



COUNCIL SUMMONS

To Members of the Metropolitan Borough Council

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council to be held on **Thursday 28th January, 2016 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** to transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Southport

Wednesday 20 January 2016

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015

4. Mayor's Communications

Public Session

5. Matters Raised by the Public

To deal with matters raised by members of the public resident within the Borough, of which notice has been given in accordance with the procedures relating to public questions, motions or petitions set out in Paragraph 36 to 46 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules in Chapter 4 of the Council Constitution.

Council Business Session

6. Questions Raised by Members of the Council

To receive and consider questions to Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Spokespersons for any of the Joint Authorities upon any matter within their portfolio/area of responsibility, of which notice has been given by Members of the Council in accordance with Paragraph 48 to 50 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, set out in Chapter 4 of the Council Constitution.

7. Public Health Annual Report 2015

(Pages 31 -
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Report of the Interim Head of Health and Wellbeing

8. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2016/17 and Council Tax Base 2016/17

(Pages 59 -
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Report of the Chief Finance Officer

9. **Pay Policy** (Pages 103 - 120)
Report of the Chief Personnel Officer
10. **Programme of Meetings 2016/17** (Pages 121 - 146)
Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance
11. **Constitutional Amendment Relating to "Call-in"** (Pages 147 - 150)
Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance
12. **Local Government Act 1972 - Section 85 - Attendance at Meetings** (Pages 151 - 154)
Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance
13. **Membership of Committees 2015/16**
To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.
14. **Motion Submitted by Councillor Moncur**
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Moncur:

"Public Health Grant Allocation Formula

In October 2015 the Government announced a short consultation on the changes to the public health grant allocation formula. This followed the announcement in June that the Department of health was reducing its spending on in year public health grants to local authorities by £200 million. The reduction was labelled 'department of health non-NHS' and represented a cut of 7.4% of the total £2.8billion provided to Local Authorities for 2015-16.

The potential impact of the in-year reduction and revised formula is stark, with the most deprived authorities facing the greatest cuts. Sefton's 15-16 grant was cut by £1.3million and the forecast for 16-17 will see a further reduction of around £3.5million.

This reduction violates the new burdens doctrine. Local Authorities inherited new duties for public health in April 2013 and further responsibilities in 2015, namely the provision of the Prime Ministers personally championed flagship universal health visiting service. We are expected to honour these commitments with a devastating reduction in funding. This will exacerbate existing inequalities within Sefton and between our borough and more affluent local authority areas.

The reduction is at odds with the Governments expressed

desire to strengthen prevention in order to reduce health and social care demand. It also disregards analysis by NICE that shows public health interventions are a good use of public money that can result in future savings for the NHS and are also good value for money.

Sefton's population suffers from a number of serious public health problems, which need to be addressed urgently. Prevention is absolutely crucial in overcoming the challenges of smoking, child and adult obesity and alcohol related harm. Reductions in services will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable who urgently require lifestyle interventions.

Many of the services provided through the public health grant are indispensable elements within our comprehensive National Health Service, e.g. sexual health, school nursing, health screening etc. It is difficult to see how reducing these services will not compromise the NHS five year forward view's call for a 'radical upgrade in prevention and public health'.

As such we agree with the British Medical Association's view that the Governments disregard of the benefits of a properly funded public health service is short sighted and imprudent.

This Council firmly believes that it is more important than ever that the distribution of available resources reflects the needs of areas (i.e. the level of deprivation and health inequalities). And that the Government should prioritise and protect investment in ill-health prevention and public health services.

The Council therefore calls on the Government to:-

- (i) Re-consider its short-sighted proposals to revise the public health grant funding formula, which in effect reallocates essential prevention funding from the most deprived local authorities to the least deprived; and
- (ii) Publish or conduct an equality impact assessment in respect of the application of revised formula, in order that the impact of the formula can be fully understood, and the government therefore be held to account for the consequences."

15. Motion Submitted by Councillor Dawson

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Dawson:

"The Council notes the ever-growing pressures upon Health and Social Services resulting from an increasing aged

population.

The Council welcomes the all-party initiative by former Health Ministers Norman Lamb, Alan Milburn and Stephen Dorrell calling for an independent Commission to examine the provision of Health and Community Care services in England and Wales to see how such services can be provided more efficiently and effectively.

The Council notes how Health and Social Services have been provided to each part of Northern Ireland for decades by a single Authority which, since 2009 has been a single Health and Social Care Board for the province and would wish this method of organisation and delivery of services to be one of the issues investigated by a Commission.

The Council confirms its commitment to co-operate with local NHS commissioners and providers with the aim of providing a seamless service to local residents which fully addresses their Health and Care needs.”