

**COUNCIL – 4 March 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 11**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by Councillor Pugh

Seconded by Councillor Brodie Browne

**That the budget proposals set out in the report be amended by:**

**Adding the following word(s)**

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Recognising

(1) the huge democratic deficit that exists in Sefton

(2) the need in all parts of the borough to provide the opportunity for citizen to cross question their elected representatives on local schemes and provision, facilitating public scrutiny and input

The Council allocates a sum of 20K to Democratic Services to cover the part-year cost of reintroducing Area Committee to be funded at the discretion of Cabinet by the use of any of the following budget mechanisms or combination thereof

- (a) reducing the £1.5M planned contribution to balances
- (b) reducing the provision for ICT contract inflation
- (c) increasing the vacancy management target
- (d) varying the contribution from the school closure fund

OR

by any other means consistent with the Budget priorities laid out in Sec 11 of the Council's Agenda.