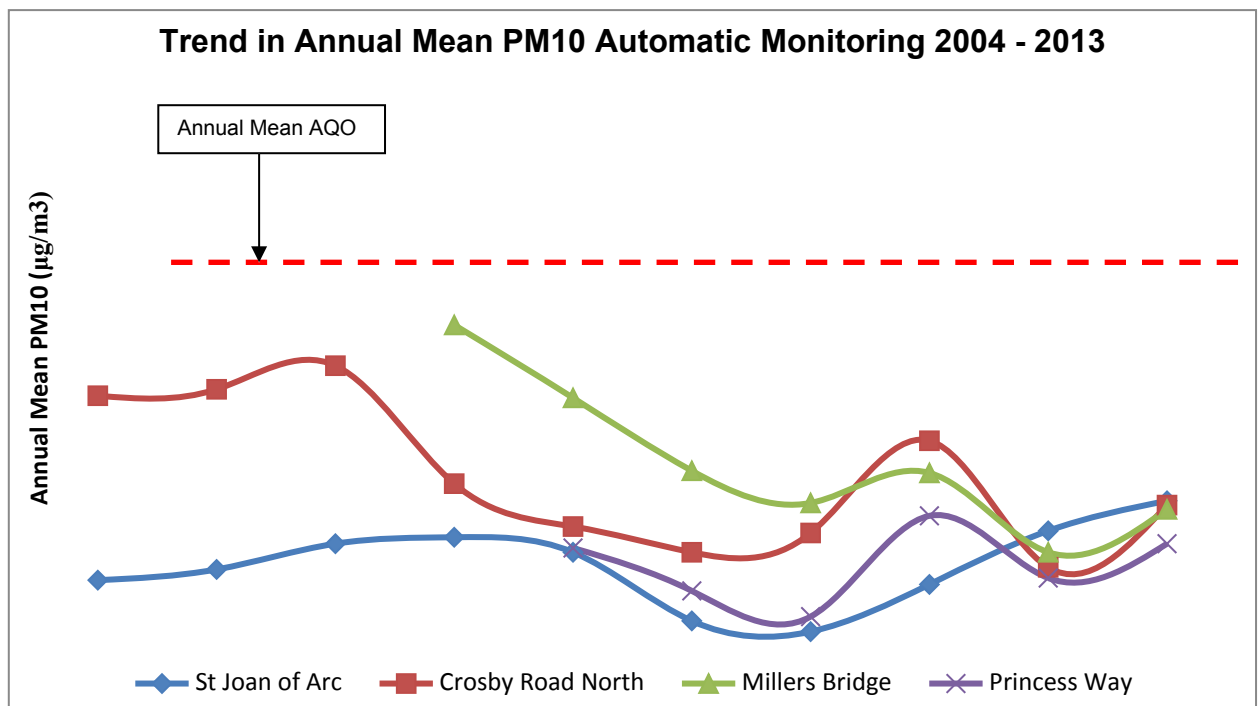
Table 4 Results of PM₁₀ Automatic Monitoring: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective (2008 – 2013)

Site ID/ Location	Within AQMA for PM ₁₀ ?	Valid data capture for full calendar year 2013 %	Annual Mean PM ₁₀ Concentrations (µgm ⁻³)					
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CM1/Former St Joan of Arc School, Bootle	N	85.5	26.1 ¹	22.9 ²	22.4	24.6	27.1	28.5
CM2/Crosby Road North, Waterloo	Y	96.1	27.3	26.1	27.0	31.3	25.4	28.3
CM3/Millers Bridge, Bootle	Y	94.0	33.3	29.9	28.4	29.8	26.1	28.1
CM4/Princess Way, Seaforth	N	83.4	26.3	24.3	23.1	27.8	24.9	26.5

¹Jan – Sept, ²March – Dec

- 1.29. Results of automatic monitoring has shown compliance with the PM₁₀ annual mean Objective at all sites in 2013 and in all years that monitoring has been undertaken.
- 1.30. The trends in annual mean PM₁₀ at all sites are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Trends in Annual Mean PM₁₀ Measured at Automatic Monitoring Sites



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- 1.31. The trend at all sites is one of continued compliance with the annual mean Objective of $40\mu\text{g}\text{m}^{-3}$. There was a slight increase in the annual mean at all sites in 2013 compared to 2012.
- 1.32. Automatic monitoring results for PM_{10} : for comparison with the 24-hour mean Objective ($50\mu\text{g}\text{m}^{-3}$, 35 exceedences allowed in 1 year), at all current monitoring sites in Sefton are shown in Table 5. Objective exceedences are highlighted in bold text.

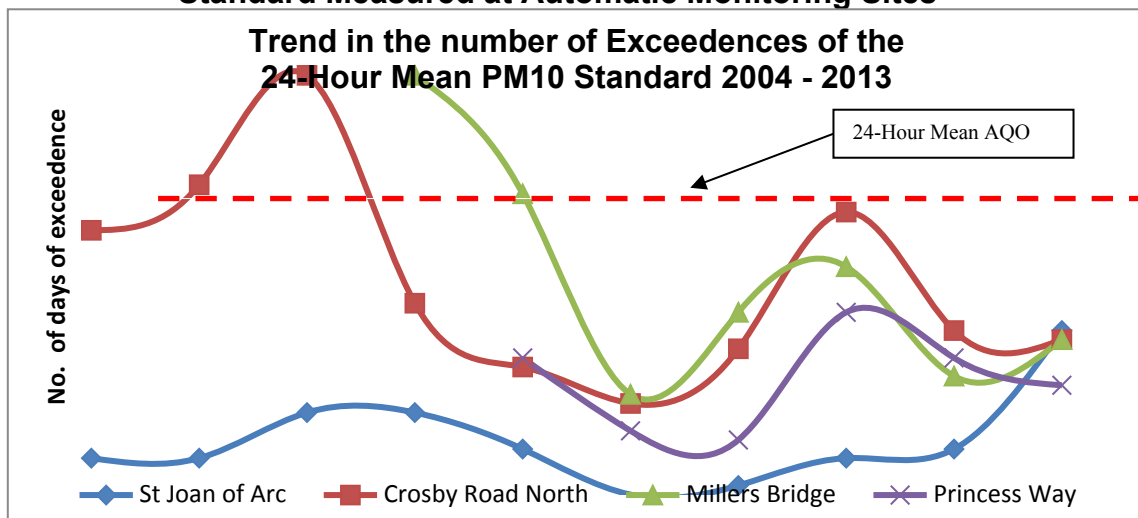
Table 5: Results of PM_{10} Automatic Monitoring: Comparison with 24-hour Mean Objective (2008 – 2013)

Site ID/ Location	Within AQMA for PM_{10} ?	Valid data capture for full calendar year 2013 %	Number of Exceedences of PM_{10} Daily Mean Objective ($50\mu\text{g}\text{m}^{-3}$)					
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CM1/Former St Joan of Arc School Boothle	N	85.5	5 ¹	0 ²	1	4	5	18 ³
CM2/Crosby Road North Waterloo	Y	96.1	14	10	16	31	18	17
CM3/Millers Bridge Boothle	Y	94.0	33	11	20	25	13	17
CM4/Princess Way Seaforth	N	83.4	15	7	6	20	15	12 ⁴

¹Jan – Sept, ²March – Dec, ³ 90.4th percentile of daily means $44\mu\text{g}\text{m}^{-3}$, ⁴ 90.4th percentile of daily means $43\mu\text{g}\text{m}^{-3}$.

- 1.33. Results of automatic monitoring has shown compliance with the daily mean Objective at all sites in 2013.
- 1.34. The trends in the number of exceedences of the PM_{10} 24-hour mean Standard at all sites are shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 Trends in the number of exceedences of the PM_{10} 24-hour mean Standard Measured at Automatic Monitoring Sites



- 1.35. The trends show continued compliance with the 24 hour mean Objective at all sites since 2008. The number of exceedences at Crosby Road North, Millers Bridge and Princess Way in 2013 was not significantly different from 2012. However the former St Joan of Arc School site showed a marked increase in the number of exceedences from 5 to 18. The reason for this is currently being investigated.
- 1.36. The high number of daily exceedences recorded at Crosby Road North in 2006 that led to AQMA declaration has not been repeated. The actions as part of the Route Management Plan adopted for the A565 corridor through Crosby have contributed to compliance with the AQO at this site. A Detailed Assessment completed in 2014 concluded that the AQMA declaration at Crosby Road North could be revoked. A briefing report concerning revocation of this AQMA has been provided for Cabinet member Environment.

Detailed Assessments in areas where Air Quality Objectives may be exceeded

- 1.37. The 2012 Updating and Screening Assessment (USA) of air quality for Sefton Council identified that a Detailed Assessment (DA) was required for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) at two locations in south Sefton as nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube monitoring in 2011 had shown exceedence of the NAQS annual mean nitrogen dioxide Objective.
- 1.38. The Detailed Assessment has shown that at:
 - Pleasant Street, Bootle: Although diffusion tube monitoring at the junction of Pleasant Street with the A565 Derby Road in Bootle showed exceedence of the NAQS annual mean nitrogen dioxide Objective in 2011, further diffusion tube monitoring in 2012 has shown compliance with the NAQS Objective. It will therefore not be necessary to declare an AQMA at this location.
 - Marsh Lane, Bootle: Diffusion tube monitoring at Marsh Lane in Bootle showed exceedence of the NAQS annual mean nitrogen dioxide Objective in 2011. However further diffusion tube monitoring in 2012 has shown compliance with the NAQS Objective. It will therefore not be necessary to declare an AQMA at this location.
- 1.39. Both locations will remain under close observation with the continuation of diffusion tube monitoring at both sites to assess future annual mean concentrations.

Production of the statutory Progress Report to Defra

- 1.40. The Annual Air Quality Progress Report 2014 has been completed and submitted to Defra for approval. The report has considered all new monitoring data and any changes that have taken place since the last report that may affect air quality.

Overall assessment of the impact of the Air Quality Action Plan

- 1.41. All of the site specific action plan measures have now been fully implemented, with the exception of measures affecting AQMA 2 and AQMA 5 that will be implemented as part of the highways work linked to port expansion and the South Road junction improvements at AQMA 4 that form part of the A565 Route Management Plan., Work is progressing on these measures.

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- 1.42. A Detailed assessment completed in 2014 has concluded that the declaration for PM₁₀ at AQMA 1 Crosby Road North could be revoked. A report has been sent to Cabinet Member Communities and Environment for consideration.
- 1.43. AQMA 2 Princess Way continues to show annual NO₂ concentrations above the AQO. Work has commenced on expansion at the Port of Liverpool and construction of the new deep water berth to accommodate post- Panamax vessels. Work is underway to look at the potential options to mitigate the increase in emissions due to the greater numbers of HGVs that will be on the A5036 as a result of port expansion. Compliance with the AQO at AQMA 2 in the short term is unlikely, as the site specific measures currently in place (Port booking system and ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme) are unlikely to have a great enough impact to enable compliance. It is recognised that a major highways intervention will be required to accommodate the increased traffic due to port expansion. The Highways Agency has appointed Atkins to examine the business case for the various highways improvement options available. Sefton Council are also currently undertaking a programme of emissions estimation and air pollution modelling to assess the impacts of the expansion of the Port of Liverpool. The Council are undertaking the modelling and emissions estimation in house, with Bureau Veritas providing consultancy support in the form of advice and critical review of the proposed modelling programme and the project outputs and challenge to conclusions to ensure the report is sufficiently robust.
- 1.44. AQMA 3 Millers Bridge has shown continued compliance with the PM₁₀ annual mean. The Hurry Call system at Millers Bridge is working well and compliance at the automatic monitoring location has been achieved since 2009, although it was borderline in 2010. At some locations diffusion tube monitoring with relevant exposure still shows exceedence of the AQO. Should compliance with the AQO continue at the automatic monitoring site and some diffusion tube sites, a Detailed Assessment will be carried out to determine whether the AQMA boundary should be amended.
- 1.45. AQMA 4 South Road continues to show annual NO₂ concentrations above the AQO. Work has still to commence on junction improvements at South Road / Haigh Road, however significant progress has been made on the preliminary phase of the scheme.
- 1.46. AQMA 5 Hawthorne Road, showed borderline compliance with the NO₂ annual mean AQO in 2013, having shown non-compliance in the previous three years. This AQMA will be affected in a similar way by port expansion as AQMA 2 with NO₂ likely to increase in the future due to the increase in port related traffic. The Council's ECO Stars fleet recognition programme will have only a small impact at present in reducing emissions. Similarly to AQMA 2, it is recognised that a major highways intervention will be required to accommodate the increased traffic due to port expansion and it will be some time before a decision on which highways measures will be implemented is made.

Planning Applications

- 1.47. A number of new developments and planning applications with potential air quality implications have been considered. Two applications which were assessed had significant air quality implications associated with the proposals.
- 1.48. An air quality assessment carried out for a proposed residential development at the site of the former St Joan of Arc R. C. School, Peel Road, Bootle, showed exceedence of the NO₂ annual mean Objective at the properties nearest to Rimrose Road. The site layout was changed to ensure no properties were in the exceedence area.
- 1.49. An application for the installation of two biomass boilers in an existing garage building at Ince Blundell Hall Convalescent Home had air quality planning conditions attached to the approval notice that need to be discharged prior to the development commencing, to address concerns over adequate dispersion of emissions from the chimney stack. Detailed dispersion modelling has been carried out by the applicant and this has shown that although there would be no exceedence of the NAQS Objectives, there would be a significant rise in NO₂ and PM₁₀ levels. As this is a sensitive receptor Public Health England have been asked to comment.
- 1.50. A Planning Policy Guidance note is being developed that will bring together existing Sefton guidance notes on air quality assessment, low emissions strategies and biomass. The note will be shared with other authorities in the City Region through the Merseyside Air quality Management Group and it is hoped it will be adopted across the City Region.

ECO Stars

- 1.51. An action in the Action Plans for AQMA 2, Princess Way, and AQMA 4, Hawthorne Road, was to establish an ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme centred on the A5036. ECO Stars is a nationally recognised scheme that provides free advice to fleet operators on how to improve their fleets, reducing costs to operators and emissions of air pollutants. Defra Air Quality Grant funding was secured to operate the scheme for 2 years. Seton's ECO Stars was initiated in August 2013 and officially launched in May 2014. It now has over 20 members, including Sefton's own fleet, which is ahead of the target set for this point in the scheme.

Dustscan Monitoring

- 1.52. A third round of dust monitoring using 'Dustscan' sticky pad monitors has been undertaken in Bootle in the area around the port.

Geomagnetic Analysis

- 1.53. Geomagnetism is a new technique that uses magnetic properties to identify materials. The Council is collaborating with Exeter University in a project to use geomagnetic analysis and scanning electron microscopy coupled with X ray diffraction to analyse dust samples taken from material deposited on streets and residents properties and from dust sampling equipment. It is hoped that using

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these techniques to determine the composition of the dust will assist with source apportionment.

Defra Grant Applications

- 1.54. An application has been made to the 2014 / 15 round for funding for a feasibility study into establishing gas refuelling facilities in the City Region, Switching from diesel to gas is recognised as an important way of reducing emissions.

Port Expansion Study

- 1.55. The study to assess the impacts of port expansion on air quality in the Bootle area is underway and good progress has been made. A baseline model is nearing completion and will shortly be verified. No data has yet been received on predicted increases in traffic levels and changes in traffic patterns due to port expansion and no decision has yet been made with regard to any highways solutions to improve access and reduce congestion. When this data is available it will be included in the model for assessment. As well as the air pollution modelling study air quality officers are also working with the Low Emissions Partnership to assess changes in emissions due to port expansion and develop a package of possible emissions reductions measures.

Air Pollution and Health

- 1.56. Air quality officers continue to work closely with the Council's Public Health Department and Public Health England to develop an understanding of the impact of air pollution on health in Sefton. Defra will shortly be publishing a toolkit and guidance, including specific guidance for Directors of Public Health, on air pollution and health and consideration is being given to arranging a workshop in Sefton around the guidance.

Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) Reports

- 1.57. All LAQM reports have previously been placed on the air quality section of the Council's website. When the website was redesigned this was no longer possible. Air quality officers are working with Avarto, the Council's IT partner, to create a library section on the Breathingspace website where these reports can again be made available. It is hoped this work will be completed in the near future.

Conclusions

- 1.58. NAQS Air Quality Objectives are complied with across the majority of Sefton. Review and Assessment and air pollution monitoring have identified areas where NAQS Objectives will not be met and Action Plans are in place to work towards compliance in these areas.
- 1.59. Action plan measures have shown some success and levels of pollution have reduced. However there are also areas where there are major challenges to air quality. Port expansion and the associated increase in HGVs will lead to an increase in emissions that will affect air quality in the AQMAs and other areas around the A5036, A565 and A5058. A study is underway to determine the impacts

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of these increases in emissions and suggest possible emissions reductions measures.

- 1.60. Air quality officers continue to work with the Environment Agency to reduce emissions from industrial sites across the Borough.
- 1.61. Innovative new methodologies, such as Geomagnetism, are being tested alongside established monitoring methods and the continuing development of the Merseyside Atmospheric Emissions Inventory to assist with source apportionment and help develop a better knowledge of the nature of air pollution in Sefton.
- 1.62. A better understanding of the impacts of air pollution on health is being gained by joint working with the Council's Public Health Department and Public Health England.

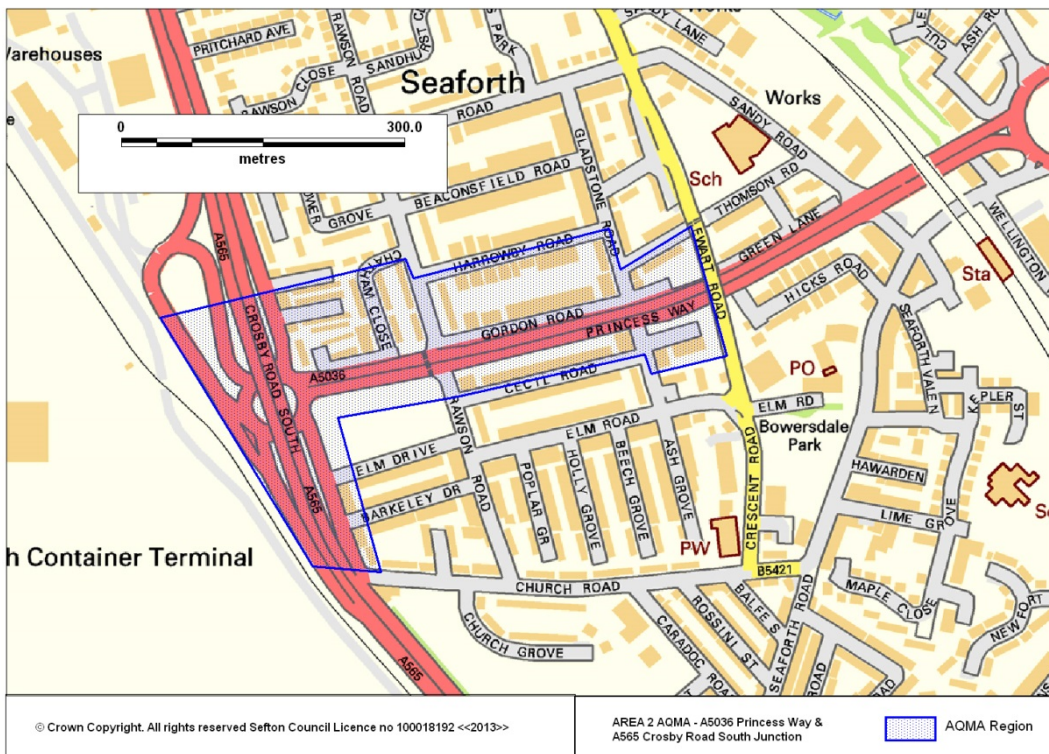
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Air Quality Management Areas in Sefton

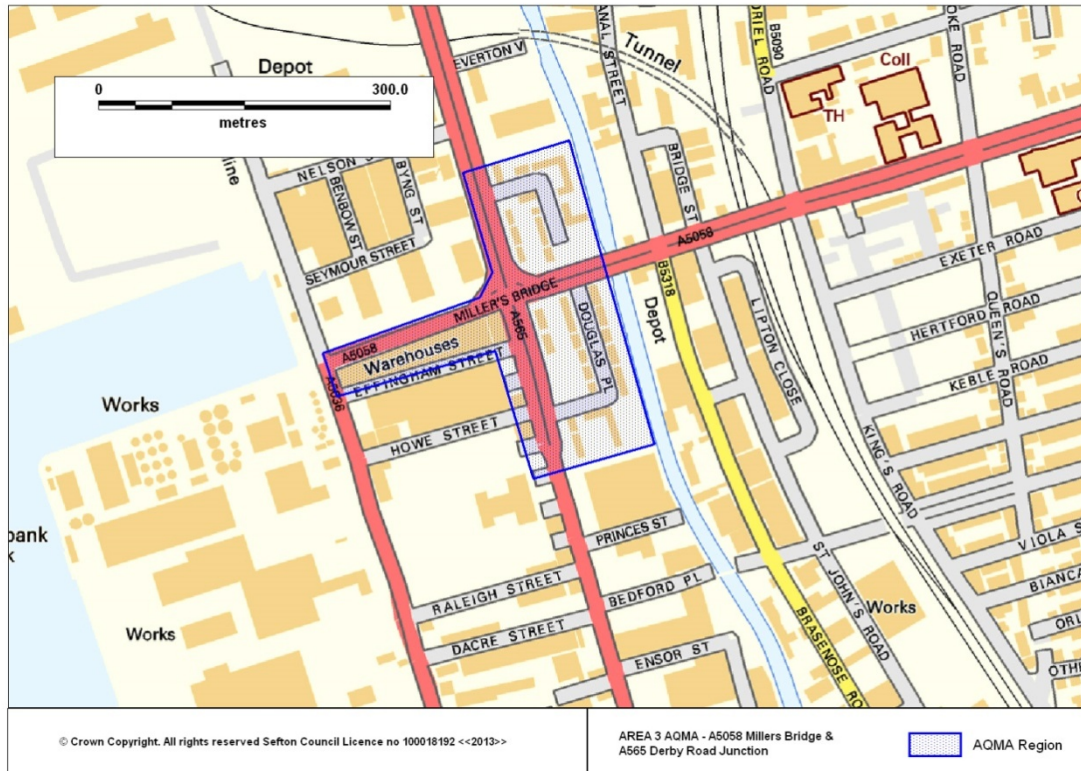
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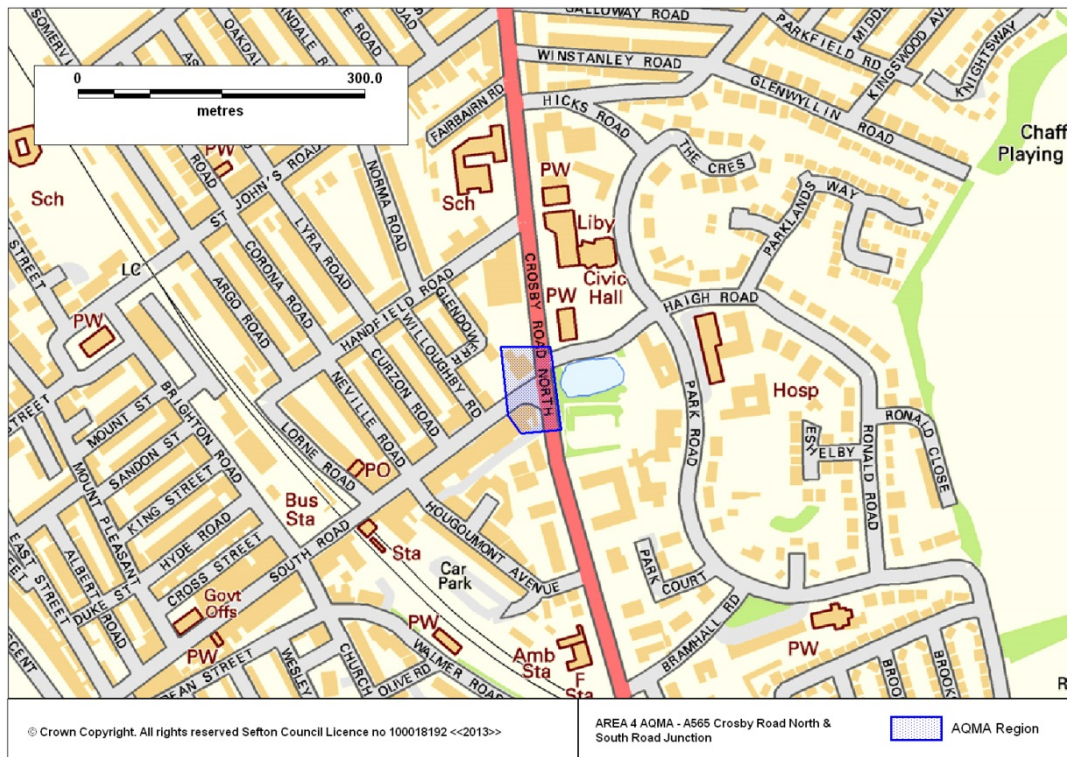
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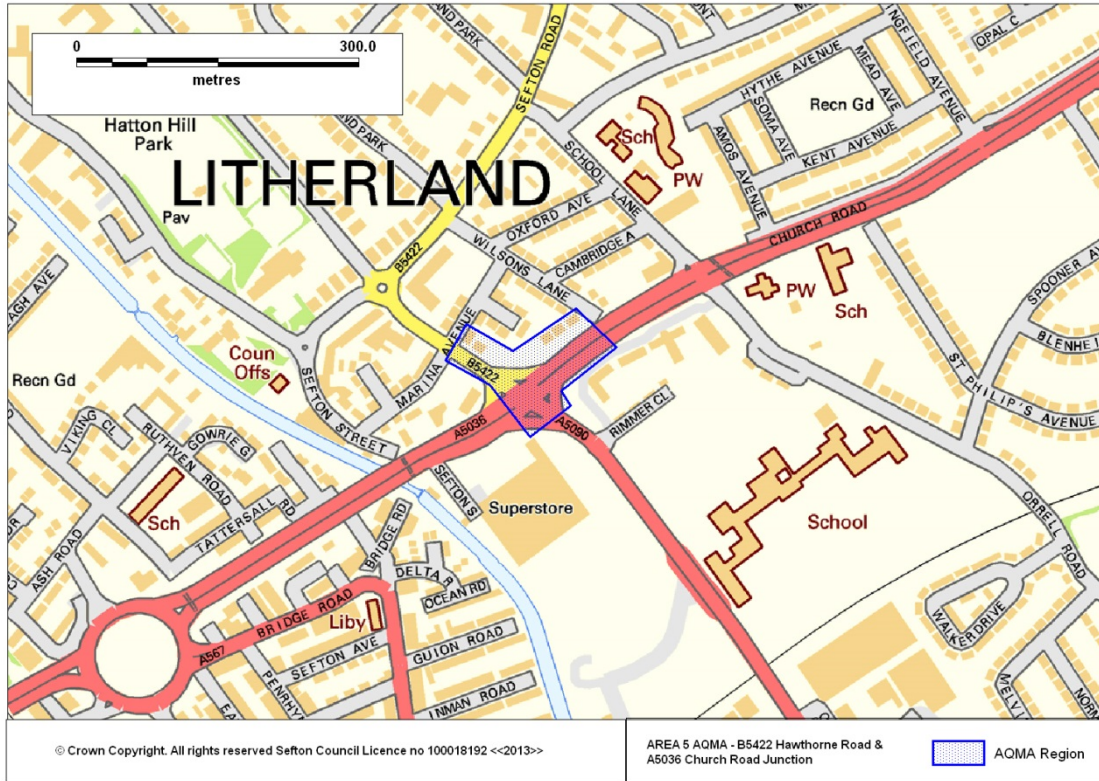


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National Air Quality Strategy Objectives

Pollutant	Concentration	Measured as	Date to be achieved by
Benzene	16.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
	5.00 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2010
1,3-Butadiene	2.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
Carbon monoxide	10.0 mg/m^3	Running 8-hour mean	31.12.2003
Lead	0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2004
	0.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2008
Nitrogen dioxide	200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2005
	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2005
Particles (PM₁₀) (gravimetric)	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2004
Sulphur dioxide	350 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2004
	125 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	266 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean	31.12.2005

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Abbreviations

AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DA	Detailed Assessment
DfT	Department for Transport
DoH	Department of Health
EA	Environment Agency
EU	European Union
FA	Further Assessment
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicles
HPA	Health Protection Agency
LA	Local Authority
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
LSTM	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
MAEI	Merseyside Atmospheric Emissions Inventory
NAQS	National Air Quality Strategy
NO ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxides (NO + NO ₂)
PM _{2.5}	Particulate Matter less than 2.5µm aerodynamic diameter
PM ₁₀	Particulate Matter less than 10µm aerodynamic diameter
µg/m ³	Micrograms (10 ⁻⁶) of pollutant per cubic metre of air
USA	Updating and Screening Assessment

Employability Gateway- Sector Specific - Scheme of Work

Tutor: Employer Liaison Team.

Course: Port/Construction Sector Specific NON-ACCREDITED	Group: Min 6 max 10 workless Sefton residents	Duration: 2.5 hours From/To: Ongoing
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No of Sessions: 1 X 2.5-hour session.	Contact Hours: 2.5 Non-contact hours: 0	Venue: S@W Bootle office & other venues
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Aim of course: To give unemployed Sefton residents, identified by their Sefton@Work Adviser, the opportunity to develop Port & Construction Sector Specific skills and knowledge in their chosen field, in order to bring them closer to the labour market and increase employability.

Session	Aims of Session	Objectives/Learning Outcomes	Activities, Resources & Functional Skills	Assessment
1. Information Session about chosen sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide participants with an overview of their chosen sector and describe how the sector is structured. Provide participants with information on drug testing in the workplace, the technologies used and the possible consequences of a person providing a positive drug test through a presentation and discussion with guest speaker. Help breakdown common misconceptions of employment with information on what is required for the 	<p>By the end of the 2.5 hour session participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand their chosen sector and describe how that sector is structured. Feed back to the group with 4 different areas within their chosen sector. Identify 2 local companies they want to work for and the reasons why. Have a basic understanding of why employers drug test in the workplace and identify 2 of the different types of drug testing technologies used. 	<p>Activities: Housekeeping, Icebreaker, Induction, Q&A, group discussion, working in pairs, Role-Playing, Mock interviews, Peer feedback, Presentation, Scoring Work Sheets</p> <p>Resources: Icebreaker work sheet. Laptops, Pens,</p>	<p>One to one and group discussion.</p> <p>Questionnaire.</p> <p>Self Assessment work sheet.</p> <p>Evaluation Sheet</p>

	<p>chosen sectors and provide hints on what employers look for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch a video on interview techniques and provide participants with the opportunity to be mock interviewed by their peers using sector specific questions and to feedback on their performance. • Provide participants the opportunity to research companies in their chosen sector and to compare salary levels and job descriptions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be better prepared and more confident for interviews and be more aware of sector specific questioning and interview types. • Reflect on peer feedback and be able to discuss with the group about 1 positive aspect and 1 negative aspect they noticed during the interview process. 	<p>Paper, flip chart, smart board, PC, self assessment work sheets. Alcohol & drug paraphernalia, Blank Interview Template</p> <p>Functional Skills: Literacy is embedded in every activity through discussion, reading & writing. IT is embedded through use of smart board and researching of companies using laptops/internet. Numeracy is embedded by researching and comparing salary information and measuring volume of drugs/alcohol.</p>
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Evaluation Sector Based Work Academy In Partnership with Stobarts



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Sefton @ Work

Background

- With the new development in the Port sector and Liverpool 2, job growth is anticipated and Sefton Council departments are working to support the growth and ensure our residents are best placed to apply for any jobs that are created as a result of the expansion.
- The purpose of Sector Based Work Academies is to assist unemployed people to move closer to working within their chosen career. The academy is made up of three elements; pre-employment training workshops, work experience within partner employers and a guaranteed job interview.

Delivery

- January 2014 saw the Stobart Group and Sefton Council successfully launch a two week Sector Based Work Academy programme in partnership with Sefton@Work (part of Sefton Council) a number of Liverpool Port employers, Talent Training, and Job Centre plus.
- Sefton @ Work's successful partnership with Port related employers enabled them to identify a number of companies who had worked with them in the past and who would be willing to support this initiative by offering an insight into the sector, placements, interviews and paid employment.
- The programme delivered by Stobart Group and Sefton@Work began with a 3 hour assessment centre with 45 delegates referred from both Sefton@Work and Job Centre plus. Following the assessment centre 21 delegates were selected based on their performance to commence the two week Sector Based Work Academy.
- Throughout the programme delegates attended a number of workshops including: Teamwork, Introduction to Transport, Supply Chain and Logistics, Presentation Skills, Communication Skills, Employability Skills, Introduction to Finance & Introduction to Health and Safety. These interactive and dynamic workshops were designed to

give delegates the best possible opportunity of gaining employment by providing them with the skills employers have expressed they would like to see in future employees.

- Sefton @ Work sourced a work placement for all 21 participants on the course and identified vacancies for them to apply for on completion. Placements lasted a minimum of 1.5 days to enhance their employability within the sector. Companies that participated included, Peel Ports, Drake Port Distribution, Roport Logistics , Docklands European, DACSA, Kindec and Discount Express Retail. Not only did Jobseekers gain an insight into the individual operations of the particular company but the sector as a whole.
- All applicants were given pre-screening interviews after the academy was complete and then matched to specific jobs that met their skills set.

Outcomes

- 40 clients have gone into work on the Port from 12/11.2013 to 1/8/2014.
- 16 of these were clients that took part in the Sector based Academy, the remainder were as a result of the relationships built within the sector, subsequent to the academy.
- In January 2015 Drake Port Distribution Service lost their contract to supply staff to PeelPorts. Blue Arrow have been awarded the contract to supply and train staff and clients previously placed on the port have been TUPE'd over.

Future Planning

- Sefton@Work are currently working with Blue Arrow and Jayne Ward (Account Manager) from JCP as due to the National Contract with Blue Arrow, they will lead on the Sector Based Work Academy. Up to 110 jobs are anticipated and interested parties will initially attend an Open Day.
- Whilst Sefton@Work clients will be able to apply for a place on the SBWA at the open days, Sefton@Work will draw on our experience to deliver a short course to prepare our clients for the open day so they are better prepared and more likely to secure a place on the academy.

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Issues / Concerns:

Activity	Date	Concern	Recommendations	Changes/owner.
Excused signing process	20.01.2014	3Clients had money stopped by JCP	JCP to take Ownership of clients attending courses and liaise with Sefton @ Work to eradicate claimant's money being stopped or delayed.	
Due to time of year not enough Live vacancies were generated	20.01.2014	Some clients unable to apply for current vacancies due to skill set.	Better intelligence of workforce planning and proactive approach needed, with consideration given to time of year/resources etc.	
No 'live' vacancies and/or placement opportunities from JCP	25.01.2014	Not enough vacancies for clients to apply for.	More 'Live' vacancies and placement opportunities from JCP	
Protective clothing/footwear	20.01.2014	Employers had not informed Sefton @ Work that this would be a requirement . Too much time spent on this and JCP initially were unable to order for their own clients	Clearer process to be included when agreeing placements to identify when it is applicable and to facilitate the permissions / ordering of PPE equipment.	
Customer Care	Througho	ELO picking	JCP to provide a	

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(nominated representative)	ut programme.	up queries and concerns from JCP Clients.	nominated person.	
Organisation and delivery of the Course	31.01.2014	ELO and team took part in Interviews 4 X ELO's for half a day instead of using employers.	Future Academies require the ELO to be present at initial discussion stages for future planned academies to ensure that all parties are aware of content (internal and external).	
Drug and Alcohol Testing	27.1.2014	2 clients unable to take up Opportunities.	Session on drugs in Health and Safety unit to be included in course and health representative from SMBC to attend information sessions at least 30 days prior to recruitment to try and improve failure rate.	
JCP Health and safety Questionnaire	27.01.2014	ELO team had to visit Employers day before placements were due	Need to include this as part of the employer commitment	
Better off calculations	Throughout course	Clients would have been better equipped to make more informed decisions when considering	Ownership of this to be undertaken by JCP. Should this be done at the pre-screening stage to ensure that those candidates that are not	

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		job opportunities	going to be 'better off' do not take the place of those that will?	
Assessment Day		Presentation requirements seemed to disadvantage longer unemployed applicants.	Consider format of the Open Day. Activities at the assessment event to be revised to ensure that all candidates get a fair assessment and chance to progress onto the programme.	
Pre-screening events		Some clients did not know much about the course that they were attending prior to the assessment event.	<p>Include the type of roles on offer and what the programme entails at information sessions prior to the open day so that appropriate people apply.</p> <p>Literature/marketing material to be produced and agreed and then distributed to all advisors so that everyone is delivering the same message to customers and they can then make an informed decision as to whether they would like to attend.</p>	
Publicity		Obtaining agreement from all Partners	To be agreed at outset of next course.	

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		that there should be one AGREED press release that names all partners and participating employers.		
Proof of Delegates on Job Seekers Allowance	Once names are confirmed following assessment event	Talent Training did not have proof that customers were on job seekers allowance until the programme had commenced (this was through them not informing us they needed this)	Once names are confirmed following the assessment event JCP and S@W to send written confirmation to RF of those customers currently claiming JSA.	
Proof of ID		Talent Training did not have sight of this so some information was missing from enrolment forms.	When customers are confirmed a place on the course, their advisor also informs them that they are to bring proof of ID on the first day of the programme.	

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Impact on Service Delivery: None

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT (FD 3441/15) has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments to make (LD 2733/15)

Are there any other options available for consideration? None

Implementation Date for the Decision: No decision required from this report.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Green Deal (GD) is a financing mechanism that lets people pay for energy-efficiency improvements through savings on their energy bills. Repayments will be no more than what a typical household should save in energy costs. Suppliers of GD works are able to recoup their investment through additional charges on energy bills. This removes any upfront costs for investment but still allows the resident to attain energy savings.
- 1.2 Before residents can proceed with a GD they are required to have a Green Deal Assessments (GDAs). GDAs have been available from October 2012. A GDA is an important part of ensuring that savings will be greater than costs and hence meet the “golden rule” of Green Deal. A GDA assessment uses the SAP (Standard Assessment Procedure) method and this data will be collected by Sefton where it is lodged with Landmark (the Government contractor for managing and holding Energy Performance Certificates data) to monitor energy improvements over time.
- 1.3 At the inception Sefton Council were looking for a Partner Role to a Green Deal registered provider. This role would involve working in partnership with a commercial Green Deal Provider to deliver or facilitate delivery of the Green Deal opportunities within the Borough. This was the proposed policy in the Sefton Council Home Energy Conservation Act report update of 2013.
- 1.4 This option would mainly involve the Council providing referrals to a chosen Provider and promoting their Green Deal offer to residents. This option maintains a level of influence allowing the Council to develop a partnership that will have the maximum benefit for residents and the community generally through potential employment and fuel poverty reduction initiatives.
- 1.5 Around 15% of the domestic sector’s remaining abatement potential lies in relatively inexpensive loft top-up insulation and easy to treat cavity wall insulation. However, the remaining potential is split between solid wall insulation (67%) and hard to treat cavity wall insulation (18%). In order to tap into the bulk of this potential in a cost effective way, our HECA Plan will focus on accessing support on these more costly measures to drive overall energy use downwards.
- 1.6 As the market developed it was clear that GD could not offer residents the best value through a Council procurement process. Many installer firms were offering Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding without GD and this was far more attractive. Liverpool City Council sort to test the market for framework suppliers for ECO and GD

and included Sefton as a potential partner. As yet Sefton has not exercised its options as the market is not deemed to work well for such arrangements.

2.0 How does Green Deal and ECO work?

- 2.1 The Green Deal is a new way to pay for energy-saving home improvements, like insulation, to make your home more comfortable. This scheme lets you pay for some or all of the improvements over time on your electricity bill. Repayments are calculated so that they will be no more than a typical household should save in energy costs. This means you should not feel the cost of having the work carried out, but still feel the benefit.
- 2.2 The Green Deal starts with an impartial assessment of your property and the production of a GDA report. A Green Deal Assessor will come to your home, talk to you about your energy use and see if you could benefit from making energy efficiency improvements to your home.
- 2.3 After the Green Deal assessment - An Assessor will provide you with an understanding of the types of improvements you could make to your home. They can then offer to instigate quotes and finance via a GD plan.
- 2.4 The Green Deal scheme has been developed alongside the revamping of the Energy Suppliers' license obligations to reduce CO2 emissions. The latest requirement is known as the Energy Company Obligation (ECO). The funding comes from big energy suppliers. It's delivered to customers either directly from the supplier or by organisations working together, which have made special arrangements, such as Green Deal Providers. Many householders in older properties and those on benefits or low incomes may qualify for extra financial assistance.
- 2.5 It was hoped that in many cases where ECO funding was available it would dovetail with Green Deal arrangements. In practice this has not happened as envisaged. This is because the ECO requires suppliers to achieve targets or face penalty charges. As installers do not need GD to get payment for ECO they have pushed this as the barriers to GD are significant for customers.
- 2.6 An EPC (energy Performance Certificate) is a requirement for householders needing to access ECO.
- 2.7 There are 3 types ECO funding.
- 2.8 The Carbon Saving Communities obligation – (CSCO) targets insulation measures such as solid wall insulation, cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, district heating and glazing. The 25% most deprived Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) now qualify for this funding. There are 190 LSOA in Sefton and 119 qualify for this funding (~62.6%). There is no need for qualifying benefits for properties in a CSCO area; funding is given regardless of tenure. In addition 20% can be in done in areas adjoining the target LSOA.
- 2.9 The Carbon Emissions Reduction Obligation was originally focused on hard to treat homes and, in particular, measures that cannot be fully funded through the Green Deal. Solid wall insulation and hard-to-treat cavity wall insulation are the primary measures that the Government intends to be promoted under this target. However as the utilities complained that this element was too costly a review of this has widened the measures to include cavity wall and loft insulation. Utilities still have targets for at least 100,000 solid wall installations to be completed.
- 2.10 Affordable Warmth Element / Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligation (HHCRO) is for Vulnerable and low-income households. Poorer households living in inefficient properties have a high propensity to under-heat their homes, which can be detrimental to their physical and mental health (particularly for the most vulnerable), as well as leading to social isolation. The financial constraints these households face means that they often

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lack the means to upgrade the energy performance of their homes and often lacking basic measures such as boilers and heating systems.

- 2.11 In these cases, the Government’s objective is actively to enable such households to have warmer homes rather than necessarily to save money on their energy bills, promoting improved health and welfare as a result. As such, the affordable warmth part of ECO will focus on providing upfront support for thermal performance measures which will help households to heat their homes more affordably.
- 2.12 Eligibility is for private sector households only. Under ECO Affordable Warmth, individuals can qualify for assistance whether they have householder status or not. This is assumed to mean that members of a separate benefit unit e.g. an older relative claiming Pension Credit will make the dwelling eligible for support under the grant.
- 2.13 In theory, any measures that improve the ability to heat a home (space or water) could be included. However, in practice it is likely to mainly provide:
 - boiler replacements where the existing boiler is not working, not working to full efficiency and not economic to repair;
 - boiler repairs;
 - new gas heating;
 - loft insulation; and
 - cavity wall insulation

3.0 What has happened so far nationally? Green Deal: tables 1 and 2 below show the relative take up of GDA in Sefton and GD plans (where GD finance has been organised) in the North West (no figures exist for Sefton as numbers to date are too small). They show that some 51,658 households in the North West have been assessed for GD and only 81 GD plans have been instigated up till September 2014 (the latest results).

3.2 In terms of economic activity from GD the picture is of significant interest, in that there are 85 assessor organisations, 23 GD providers and 496 installers registered to serve the Sefton area.

Table 1: Number of Green Deal Assessments lodged by Administrative Area¹, up to 30th September 2014

Area names	Green Deal Assessments	Percentage of Assessments	Households with at least one usual resident ^{1,2}	Green Deal Assessments per 1,000 households
GREAT BRITAIN	356,514	100	26,263,269	13.6
ENGLAND	288,999	81	22,542,903	12.8
NORTH WEST	51,658	15	3,046,753	17.0
Liverpool City Region	11,081	3.1%	658,747	16.8
Halton UA	968	0.3	53,684	18.0
Merseyside (Met County)	10,113	2.8	605,063	16.7
Knowsley	766	0.2	61,823	12.4
Liverpool	4,297	1.2	207,060	20.8
Sefton	1,989	0.6	118,579	16.8
St. Helens	1,166	0.3	76,498	15.2
Wirral	1,895	0.5	141,103	13.4

¹ Source: England: Department for Communities and Local Government, Household Projections. Wales: Welsh Government, Household estimates. Scotland: General Register Office for Scotland, Estimates of Households in Scotland.

² Household figures are rounded and so do not tally to the total.

Table 2: Number of 'live' Green Deal Plans by Region, up to 30th September 2014

Area names	'Live' Green Deal Plans	Percentage of Plans	Households with at least one usual resident ¹	Green Deal Plans per 1,000,000 households
Great Britain	2,581	100	26,263,269	98.3
England	818	32	22,542,903	36.3
North East	140	5	1,145,559	122.2
North West	81	3	3,046,753	26.6
Yorkshire and The Humber	144	6	2,262,423	63.6
East Midlands	98	4	1,935,710	50.6
West Midlands	56	2	2,332,802	24.0
East	27	1	2,484,620	10.9
London	42	2	3,383,918	12.4
South East	83	3	3,638,436	22.8
South West	147	6	2,312,682	63.6
Wales	83	3	1,318,569	62.9
Scotland	1,680	65	2,401,797	699.5

¹ Source: England: Department for Communities and Local Government, Household Projections. Wales: Welsh Government, Household estimates. Scotland: General Register Office for Scotland, Estimates of Households in Scotland.

3.3 In terms of ECO the numbers are much more favourable as demonstrated in tables 3 and 4. Over 8,000 household in Sefton have received some ECO support and figures show that Sefton is receiving double the national average, and outperforming most local comparators.

Table 3: Provisional number of ECO measures by ECO obligation by administrative area^{1,2}, up to 30th September 2014

	Obligation			Total number of ECO measures delivered ⁴	Valid percentage of ECO measures delivered ⁵	ECO measures per 1,000 households
	Carbon Saving Target (CSO)	Carbon Savings Community (CSCO)	Affordable Warmth (HHCRO)			
GREAT BRITAIN⁴	379,377	205,582	379,442	964,401	100	36.7
ENGLAND	311,600	175,591	309,600	796,791	82.6	35.3
NORTH WEST	61,212	51,676	77,312	190,200	19.7	62.4
Liverpool City Region	14,235	13,371	21,268	48,874	5.1	74.2
Halton UA	1,086	1,022	1,161	3,269	0.3	60.9
Merseyside (Met County)	13,149	12,349	20,107	45,605	4.7	75.4
Knowsley	1,092	1,858	2,546	5,496	0.6	88.9
Liverpool	2,317	5,473	7,438	15,228	1.6	73.5
Sefton	4,695	1,195	3,935	9,825	1.0	82.9
St. Helens	2,082	855	1,770	4,707	0.5	61.5
Wirral	2,963	2,968	4,418	10,349	1.1	73.3

¹ Source: England: Department for Communities and Local Government, Household Projections. Wales: Welsh Government, Household estimates. Scotland: General Register Office for Scotland, Estimates of Households in Scotland.

² Household figures are rounded and so do not tally to the total.

⁴ Great Britain totals also include unknowns, but percentages are only based on known location totals.

⁵ Percentage of ECO measures delivered is calculated only for those ECO measures where the location is known.

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Table 1: Consideration of households in receipt of ECO measures by administrative area^{1,2}, up to 30th September 2014

Area names	Total number of households in receipt of ECO measures ⁴	Valid percentage of households in receipt of ECO measures ⁵	Households with at least one usual resident ^{1,2}	Households in receipt of ECO measures per 1,000 households
GREAT BRITAIN³	785,394	100	26,263,269	29.9
ENGLAND	646,150	82.3	22,542,903	28.7
NORTH WEST	154,399	19.7	3,046,753	50.7
Liverpool City Region	40,356	5.1	658,747	61.3
Halton UA	2,688	0.3	53,684	50.1
Merseyside (Met County)	37,668	4.8	605,063	62.3
Knowsley	4,622	0.6	61,823	74.8
Liverpool	13,044	1.7	207,060	63.0
Sefton	8,151	1.0	118,579	68.7
St. Helens	3,849	0.5	76,498	50.3
Wirral	8,002	1.0	141,103	56.7

¹ Source: England: Department for Communities and Local Government, Household Projections. Wales: Welsh Government, Household estimates. Scotland: General Register Office for Scotland, Estimates of Households in Scotland.

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⁵ Percentage of ECO measures delivered is calculated only for those ECO measures where the location is known.

4.0 **Other related Green deal activity Green Deal Go Early pilot**

Regeneration and Tourism colleagues won funding to explore GD opportunities in the SME sector across North Liverpool and South Sefton. In a small pilot they identified 15 SME that might benefit from improvements and installed measures in 5 SMEs. They found there is a clear appetite within the SME business community to engage with the low carbon agenda the principle drivers being financial savings and improvements in business performance. The desire for interventions on the grounds of carbon reduction and climate change was for those participating a secondary consideration to the financial benefits. This pilot has now evolved into the ERDF funded 'REECH into business' initiative.

4.2 **Home Energy Conservation Act Plan (HECA)** - In response to Department of Energy and Climate Change guidance, Sefton's new HECA Plan (2013-2027) provides the Council with a bold strategy to address the energy challenges and opportunities we face. This plan replaces the existing 1996 Home Energy Strategy which achieved over 30% reduction in home energy consumption with its success based on active cross sector partnerships and funding structures. The Plan is a reference point with key information and context for Sefton and will be updated bi-annually. At the heart of Sefton's new HECA Plan priorities is reduction in Fuel Poverty which is regarded to be the most immediate threat and one that will be our priority for action and measurable improvements. The next update is due for March 2015 although at present there is some doubt due to a lack of data being provided by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 17 March 2015
(Regeneration and Environmental Services)

Subject: Cabinet Member Reports

Report of: Director of Corporate Services **Wards Affected:** All

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

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To submit to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recent Cabinet Member Reports.

Recommendation(s)

That the report be received.

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:

In order to keep Overview and Scrutiny Members informed, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has agreed for relevant Cabinet Member Reports to be submitted to appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

There are no financial implications arising directly from the contents of this report. Any specific financial implications associated with the attached Cabinet Member reports have been included in those reports as appropriate.

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Implications: N/A

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: N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when? N/A

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and notes the report indicates there are no financial implications arising directly from the contents of this report. Any specific financial implications associated with the attached Cabinet Member reports will have been included in those reports as appropriate. (FD 3469/15)

The Head of Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report. There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report. (LD 2761/15)

Are there any other options available for consideration? N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

1.1 In order to keep Overview and Scrutiny Members informed, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has agreed for relevant Cabinet Member Reports to be submitted to appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

1.2 Attached to this report, for information, are the most recent Cabinet Member reports for the period January 2015 – March 2015 for the following portfolio's that fall within the remit of this Committee:-

- Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment;
- Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Tourism; and

- Cabinet Member – Transportation; and
- Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Leisure Element)

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 30th August 2011, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board proposed that, in future, Cabinet Member reports will be published on the Modern Gov library and an e-mail alert will be sent to Scrutiny Chairs. In the event that Chairs identify any issues they would like to raise for discussion at their next Overview and Scrutiny Committee, they should alert the appropriate officer and this will enable appropriate officer attendance at that meeting.
- 2.2 The Cabinet Member update reports attached were e-mailed to the Chair of the Committee on their availability.
- 2.3 Accordingly, the appropriate officer attendance has been requested at the meeting.
- 2.4 *The Committee is requested to receive the Cabinet Member Update Reports.***

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CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT Overview & Scrutiny (Regeneration and Environmental Services) Tuesday 17 March 2015		
Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
Ian Moncur	Children, School & Families and Leisure	February 2015

LANDSCAPE SERVICES - Head of Service, Rajan Paul

PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

Developing Partnership Working

Work is on-going to develop relationships with external partners, to help both these organisations and the Council achieve positive outcomes through volunteer work in parks. Two recent examples include:

- Princes Trust: There have now been three projects within parks in Sefton: North Park, Hesketh Park, and most recently at Meols Cop and Russell Road Playing Fields. This has resulted in completion of work which would have cost several thousands of pounds to procure (and would not have been possible under the current budget). Parks and Greenspace are trying to develop further the relationship with the Princes Trust for the mutual benefit of both parties, and the local community.
- Santander: This large local employer is working with the Council in some of its parks, as part of its 'community responsibility' targets. After a project in Linacre Hub, Bootle, last year, they are now looking at potentially working in further parks, such as Marian Gardens, South Park and Giro Park. Officers are trying to develop an on-going, sustainable relationship with the organisation, and continue to facilitate their volunteering on site.

Improving the Parks

Carrying out targeted improvements to parks and open spaces, to increase user numbers and user satisfaction.

- South Park: Shrub management works have started on site at South Park and King's Gardens, Bootle. This work will include the removal of overgrown plants in order to open up views and make people feel safer in the park. It will also include the replanting of some areas with low growing wildflowers and low growing shrubs that will add interest and not become overgrown in the future. This is the first phase of improvements to the park with further works to follow later in 2015, including a new toddler play area, improved ball courts and community food growing facilities and much more. Parks and Greenspace officers are working in partnership with Merseyside Police to reduce anti-social behaviour, during and after works are completed on site.
- Duke St Park, Formby: Consultation works have begun to develop a new vision plan for Duke St Park Formby. Two drop in sessions have been held and a draft plan has been created. The support from the public to date has been very positive, and it is hoped that the process will lead to the creation of a new Friends Group. The first phase of works will be funded from the S106 allocation for the park, and will be on site later in 2015.

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HEALTH & WELLBEING SERVICE – Head of Service, Steve Deakin

SPORTS & LEISURE

Active Lifestyles Team

The Active Lifestyles Team have been working with Southport and Formby CCG on the development of a bid to Macmillan to fund a 'survivorship' physical activity programme for cancer patients in the north of the Borough. Confirmation has been received that this bid has been successful. To allow for the integration with existing physical activity programmes, a decision was made that a 'Physical Activity and Wellness Coordinator' would be recruited and employed within the Recreation and Culture Section. Approximately £45,000 has been ear marked for a bespoke programme for these patients, which will be funded for 3 years.

The Active Lifestyles Team have also received notification that they have all passed the Wright Foundation Cancer Rehabilitation qualification. As a result, agreement has been made with Public Health to allow cancer survivors access to the existing Active Lifestyles Services through the GP Exercise Referral Programme.

The Active Workforce Programme has attracted new investment from St Michael's School Academy.

To the end of December Active Lifestyles had received referrals for 2869 patients across the borough, had 2760 visits to the Relax and Revive sessions and had 621 participants access the MOVE IT family weight management programme.

Active Sports Team

Sefton Satellite Clubs

The Sefton Satellite Club programme is a Sport England funded, Secondary School/Club Links project. It is delivered by established sports club coaches and Sefton casual coaches who bring their expertise and enthusiasm to schools where young people already meet and feel safe. Together they create a 'satellite club' that offers sport in the way that these young people want to receive it with a pathway into clubs if they would like to progress.

There have been;

- 9 clubs delivered
- Sports - Netball, Basketball, Dodgeball
- Funding received to date from Sport England - £16,300
- 2 players from the under 14 section from Winwood Netball Club as part of the satellite club programme selected for the Merseyside County squad.
- A junior coach, supporting Sacred Heart/Winwood Netball Club, has been selected to go to Disneyland Paris as a volunteer coach for the netball tournament.
- As a result Sefton will have its first Dodgeball and Handball Club and the Maghull area will have its first Netball Team.

Everybody Active

- 230 participants engaged in the programme
- 220 users utilising social media (Facebook) - engaging and sharing the project.
- Approximately 14 different activities have been delivered ranging from family yoga to indoor bowls
- Due to their success a number of sessions have been sustained – including Family Yoga and Netball
- Additional 3 sessions currently being delivered in sheltered housing due to additional funding attracted through Adactus Housing.

Be Active

Funding has been provided by Adactus Housing to fund 28 places for Netherton and Southport Be Active Camps. Participants who have not previously attended camps will be targeted.

YES Count Me In

Delivering a pilot 6 week programme for Sefton at Work targeting unemployed young people to increase their motivation, self esteem and develop a Can Do Attitude!

L30 Millions

A project proposal is currently being considered by the L30 millions group to deliver a range of sport and physical activities in Netherton. Early indication has been that the bid has been successful, with just a few tweaks to the development plan needed.

LIBRARIES

Visitor Numbers

The Atkinson recorded over 52,500 visitors during January 2015. The accumulative number from April 2014 to January 2015 is 510,899 visits.

Museum Opening

The final phase of The Atkinson's redevelopment was formally completed on 12th February with the official opening of the new museum spaces. 'Between Land & Sea' tells the story of the 10,000 year evolution of Sefton's communities and landscapes through displays, interactive resources, films and activities. Over 250 specially invited guests attended the launch with guest speakers including Cllr Peter Dowd and Heritage Lottery's Virginia Tandy. The museum collections will be promoted to schools and communities through a Heritage Lottery funded activity plan until 2017.

Volunteers

The Atkinson has now built an active team of over 40 volunteers since its foundation in the summer of 2014. Volunteers are currently delivering exhibition and building tours, community workshops and visitor greeter roles and are now being trained to digitise the extensive museum archive of historic documents and photographs.

'Back to the Future'

Five short films have just been completed in a partnership between The Atkinson, Age Concern and the Crosby based organisation Theatre in the Rough. Members of the Age Concern befriending groups of Bootle and Southport shared their reminiscences with young writers who then developed scripts which referenced The Atkinson's local history

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collections. The resulting films were shot throughout The Atkinson's spaces and will be screened in the new museum at a special launch event.

Think Differently Cope Differently

The Atkinson-run Think Differently Cope Differently mental health programme successfully completed a pilot course tailored to support the needs of managers and staff from within child social work teams. The fully subscribed sessions centre on the Five Ways to Wellbeing and evaluation has shown a demonstrable improvement in participant mental health. Subject to final evaluation, this programme would become more widely available to all Sefton MBC employees.

Keep Warm Keep Well

A recent Keep Warm Keep Well event in The Atkinson studio theatre brought together representatives of 15 organisations offering advice and support to older people. Over 200 people attended the half day session.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT		
Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
Ian Maher	Cabinet Member O&S Report Regeneration & Tourism	March 2015

Housing Market Renewal – General

Klondyke

- Bellways Phase 1 site construction to deliver 86 new housing units began last year and is progressing well.
- Bellways planning application for construction of 142 new houses and a new layout proposal including demolition of the existing Phase 2/3 area, was considered by Planning Committee on 18th June 2014, and approval notice issued on 14th July. There has been no legal challenge to this decision.
- Demolition contractors for the Phase 2/3 area have commenced on site on the 2nd of February, including demolition of the properties owned by Adactus HA.
- The Council are in negotiation to acquire the ownership interests of Adactus Housing Association, to enable ownership of the Phase 2/3 site to be assembled, in turn that it may be sold to Bellway for development

Former owners of the Tannery site and Wirral Tool Hire store are pursuing settlement of their compensation claim against the Council via the Lands Tribunal

Bedford/Queens

- Construction of the Phase 2 site is almost complete. The use of Regional Growth Funding to help fund the development of Bedford Queens Phase 3, and St Winifred's sites was secured and claimed, and progress on site is good. The St Winifred's site is completed and Bedford Queens site is expected to be finished by the end of July.

Housing Options Service

- The Local Authority partners have completed a Review of the common Property Pool Plus Allocations Policy. A revised policy has been the subject of consultation with stakeholders and public, which ended in

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April. The responses have been considered and an amended Policy agreed by the 5 local authority partners. This Policy was approved by Sefton's Cabinet on 11th September, and also by the Cabinets of the other Local Authorities. Following staff training on the operation of the new policy, it has begun to be implemented from January 2015.

- The number of homeless clients approaching the service for help, especially vulnerable single people, has increased over the last year, and there is little likelihood of this increase slowing over the coming months and years.
- We have also seen a year-on-year increase in the number of people Rough Sleeping in the Borough despite the introduction of the No Second Night Out project. However, numbers are relatively small, increasing from 4 cases in 2010, to 9 in 2013 and 11 in 2014.
- The Council have been working with Emmaus and Riverside Housing, to develop proposals for a new combined homeless accommodation and training facility in Seaforth. The scheme obtained Planning approval in February, and began on site in April 2014. Emmaus hope their scheme will be opened by May 2015.
- Proposals to introduce a 'Gateway scheme' have been introduced with homelessness agencies from December 2014. This is an action contained in the Council's Homelessness Strategy, and sees all agencies who provide temporary accommodation adopt a common assessment process, and prioritisation of homeless applicants in need of their accommodation. This should result in those in most need securing any available temporary accommodation and support service.

Private Sector Housing Standards Service

- The Housing Standards Team have both an enforcement and advisory role dealing with Private Sector Landlords, tenants and owner occupiers. The Council has a legal duty to take action where a Category 1 Hazard (most serious hazard) exists. The vast majority of cases involve privately rented premises. We dealt with 1048 reports of hazardous housing conditions in 2012-13, and 1039 in 2013-14. By the end of December 2014 a further 739 service requests had been received for 2014-15. There has been a significant increase in the demand for the service over the last 4 years. This level of increase in demand has surpassed the national increase in demand, which was reported by the charity Shelter.
- A Landlord Accreditation scheme was launched in July 2013. We have accredited 268 properties in the first year of operation. We continue to promote the scheme and encourage more applications. We are

consulting with property agents with a view to extending the scheme to accredited agents who manage properties on behalf of landlords.

- There is continued focus on dealing with empty homes, with staff taking enforcement actions on long term empty homes. This has resulted in 3 enforced sales of long term empty homes being completed in June. As well as improving the prospects of these houses being returned to occupation, approximately £90,000 of debt was repaid to the Council. Action is ongoing in another 3 cases, which should also result in a further £10,000 of debts recovered. Further cases have been recommended to Cabinet Member to approve action. This includes some long term empty leasehold properties where the Council owns the freehold, and we are seeking forfeiture of the leases on the basis they have not been adequately maintained
- Riverside Housing have received funding under an empty homes initiative; 'Clusters of Empty Homes'. They are seeking to purchase, repair and then sell properties under their Own-Place scheme, mainly in the Knowsley Rd & Peel Rd area of Bootle. Officers are helping to identify suitable properties. Two properties on Dryden St are the first to have been completed, and work has commenced on site with a further 4 houses at Hermitage Grove and Cinder Lane (Klondyke)

Home Improvements Service, Major & Minor Adaptations (incorporating DFGs)

- The Service manages delivery of the councils DFG programme & Budget and provide for major adaptation in peoples in order for them to maintain the independence and to remain at home for as long as is reasonably possible. In the previous financial year 314 residents were assisted. In the current year (2014 / 2015) 301 residents will be assisted through this programme with a total expenditure of approximately £2 million.
- Along with major adaptations the service also provides services to install minor adaptations in people's homes to ensure they can move about safely and in support of the prevention of accidents and to also ensure where applicable, that people can be discharged home from hospital. In the previous financial year, 2,415 minor adaptations were delivered. In the current financial year (2014 / 2015) 2,708 people received minor adaptations showing an increase in demand for these services

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Housing Strategy

- The Homes and Communities Agency launched their Affordable Homes Programme for 2015-18. This is the opportunity for housing associations to bid for grant funding to help build new affordable homes over the next 3 years. The Council provided a Strategic Needs framework to help inform housing associations of its priorities. Four schemes bids on named sites were submitted by housing associations, all of which have been approved for funding. From October 2014 there is opportunity for HAs to submit further bids up until May 2016, under the HCAs 'Continuous Market Engagement' arrangements. A small number of further scheme bids have recently been submitted by OVH, which are likely to be approved for funding.
- The Council commissioned a piece of research, looking at meeting the housing needs of its older citizens. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment research suggests that 14% of all future new-build homes should be 'specialist properties' for older people. The research will help inform the Council as to how these needs might be met. The final report was provided at the end of November. A successful launch event was organised early in February for all stakeholders who participated in the work, to share the results.
- Cabinet Member Regeneration has been consulted about the process to deliver a new Housing Strategy for Sefton. Work to begin to develop this Strategy has begun. A Steering group of internal and external partners will be formed to oversee this work. We hope a new Strategy may be in place by the end of the year.

Land Disposal for Housing

- **Kew Housing Site Southport**

The disposal of land at Town Lane has now been completed following some insurance matters being resolved. David Wilson Homes (DWH) have now appointed their contractor Hydrock to carry out the site remediation and stabilisation works and are now on site with this work. The detailed programme and timetable of works has yet to be received from

DWH and this will be distributed in due course. The most current expectation of development for the first new housing being available for sale is March 2016.

Commercial Development and Economic Investment Strategies

- **Dunnings Bridge Road Economic Investment Strategy**

The consultants BE Group are working towards their final draft report which has provided high level estimates of the potential development capacities, job expectations and the financial requirement of the business sites on Dunnings Bridge Road. There are proposals to report the details contained within this report and the other Investment Strategies collectively which will clarify the Councils ask for resources from the LEP

Land Disposal for Commercial Development

- **Senate Business Park, Bridle Road**

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Tenders have recently been received from potential developers of the Senate Site. The matter has now been included on the Forward Plan and further details of the respective offers will be reported in due course.

- **Southport Business Park**

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The land disposal matters still remain unresolved and this is delaying the process of advertising of this site for a developer partner.

Invest Sefton

ERDF Merseyside Business Support Programme (MBSP)

InvestSefton and Sefton@Work have delivered the MBSP programme to Sefton businesses. The programme is awaiting confirmation of an extension until October 2015. To date some 223 Sefton businesses have received a minimum of 12 hour intensive assists. The work involves business diagnostic support to SMEs including sales/marketing, access to finance and HR/Recruitment. A city region MBSP roundtable event with businesses is to be held on 11 March.

MBSP Case study

A Bootle manufacturer and exporter of quality marine survival equipment is expanding its operation by taking on additional premises to cater for the growing demand for their products from the marine, aviation and military sectors. A training school will also be built within the new premises to train apprentice sewing machinists using experienced in house staff trainers and a specialist accredited college for City and Guilds qualifications for the apprentices throughout their apprenticeship. The increased space will allow for the acceptance of additional contracts and volume orders which they were previously unable to fulfil due to capacity constraints.

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ERDF New Markets programme

InvestSefton is working closely with the LEP to deliver the ERDF New Markets programme in Sefton. New Markets is a new way for local businesses to access high value, commercial business advice, tailored to the specific needs of SMEs. Eligible businesses can receive a 35% financial contribution to services procured including financial planning, corporate finance, legal advice and product development and diversification. To date 31 Sefton businesses have registered for support.

Business Growth Grants

InvestSefton continues to work closely in partnership with the LEP and other LA's in delivering the RGF Business Growth Grants programme. The Business Growth Grant is a £15 million investment programme secured by Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and administered in conjunction with the City Region's Local Authorities. InvestSefton delivers the scheme in Sefton.

InvestSefton has received over 70 expressions of interest from Sefton businesses. Progress to date includes:

- 22 projects at full application and/or appraisal stage
- Total project pipeline of £1.49m of potential investment generating £7.46m of private sector leverage
- Project could lead to the creation of over some 175 new jobs with local employment opportunities being maximised by Sefton@work
- A further 270 jobs will be safeguarded

Government recently announced a further £15.6m has been announced for a Business Growth Grant programme in 2016. This is in addition to smaller RGF programmes to be delivered by Chambers of Commerce (£7m) and MSIF (£6M).

Business Events

- Professional Sefton was launched on 23 February in Southport and attracted over 30 businesses including accountants, Solicitors and other professional services. The event was delivered in partnership with Bibby Financial Services and Merseyside Special Investment Fund. This new initiative sits alongside Export Sefton and Build Sefton to help develop a family of sector led business networks for business engagement, support, networking and consultation. The official launch of Sefton Exporters Network is scheduled for 4 March.

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT (O & S) Regeneration and Environmental Services		
Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
P. Hardy	Communities and Environment	March 2015

FLOOD AND COASTAL

The forecast high tides have passed with only minor damage to the seawall at Crosby. There was some overtopping at Hall Road car park and Southport but not enough to warrant any formal action in closing roads or car parks.

CONSERVATION

Heritage at Risk Officer:

Following approval of funding for the post from the Community Support Fund, interviews have taken place and the preferred candidate is expected to start in April following the completion of statutory notice periods required as part of their existing post.

As a result the identified work programme that has already begun in these areas will be accelerated when the officer is in post.

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CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) – 17 th March 2015		
Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
Cllr Fairclough	Cabinet Member for Transportation	January 2015

Strategic Transport

A5758 Broom's Cross Road (Thornton to Switch Island Link)

- Formation of the road foundation complete
- Installation of drainage system, lighting and sign poles continuing
- Kerb laying and preparation for surfacing ongoing between Brickwall Lane and Chapel Lane
- Surfacing continuing at the Thornton end and at Brickwall Lane
- Construction of VOSA vehicle testing site at Switch Island continuing
- Monthly updates produced and distributed and published on website

Port Access

- City Region Port Access Steering Group continues to meet every two months, being chaired by Sefton Chief Executive
- Programme of interventions continuing. Measures include rail infrastructure requirements, promotion of coastal and inland shipping, short term highway improvement measures and an assessment of the options for long term major highway improvement.

LTP & Growth Plan

- Sefton is continuing to work with Merseytravel and the other Merseyside authorities on the delivery of the LTP3 implementation programme. An update on the 2014/15 LTP Capital Programme was reported to Cabinet Member – Transportation in November.
- Work continues at the Combined Authority level, led by Merseytravel, on the preparation of the next LTP (Transport Plan for Growth), due for approval by Combined Authority in March 2015.
- The City Region package of sustainable transport interventions in line with the funding announced in the CR Growth Deal has been agreed in principle and the business case will be completed at the end of February for Combined Authority approval.
- Sefton has four schemes in the package amounting to approximately £1.75m of capital funding over the next two years.

Local Transport Schemes

- Work on delivery of the LTP Capital Programme for 2014/15 has been continuing. This includes 20mph zones in 7 areas following on from the areas implemented in 2013/14. Work continues on the design of traffic management measures to be implemented on the Northern Perimeter Road/Lydiat Lane following completion of Broom's Cross Road and on the land acquisition for the South Road junction improvement.
- Work is also continuing on schemes fully or partly funded through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Proposals to improve links between Thornton and the Dunnings Bridge Road area and to improve accessibility in Seaforth village **started on** site early in the New Year. Pedestrian and cycle improvements at the entrance to the Port are also about to start.

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Local Sustainable Transport Fund

- The current funding package from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund finishes at the end of March 2015. This has implications for the work of Sefton Travel Team, the Active Sefton programme, the recently established Travel Training service, the Cycle Hire scheme and the Sefton and West Lancashire visitor economy support. Opportunities for securing future funding for these initiatives are being explored, but as yet, no funding has been confirmed.

Network Management

Permit Scheme

- Scheme commenced on 2nd February 2015, whilst charges have been introduced penalty payments will not start until 2nd March 2015.
- Systems for the scheme commencement were installed / updated in good time.
- Workshops were held in the months leading up to the introduction of the scheme and training internally continues.

Street Works

- BDUK works to install superfast broadband mainly aimed at small businesses has commenced. The performance of the supplier has been very poor and the works are very badly organised. Officers continue to manage the process as well as possible to ensure the Council asset are on-going.

Highway Management

Highway Asset Management

- The Yotta Horizons asset management system is providing key evidence of the significant backlog of highway network improvements and was instrumental to justify the recent SCIG funding approval for Highway Maintenance Surface Treatment improvements at £1.1M.
- We have recently bid for the DFT Challenge Fund, one for improvement works along the A59 with Liverpool CC taking a lead on this joint Bid, this bid also includes LED installations, Safety Barrier replacement and Highway works.
- The scanner surveys for 2015/16 need to be progressed and we may also need to invest in Asset Collection on Footways to comply with the Whole Government Accounts process. Work has started on the review and implication of these requirements.

Highway Maintenance

- The team are currently working with the Highways Agency with the delivery of physical upgrades and maintenance repairs to the service roads that are adjacent to the A5036T. All works are progressing well and the Highways Agency has indicated they are impressed with the delivery to date.

Town Lane Kew, Southport highway resurfacing scheme is currently in the planning stages and is due to start on site mid March 2015. There will be local diversion routes in place and access to the hospital will be maintained.

Mayrise Mobile

- Implementation of the system is continuing very well and it is hoped we can implement the system within the next two months and fully utilise the benefits of the system in line with asset management principles.

Street Lighting

- The provisional street light renewals programme has been prepared for 2015/16 and will be submitted for the relevant approvals in March.
- As part of the budget proposals to be considered by the Full Council on Thursday 5th March, there is an option to seek to reduce the street lighting energy bill by £530,000 per year from 2016/17. To achieve this a number of options are to be considered including the part night switch off of some street lights across the Borough.
- We have recently bid for the DFT Challenge Fund, one for LED upgrades to all lighting stock on our Main roads with St Helens taking a lead on this joint Bid, it is hoped we may find out the outcome by April 2015
- We have also been successful in a SCIG bid for Street Lighting structural replacement and upgrades. This funding is on hold a present awaiting the outcome of the Challenge fund Bid as this funding has been highlighted as Match funding if the bid is successful.

Traffic Signals (UTC)

- Development is continuing in relation to the cross boundary project to link part of the Councils UTC systems with that of the five neighbouring authorities (Liverpool/Knowsley / St Helens / Wirral and Halton). If successful the project could provide greater coordination of traffic flow and incident/event management across Merseyside. The technical details are being considered along with the implication of ongoing costs. The draft programme for implementation has been delayed and an updated programme is currently awaited.
- The possibility of a 'Combined Authority' traffic signal maintenance contract was discussed at the last MDEG meeting. Initial discussions have subsequently been held with the respective signal teams across the Merseyside Authorities. A briefing note is to be taken to the next TAG meeting for discussion.
- Traffic signal works at Switch Island as part of the new link road scheme are nearing completion. During March and April there will be a phased introduction of the new traffic signal equipment in readiness for the completion of the link road.
- We have been successful in negotiating a 10% saving on the BT line rental for traffic signals communications for a 2nd year in a row. •

Parking Services

- Contract for the replacement of existing pay and display machines with 151 new machines has been issued to Parkeon Ltd following tendering exercise. The machines will be capable of taking cash, card and contactless payments
- Majority of new machines to be solar powered with mains machines only used on car parks where heavy use prevents solar powered machines being installed
- The new machines will be installed during April / May 2015
- Tender also being prepared for introduction of cashless parking (pay by phone)

IPI Reshaping

- The revised IPI structure has now been populated and the move to sit everyone on 3rd floor of Magdalen House is being implemented with completion expected in March 2015.

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Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 17 March 2015
(Regeneration & Environmental Services)

Subject: Key Decision Forward Plan - 1 April to 31 July 2015

Report of: Director of Corporate Services **Wards Affected:** All

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

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To submit to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the latest Key Decision Forward Plan.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan;
2. That the Committee notes the progress of the Shale Gas (Fracking) Working Group; and
3. That the programme of work 2014/15, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be agreed.

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:

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.

Any work programme topics should be chosen to demonstrate that the work scrutiny undertakes adds value to the Council.

What will it cost and how will it be financed? N / A

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There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However any financial implications arising from the consideration of a key decision will be reported to Members at the appropriate time

Implications: N/A

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

Legal: There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report		
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: N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and notes there are no direct financial implications arising from this report. If any financial implications arise from the consideration of a key decision these will subsequently reported to Members in an appropriate manner (FD 3466/15)

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no legal implications (LD2758/15)

Are there any other options available for consideration? N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision N/A

Immediately following the Committee.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Members may request to pre-scrutinise items from the Key Decision Forward Plan. Such items must fall under the remit (Terms of Reference) of this Committee. The current latest Forward Plan is attached at **Appendix A** for this purpose. 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.
- 1.2 For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded.
- 1.3 If Members require further information in relation to any item on the Key Decision Forward Plan please contact the Officer named in the plan before the Meeting.
- 1.4 ***The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan.***

2. SHALE GAS (FRACKING) WORKING GROUP

- 2.1 At the meeting of this Committee held on 16 September 2014, the Committee agreed to establish a Fracking Working Group, minute no. 12 refers.
- 2.2 The Working Group has met on several occasions. The review has been scoped and the Group have interviewed Expert Witnesses Alan Jemmett, Environmental Advisory Service David Packard, Head of Environmental and Peter Cowley, Principal Lawyer - Planning, Environmental & Property Services Team, Dr. Emer Coffey, Associate Director of Public Health - Health Protection, Liverpool City Council Consultant in Public Health, Sefton Council and Gordon Whittaker, Environment Agency.
- 2.5 The Lead Member of the Working Group, Councillor Weavers is invited to update the Committee on progress of the Working Group.
- 2.4 ***The Committee is requested to note progress of the Shale Gas (Fracking) Working Group.***

3. WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

- 3.1 **Appendix B** to the report sets out the programme of work for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services).
- 3.2 ***The Committee is requested to agree the programme of work 2014/15 for this Committee.***

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SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 - 31 JULY 2015

This Forward Plan sets out the details of the key decisions which the Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members or Officers expect to take during the next four month period. The Plan is rolled forward every month and is available to the public at least 28 days before the beginning of each month.

A Key Decision is defined in the Council's Constitution as:

1. any Executive decision that is not in the Annual Revenue Budget and Capital Programme approved by the Council and which requires a gross budget expenditure, saving or virement of more than £100,000 or more than 2% of a Departmental budget, whichever is the greater;
2. any Executive decision where the outcome will have a significant impact on a significant number of people living or working in two or more Wards

As a matter of local choice, the Forward Plan also includes the details of any significant issues to be initially considered by the Executive Cabinet and submitted to the Full Council for approval.

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the matters listed below may do so by contacting the relevant officer listed against each Key Decision, within the time period indicated.

Under the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution, a Key Decision may not be taken, unless:

- it is published in the Forward Plan;
- 5 clear days have lapsed since the publication of the Forward Plan; and
- if the decision is to be taken at a meeting of the Cabinet, 5 clear days notice of the meeting has been given.

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in the Forward Plan in accordance with Rule 26 (General Exception) and Rule 28 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7AE or accessed from the Council's website: www.sefton.gov.uk

- Council Constitution
- Forward Plan
- Reports on the Key Decisions to be taken
- Other documents relating to the proposed decision may be submitted to the decision making meeting and these too will be made available by the contact officer named in the Plan
- The minutes for each Key Decision, which will normally be published within 5 working days after having been made

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Some reports to be considered by the Cabinet/Council may contain exempt information and will not be made available to the public. The specific reasons (Paragraph No(s)) why such reports are exempt are detailed in the Plan and the Paragraph No(s) and descriptions are set out below:-

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
8. Information falling within paragraph 3 above is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under—
 - (a) the Companies Act 1985;
 - (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974;
 - (c) the Friendly Societies Act 1992;
 - (d) the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978;
 - (e) the Building Societies Act 1986; or
 - (f) the Charities Act 1993.
9. Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992
10. Information which—
 - (a) falls within any of paragraphs 1 to 7 above; and
 - (b) is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of paragraph 8 or 9 above, is exempt information if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Cabinet and Council which are held at the Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle or the Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport. The dates and times of the meetings are published on www.sefton.gov.uk or you may contact the Democratic Services Section on telephone number 0151 934 2068.

NOTE:

For ease of identification, items listed within the document for the first time will appear shaded.

Margaret Carney
Chief Executive

FORWARD PLAN INDEX OF ITEMS

Item Heading	Officer Contact
Property Search Litigation	Peter Cowley Litigation.senior@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2250
Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy	Andrew Hall andrew.hall@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3604

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Details of Decision to be taken	Property Search Litigation Property Search Litigation relates to claims by private property search companies for the repayment of property search fees which they allege are incompatible with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The purpose of the report is to provide an update on such litigation and to seek instructions from Cabinet.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	16 Apr 2015 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 26/03/2015 to 16/04/2015. Reason: Negotiations with the Claimants are continuing at a national level and have not yet been concluded. The report will be submitted to Cabinet when the position has been clarified.			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Fully exempt			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Head of Corporate Finance and ICT and Head of Planning Services			
Method(s) of Consultation	Internal meetings			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-	Property Search Litigation			

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maker	
Contact Officer(s) details	Peter Cowley Litigation.senior@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2250

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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy To approve the Crosby Town centre Investment Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy will set out a clear long term vision and ambition for Crosby that provides Crosby with a purpose and a direction as a destination for future investment purposes. The strategy will also maximise the economic potential of Crosby in relation to its key attributes, having established and secured a consensus with stakeholders. It will demonstrate how this vision could be delivered in economic, physical and social terms. Central to the Strategy will be development proposals that will need to support a clear and commercially viable future for the existing town centre</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	16 Apr 2015 29 January 2015 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 05/02/2015 to 16/04/2015. Reason: to allow for a period of public comments on a final published draft. The Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism will approve the draft for consultation.			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Manor; Victoria			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Officers, Informal Policy Cabinet, Public			
Method(s) of Consultation	A two stage public consultation which was reported to the Consultation and Engagement Panel. This included exhibitions, press releases and making information available through the Council's Website, including publication of			

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	consultation results.
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy
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APPENDIX B

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES)
WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

Date of Meeting	17 MARCH
General Reports	
Cabinet Member Update Report	x
Work Programme Update Report	x
Service Operational Reports:	
Green Deal Report	X
Overview and Scrutiny Progress Reports:	
Port Master Plan	X

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