



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 JULY 2014 - 31 OCTOBER 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE:

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

**Margaret Carney
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Details of Decision to be taken	Adult Social Care Change Programme Update on the February 2014 approvals - The Council continues to face significant budgetary challenges over the coming years and therefore needs to look at new and innovative approaches to deliver services whilst reducing the cost of provision and protecting the most vulnerable. This report will update Cabinet on progress to date and seek approval for planned activity			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Health and Social Care			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Public Engagement and Consultation Panel held on 15 November 2013. Agenda and minutes can be viewed by copy and pasting the hyperlink below into the browser bar at the top of this page: http://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=498&MId=7527			
Method(s) of Consultation	Public Engagement and Consultation Panel held on 15 November 2013. Agenda and minutes can be viewed by copy and pasting the hyperlink below into the browser bar at the top of this page: http://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=498&MId=7527			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Adult Social Care Change Programme			
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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Sefton Carers Strategy Sefton Carers Strategy has been produced in co-operation with a number of partners including Sefton Council for Voluntary Service, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Carers Centre and PSS Young Carers. Wider consultation on the Strategy has taken place with stakeholders, carers and those they care for as well as the wider public. Cabinet are asked to agree the Sefton Carers Strategy for publication in April 2014</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Health and Social Care			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	<p>Public Engagement and Consultation Panel held on 20 September 2013. Agenda and minutes can be viewed by copy and pasting the hyperlink below into the browser bar at the top of this page: http://sb1msgov1:9070/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=498&MId=7526&Ver=4</p>			
Method(s) of Consultation	<p>Public Engagement and Consultation Panel held on 20 September 2013. Agenda and minutes can be viewed by copy and pasting the hyperlink below into the browser bar at the top of this page: http://sb1msgov1:9070/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=498&MId=7526&Ver=4</p>			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	<p>Public Engagement and Consultation Panel held on 20 September 2013. Agenda and minutes can be viewed by copy and pasting the hyperlink below into the browser bar at the top of this page: http://sb1msgov1:9070/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=498&MId=7526&Ver=4 Strategy Document; EIA; Consultation Report; Action Plan; Sefton Carers National and Local</p>			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Parish and Town Council Charter for Sefton To seek Cabinet endorsement of a Parish and Town Council Charter for Sefton and to adopt this on behalf of Sefton Council			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Performance and Corporate Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Parish representatives			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings with Parish representatives and discussion with Council Officers			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Parish and Town Council Charter for Sefton			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Procurement Strategy To approve a new Procurement Strategy for the Council			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Performance and Corporate Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Internal Council officers			
Method(s) of Consultation	Via email			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Procurement Strategy			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Renewables and Energy Efficiency in Community Housing (REECH) Project - Additional European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Funding To accept additional European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding being made available by the Department for Communities and Local Government to continue the activities involving the retrofitting of energy saving technologies for domestic and non-domestic premises being undertaken by the Renewables and Energy Efficiency in Community Housing (REECH) Project			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism All Local Authorities in Liverpool City Region Registered Social Landlords			
Method(s) of Consultation	It is anticipated that once further ERDF funding is approved, those domestic and non-domestic properties that are selected will be consulted by the Registered Social Landlords, local authorities and Chambers of Commerce.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	REECH Project - Additional ERDF Funding			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Property Search Litigation Property Search Litigation relates to claims by private property search companies for the repayment of property search fees which they allege are incompatible with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The purpose of the report is to provide an update on such litigation and to seek instructions from Cabinet.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Yes – Paragraphs 3 and 5			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Head of Corporate Finance and ICT and Head of Planning Services			
Method(s) of Consultation	Internal meetings			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Property Search Litigation			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Sefton Local Plan: Authority's Monitoring Reports Approval to publish the Authority's Monitoring Report for 2012 and 2013. The Authority's Monitoring Report sets out the Council's performance in meeting its Local Plan policies and document production timetable.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	None			
Method(s) of Consultation	Not Applicable			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Sefton Local Plan: Authority's Monitoring Reports			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Designation of Maghull Parish as a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area Maghull Town Council has submitted an application for Maghull parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Development Plan area. This has the potential to affect a significant number of people in three wards.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Park; Sudell			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Ward Councillors			
Method(s) of Consultation	Council website, emails, twitter and consultation carried out by Maghull Town Council			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Designation of Maghull parish as a Neighbourhood Development Plan area Qualifying Statement Maghull Town Council 26-02-14.pdf Rationale for Neighbourhood Plan 26-02-14.pdf Designation of Maghull parish as a Neighbourhood Development Plan area			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Designation of Melling Neighbourhood Development Plan Area Melling Parish Council has submitted an application to have the majority of its parish (east of the M58) designated as a Neighbourhood Development Plan area. This has the potential to affect a significant number of people in two wards.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Sudell			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Ward Councillors			
Method(s) of Consultation	Website, emails, twitter and consultation carried out by Melling Parish Council			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Melling Submission letter March 5th.pdf Melling NDP area submission plan March 5th 2014.doc.pdf Designation of Melling Neighbourhood Development Plan area			
Contact Officer(s) details	Ingrid Berry ingrid.berry@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3556			

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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Housing Allocations Policy Changes The Councils of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral jointly operate a housing allocations scheme known as Property Pool Plus. This features a common allocations policy, which was introduced in September 2012. There are aspects of the policy which now need to change due to a number of developments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New powers and requirements under the Localism Act 2011. - A new Government Code of Guidance on local authority housing allocations. - New Regulations regarding Armed Forces personnel. - The Welfare Reform Act 2012. 			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism. Clients on the housing register, community organisations, and partner organisations such as social landlords were also contacted to raise their awareness of the consultation.			
Method(s) of Consultation	A draft version of the policy could be viewed at www.propertypoolplus.org.uk together with a survey questionnaire so that stakeholders could submit their views on the proposed changes.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Housing Allocations Policy changes			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Town Centres Working Group - Final Report To submit findings and recommendations to Cabinet in relation to a review undertaken by Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) regarding Town Centres.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services).			
Method(s) of Consultation	Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services).			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	None Town Centres Working Group - Final Report			
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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Market Testing Exercise: Proposals for Potential Partnership Arrangement, Investment, Development and Management of Southport Golf Links and Bootle Golf Course</p> <p>To report on the outcome of the above market testing exercise and agree a way forward for the future arrangements for both Southport Golf Links, and Bootle Golf Courses</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Head of Corporate Finance and ICT Head of Corporate Legal Services			
Method(s) of Consultation	Circulation of draft report.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Market testing exercise: proposals for potential partnership arrangement, investment, development and management of Southport Golf Links and Bootle Golf Course			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Sefton Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2013 This study will update the Strategic Housing Market Assessment carried out in 2008 and published in 2009. The study will provide an updated assessment of borough housing needs (including market and affordable) to inform (a) the local plan process and (b) current council policies regarding affordable housing used to negotiate legal agreements [‘Section 106’] on affordable housing contributions as part of mixed tenure housing developments.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	17 Jul 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Registered [Social Housing] Providers; developers/house-builders/agents, Home Builders Federation, council officers; Neighbouring Local Authority officers; general public			
Method(s) of Consultation	A Housing Market Partnership Stakeholder Event; a formal 4 week public consultation on the draft study report commencing February 2014.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Sefton Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2013			
Contact Officer(s) details	Alan Young alan.young@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3551			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Merseyside and West Lancashire Traveller Accommodation Assessment To agree the findings of the assessment of accommodation for travellers (i.e. gypsies and travellers) and to agree an approach to finding sites (if any are needed), and including these within the Sefton Local Plan			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	11 Sep 2014			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	No			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Departments within the Council, NHS, and other partner organisations that provide services to traveller communities; the traveller community itself; groups with links to the traveller community			
Method(s) of Consultation	Online survey; telephone interviews; face to face interviews with traveller community			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (March 2012)			
Contact Officer(s) details	Ian Loughlin ian.loughlin@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3558			

