



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 14th July, 2016 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Southport** to

transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

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

Chief Executive

Town Hall,
Southport

Wednesday 6 July 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 Meetings

(Pages 9 - 34)

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 17 May 2016; Adjourned Annual Council meeting held on 19 May 2016 and Extraordinary Council meeting held on 16 June 2016

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. Capital Programme Capital Allocations 2016/17

(Pages 35 -
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Report of the Head of Corporate Resources

8. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16

(Pages 45 -
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Report attached

9. Membership of Committees 2016/17

To consider any changes to the Membership of any committees etc.

10. Motion Submitted by Councillor Maher

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Maher:

“Sefton believes that the effects of climate change are clearly apparent on the environment we all share.

Fracking (hydraulic fracturing for shale gas) as an energy source negatively adds to global climate change and locally could:

- Potentially pollute or affect water resources in the area due to the chemical process of extraction or any improperly managed storage of ‘flowback’ water;
- Impact on water resources due to the impact of the high volume water consumption used in the process; and
- Increase the risk of any seismic activity from hydraulic fracturing which may impact on areas of population.

This Council recognises the complexity of recent decisions by Lancashire County Council to refuse planning applications (to drill, fracture and flow test up to four wells at both Roseacre Wood and Preston New Road). These decisions highlight the continuing reservations and commonly held concerns regarding the impact of such operations, particularly in these locations relating to amenity, noise, transport and landscape grounds.

This Council agrees to confirm its opposition to unconventional gas extraction (including underground coal gasification, coal bed methane and fracking under Sefton and neighbouring local authority areas) until such time as the Council is satisfied as to the safety and regulation of the processes and the robustness of mechanisms to mitigate short and long term impacts.

The Council would expect that any adverse risks relating to community, environmental, transport and health impacts would be fully addressed should any proposals be submitted for planning consent and that any tangible economic and community benefits will be evidenced fully to the Council’s satisfaction.

This Council also calls on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the other Liverpool City Region local

authorities to pass a similar motion.”

11. Motion Submitted by Councillor McGuire

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor McGuire:

“This Council recognises that:

- Honorary Consuls (“Consuls”) aim to promote and strengthen mutual understanding between themselves and local governmental, commercial and business bodies whilst assisting when necessary, residents of Merseyside who come from the countries the Consuls represent;
- the role of the Consuls is to promote at a local and national level, a mutual understanding between citizens in the Boroughs of Merseyside and the countries the Consuls represent;
- such cooperation is useful in reducing racism as well as promoting jobs and/or commerce within the Merseyside region;
- Consuls work with local councils, mainly through Mayors, in order to foster good international relations;
- a number of Embassies and High Commissions have not appointed Honorary consuls who are resident in the Merseyside region to represent the citizens of those countries, locally.

This Council resolves to request the Mayor of Sefton to work in conjunction with the Liverpool and Sefton Chamber of Commerce and the Honorary Consulate of Finland for the Merseyside region, in order to write to the Embassies and High Commissions who have not appointed Honorary Consuls who reside within the Merseyside region. This would be with a view to asking those Embassies and High Commissions to consider appointing Honorary Consuls who would reside within the Sefton and the Merseyside region and work with local councils in order to further international understanding and mutual cooperation at a local level.”

12. Motion Submitted by Councillor Hardy

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Hardy:

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We in Sefton Council condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to

become acceptable.

Sefton Council will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have support needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We will reassure all people living in Sefton that they are valued members of our community.”

13. Motion Submitted by Councillor Hardy

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Hardy:

“This Council:

- Notes that 2016 is the twenty-first anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces;
- Notes that in 2009 the European Parliament passed a resolution that 11 July should be recognised as the day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide all over the EU; and in 2015 urged the development of educational and cultural programmes that promote an understanding of the causes of such atrocities and raise awareness about the need to nurture peace and to promote human rights and interreligious tolerance;
- Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all; and
- Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

The Council resolves to:

- Support Srebrenica memorial events in July each year throughout Sefton as part of the UK-wide Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week; and
- Support the work of Remembering Srebrenica in communities across Sefton to learn the lessons from Srebrenica to tackle hatred and intolerance to help build a better, safer and more cohesive society for everyone.”

14. Motion Submitted by Councillor Dawson

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Dawson:

“This Council:

1. Recognises and respects the national majority viewpoint expressed in the recent national referendum on EU membership;
2. Notes that the voters resident within the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton expressed by majority a collective wish that Britain should remain in the EU;
3. Expresses concern at the lack of clarity in content and timetable as to what measures are going to be taken in respect of several key issues identified in the Referendum the coming months;
4. Recognising that EU funding is currently available for a range of projects, training and investments to support our local and regional economy, and recognising the present uncertainty as to how these funding streams might be replaced, believes that arrangements must be made to secure equivalent replacement funding;
5. Calls on the Government to clarify the funding situation in respect of all EU-funded projects, offer certainty to our region, and to continue programmes as previously-envisaged;
6. Seeks assurances from the UK Government and any successor government that it will match, pound for pound, any funding streams that appear to be now at risk;
7. Believes that it is in the interests of the residents of Sefton Metropolitan Borough, the North West of England and Britain as a whole that the United Kingdom should remain within the Single European Market; and
8. Requests the Leader of the Council inform the Government and the Local Government Association of the Council's views on this matter with the intention that Sefton MBC should work with other Local Authorities towards ensuring that the negotiating position of the United Kingdom with the EU has the single market at its core.”

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

COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT ON TUESDAY 17TH MAY, 2016

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Brodie - Browne) in the Chair
The Deputy Chair (Councillor Kevin Cluskey) Vice
Chair

Councillors Ashton, Atkinson, Ball, David Barton,
Jo Barton, Bennett, Bliss, Booth, Burns, Byrom,
Carr, Linda Cluskey, Cummins, Dams, Dawson,
Dodd, Dutton, Friel, Gannon, Grace, Hands, Hardy,
Jamieson, Keith, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly,
Lappin, Daniel Lewis, Dan T. Lewis, Maher,
McCann, McGinnity, McGuire, McKinley, Moncur,
Murphy, Brenda O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, O'Hanlon,
Owens, Pullin, Pitt, Preece, Robinson, Roche,
Roscoe, Sayers, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas,
Anne Thompson, Lynne Thompson, Veidman,
Weavers, Webster, Bill Welsh and Marianne Welsh

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradshaw,
Brennan, Carragher, Fairclough, Jones, Page and Tweed.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2016/17

It was moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Hands and
unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Iain Brodie-Browne, a Councillor of the Borough, be elected Mayor of
the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of
office by his successor.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR 2016/17

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Hardy and
unanimously

RESOLVED:

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

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4. VOTE OF THANKS FOR RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Hardy and unanimously

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Council do hereby place on record its appreciation of the ability, courtesy and impartiality, shown by Mr Stephen Kermode in his capacity as Mayor of the Borough and Chair of the meetings of the Council, during the Municipal Year 2015/16, and for his attendance at many civic and public functions, both inside and outside of the Borough;
- (2) the Council also desires to extend its thanks to Mrs Gwen Kermode for her support and encouragement given to the Mayor;
- (3) the Council wishes to record its appreciation of the excellent effort and involvement by both Mr Kermode and Mrs Kermode, in connection with the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund;
- (4) the Council further desires to extend its sincere thanks to Mr Kermode and Mrs Kermode for the hospitality extended to Royal Visits, Overseas Visitors and Civic Dignitaries hosted by this Borough; and
- (5) a copy of these Resolutions be passed under the Corporate Seal and presented to Mr Stephen Kermode.

Mr Stephen Kermode and Mrs Gwen Kermode were then presented with framed copies of the Vote of Thanks as tokens of the Council's appreciation of the manner in which they had undertaken their duties in the Office of Mayor during the past twelve months.

Mr Kermode responded to the Vote of Thanks and expressed his appreciation to his Mayoress, Mrs Gwen Kermode, the members of the public, various organisations and Council officers who had supported him during his Year of Office.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

RESOLVED

That the meeting be adjourned and Council re-convene on Thursday, 20 May 2016 at 6.30 pm at Bootle Town Hall.

COUNCIL

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON THURSDAY 19TH MAY, 2016

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Brodie - Browne) in the Chair
The Deputy Chair (Councillor Kevin Cluskey) Vice
Chair

Councillors Ashton, Atkinson, Ball, David Barton,
Jo Barton, Bennett, Bliss, Booth, Bradshaw,
Brennan, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Carragher,
Linda Cluskey, Cummins, Dams, Dawson, Dodd,
Dutton, Friel, Gannon, Grace, Hands, Hardy,
Jamieson, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Lappin,
Daniel Lewis, Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McCann,
McGinnity, McGuire, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy,
Brenda O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, O'Hanlon, Owens,
Page, Pullin, Pitt, Preece, Robinson, Roche,
Roscoe, Sayers, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas,
Anne Thompson, Lynne Thompson, Tweed,
Veidman, Weavers, Bill Welsh and Marianne Welsh

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fairclough, Jones, Keith and Webster.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest were received.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 April 2016 be approved as a correct record.

9. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Election of New Councillors

The Mayor congratulated all of the Councillors who were re-elected to office following the Local Government Elections held on 5 May 2016, and extended a warm welcome to the following 11 new Councillors elected to office, who stood up in the Council Chamber to introduce themselves to the other Members of the Council:

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Linda Cluskey, Matt Gannon, Bob McCann, Brenda O'Brien, Pat O'Hanlon, Michael Pitt, David Pullin, Diane Roscoe, Carla Thomas, Lynne Thompson and Bill Welsh.

Councillor Not Re-Elected

The Mayor indicated that he wished to place on record the gratitude of the Council to Nina Killen and Tim Hale, the former Councillors who were not re-elected to office, for their dedicated service to the Borough of Sefton over a period of four years and one year respectively.

Annual Council and Installation Reception

The Mayor thanked all of the Councillors who attended his Installation Ceremony and Reception on 17 May 2016 and expressed the hope that they had all enjoyed themselves.

Hillsborough Inquest

The Mayor referred to the recent verdict at the Hillsborough Coroners Court of the unlawful killing of 96 people at the FA Cup Semi – Final game on 15 April 1989, which included a number of residents from the Borough of Sefton and a former employee of the Council, Simon Bell.

The Council then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect, to honour the victims of Hillsborough and their families in the pursuit of justice after 27 years.

10. ELECTION RESULTS - 5 MAY 2016

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer on the results of the Council Elections held on 5 May 2016.

It was moved by Councillor Grace, seconded by Councillor Hardy and

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

11. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Grace, seconded by Councillor Hardy and

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that Councillor Maher was appointed as the Leader of the Council by the Council on 21 May 2015 for a four year term of office or until such time as his term of office expires.

12. CABINET AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered the report of the Leader of the Council on the membership of the Cabinet.

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

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Cabinet comprising the Members indicated below had been appointed for a four year term of office or until such time as their term of office expires, they are removed by the Leader or for any of the reasons set out in Paragraph 4 (a) to (c) of Chapter 5 in the Constitution:

Cabinet (9)

Portfolio	Member
Leader of the Council	Councillor Maher
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care	Councillor Cummins
Cabinet Member – Children, Schools and Safeguarding	Councillor John Joseph Kelly
Cabinet Member – Communities and Housing	Councillor Hardy
Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing	Councillor Moncur
Cabinet Member – Locality Services and Deputy Leader of the Council	Councillor Fairclough
Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Skills	Councillor Atkinson
Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services	Councillor Lappin
Cabinet Member – Planning and Building Control	Councillor Veidman

13. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS 2016/17

The Council considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance which provided details of the allocation of Committee Places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules and the proposed Membership of the Committees and Working Groups for 2016/17.

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It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Grace:

“That

- (1) the allocation of Committee Places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules, as set out in the report be noted; and
- (2) the Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Committees and Working Groups as set out in the report be appointed for a period of twelve months until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting to be held in May 2017, subject to the title of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care) been amended to read the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health).

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

“except that the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee be held by an Opposition Member.”

Following debate thereon, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 36 votes to 25.

A **further amendment** was moved by Councillor Dawson, seconded by Councillor McGuire that Paragraph (2) of the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

“except that the Council’s nomination to the Health and Wellbeing Board be modified by the inclusion of a Councillor from a Southport Ward to be nominated by the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group. The issue of whether this be in addition to or a substitution to be determined by the Leader of the Council.”

Following debate thereon, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was lost by 36 votes to 19.

Thereafter, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the Motion was carried unanimously and it was

RESOLVED:

That

- (1) the allocation of Committee places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules, as set out below and in the report, be noted;
- (2) the Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Committees and Working Groups set out below be appointed for a period of twelve months until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting to be held in May 2017:

(A) OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

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

(Plus 2 Associate Members)

(Lab 6 /Lib Dem 3 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Page	Cllr. Michael O'Brien
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Dams	Cllr. Webster
3.	Cllr. Burns	Cllr. Kevin Cluskey
4.	Cllr. Carr	Cllr. Dan T. Lewis
5.	Cllr. Linda Cluskey	Cllr. Carragher
6.	Cllr. Dawson	Cllr. Keith
7.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Jones
8.	Cllr. McGuire	Cllr. Marianne Welsh
9.	Cllr. Owens	Cllr. Friel
10.	Cllr. Lynne Thompson	Cllr. Pullin

Associate Members:-

(Non-voting Co-opted Members) – Mr. Brian Clark and Mr. Roger Hutchings (Nominated by Healthwatch, Sefton)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING) (10)

(Plus 4 Education Added Members and 2 Associate Members)

(Lab 6 /Lib Dem 2 /Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Michael O'Brien
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Brennan
3.	Cllr. Bennett	Cllr. Gannon
4.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Page
5.	Cllr. Carragher	Cllr. Thomas
6.	Cllr. Hands	Cllr. Dodd
7.	Cllr. Keith	Cllr. Booth
8.	Cllr. Brenda O'Brien	Cllr. Carr
9.	Cllr. Pitt	Cllr. Ball
10.	Cllr. Spencer	Cllr. John Kelly

**Education Added Members:-
(Voting Co-opted Members)**

Church Diocesan Representatives:
Father D. Seddon and Mr Stuart Harrison

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Parent Governor Representatives appointed until
31 May 2018:
Awaiting nominations

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

Ms. Libby Kitt (Nominated by
Healthwatch, Sefton) and Mrs. S. Cain

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION AND SKILLS) (10)

(Lab 6 /Lib Dem 3 /Con 1 / Ind 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Sayers	Cllr. Grace
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Michael O'Brien	Cllr. Murphy
3.	Cllr. Bliss	Cllr. Jamieson
4.	Cllr. Carragher	Cllr. Anne Thompson
5.	Cllr. Dan T. Lewis	Cllr. Kevin Cluskey
6.	Cllr. Pullin	Cllr. Jo Barton
7.	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. McGinnity
8.	Cllr. Weavers	Cllr. Dawson
9.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Bradshaw
10.	Cllr. Bill Welsh	Cllr. Shaw

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGULATORY, COMPLIANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (10)

(Lab 6 /Lib Dem 2 /Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Thomas
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Byrom	Cllr. Murphy
3.	Cllr. Booth	Cllr. Weavers
4.	Cllr. Linda Cluskey	Cllr. Dams
5.	Cllr. Grace	Cllr. Roche
6.	Cllr. Jamieson	Cllr. Dutton
7.	Cllr. Daniel Lewis	Cllr. McGuire
8.	Cllr. McCann	Cllr. Bennett
9.	Cllr. McKinley	Cllr. Sayers
10.	Cllr. Owens	Cllr. Roscoe

(B) REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES

APPEALS COMMITTEE

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

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (10)

(Lab 6 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. McKinley
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Roscoe
3.	Cllr. Ashton	Cllr. Daniel Lewis
4.	Cllr. Bennett	Cllr. McCann
5.	Cllr. Bliss	Cllr. Dutton
6.	Cllr. Kevin Cluskey	Cllr. Bradshaw
7.	Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. Robinson
8.	Cllr. Moncur	Cllr. Linda Cluskey
9.	Cllr. Sayers	Cllr. Dams
10.	Cllr. Shaw	Cllr. Hands

Membership is the Leader of the Council and the other Political Group Leaders (or their nominees) and 6 Non-Executive Members of the Council.

HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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

INITIAL ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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

REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

Parish Councillors J. Colbert (Aintree Village Parish Council), G. Lee (Melling Parish Council) and D. Warren (Hightown Parish Council had

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been nominated by the Sefton Area Partnership of Local Councils. If any complaints are submitted in respect of the conduct of any Parish Councillor in the Borough, one of the Parish Councillors would be selected to form part of the 3 Member Panel on the Sub-Committees set out above.

INDEPENDENT PERSONS (STANDARDS ISSUES)

Mr. E. Davies

Mr. J. Fraser

EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

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

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Members appointed by the Leader of the Council	Councillor Moncur – Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing (Chair)
	Councillor Cummins – Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care
	Councillor John Joseph Kelly – Cabinet Member – Children, Schools and Safeguarding
Director of Social Care and Health	Dwayne Johnson
Head of Health and Wellbeing	Matthew Ashton
Representative of NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Andrew Mimmagh
Representative of NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Rob Caudwell
Chief Officer of NHS South Sefton and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Groups	Fiona Taylor
Representative of NHS England	Michelle Creed
Representative of Healthwatch, Sefton	Maureen Kelly
Representative of the NHS Acute Provider Sector	Steve Warburton
Representative from the Every Child Matters Forum	Lorraine Webb
Representative from the Health and Social Care Forum	Andrew Booth
Representative from the Voluntary Community Faith Sector (representative to be agreed through Sefton CVS as the umbrella organisation for the voluntary community and faith sector)	Angela White

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

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (15)

(Lab 8 /Lib Dem 5 /Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<u>Member</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. John Kelly
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Bradshaw
3.	Cllr. Jo Barton
4.	Cllr. Bliss
5.	Cllr. Burns
6.	Cllr. Kevin Cluskey
7.	Cllr. Dodd
8.	Cllr. Friel
9.	Cllr. Gannon
10.	Cllr. Keith
11.	Cllr. McGinnity
12.	Cllr. Preece
13.	Cllr. Robinson
14.	Cllr. Anne Thompson
15.	Cllr. Marianne Welsh

LICENSING AND REGULATORY (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)

(Lab 2 /Lib Dem 1 /Con 0 / Ind 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Friel
2.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Burns
3.	Cllr. Preece	Cllr. Marianne Welsh

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Sub-Committee.

(Lab 2/Lib Dem 1/Con 0/ Ind 0)

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LICENSING (SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES) SUB-COMMITTEE

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Sub-Committee.

(Lab 2 /Lib Dem 1 /Con 0 / Ind 0)

PAY AND GRADING COMMITTEE (6)

(Lab 3 /Lib Dem 2 /Con 1 /Ind 0) – Including Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services

	<u>Member</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Lappin
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Murphy
3.	Cllr. Ashton
4.	Cllr. Bliss
5.	Cllr. Dams
6.	Cllr. Shaw

PLANNING COMMITTEE (15)

(Lab 9 /Lib Dem 4 /Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Viedman	Cllr. Burns
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Michael O'Brien	Cllr. Byrom
3.	Cllr. Dodd	Cllr. Ashton
4.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Jamieson
5.	Cllr. Hands	Cllr. McGuire
6.	Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Kevin Cluskey
7.	Cllr. Dan T. Lewis	Cllr. Sayers
8.	Cllr. Brenda O'Brien	Cllr. Robinson
9.	Cllr. O'Hanlon	Cllr. Bennett
10.	Cllr. Preece	Cllr. Lynne Thompson
11.	Cllr. Roscoe	Cllr. McGinnity
12.	Cllr. Spencer	Cllr. Anne Thompson
13.	Cllr. Thomas	Cllr. Friel
14.	Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. Page
15.	Cllr. Marianne Welsh	Cllr. Booth

PLANNING (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)

(Lab 2 /Lib Dem 1 /Con 0 / Ind 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Veidman	Cllr. Friel
2.	Cllr. Michael O'Brien	Cllr. Byrom
3.	Cllr. Hands	Cllr. Preece

PLANNING VISITING PANEL (15)

The Panel comprises of the Members of the Planning Committee.

(C) LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES

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

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

CENTRAL SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE (27)

Ward	Member
Blundellsands	Cllr. Dams
	Cllr. Dan T. Lewis
	Cllr. Roscoe
Church	Cllr. Cummins
	Cllr. Veidman
	Cllr. Webster
Harington	Cllr. Dutton
	Cllr. Jamieson
	Cllr. Pitt
Manor	Cllr. Carragher
	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly
	Cllr. McGinnity
Molyneux	Cllr. Atkinson
	Cllr. Carr
	Cllr. Murphy
Park	Cllr. Burns
	Cllr. O'Hanlon
	Cllr. Sayers
Ravenmeols	Cllr. Bennett
	Cllr. McCann
	Cllr. Page
Sudell	Cllr. Gannon
	Cllr. McKinley
	Cllr. Owens
Victoria	Cllr. Byrom
	Cllr. Grace
	Cllr. Roche

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SOUTH SEFTON AREA COMMITTEE (18)

Ward	Member
Derby	Cllr. Michael O'Brien
	Cllr. Robinson
	Cllr. Anne Thompson
Ford	Cllr. Kevin Cluskey
	Cllr. Lappin
	Cllr. Moncur
Linacre	Cllr. Brenda O'Brien
	Cllr. Fairclough
	Cllr. Friel
Litherland	Cllr. Hardy
	Cllr. John Kelly
	Cllr. Tweed
Netherton and Orrell	Cllr. Bradshaw
	Cllr. Brennan
	Cllr. Maher
St. Oswald	Cllr. Linda Cluskey
	Cllr. Spencer
	Cllr. Thomas

SOUTHPORT AREA COMMITTEE (21)

Ward	Member
Ainsdale	Cllr. Jones
	Cllr. Preece
	Cllr. Lynne Thompson
Birkdale	*
	Cllr. Hands
	Cllr. Shaw
Cambridge	Cllr. Bliss
	Cllr. Keith
	Cllr. McGuire
Dukes	Cllr. Ball
	Cllr. David Barton
	Cllr. Dawson
Kew	Cllr. Booth
	Cllr. Pullin
	Cllr. Weavers
Meols	Cllr. Ashton
	Cllr. Jo Barton
	Cllr. Dodd
Norwood	Cllr. Daniel Lewis
	Cllr. Bill Welsh
	Cllr. Marianne Welsh

* The Mayor, Councillor Brodie-Browne will not be a member of the Area Committee during his year of office.

(D) CONSULTATIVE BODIES

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (3 Members)

Mr. E. Davies	}	4 year term until May 2020
Mr. J. Fraser	}	
Mrs. S. Lowe	}	

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

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFFS

(9 Council Members plus 9 Teacher representatives)

(Lab 5 /Lib Dem 2 /Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Cllr. Jo Barton	Cllr. Hands
2.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Tweed
3.	Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Sayers
4.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Jones
5.	Cllr. Friel	Cllr. Brenda O'Brien
6.	Cllr. Keith	Cllr. Booth
7.	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly	Cllr. Burns
8	Cllr. McCann	Cllr. Bennett
9	Cllr. Page	Cllr. Michael O'Brien

LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

(12 Council Members plus 12 Trade Union Representatives)

(Lab 7 /Lib Dem 3 /Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Cllr. Jo Barton	Cllr. Daniel Lewis
2.	Cllr. Bliss	Cllr. Ball
3.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Spencer
4.	Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Grace
5.	Cllr. Dawson	Cllr. Keith
6.	Cllr. Dodd	Cllr. Bill Welsh
7.	Cllr. Gannon	Cllr. Bennett
8.	Cllr. Lappin	Cllr. Burns
9.	Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. McKinley
10.	Cllr. Michael O'Brien	Cllr. Carragher
11.	Cllr. Sayers	Cllr. Tweed
12.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Carr

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (4)

(Lab 2 /Lib Dem 1 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services – Cllr. Lappin	Cllr. Byrom
2.	Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Owens
3.	Cllr. McGuire	Cllr. Ashton
4.	Cllr. Jamieson	Cllr. Dutton

(E) MAJOR SERVICE GOVERNANCE BODY

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES OPERATIONAL BOARD (1)

Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services
(Councillor Lappin).

14. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

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

RESOLVED:

That the terms of reference of the Committees and Working Groups as set out in Chapters 7 and 8 of the Council Constitution be approved.

15. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MERSEYSIDE JOINT AUTHORITIES 2016/17

The Council considered a schedule of the proposed representation on the Merseyside Joint Authority Bodies for 2016/17.

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

RESOLVED:

That the following Members be appointed to serve on the following Joint Authority Bodies in 2016/17:

Joint Authority

Liverpool City Region
(LCR) Combined Authority

Representatives

Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher)
Substitute Member – Deputy Leader of the
Council (Councillor Fairclough)

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Merseytravel Committee
(LCR Combined Authority
Transport Committee)

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

Liverpool City Region Combined
Authority Scrutiny Panel

Councillors Murphy (Lab) (Scrutiny Link)
and Dan T. Lewis (Lab)

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillors Byrom (Lab), Grace (Lab),
Tweed (Lab) and Marianne Welsh (LD)

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

Councillors Kevin Cluskey (Lab) and
Michael O'Brien (Lab)

Merseyside Police and Crime Panel
(The appointments are agreed on a
Pan-Merseyside basis)

Councillors Burns (Lab) and Shaw (LD)

16. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON SEFTON PARTNERSHIP BODIES 2016/17

The Council considered a schedule of the proposed representation on the Merseyside Joint Authorities for 2016/17.

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

RESOLVED:

That the following Members set out below, be appointed to serve on the Thematic Partnerships of the Sefton Borough Partnership and the Area Partnerships in 2016/17:

<u>Thematic Partnerships</u>	<u>Number of Representatives</u>	<u>Member</u>
Sefton Safer Communities Partnership	3	Cabinet Member - Communities and Housing (Councillor Hardy) and the two Council representatives on the Merseyside Police and Crime Panel (Councillors Burns and Shaw)
Sefton Partnership for Older Citizens	1	Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care (Councillor Cummins)

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Area Partnerships

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

17. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016/17

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

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Council meetings scheduled to be held during the Municipal Year 2016/17 are as follows:

- 9 June 2016 (Extraordinary Meeting)

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- 14 July 2016
- 22 September 2016
- 17 November 2016
- 26 January 2017
- 2 March 2017 (Budget Meeting)
- 20 April 2017

18. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - STATUTORY OFFICERS

The Council considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance on a proposed amendment to the terms of reference of the Employment Procedure Committee and the Appeals Committee to comply with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/881).

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

RESOLVED:

That that the Terms of Reference of both the Employment Procedure Committee and the Appeals Committee contained in the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following:-

"That for the purposes of dealing with a matter affecting one of the following officers, the Chief Executive, the Council's Section 151 Officer and/or the Monitoring Officer, either the Employment Procedure Committee and/or the Appeals Committee (as necessary) can consist solely of independent members if that is so resolved by ordinary Council Members of the relevant Committee."

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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON THURSDAY 16TH JUNE, 2016

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Brodie - Browne) in the Chair
The Deputy Chair (Councillor Kevin Cluskey) Vice
Chair

Councillors Ashton, Atkinson, David Barton,
Jo Barton, Bennett, Bliss, Bradshaw, Brennan,
Burns, Byrom, Carragher, Linda Cluskey, Cummins,
Dams, Dawson, Dodd, Dutton, Fairclough, Friel,
Gannon, Grace, Hands, Hardy, Jamieson, Keith,
John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Lappin,
Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McCann, McGinnity, McGuire,
McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Brenda O'Brien,
Michael O'Brien, O'Hanlon, Owens, Page, Pullin,
Pitt, Preece, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Sayers,
Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, Anne Thompson,
Lynne Thompson, Veidman, Weavers, Webster,
Bill Welsh and Marianne Welsh

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ball, Booth, Carr, Jones, Daniel Lewis and Tweed.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest were received.

21. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Death of Jo Cox MP and Citizens in Orlando USA

The Mayor reported on the tragic incident earlier that day when Jo Cox MP had been shot and killed in Birstall, West Yorkshire.

The Mayor also referred to the incident where a gunman had killed 49 people and injured many other people in a nightclub in Orlando, USA on 12 June 2016 and he indicated that the Sefton flags had been flown at half-mast on the Town Hall buildings as a mark of respect.

The Council then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for Jo Cox MP and the citizens of Orlando, USA.

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Retirement of Margaret Rawding, Chief Finance Officer

The Mayor reported that this is would be the last Council meeting that Margaret Rawding, the Chief Finance Officer would be attending prior to her retirement on 21 June 2016 after 34 years' service in local government.

He indicated that Margaret had joined the Council in 2011 and she had been a valuable member of the Senior Management Team. She had assisted Members through some very difficult challenges and he knew that they were all very grateful for her endeavour and support.

On behalf of the Council, The Mayor extended best wishes to Margaret for a very happy and healthy retirement.

22. PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE SEFTON LOCAL PLAN

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Cabinet meeting held on 26 May 2016, the Council considered the report of the Chief Executive which provided details of the key issues arising from the receipt of the Inspector's Initial Findings on the Local Plan, and sought approval to publish the proposed Modifications for 6 weeks consultation, alongside the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Local Plan (Modifications). Any comments received would be submitted to the Inspector following the conclusion of the consultation period.

The Mayor reported that following the postponement of this Council meeting by one week, the details of the six week consultation period referred to in Paragraph 4.1 of the report were incorrect and they should be amended to read from "22June to 3 August 2016."

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough:

That:

- (1) the key issues arising from the Inspector's Initial Findings be noted;
- (2) the Inspector's Initial Findings be accepted as the basis for preparing Modifications to the Local Plan;
- (3) approval be given to the publication of the Modifications (both Main and Additional Modifications) for comment, alongside the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Local Plan (Modifications);
- (4) the Chief Planning Officer be granted delegated powers in consultation with the Cabinet Member - Planning and Building Control, to make minor editorial changes and any changes required by the Planning Inspectorate or as a result of changes to Government guidance to the Modifications before they are published;

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- (5) following the end of the consultation period, approval be given to the submission of the proposed Modifications to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to examine the Sefton Local Plan, together with all comments received; and
- (6) the planning policy context relating to the Government decision to close HMP Kennett, referred to in Paragraph 5 of the report be noted.

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) indicated that:

- The Inspector had overwhelmingly supported the Local Plan in all key respects, and his main findings were outlined in section 2 of the report.
- Councillor Tweed had submitted a Motion to the Council meeting held on 1 September 2011 raising concerns over the negative effect that the National Planning Policy Framework would have on the Planning decision making processes and lead to development on greenbelt and green space at an increased rate, to the extent that would be unacceptable to the people of Sefton. The Motion had been carried by 24 votes to 19 at the Council meeting.
- As the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Tourism, he had requested the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) to undertake a scrutiny review on the infrastructure issues arising from the preparation of the Local Plan and the Infrastructure Working Group chaired by an Opposition Member had submitted a detailed report, which was approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 15 January 2015. The Labour Group would ensure that the recommendations in that report are robustly implemented.
- The implications of the proposed closure of HMP Kennett in July 2017 had been examined by officers and at this stage it is considered that no further action is required in relation to that site within the Local Plan.

The Leader of the Council referred to allegations made by FRAG that the Labour Group had agreed to additional green field development within the Local Plan and stated that it was simply not true. The Inspector had considered the proposal put forward by the Council that the Local Plan should be the subject of an early review, due to the publication of the 2012-based household projections by the Department for Communities and Local Government in February 2016 and whilst he had marginally increased the housing requirement in Sefton during the plan period from 615 to 640 each year, he did 'not believe that other factors warrant a further increase of this figure'.

The Leader of the Council also indicated that the Labour Group do not support Shale Gas Fracking.

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At this point, it was moved by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Gannon:

“That the decision on the recommendations set out in the report be adjourned until after the outcome of the European Referendum is known.”

Thereafter, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the procedural Motion was **lost** by 41 votes to 4 with 15 abstentions.

The debate on the original Motion commenced and a number of Councillors expressed concern that the Inspector’s Initial Findings had:

- not addressed the concerns raised by members of the local community about housing developments taking place on greenfield sites, the amount of economic development, the erosion of sites and the impact of developments on town centre accommodation;
- not deleted the proposed Moss Lane development site from the Local Plan;
- not deleted the proposed Ainsdale Playing Fields development site from the Local Plan; and
- not addressed the concerns raised by members of the local community about the disproportionate amount of housing development proposed to take place in Lydiate.

A number of Councillors made the following comments:

- the Cabinet Member – Planning and Building Control, Planning Officers and Inspector be thanked for all their hard work during the Local Plan Examination Hearings;
- Maghull Town Council had conducted a survey of local residents in connection with the Local Plan and commenced the process of implementing a Neighbourhood Plan for Maghull.
- The Labour Group does not support any further development on green field sites.
- The Infrastructure Working Group recommendations approved by the Cabinet on 15 January 2015 would be robustly implemented by the Labour Group.
- the Motion submitted by Councillor Tweed and approved at the Council meeting held on 1 September 2011 relating to the National Planning Policy Framework had not been supported by Opposition Members at that Council meeting.

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- A number of FRAG supporters live on housing estates which were previously green field sites and do not want to see new houses being built with good facilities and services for the local community.
- The Inspector's key findings set out in the report indicate that he is likely to find the Sefton Local Plan sound (paragraph 2.2); that the Council was right to choose the 'meeting identified needs' strategy (paragraph 2.4) and the selection of housing allocations and safeguarded land had been rigorous, objective and robust (paragraph 2.5).
- No one wants to see development on green belt land but new housing allocations are required. Any infrastructure concerns would be dealt with robustly and all planning applications for new developments would still be dealt with through the planning process where we have checks and balances in place.
- We need to ensure that low cost starter homes are provided by developers.

Following a lengthy debate, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 39 votes to 17 with 2 abstentions and it was

RESOLVED:

That:

- (1) the key issues arising from the Inspector's Initial Findings be noted;
- (2) the Inspector's Initial Findings be accepted as the basis for preparing Modifications to the Local Plan;
- (3) approval be given to the publication of the Modifications (both Main and Additional Modifications) for comment, alongside the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Local Plan (Modifications);
- (4) the Chief Planning Officer be granted delegated powers in consultation with the Cabinet Member - Planning and Building Control, to make minor editorial changes and any changes required by the Planning Inspectorate or as a result of changes to Government guidance to the Modifications before they are published;
- (5) following the end of the consultation period, approval be given to the submission of the proposed Modifications to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to examine the Sefton Local Plan, together with all comments received; and
- (6) the planning policy context relating to the Government decision to close HMP Kennett, referred to in Paragraph 5 of the report be noted.

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Report to: Cabinet
Council

Date of Meeting: 23 June 2016
14 July 2016

Subject: Capital Programme Capital Allocations 2016/17

Report of: Head of Corporate Resources

Wards Affected: All

Is this a Key Decision? Yes

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No –
Rule 27 Applied

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To provide Members with details of the 2016/2017 Capital Allocations received to date and to consider their use in the development of a new starts programme for 2016/2017. The report outlines £5.245m of new investments from the Single Capital Pot which are aimed to improve the facilities and services to residents throughout Sefton.

Recommendation(s)

Cabinet is recommended to:

- i) Note the 2016/2017 capital allocations received to date, see paragraph 3.2;
- ii) Request Council to approve for inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan the capital schemes to be funded from the 2016/2017 Single Capital Pot as outlined in Appendix A
- iii) Request Council to approve for inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan the capital scheme to be funded from Prudential Borrowing as outlined in Appendix B
- iv) Request Council to approve for inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan the self-funded capital schemes as outlined in Appendix C
- v) it be noted that the proposal was a Key Decision but had not been included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Consequently, the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services) had been consulted under Rule 27 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution, to the decision being made by the Cabinet as a matter of urgency on the basis that it was impracticable to defer the decision until the commencement of the next Forward Plan because it was not known at what point specific schemes would be ready to progress to approval stage.

Council is requested to give approval to the inclusion with the Capital Investment Plan of:

- i) the capital schemes to be funded from the 2016/2017 Single Capital Pot as

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outlined in Appendix A of the report;

- ii) the capital scheme to be funded from Prudential Borrowing as outlined in Appendix B of the report; and
- iii) the self-funded capital schemes as outlined in Appendix C of the report.

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

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

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To update Members on the 2015/2016 Capital Investment Plan, inform Members of the 2016/2017 Capital Allocations received to date and to allow Members to consider how these allocations should be utilised. Also to seek approval for a scheme to be funded from Prudential Borrowing.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The capital expenditure will not result in additional unbudgeted revenue costs.

(B) Capital Costs

All allocations included in this report are capital grants.

Implications:

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

Legal
Human Resources

Equality

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | No Equality Implication | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | Equality Implications identified and mitigated | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | Equality Implication identified and risk remains | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Impact on Service Delivery:

The Capital Programme has been proposed to enhance the services provided by Sefton. This will be to the benefit of residents and businesses across Sefton, as well as providing improvements in value for money in the delivery of services as part of modernisation of service delivery.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Resources is the author of the report (FD 4194/16)
The Head of Regulation and Compliance has been consulted and has no comments on the report. (LD 3477/16)

Are there any other options available for consideration?

The options available to Members for the use of non ring-fenced capital grant allocations are included in the body of the report.

Implementation Date for the Decision

After Cabinet and Council.

Contact Officer: Jeff Kenah

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Email: Jeff.kenah@sefton.gov.uk

Background Papers:

None.

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1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 This report updates the 2015/2016 Capital Investment Plan and provides details of the Government Capital Allocations that have been notified to date for 2016/2017 with a view to the Members considering the use of the non-ringfenced allocations in the development of a new starts programme for 2016/2017.

2. Capital Investment Plan 2015/2016

- 2.1 Schemes to be funded from the Single Capital Pot Allocations for 2015/2016 were approved as follows:

	2015/2016
	£m
Non ring-fenced grant allocations 2015/2016	10.254
Funding b/f from 2014/2015	0.089
Resources committed from previous approvals	(0.353)
Total Grant Funding	9.990
Capital Receipts	3.000
Total Resources Available	12.990
Schemes approved by Council - Pre-allocated Schemes	5.297
Schemes approved by Council – Emergency & Health & Safety	1.800
Schemes approved by Council – High Priority / Invest to Save or Leverage	1.100
Schemes approved by Council – High Priority	4.615
Total SCP schemes approved	12.812

3. Government Capital Allocations 2016/2017

- 3.1 It should be noted that for 2016/2017 a single capital pot will again be in operation. This means that all non-ring-fenced grants will initially be held centrally, and bids will need to be made in order to secure funds for capital projects.
- 3.2 The table below itemises those capital allocations that have been received for 2016/2017. The 2015/2016 figures, where applicable, are shown for comparison. All allocations are non-ring fenced, with the exception of Devolved Formula Capital.

Description of Allocation	2015/2016 £'000	2016/2017 £'000	Variation £'000
Children's Services – Devolved Formula Capital (ring-fenced)	446	411	-35
Children's Services – Basic Need	1,571	1,650	79
Children's Services – Capital Maintenance / School Condition Allocation	2,078	1,842	-236
Total Department for Education	4,095	3,903	-192

Description of Allocation	2015/2016	2016/2017 £'000	Variation £'000
<i>Continued</i>			
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,959	0	-1,959
Total Housing	1,959	0	-1,959
Department of Health Capital Grant	849	0	-849
Total Department for Health	849	0	-849
Highways Maintenance	2,895	2,631	-264
Integrated Transport Block	902	1,173	271
Pothole Grant	0	155	155
Highways maintenance Incentive Fund	0	162	162
Total Transportation	3,797	4,121	324
Total Allocations	10,700	8,024	-2,676

3.3 It should be noted that both the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and the Department of Health Capital Grant are now allocated to the Better Care Fund. As such any funding allocation will be jointly developed and agreed with the relevant partners.

4. Capital Strategy – Single Capital Pot Approvals

4.1 A revised Capital Allocation Framework and Capital Strategy was approved by Cabinet and Council on 28 February 2013. This outlined the use of a single capital pot into which all non-ring-fenced funds will be placed, and for which bids must be made in order to secure funding for capital schemes. As can be noted in paragraph 3.2, grant allocations of £8.024m have been received for 2016/2017.

4.2 The Strategic Capital Investment Group (SCIG) has met in recent months in order to review and assess bids received for capital funding from the single capital pot in order to recommend to Cabinet and Council a Capital Investment Plan for 2016/2017. This work was undertaken within the framework of the Capital Allocation Framework and Capital Strategy. The capital bids have been classified into five distinct groups as follows (the approved bids by group are included within **Appendix A**):

- **Ring-Fenced (£0.411m 2016/17)** – These funds are ring-fenced by Government and therefore must be used for the purpose for which they were issued. These relate to Schools' Devolved Formula Capital.
- **Pre allocated (£4.121m 2016/2017)** – These are funds which are non-ring-fenced by Government however, in accordance with previous years' protocols, are it is proposed that they are utilised for the original suggested purpose. The reasons for this approach include contractual obligations, the potential for clawback, and reduced funding levels in future years. These schemes include the Local Transport Plan, funding which is administered by the Combined Authority. These funds are allocated to deliver a programme of work, the detail of which will be agreed by the Cabinet Member (see Appendix A).

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- **Other Single Capital Pot bids – High Priority / Invest to Save or Leverage Schemes and High Priority Schemes (£0.713m 2016/17)** - capital bids that, if approved, will draw upon the single capital pot (see appendix A)
- **Fully funded schemes** – those that rely upon Prudential Borrowing but have an income stream that will fund the borrowing costs (see Appendix B)
- **Fully grant funded** – schemes that do not make any call upon the single capital pot (see Appendix C).

4.3 In order to allow as many schemes as possible to progress, it is proposed to augment capital allocations by utilising capital receipts already anticipated in the 2016/2017 financial year to the total value of £1.5m.

4.4 Any underspend on the above schemes will be returned to the Single Capital Pot

4.5 It should be noted that the most advantageous use of the Council's grant funding, both ring-fenced and non-ring-fenced, will be made, to ensure that the Council's priorities are achieved.

5 Prudential Borrowing Scheme

5.1 The scheme outlined in Appendix B will cost £1.3m in 2016/2017, £0.485m will be funded by reserve and £0.815m will be funded by prudential borrowing and therefore does not require any support from the Single Capital Pot, the borrowing costs being funded by a levy on services. This was considered by SCIG and is now being put forward for approval by Cabinet and Council for inclusion in the Capital Investment Plan.

6 Funded Scheme

6.1 The schemes outlined in Appendix C will cost £1.150m in 2016/2017. This will be funded by reserve or external grant and does not require any support from the Single Capital Pot. The schemes were considered by SCIG and are now being put forward for approval by Cabinet for inclusion in the Capital Investment Plan.

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APPENDIX A					
BID NUMBER	Funding required 2016/2017 £	Funding required 2017/2018 £	Scheme name	Scheme description	Applicant Service
<i>RINGFENCED CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS</i>					
1	411,000		Devolved Formula Capital – Ringfenced resource	Capital grant given directly to schools to spend	Schools and Families
	411,000	0			
<i>PRE ALLOCATED</i>					
2	1,173,000		Local Transport Plan, Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme	Various transport network improvements.	Locality Services – Commissioned (Highways & Infrastructure)
3	2,631,000		Local Transport Plan, Highway Maintenance Block Capital Programme	To undertake capital maintenance of the Highway Network	Locality Services – Commissioned (Highways & Infrastructure)
N/A	155,000		Pothole Grant	To undertake capital maintenance of the Highway Network	Locality Services – Commissioned (Highways & Infrastructure)
N/A	162,000		Highways maintenance Incentive Fund	To undertake capital maintenance of the Highway Network	Locality Services – Commissioned (Highways & Infrastructure)
	4,121,000	0			
<i>SINGLE POT BIDS –EMERGENCY / HEALTH & SAFETY RECOMMENDED</i>					
4	500,000		Highway Maintenance Street Lighting Structural Programme	Replace/repair unsafe street lighting columns	Locality Services – Commissioned (Highways & Infrastructure)
5	213,000		New sub-station at Meols Cop High School	To supply sub-station due to capacity currently 138kVA but 170kVA is required.	Schools and Families
	713,000	0			
TOTAL	5,245,000	0			

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APPENDIX B					
BID NUMBER	Funding required 2016/2017 £	Funding required 2017/2018 & Future Years £	Scheme name	Scheme description	Funding Source
<i>Self financed</i>					
33	815,000	0	Thornton Garden of Rest	To replace three cremators.	Prudential borrowing to be funded from a levy on services
TOTAL	815,000	0			

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APPENDIX C					
BID NUMBER	Funding required 2016/2017 £	Funding required 2017/2018 & Future Years £	Scheme name	Scheme description	Funding Source
<i>Fully Grant funded</i>					
20	50,000	0	Coast Protection Works to deposit Rubble between Hall Road and Alt Training Bank.	To deposit rock armour within the section eroded by storms to secure the area. 5 year programme.	Contamination Clearance Reserve.
N/A	835,000	0	Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme	The collection of data to support the Shoreline Management Plan and sustainable coastal management decisions across North West England	Environment Agency
N/A	30,000	0	Natural Flood Risk Management	Study to identify opportunities to slow the flow/sustainable drainage systems across Merseyside, to prioritise options and develop schemes for delivery.	Environment Agency
N/A	120,000	0	The Pool and Nile Watercourses	Investigation into two watercourses in Southport leading to programme of works for improvement, de-culverting and update of flood risk.	Environment Agency
N/A	60,000	0	Crosby Marine Lake to Formby Point Strategic Delivery Programme	Develop a PAR and delivery programme for this strategy. Particular focus on Crosby seafront where the hard defences are nearing the end of their life.	Environment Agency

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APPENDIX C					
N/A	25,000	0	River Alt Training Bank	Option appraisal for the repair of the bank that has breached in recent months.	Environment Agency
N/A	30,000	0	Seaforth & Litherland Strategic Flood Risk Management Project	Development of a long term strategy and delivery programme for the reduction in flood risk to Seaforth and Litherland	Environment Agency
TOTAL	1,150,000	0			

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Overview and Scrutiny Management Board



Councillor Dave Robinson
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for 2015/16.

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has met twice during 2015/16.

Communication has always been a key consideration for the Management Board and the Board has previously agreed that Cabinet Member reports would be submitted, to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee in order to contribute towards the relationship between the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Members.

Members have welcomed the Cabinet Member update reports and attendance of relevant Cabinet Members at Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings. This process will remain in place despite Cabinet Member decisions being managed electronically.

The Management Board has offered support and guidance, where necessary, in the promotion of mini- reviews/single item meetings with a view to being more productive and adding value with reduced resources. This has been welcomed by all Committees and we hope to build on the successes from the previous years to ensure we continually improve.

The Board welcomed receiving a report in relation to a Motion that had been referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) and to the Board from the Council concerning Accident and Emergency Services. The Board agreed with the sentiments of the Motion that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) should continue to monitor local Accident and Emergency Services as part of the Committee's Work Programme. You will note from the Annual Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care), Councillor Catie Page, that the Committee has received regular updates in that respect.

The Council appointed former Councillor Nina Killen (Scrutiny Link) and Councillor Michael O'Brien onto the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Combined Authority Scrutiny



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Panel. Former Councillor Killen had been invited to attend the Management Board to report progress in relation to the LCR Scrutiny Panel and the Board has appreciated receiving progress reports from Councillor Killen. The Board will keep a watchful eye on the Liverpool Scrutiny Panel and how its role evolves as the devolution of powers picks up momentum.

The Management Board welcomed Overview and Scrutiny Training being offered to all Members of the Council, Co-opted Members and Advisory Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The training was provided by North West Employers and facilitated by Councillor John Lamb, Trafford M.B.C. and North West Employers Associate. The sessions have been attended by 43 Members of the Council and received positive feedback and in that respect further training will be provided during the Summer 2016. The additional training will target those Members who were unable to attend the previous sessions.

Training was also provided for Chairs and Vice Chairs of the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Feedback from the Chairs and Vice Chairs was well received. Members felt that a full day would have been more appropriate than the half day provided.

Following a suggestion to amend the call in procedure, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance which recommended that the procedure be amended to allow the Members calling in a decision to present their case to the Committee first. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agreed with the recommendation in relation to the change of the call in procedure and the constitution was amended accordingly.

The Year Ahead

I think the forthcoming year will be extremely busy for Overview and Scrutiny and the Board. The Board will continue to be updated on the prioritisation of Council services and the One Council approach, thereby ensuring that we continue to deliver services that meet the needs and expectations of our residents, partners and clients, within the set budget available.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Officers of the Democratic Services Team for all their hard work during the year.

Councillor Dave Robinson
June 2016

Children's Services and Safeguarding



Councillor Paula Murphy
*Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Children's Services and Safeguarding)*

I am pleased to introduce Sefton Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding) Annual Report 2015/16 to the Council.

During 2015/16 the Committee met on 5 occasions. At its meeting on 23 June 2015, following a request made at a previous meeting in November 2014, the Committee received a report by the Head of Vulnerable Children and Young People on the process and level of inspection of Children's Homes and other care provision within which looked-after children reside. The Committee also received a presentation on this matter by the former Director of Young People and Families, Colin Pettigrew. The Committee asked the Director to contact the Head of Planning Services with a view to clarifying the provision for Children's Homes in the draft Local Plan and to arrange to inform all Members of the Council of the revised system of inspecting Children's Homes.

On 22 September 2015, the Committee considered the report of the Head of Schools and Families which concluded the School Performance Review (which was initiated in January 2014) and set out detailed recommendations to continue improving standards in the Borough's secondary schools. The report also set out the key issues and concerns identified by the School Performance Working Group, together with details of ongoing actions undertaken since the Review commenced, which had contributed to considerable improvements in schools. The Committee approved the report's proposals for continued improvement in secondary school standards and subsequently the Cabinet approved those proposals, together with specific associated resources. In addition, the Head of Schools and Families was requested to submit an annual report on school performance.

At its meeting on 26 January 2016, the Committee considered a report of the Director of Social Care and Health on the Sefton CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) Strategy. Fiona Taylor, Chief Officer of the Southport and Formby and South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Groups, also submitted a presentation on the CAMHS commissioning "journey" since the Overview and Scrutiny review which was undertaken in 2011. The committee also considered the draft Children's and Young Peoples Plan and offered suggestions to be incorporated into the final version.

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Other agenda items considered and scrutinised during the year included the following:-

- School Organisation and School Places;
- Sefton Education Strategy;
- Special Educational needs and Disabilities Assessment Process;
- Increased Number of Children Entering the Care of the Local Authority;
- Standards in Childminder Outcomes;
- Innovation Programme Grant – Community Adolescence Service;
- Sefton Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report 2015;
- Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills 2014/15; and
- Public Health Annual Reports 2014 and 2015

Pre-Scrutiny – The Key Decision Forward Plan

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also been given the opportunity to pre-scrutinise items from the Council’s Key Decision Forward Plan. The Forward Plan is submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the Work Programme update. The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made. During the year, the Committee decided to pre-scrutinise two issues: the Children’s Transport Review and the draft Sefton Mental Health Strategic Plan for Sefton 2015 – 2020. Pre-scrutiny of this latter issue led to an update of the CAMHS being requested and a visit by representatives of the Committee to the Fairhaven Young People’s Unit in Winwick on 18 January 2016 and subsequently to Alder Hey’s CAMHS facility at 3TC House, Waterloo on 27 April 2016.

Cabinet Member Reports

In order to keep Overview and Scrutiny Members informed, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board had previously agreed for relevant Cabinet Member Reports for the Children, Schools and Safeguarding portfolio to be submitted to appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs for them to determine what items should be reported to Committee. During 2015/16, I have again requested Cabinet Member Update Reports to be included on Committee agendas for general information purposes for Members of the Committee. The Cabinet Member was able to attend 4 of the 5 meetings of the Committee to elaborate on issues and respond to questions, as appropriate. Items considered within Cabinet Member reports have included issues relating to:-

- Learning Support Service – Inspections by Ofsted
- Vulnerable Children and Young People - Community Adolescent Service
- Ofsted Unannounced Inspection of Sefton’s Vulnerable Children and Young People Service
- Children and Young People’s Plan
- Ofsted Inspection Results
- Education Strategy



- Closure of St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic College
- School Admissions Arrangements 2017
- Children Sufficiency Strategy
- CAMHS Strategy
- Community Adolescence Services
- Pressures on Children's Social Care
- Allocation of Secondary School Places for September 2016
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Outcome of Annual Meeting with Ofsted's Regional Director.

The Year Ahead

I am sure that the Committee will look forward to the new Municipal Year as it works as a critical friend to our Cabinet Member and partners. The Committee will be examining Key Priorities for the Council and in light of the recent Ofsted inspection, key areas for us to investigate in order that the services we provide are continually improved to benefit all who live and work in the Borough.

I am particularly appreciative of our Democratic Services Officers for their commitment, advice and support and especially to the responsible officer during 2015/16, Mike Morris, for his assistance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all Committee Members, officers and partners for their support, hard work and contributions to our endeavours throughout the year. In addition, I would like to place on record my thanks to our Cabinet Member, Councillor John Joseph Kelly, for taking the time to attend our Committee meetings. This has greatly assisted the Committee and is much appreciated by the Members.

Councillor Paula Murphy
June 2016

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Adult Social Care



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

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2015/16 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care).

Introduction

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

The Committee met formally on five occasions during 2015/16, plus an informal meeting and two meetings dedicated to consideration of draft Quality Accounts. This Report is presented to the Council and a wider audience beyond in the hope that the information it contains will contribute to the debate and discussion about the provision of health and adult social care services for Sefton residents and their development, improvement and access.

NHS Trust Quality Accounts

As usual, the Committee commenced 2015/16 with the consideration of draft Quality Accounts from local healthcare providers. This provided Committee Members with an opportunity to comment on the performance of local NHS Trusts during the preceding twelve months, particularly in relation to patient experience, safety and clinical effectiveness. A number of local NHS Trusts submitted their draft Quality Accounts for consideration and comment in May 2015. It is always a challenge to provide adequate time to consider all the draft Quality Accounts in sufficient detail. Following a revision of the arrangements to consider draft Quality Accounts, an informal meeting was held during May 2015, dedicated to considering the draft Quality Accounts, and this proved to be an effective method of scrutiny. The Committee adopted a much more informal approach in considering the draft Quality Accounts during May 2015, with help and guidance from a representative of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and Healthwatch Sefton representatives

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

Throughout 2015/16 the Committee received regular update reports from the two Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) within Sefton, namely the South Sefton



Clinical Commissioning Group and the Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group. This was the third year of full operation for the CCGs and they reported to the Committee on a range of activities designed to promote health and wellbeing amongst residents. I believe that excellent relationships exist between the Committee and officers of the CCGs, particularly the Chief Officer who attends virtually every Committee meeting and has always been willing to take up issues raised by Members and explain aspects of the services provided. She also contributed in providing very valuable informal presentations to Members of the Committee on Primary Care Commissioning and Access Sefton and the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service.

Updates submitted by the CCGs have included details of CCG Board meetings to which members of the public were invited; strategic planning for the CCGs; plus details of the following:-

- Shaping Sefton – Frail Elderly Care and primary care;
- Blueprint for transforming services;
- Annual Reports and Accounts for 2014/15;
- Access Sefton – the new name for Improving Access to Psychological Therapies across Sefton;
- Annual stakeholder survey;
- the Breathe Well course;
- Annual Reviews meet Big Chats;
- Cancer survival rates among the best in England;
- Community services;
- Residents give views about community dermatology services;
- Projects make good use of CCG funds;
- CCGs' pledge to improve patient safety;
- Sefton residents give their views on community services;
- Strand By Me - health and community shop;
- NHS Atlas of Variation;
- Working in partnership to promote annual flu vaccines;
- Views wanted about Southport cancer centre
- Winter resilience;
- CCGs awarded for their work;
- Trinity Practice;
- Patient Transport Service;
- Only order what you need – repeat prescriptions;
- Macmillan event;
- Residents asked for views and experiences about community services;
- NHS events in support of World Cancer Day; and
- Medicines waste campaign gains national interest.

Throughout the year the CCGs have also submitted statistics to the Committee on Health Provider Performance which has enabled us to check the performance of our local NHS Trusts, including A&E monitoring.

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The CCGs have also provided reports and presentations to the Committee on the Sefton Mental Health Task Group Report; the Blueprint for Transforming Services, describing the aims and ambitions for the CCGs' transformation programmes; Commissioning Intentions for 2016/17; and the future provision of Community Services.

NHS Trusts

Throughout 2015/16 the Committee received a number of reports and presentations on work and activities undertaken by various Trusts. Attendance at meetings by Trust representatives has enabled Committee Members to scrutinise Trust performance in the following areas:-

- Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust – in relation to the ratings in the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Report; and also Data on Performance - Follow-Up to Quality Accounts;
- NHS England - Briefing on SSP Health Ltd. operated GP Practices in Sefton
- Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust - Data on Performance - Follow-Up to Quality Accounts; and
- Mersey Care NHS Trust – in relation to the ratings in the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Report; and also Data on Performance - Follow-Up to Quality Accounts.

Damian Reid, Deputy Chief Executive and Finance Director, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, has been a regular attendee of the Committee in recent years and Damian departed for pastures new during 2015/16. We wish Damian well and look forward to forging good working relationships during 2016/17 with Simon Featherstone, Director of Nursing at the Trust, who is rapidly becoming the main link between the Committee and the Trust. Despite the current difficulties faced by the Trust and our concerns about it, we remain committed to supporting the Trust as best as we are able.

Adult Social Care

Throughout the year the Committee received a number of reports and presentations from Tina Wilkins, the Council's Head of Adult Social Care. Dwayne Johnson, the Council's Director of Social Care and Health, has also been a regular attendee and contributor at the Committee. Reports and presentations received on Adult Social Care have included the following:-

- Adult Safeguarding;
- Care Act 2014 Updates and Carers;
- Dementia Strategy;
- Supported Living Review;
- Adult Social Care - Assessment and Eligibility; and
- Sefton's Mental Health: A Strategic Plan for Sefton 2015 – 2020.

The Care Act 2014 has proved to be a particularly important piece of legislation, with far reaching consequences for the Council's Adult Social Care function. I remain confident that the Committee will receive further update reports during 2016/17, to



enable it to scrutinise the on-going work required in implementing fully this legislation in Sefton.

Public Health

Throughout 2015/16, Margaret Jones took on the role of Interim Head of Health and Wellbeing and undertook sterling work in maintaining good working relationships with partner organisations and carrying out the Council's Public Health function throughout her role. We thank Margaret for the work she has undertaken in enabling the Committee to scrutinise the Council's Public Health function. Reports and presentations received by the Committee on Public Health have included the following:-

- Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment 2014/15;
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy; and
- Public Health Annual Report 2015.

We look forward to forging good working relationships during 2016/17 with Matt Ashton, who has recently been appointed as the Council's new Head of Health and Wellbeing, on a shared basis for six months with Knowsley MBC.

Scrutiny Review Working Group

During 2015/16 the Committee established a Care Services (Domiciliary) Working Group, comprised of certain Members of the Committee, which undertook a review on customer satisfaction and quality with regard to the provision of domiciliary care, against the background of a number of recent developments. We were very pleased with the Final Report produced by the Working Group, together with the recommendations that received approval by both this Committee and the Cabinet. I look forward to receiving update reports on progress in implementing the recommendations in due course.

Site Visits

During 2015/16 Members of the Committee visited Southport Hospital to view various services including stroke services and bereavement services; Aintree University Hospital to view stroke services; and Liverpool Women's Hospital to receive an overview of services provided to Sefton residents. All these site visits provided ideal opportunities for Members to ask questions and to view and scrutinise a range of services provided. Site visits also provide opportunities to forge greater working relationships with colleagues from NHS Trusts. Looking forward to 2016/17, we particularly wish to remain vigilant of the privacy and dignity of patients during any site visits.

Pre-Scrutiny and the Key Decision Forward Plan

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



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Cabinet Member Reports

The regular attendance at meetings of both Councillor Paul Cummins, Cabinet Member - Health and Social Care, and Councillor Ian Moncur, Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing, has been very much appreciated by Members of the Committee. Throughout the year I have agreed the inclusion of all the relevant Cabinet Member Update Reports on agendas as I feel that it is particularly important to include regular updates major areas of the Council’s activities, particularly as budgets have become increasingly under pressure. The Cabinet Members’ attendance, together with the presence of senior officers from both the Council’s Adult Social Care and Public Health service areas, has been very useful and provides Members with an opportunity to raise question and scrutinise any developments within those Council Portfolio areas.

The Cabinet Member Update Reports - Adult Social Care, have included the following matters:-

- Advocacy;
- Market facilitation;
- Information services;
- Provider failure; and
- Prisoners and prisons.
- Safeguarding of adults;
- Re-modelling day opportunities update;
- Supported living review;
- The mental health strategy;
- Early intervention and prevention.
- The Care Act Update;
- Re-modelling day care – modernisation;
- Carers Centre.
- Safeguarding Peer Review;
- Personal Budgets;
- Deprivation of Liberties Safeguards;
- Older People’s Champions;
- Nursing Home Closure; and
- Supported Living – tenancies and shared lives;
- Personalisation and the Personal Budgets Strategic Plan; and
- Mental Health Team Restructure.

The Cabinet Member Update Reports – Health and Wellbeing have included the following matters:-

- Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast (CLAHRC NWC) - Household Health Survey;
- Director of Public Health recruitment process;
- Hypertension - tackling high blood pressure across Cheshire and Merseyside;
- Air quality;
- Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment (SSNA);
- Well North Programme in Sefton;



- Introduction of Meningitis ACWY vaccine for teenagers/young adults;
- Introduction of Meningitis B (Men B) vaccine;
- Roll-out of flu nasal spray for children;
- Bowel cancer screening;
- Heatwave and summer preparedness;
- Integrated Wellness Service;
- Tobacco Free Futures;
- 0-5 Public Health Services; and Transition;
- Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Service.
- Well Sefton;
- NHS Health Checks;
- Public Health Annual Report;
- Commissioning of Integrated Wellness Service;
- Commissioning of 0-19 Healthy Child Programme (HCP) (Health Visiting, Family Nurse Partnership, School Nursing).
- Sefton Council Staff Seasonal Flu Vaccinations;
- Sefton Health Protection Forum.
- National Diabetes Prevention Programme (NDPP);
- Sefton Health Protection Priorities, including seven priorities for action;
- Sexual health services; and
- Procurement of substance misuse residential detoxification services.

Sefton Healthwatch

During 2014/15 the Committee was fortunate in securing the services of two Advisory Members from Sefton Healthwatch who were able to bring additional experience and expertise to the table, and this practice has continued into 2015/16.

I have also met informally with the Healthwatch representatives, together with the Chair of the Organisation and my Vice-Chair, and these informal meetings have enabled us to discuss a range of issues and strengthen the relationship between Sefton Healthwatch and the Committee.

Contributions Made During 2015/16

The attendance of representatives of organisations and partners, including senior officers and members of NHS Trusts, has been much appreciated and I would like to thank all our partners for their openness and their responses to our requests and suggestions. I have also appreciated the advice and support of Fiona Clark, Chief Officer for both the Sefton Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Dwayne Johnson, the Director of Social Care and Health, Tina Wilkins, Head of Adult Social Care and Margaret Jones, Interim Head of Health and Wellbeing during 2015/16.

I am also grateful to all the Members of the Committee for their support and for the enthusiastic way that they have contributed to our work. I would also like to express my gratitude to members of the public who attended the Committee during 2015/16. My particular appreciation goes to our Democratic Services Officers for their commitment, advice and support and specifically the officer who supports the Committee, Debbie Campbell, for her hard work, commitment and patience.



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The Year Ahead

With continuing pressures on social care and health services at a time when public expectations remain high, I am conscious that the Committee will face fresh challenges during 2016/17. However, I am confident that the Committee will rise to the challenges it faces.

Councillor Catie Page
May 2016



Regeneration and Skills



Councillor John Kelly
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Regeneration and Skills)

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Sefton Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) Annual Report 2015/16.

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

As Chair, I have built strong relationships with the four Cabinet Members whose portfolios are within our Terms of Reference. As part of that process, we have continued to welcome update reports from Cabinet Members on to our agendas. This ensures that the Committee are briefed upon current Cabinet Member activities. It also allows the Committee to make judgements and offer assistance to the Cabinet Members where they agree it's required.

The Committee held two Special Meetings to deal with two Cabinet Member decisions that had been "called in" during the year 2015/16 in relation to:-

- Advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders – Sumner Road Car Park, Formby; and
- Advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders – Extension of Days / Hours of operation of Pay and Display – Various Streets, Southport.

The Committee resolved, on both occasions, that it was not concerned about the decision made by the Cabinet Member for Locality Services and so the decisions were implemented immediately.

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



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The Floods and Water Management Act 2010 has placed a number of duties on Local Authorities, in particular those that are Lead Local Flooding Authorities (LLFA).

I note that in previous years this Committee has been instrumental in ensuring that the Council complies with the sentiments of the Act by working with Cabinet to ensure that the Council are fulfilling its duty as a LLFA. This year being no exception, the Committee received an Annual Report on Flood and Coastal Risk Management.

Members raised concerns regarding the alleged increased risk of flooding as a consequence of the extensive work undertaken by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on Marshside Road, Southport. The Committee will receive a report addressing those concerns in July 2016.

The Committee will continue to monitor compliance with the Act.

Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority – Annual Report

The Committee received an update from The Head of Locality Services detailing the progress of the Merseyside Waste Partnership against the delivery of the objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Unfortunately the Annual Merseyside Waste Partnership Performance Report was not available for 2014/15 before the last Meeting of the Committee in the Municipal Year 2015/16.

The Committee agreed that it would be most appropriate to continue to scrutinise the progress of the Merseyside Waste Partnership in delivering the key objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy on an annual basis.

The Committee will scrutinise the Strategy at the time the Annual Report which details performance is published. We look forward to working with the Partnership to ensure that the targets are met.

Review of Winter Service Policy and Operational Plan

The Committee welcomed the Annual Report reviewing the winter service policy and operational plan. The pre-scrutiny process allows Overview and Scrutiny Committees to pre-scrutinise reports such as this and feed comments back to the Cabinet Member or Cabinet for consideration. In terms of the Winter Service Policy/Operational Plan, the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that the policy and plan are “fit for purpose” in the coming Winter months and it’s fair to say that the plan was “fit for purpose” and all roads across Sefton were deemed to be safe during the Winter months 2015/16.

The Winter Service Policy and Operational Plan is subject to an annual reassessment and consultation and in that respect the Committee will continue to monitor this on an annual basis.



Local Plan Update

A Special Meeting of the Committee was held on 17 June 2015 in order that the Committee could receive an up to date briefing of the key issues arising from the publication of the Local Plan and changes which had taken place since then, prior to the Plan being submitted for examination.

Members of the Committee raised numerous questions and observations which demonstrated that full and frank scrutiny had been undertaken by the Members of the Committee.

United Utilities – Surface Water and the Increase of Charges

The Committee considered a verbal update from the Head of Corporate Services in relation to surface water and the increase of charges that had been proposed by United Utilities regarding Parks and Cemeteries and Schools.

Local Authority Officers across the North West were advised in June 2012 of United Utilities intention to impose new drainage charges for parks & cemeteries.

A network of Officers was established which was led by Sefton Council and supported by Councillor Dave Thompson from Halton M.B.C. and Members of Parliament representatives; Derek Twigg and Maria Eagle whereby Officers and Councillors attended meetings with United Utilities. All the hard work had resulted in the proposed increase in charges, in the main, being dropped and that this had been confirmed in writing in August 2015.

The initial forecast for Parks and Cemeteries was an increase of £404,000 per annum in charges and it was stated that the interventions initiated by Sefton Council had reduced this impact to around just £3,000 per annum. The impact on all North West Local Authority's was likely to be in the region of £10 - £15 million per annum.

Additional analysis of this type of Surface Water charging and the use of the Department for Education schools expenditure data has shown the North West region was spending £16,000,000 more than a similar area of the South East for water service charges. North West schools were paying, on average, 2.5 times more than the South East due to existing differences in how regional water companies are allowed to charge.

The same network group including North West schools finance officers forum were seeking a similar outcome and had been active in:

- Responding to DEFRA/OFWAT consultations as the water market opens up and the government considers it's guidelines on charging policies
- Holding a second meeting for schools to determine what could be done to achieve a similar outcome as with the parks and cemeteries.

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At the time of writing my report, I understand that this work is still ongoing and the Committee have requested that a representative from United Utilities and OFWAT be invited to attend a future Meeting of the Committee to discuss the matter further.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the network group for all their hard work that has resulted in the proposed increase in charges, in the main, being dropped in relation to parks and cemeteries and I hope for a similar result for the Schools.

The Committee also received reports/presentations in relation to:-

- Air Quality Monitoring;
- Dog Fouling;
- Pre-scrutiny of the Adoption of House Extensions and New Housing Supplementary Planning Documents;
- Government Housing Policy Changes; and
- Presentation from Mr. Steven Howell, representative from United Utilities in relation to flooding across the Borough of Sefton.

Shale Gas (Fracking) Working Group

The Council, at its meeting held on 24 July 2014, received a Motion and an Amendment to the Motion in relation to Shale Gas (Fracking) in Sefton. The Council agreed that the issue should be the subject of a review and requested the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) to investigate the issues raised in the Motion.

The Committee established a Working Group at its meeting held on 16 September 2014 and began to scope the review in November 2014. The Working Group produced its Final Report which was accepted by the Cabinet on 3 December 2015.

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

PREVIOUS REVIEW WORK UNDERTAKEN BY WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMITTEE – UPDATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

The Committee has been updated on statistical information regarding NEET in Sefton and reducing the numbers of young people over the age of 16 who are not in Education, Employment or Training. The Committee will continue to monitor the



progress made against each of the recommendations and as such the Committee welcomes briefings upon the latest position with regard to NEET on an annual basis.

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

The Employment Development element of the review was completed and the Final Report was submitted to Cabinet in November 2013. All recommendations were agreed by the Cabinet. The Committee has monitored progress made against each recommendation and this has been facilitated by an Action Plan developed by the former Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Tourism. The Committee will continue to monitor progress on an annual basis.

The Working Group continued its brief in investigating Local Town Centres and interviewed many key witnesses. The Working Group completed its investigations and the Final Report was considered by the Committee and the Cabinet in January and February 2015. The Cabinet referred the Final Report to the former Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Tourism for his response, which was considered by the Cabinet in June 2015. The Committee considered an update from the Head of Inward Investment and Employment and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills was also in attendance at the Meeting and she indicated that a number of recommendations within the report had been completed. The Cabinet Member also suggested that future update reports in relation to the progress of recommendations should clearly identify those recommendations which have been implemented.

Port Master Plan

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

The report was agreed by the Cabinet in September 2012. This Committee has continued to receive updates in relation to progress made against 15 of the recommendations and the Committee will continue to monitor progress.

The Year Ahead

The Committee will continue to keep abreast of the various matters as listed throughout my report.

The Committee completed its Programme of Work for the Municipal Year 2015/16, subject to the following reports being carried forward into the Committees Programme of Work for the Municipal Year 2016/17:-

- Street Cleansing, Fly Tipping and Litter Bins;
- Parks Transformation Project – Presentation; and
- Alleged increased risk of flooding as a consequence of the work being undertaken by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) on Marshside Road, Southport.



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The Committee also requested that a representative from United Utilities be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee to discuss surface water and the increase of charges that had been proposed by United Utilities regarding Schools. United Utilities have confirmed attendance at the Meeting of the Committee scheduled to take place on 5 July 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Committee Members, Officers and Partner Organisations for all their hard work, dedication and support throughout the year. I would also like to thank my Vice-Chair, Councillor O'Brien for all of his help and assistance through the Year.

Councillor John Kelly
April 2016



Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services



Councillor Dave Robinson
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services)

On behalf of the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services) it gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2015/16 Annual Report.

During the year the Committee has met seven times and considered matters relating to financial issues associated with updates on the 2015/16 revenue budget, financial management across the Council, the 2016/17 Budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/20; Air Quality Monitoring; the Enforcement Agent's Code of Practice; Revised Customer Service Standards; Disposal of Surplus Council Owned Land; Commissioning and Procurement; the arvato Contract; Asset Management and the Accommodation Strategy; the Review of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme; and Levels of Disciplinary, Grievance and Sickness.

The Committee also met on two separate occasions to consider called-in items relating to the former Birkdale Library and the former Maghull Library and Youth Centre. Upon consideration of the called-in item relating to the former Maghull Library and Youth Centre the Committee resolved that the Head of Regulation and Compliance be requested to undertake a review of the reasons for the requisitions for call-in as set out in Chapter 6 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules of the Constitution. This request culminated in the adoption, by Council at its meeting held on 28 January 2016, of improved arrangements for dealing with called-in items.

The Committee also received regular Work Programme and Cabinet Member update reports; and established a Working Group to review the Customer Experience of Claiming Council Administered Benefits and Financial Support. The Working Group met on numerous occasions and considered case studies, interviewed witnesses and undertook visits to the Council's One Stop Shops and the Wigan Life Centre. The Working Group's Final Report was approved by Cabinet on 23 June 2016 and can be found [here](#)

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The Committee received many presentations and this enabled Members to engage with colleagues from within and outside of the Council on topics identified below.

Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/20

A major part of the Committee's work involved scrutinising the proposed budget for 2015/16 and the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/20. Since 2011 the Council had faced unprecedented reductions in its funding which had led to £146m of savings being identified, implemented or in the process of being implemented for the five years to 2015/16; and the Government Settlement announced on 19 December 2015 meant that the Council would face a range of other financial challenges over the coming years to 2020 and an overview of the current estimates of the likely impact on future levels of income indicated that the total budget shortfall for the period 2017/2020 was anticipated to be £64.4million. The Committee was well aware of the continuing and significant impact this level of reductions would have on Council services and outcomes for Sefton's communities and that in order to inform the allocation of a significantly reduced resource, the Core Purpose of the Council was assumed to be to: -

- protect the most vulnerable i.e. those people who had complex care needs with no capacity to care for themselves and no other networks to support them
- commission and provide core services which met the defined needs of communities and which were not and could not be duplicated elsewhere
- enable/facilitate economic prosperity i.e. maximise the potential for people within Sefton to be financially sustainable through employment/ benefit entitlement
- facilitate confident and resilient communities which were less reliant on public sector support and which had well developed and effective social support networks

The Committee will continue to monitor and scrutinise the Revenue Budget during the course of 2016/17.

Financial Management across the Council

The Committee received a presentation on financial management across the Council. This was set against the context of the austerity agenda and the significant challenges ahead which included National Audit Office survey results that showed that 56% of metropolitan and unitary local authorities were not meeting mid-term financial plans (although Sefton was not included as one such authority); that with greater devolution there were expectations of taking on greater risk and the encouragement of greater financial freedoms; and that by 2019 local authorities would be self-financing. The components of good financial management including strategic financial planning, financial governance, financial control and the key indicators of financial performance were detailed; and that Cabinet had been advised that to improve financial management further it would be necessary to move to a three year financial planning model rather than the current two year model.

Review of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme

The Committee was presented with a [report](#) on feedback on the recent consultation exercise regarding proposed amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for



2016/17; options for the recommendation to Council for a 2016/17 Scheme; and an updated Council Tax Base for 2016/17. Each financial year the Council must consider whether to revise or replace its Scheme and the Council, on 28 January 2016, approved and adopted the 2016/17 to take effect from 1 April 2016. The decision to revise the Scheme was taken in compliance with statutory provisions in accordance with The Local Government Finance Act; and that the proposed revision to the Scheme would assist in making the Council Tax more affordable and would help alleviate some of the financial difficulties being faced by Sefton's residents on very low incomes. Additionally, it would align the minimum weekly Council Tax payment with the amount that could be taken by way of regular deductions from certain benefits (for example Income Support or Job Seeker's Allowance) which in turn would reduce the Council's collection and recovery costs

Air Quality Monitoring

The Committee was presented with a [report](#) that detailed the location of air quality monitoring equipment and the five Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. The Council had a statutory duty to review and assess air quality in Sefton at regular intervals; and it was noted with concern that Port expansion and the associated increase in HGVs would lead to an increase in emissions that would affect air quality in the AQMA's and other areas around the A5036, A565 and A5058; and that a study was underway to determine the impacts of these increases in emissions and to suggest possible emissions reductions measures.

Enforcement Agent's Code of Practice

The Committee was presented with a [report](#) that provided an update on the Enforcement Agent Companies relating to the collection of debts owed to the Council and how Enforcement Agents dealt with vulnerability issues. A procurement exercise had recently been undertaken by the Council for its Enforcement Agent Services and senior officers of three of the successful tendering companies attended the meeting to answer questions from Members. The Committee made recommendations to amend the Code of Conduct by making changes to the Enforcement Agency Procedures Compliance Stage.

Customer Service Standards

The Committee was presented with a [report](#) that provided information, in light of the approved budget savings for 2015-2017, on the service standards that had been reviewed and either amended, deleted or been added to; and on the Trading Standards Charter that had been amended to replace the previous charter published in 2003 that was made redundant by national changes to the consumer landscape.

Disposal of Surplus Council Owned Land

The Committee was presented with a [report](#) on the current position in respect of the Asset Disposal Policy and process and that provided an overview of best value and an analysis of prior years' outcomes in terms of capital receipts and how this supported the Council's Capital Programme. For 2015/16 a target had been set of £2,000,000 of which £574,000 was actually received in the financial year; however there were sufficient assets in the disposal pipeline to deliver the target for 2015/16, but slippage in terms of Council decision making and satisfaction of conditions of

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disposal such as planning, caused a substantial receipt to fall into the following financial year. The target was finally achieved at the end of April 2016.

Commissioning and Procurement

The Committee received a presentation on the Commissioning and Procurement process that advised, amongst other things, on the success story that the Council had won a Local Government Chronicle award for Pioneering Commissioning in relation to the Community Meals Service; and the reasons for the achievement which included the process being outcome focused and the realisation of outcomes without money. A copy of the presentation can be viewed [here](#)

arvato Contract

The Committee received a presentation on the arvato contract that had a financial value of £16.5 million per year; and was for a period of 10 years (from October 2008) with an option to extend for a further 5 years. Governance arrangements are in place, via the Finance and Information Services Operational Board, to hold key personnel of arvato and the Council to account for performance and delivery. The Committee was keen to be kept abreast of matters in this sphere and had requested the Chief Finance Officer to submit a report to the Committee in November 2016 on the future sourcing of services currently commissioned through arvato. A copy of the presentation can be viewed [here](#)

Asset Management and the Accommodation Strategy

The Committee received a presentation on the Asset Management and Accommodation Strategy that aimed to provide a coherent framework to enable management of assets across the Council. Phase 3 of the Strategy, whose vision was to optimise the use of the Council's accommodation assets to maximise service benefits, support community cohesions and minimise financial costs, had the aim of ensuring the economic and efficient use of assets, to align to corporate aims and priorities, to meet customer needs and co-location when practicable. Details were also provided the introduction of an Agile Working model. A copy of the presentation can be viewed [here](#)

Levels of Disciplinary, Grievance and Sickness

The Committee was presented with a [report](#) on providing a statistical analysis of the levels of discipline, grievance and sickness absence across the Authority. The Committee noted that that short term absence had come under target and that further effort should reap benefits in terms of long term absence figures; and that in respect of disciplinary and grievance the figures did not cause concern for the organisation against benchmarked figures.

Cabinet Member Reports

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



Pre-Scrutiny – The Key Decision Forward Plan

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

The Year Ahead

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

- The consideration of budget proposals and savings and the Medium Term Financial Plan
- Review the Council Tax Reduction Scheme during the fourth year of operation
- In accordance with a decision of the Management Board held on 7 January 2014, to undertake an annual review of the service standards for individual Cabinet Members
- Monitoring the operation of the Procurement Strategy
- Update on the disposal of surplus council owned land
- Updates required following approval of Work Programme

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

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our work over the past year. I would personally like to thank all Members of the Committee, Councillor Paulette Lappin, Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services and officers who have attended meetings for their support to me over the past year and provided the Committee with valuable information.

Councillor Dave Robinson
July 2016

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During 2015/16, the following Members served on the Committees indicated:-

Overview & Scrutiny Management Board

Councillor Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Byrom (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Dams
Councillor J. Kelly
Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Page
Councillor Webster

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding)

Councillor Murphy (Chair)
Councillor Webster (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ball
Councillor Booth
Councillor Bradshaw
Councillor Carragher
Councillor Gatherer
Councillor Hands
Councillor Keith
Councillor Spencer

Canon R. Driver – Church Diocesan Representative
Father D. Seddon - Church Diocesan Representative
Mr. D. McCaughrean and Mrs. C. Palmer - Parent Governor
Representatives
Mrs. S. Cain - Advisory Member
Ms. L. Kitt and Ms. J. Southern – Healthwatch
Representatives



Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care)

Councillor Page (Chair)
Councillor Dams (Vice-Chair)
Councillor David Barton
Councillor Brodie-Browne subsequently replaced by Councillor Welsh
Councillor Burns
Councillor Dawson
Councillor Gatherer
Councillor Grace
Councillor Hale
Councillor Thompson
Mr. B. Clark and Mr. R Hutchings – Healthwatch Representatives

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services)

Councillor Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Byrom (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Veronica Bennett subsequently replaced by Councillor Spencer
Councillor Cluskey
Councillor Dawson
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Daniel Lewis
Councillor McKinley
Councillor Owens
Councillor Weavers

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)

Councillor J. Kelly (Chair)
Councillor O'Brien (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jo Barton
Councillor Bliss
Councillor Carragher
Councillor Daniel Terence Lewis
Councillor Owens
Councillor S. McGuire
Councillor Sayers
Councillor Webster
Councillor Weavers

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