

# 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 16th November, 2017 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Southport**

to transact the business set out on the agenda overleaf.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive

Town Hall,  
Southport

Wednesday 8 November 2017

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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 - 22)

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2017.

**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. Armed Forces Memorandum of Understanding for the Local Authorities of the Liverpool City Region**

(Pages 23 - 34)

Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance

**8. Local Government Act 1972 – Section 85 - Attendance at Meetings**

(Pages 35 - 38)

Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance

9. **Membership of Committees 2017/18** (Pages 39 - 44)  
Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance

10. **Matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 46 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Call-In and Urgency) of the Constitution** (Pages 45 - 48)  
Report of the Leader of the Council.

11. **Motion submitted by Councillor Burns**  
To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Burns:

**Sling the mesh motion**

Vaginal mesh is used for women who may have suffered incontinence or prolapse after childbirth or the menopause. It is a net like product which supports the affected organs and is supposedly there for life.

Patients are told that it's a simple quick procedure which will take about 20 minutes and they will be able to leave hospital later in the day. However, cases of severe complications after the operation are now emerging as women start to talk more openly about this usually taboo subject.

Some women have spoken about how quickly their symptoms began and others have been affected years later. There are women who have walked into an operating theatre perfectly fit and healthy and come out as physical wrecks, some needing a wheelchair or sticks to walk; others facing a lifetime of pain and the prospect of losing their jobs/homes and others have lost their marriages due to chronic pain while having sex.

Most women aren't informed of these risks and even when they experience them they're not taken seriously. Women's health in general is not taken seriously even now in the 21st Century.

We call on Sefton Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt and request a suspension of at least 2 years on the use of vaginal mesh implants until a full investigation into the long term affects has been concluded.

If, after a full investigation has taken place, women are still to be encouraged to have this operation, they should be fully

informed of the risks associated with this operation, so they can make an informed choice and women who do choose to have vaginal mesh implants in the future are tracked for life in order to collate accurate data on the long term affects.

**12. Motion submitted by Councillor Pugh**

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Pugh:

**Bootle New Strand Shopping Centre**

This council:

- (1) notes the concerns of several members about the purchase of the Bootle New Strand Shopping Centre; and
- (2) calls for the contract of sale and any additional documents relevant to the understanding of it, to be made available, without redaction or delay, to all members of council .