

# Sefton Council



## COUNCIL SUMMONS

To Members of the Metropolitan Borough Council

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council to

be held on **Thursday 22nd September, 2016 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Bootle** to

transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

Town Hall,  
Southport

Wednesday 14 September 2016

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# **A G E N D A**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

(Pages 7 - 16)

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 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.

(Details of any further petitions notified or questions submitted by members of the public will be circulated at the meeting).

**Council Business Session**

**6. Questions Raised by Members of the Council**

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

**7. Membership of Committees 2016/17**

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

8. **Four Year Financial Settlement** (Pages 17 - 24)  
Report of the Head of Corporate Resources
9. **Local Government Act 1972 - Section 85 - Attendance at Meetings** (Pages 25 - 28)  
Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance

10. **Motion Submitted by Councillor David Barton**

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor David Barton:

“This Council:

- Notes that there are a range of options that provide heritage- related funding provided by Central Government and various National Bodies applicable to heritage sites owned by both the public and private sectors within and across the Sefton Metropolitan Borough as a whole;
- Notes that these funding bodies: "The Heritage Lottery Fund" (HLF); "Funds for Historic Buildings" (FFHB), "The Heritage Alliance" and "The Big Lottery Fund" may support with the cost of restoration across Sefton as a whole, with special regard to its multiple proud Conservation areas from Southport to Bootle. Various grant programmes that support projects to give historic buildings and heritage assets a new lease of life and for which local authorities are eligible to apply;
- Recognises that potential funding organisations are presently available for an assortment of heritage buildings across Sefton Metropolitan Borough to support our local and regional economy, and that in order to truly deliver the best future for “Imagine Sefton 2030” these same potential funding organisations must be accessed as soon as possible;
- Applauds the work of all those Council Officers involved across the multiple Sefton Departments that have already demonstrated vast prowess in getting the best value for the Sefton pound and their continued commitment to improving our communities, particularly with regards to local heritage;
- Commends the work of those within both the Local Sefton Authority Departments and the individual land owners

from Southport to Bootle that have already engaged in the exciting process of Community Conservation;

- Believes that is in the interests of the residents of Sefton Metropolitan Borough, the North West of England and Britain as one nation that this Local Authority pursues these additional funding organisations and bodies in earnest; and
- Calls upon Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council to make stronger use of its website and media communications to provide a gateway for these funding organisations to both the public and private sectors with the objective of truly delivering for the residents and visitors of Sefton MBC.”

#### **11. Motion submitted by Councillor McKinley**

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor McKinley:

“Developing a Merseyside-wide strategic and operational plan to meet the functional literacy, numeracy and ICT needs of the adults of the Liverpool City Region (LCR).

The devolution deal for the LCR includes planning and delivering the learning and skills agenda. This is a great opportunity to develop a comprehensive wide ranging skills strategy that will meet the future needs of business and offer employment opportunities to our residents. It is recognised that we are making great progress in some areas with the allocation of £20 million plus which the local authorities have the lead on and will help to drive the learning and skills agenda. However, these opportunities will not be maximised for all residents unless we address the adult literacy, numeracy and ICT needs of all residents in a systematic and planned way.

Poor standards of English, maths and ICT is a significant factor in trapping individuals in the downward cycle of poverty and deprivation. Confidence in mathematics, written and spoken English are transformational skills that can make a huge difference to the lives and employment prospects of LCR residents. In Sefton and North Liverpool we have one of the highest concentrations of deprived lower super output areas in the country and amongst the highest level of need for adult literacy, numeracy and ICT in the UK.

Some good work is already in place, unfortunately, in spite of some excellent work done by local colleges and others, many areas across the City Region continue to be blighted by intergenerational unemployment and poor skills. A more

strategic approach to adult literacy, numeracy and ICT will help to underpin any strategy to develop wider skills.

The LCR Employment and Skills Board is working to address the skills gap and a clearly focused strategic and operational plan for literacy, numeracy and ICT will help to drive this.

Sefton Council actively supports and endorses the development of a holistic Merseyside-wide plan to meet the adult literacy, numeracy and ICT needs of the LCR. Such a plan to be based on clear demographic profiling of areas of greatest need and work with all appropriate stakeholders to prioritise and target these areas to address residents' functional literacy, numeracy and ICT needs.”