



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2024 - 31 MARCH 2025

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

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.

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Phil Porter
Chief Executive

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Details of Decision to be taken	Sefton New Directions To update Cabinet on the Sefton New Directions transformation programme and to provide a 2025/26 budget position for the company.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: An updated 2025/26 budget position is in the process of being formulated by Sefton New Directions following their recent Shareholder meeting			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Part exempt (Paragraph 3)			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Adult Social Care			
Lead Director	Executive Director - Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing (Place Director)			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Sefton New Directions and key partners such as Cheshire & Merseyside ICB.			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings and Emails.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Sefton New Directions			
Contact Officer(s) details	Neil Watson neil.watson@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3744			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Healthwatch Procurement To seek approval to commence a procurement exercise for the delivery of Healthwatch services.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Adult Social Care			
Lead Director	Executive Director - Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing (Place Director)			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Internal Officers, Stakeholders, Partners, such as ICB colleagues			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings and Emails			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Healthwatch Procurement			
Contact Officer(s) details	Neil Watson neil.watson@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3744			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Re-procurement of Sefton Sexual Health Service Approval sought for the direct award via Provider Selection Regime Direct Award Route C of the Sefton Sexual Health Service to the incumbent provider, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospital Trust.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	6 Feb 2025			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services and Safeguarding			
Lead Director	Director of Public Health			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	As this is a universal service, we aim to consult with all residents, aiming to capture the views from all backgrounds that represent Sefton's population.			
Method(s) of Consultation	Consultation and engagement with key stakeholders and residents including surveys (online and in the community) and focus groups organised through community gatekeepers.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Re-procurement of Sefton Sexual Health Service.			
Contact Officer(s) details	George Lock			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS scheme To seek approval to increase the capital funding allocation for the Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS scheme			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Meols			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Assistant Director - Operational In-House Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Public, Cabinet members, United Utilities, Environment Agency, Sport England,			
Method(s) of Consultation	Public Consultation, Briefings, reports, emails			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS scheme			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Approval of Sandway Homes Phase 1A Business Plan Approval of the Phase 1A Business Plan outlining future housing development by Sandway Homes.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the business plan			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Regeneration, Economy and Assets			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	None			
Method(s) of Consultation	None			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Approval of Sandway Homes Phase 1A Business Plan			
Contact Officer(s) details	Lee Payne lee.payne@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4842, Suzanne Blundell Suzanne.Blundell@sefton.gov.uk			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Eastbank (Enterprise Arcade) Business Plan Business case for Eastbank project (formerly Enterprise Arcade)			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 06/12/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: The Business Plan is still being developed			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Dukes			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Executive Director - Place			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Southport Town Deal Board			
Method(s) of Consultation	via Southport Town Deal consultation process held in 2019-2021			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Eastbank (Enterprise Arcade) business case			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Southport Pier Update relating to Southport Pier, following progression of pre-construction work (and in advance of any award of the required capital funding, at the time of adding to the forward plan)			
Decision Maker	Cabinet Council			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 16 Jan 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the business plan / case			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Cambridge			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Executive Director - Place Executive Director - Place			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	potential external funding bodies; other key stakeholder groups such as Southport Pier Trust			
Method(s) of Consultation	external communications activity			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Southport Pier			
Contact Officer(s) details	Stephen Watson stephen.watson@sefton.gov.uk			

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Details of Decision to be taken	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (2027-32) - Update This report aims to confirm to update Cabinet on the transport schemes to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for potential funding support from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (2027-32) and the assessment process.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the Settlement			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Assistant Director - Highways and Public Protection			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Members Housing and Highways and Regeneration, Economy and Skills.			
Method(s) of Consultation	Briefings and emails			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (2027-32) - Update			
Contact Officer(s) details	Andrew Dunsmore andrew.dunsmore@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2766			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Sefton Hospitality Operations Limited - Business Plan Updated three-year business plan for SHOL (2024-25 to 2026-27)			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the business plan			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Executive Director - Place			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Appropriate service areas and Cabinet Members			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings and emails			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Sefton Hospitality Operations Limited - business plan			
Contact Officer(s) details	Stephen Watson stephen.watson@sefton.gov.uk			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents - Short Term Holiday Lets and Boundary Treatments Approval of Supplementary Planning Documents to help guide new development and support policies in the Local Plan.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 03/10/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: In order for the matter to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Assistant Director - Economic Growth and Housing			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member, residents, other key stakeholders.			
Method(s) of Consultation	Public consultation has been undertaken prior to this stage through emails, website etc. Cabinet Member for Housing and Highways has been engaged in process.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents - Short Term Holiday Lets and Boundary Treatments			
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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Southport Eastern Access and Maritime Corridor Major Schemes - Land Acquisition</p> <p>This report seeks Cabinet Members approval to progress with the acquisition of land necessary to complete works associated with the above highway improvement schemes including the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for both scheme. Whilst every effort is being made to acquire the land and other interests by negotiation it is considered necessary to make a compulsory purchase order to acquire those areas which are necessary to achieve the works should negotiations not be successful</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the schemes			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Dukes; Kew; Litherland; Molyneux; Netherton and Orrell; Norwood; St. Oswald			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Assistant Director - Highways and Public Protection			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	All affected landowners.			
Method(s) of Consultation	All landowners have received visits and e-mails.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Southport Eastern Access and Maritime Corridor Major Schemes - Acquisitions			
Contact Officer(s) details	Andrew Dunsmore andrew.dunsmore@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2766			

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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Approval of Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is a cross-cutting theme across several Cabinet Member portfolios and Services. The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) are intending to approve a draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for public consultation in winter 2024/5, and the final LNRS in spring 2025 in line with the government's deadline. Sefton Council as a supporting authority should approve both the draft and final LNRS prior to their approval by the Combined Authority. The purpose of the report therefore will be to seek approval of the draft LNRS for submission to the LCRCA.</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	9 Jan 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 05/12/2024 to 09/01/2025. Reason: The draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy is still being finalised			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Head of Regeneration and Housing			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Green Sefton, Highways, and other officers, Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service, LCR Combined Authority. Relevant Cabinet Members.			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings, emails, briefings.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Approval of draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy			
Contact Officer(s) details	Andrea O'Connor andrea.oconnor@sefton.gov.uk			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Biodiversity Net Gain, Responsible Body Application To seek approval for MEAS to apply to Defra to become a Responsible Body, which will allow the Liverpool City Region local authorities to establish Biodiversity Net Gain habitat banks.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet Council			
Decision Expected	9 Jan 2025 16 Jan 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 09/01/2025. Reason: Work is ongoing on the application			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Skills			
Lead Director	Assistant Director - Economic Growth and Housing Assistant Director - Economic Growth and Housing			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Merseyside Local Authorities; Liverpool City Region			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings and briefings			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Biodiversity Net Gain, Responsible body application			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Asset Disposal - Former Bootle High School site, Brown's Lane, Netherton To seek approval to the provisionally agreed Heads of Terms for the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in part of the former Bootle High School site, Brown's Lane, Netherton			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: negotiations on the disposal are still ongoing			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Part exempt (Paragraph 3)			
Wards Affected	St. Oswald			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Regeneration, Economy and Assets			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member and Senior Officers			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings and emails			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Asset Disposal - Former Bootle High School site, Brown's Lane, Netherton			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – December Update Financial updates and Policy decisions relating to the Council's Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan, including the monthly Revenue and Capital budget monitoring reports			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet, Chief Executive, Strategic Leadership Board, Trade Unions, Staff and relevant organisations as appropriate			
Method(s) of Consultation	Individual budget saving options / amendments to the budget will be subject to consultation – internal and external to the Council (as appropriate).			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – December Update			
Contact Officer(s) details	Paul Reilly paul.reilly@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4106			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Gas Supply Contract Renewal procurement of the corporate gas supply contract for the period 2025/26 - 2029/30			
Decision Maker	Cabinet Council			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024 16 Jan 2025			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director of Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services; Assistant Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (Strategic Support); and Framework providers			
Method(s) of Consultation	Emails; meetings; and Framework providers via formal interviews and written documents/responses			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Gas supply contract renewal			
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Details of Decision to be taken	ICT Managed Service Contract To review and make a decision in relation to the award of a new contract for an ICT Managed Services Contract to commence 1st October 2025.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Dec 2024			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Stephan Van Arendsen - Executive Director Corporate Resources and Customer Services; Richard Clegg, Principal Lawyer; Mark Woodward , Procurement Category Manager; Marie Lambert, HR Manager , Operations; and Paul Reilly, Service Manager, Finance			
Method(s) of Consultation	The procurement team includes representation from Legal , Finance, HR and the Central procurement team, therefore consultation and engagement will take place on the proposed decision via this Procurement teams regular board meetings chaired by the Executive Director for Corporate Resources and Customer Service, Consultation with the Cabinet member will be completed via a Cabinet Member briefing session. which are schedule on a fortnightly basis.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	ICT Managed Service Contract			
Contact Officer(s) details	Helen Spreadbury helen.spreadbury@sefton.gov.uk			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Counter Fraud Strategy Provide a Counter Fraud Strategy for decision detailing the proposed activity to improve the Council's approach to detect and prevent fraud.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	9 Jan 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 09/01/2025. Reason: Work is ongoing on the preparation of the strategy			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Executive Leadership Team, Cabinet Member – Corporate Services			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Counter Fraud Strategy			
Contact Officer(s) details	David Eden david.eden@sefton.gov.uk			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – January Update Financial updates and Policy decisions relating to the Council's Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan, including the monthly Revenue and Capital budget monitoring reports			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	9 Jan 2025			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet, Chief Executive, Strategic Leadership Board, Trade Unions, Staff and relevant organisations as appropriate			
Method(s) of Consultation	Individual budget saving options / amendments to the budget will be subject to consultation – internal and external to the Council (as appropriate).			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – January Update			
Contact Officer(s) details	Paul Reilly paul.reilly@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4106			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Base 2025/26 The report provides a review of the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the current year 2024/25 and a proposed scheme for 2025/26. An updated Council Tax Base for 2025/26 is also provided.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet Council			
Decision Expected	9 Jan 2025 16 Jan 2025			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Precepting authorities - Merseyside Fire & Rescue, Police and Crime Commissioner and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.			
Method(s) of Consultation	Details of the proposed local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Base for 2025/26 are provided to the precepting bodies, Merseyside Fire & Rescue, Police and Crime Commissioner and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Base 2025/26			
Contact Officer(s) details	Diane Turner diane.turner22@sefton.gov.uk			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Digital Strategy To submit for approval the Councils Digital Strategy for the next three years			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	6 Feb 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 06/02/2025. Reason: Work is ongoing on the preparation of the digital strategy			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Officers - Executive Leadership Board and wider staff via ICT Champions and Digital working groups Members - all via IPC Members of the public via formal consultation			
Method(s) of Consultation	The digital strategy has been circulated to all members of ELT via Executive Board meetings, comment has also been sought on draft copies via Informal Policy Cabinet. Staff consultation has been completed with all officers involved in the delivery of key digital strands and wider staff engagement has been completed via ICT Digital Champions Meetings Formal public consultation on the proposed strategy took place over summer 2024, with 55 responses received both electronically and via hard copy			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Digital Strategy			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – February Update Financial updates and Policy decisions relating to the Council's Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan, including the monthly Revenue and Capital budget monitoring reports			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	6 Feb 2025			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet, Chief Executive, Strategic Leadership Board, Trade Unions, Staff and relevant organisations as appropriate			
Method(s) of Consultation	Individual budget saving options / amendments to the budget will be subject to consultation – internal and external to the Council (as appropriate).			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – February Update			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Q3 (2024) Corporate Performance Report Corporate Performance report showing performance for Q3 (October 2024 to December 2024) against the Corporate Plan and Council priorities			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	6 Feb 2025			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial		Community Impact	
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Executive Leadership Team and Strategic Leadership Board			
Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings and briefings			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Q3 (2024) Corporate Performance Report			
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Details of Decision to be taken	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – March Update Financial updates and Policy decisions relating to the Council's Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan, including the monthly Revenue and Capital budget monitoring reports			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	6 Mar 2025			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services			
Lead Director	Executive Director – Corporate Services and Commercial			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet, Chief Executive, Strategic Leadership Board, Trade Unions, Staff and relevant organisations as appropriate			
Method(s) of Consultation	Individual budget saving options / amendments to the budget will be subject to consultation – internal and external to the Council (as appropriate).			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 – March Update			
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