

**COUNCIL**

**MEETING HELD AT THE GOLDEN MILLER SUITE,  
AINTREE RACE COURSE  
ON 20 MAY 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Clare Louise Carragher (in the Chair)

Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Blackburne, Bradshaw, Brennan, Brodie - Browne, Brough, Burns, Byrom, Carlin, Carr, Corcoran, Cluskey, Cummins, D'Albuquerque, Dowd, Doyle, Dutton, Evans, Fairclough, Friel, Grace, Halsall, Hansen, Hardy, Howard, Jones, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin, Ian Maher, McKinley, Chris Maher, Moncur, Morris, Murphy, Myers, O'Brien, Page, Prendergast, Pugh, Riley, Roche, Roscoe, John Sayers, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, Anne Thompson, Lynne Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Waterfield, Sir Ron Watson, Webster and Wilson.

**7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dodd, Irving, Lewis, McGinnity, Robinson, Sathiy and Yvonne Sayers.

**8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

**9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 April 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**10. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Election of New Councillors

The Mayor congratulated all Councillors who were re-elected to office following the Local Government Elections held on 6 May 2021, and extended a warm welcome to the following 10 new Councillors elected to office:

Natasha Carlin, Jennifer Corcoran, Sinclair D'Albuquerque, James Hansen, Sonya Kelly, Christine Maher, Catie Page, Mike Prendergast Joe Riley and Andrew Wilson.

Councillors Not Re-Elected

The Mayor reported that she wished to place on record, the gratitude of the Council to the 3 former Councillors who were not re-elected to office, namely Bob McCann who served for 5 years and Tony Dawson and Pat Keith who both served for 9 years, and on behalf of the Council, thanked them for their dedicated service to the people of Sefton.

Both the Mayor and Councillor Evans paid tribute to the work of Pat Keith.

**11. ELECTION RESULTS - 6 MAY 2021**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer on the results of the Council Elections held on 6 May 2021.

It was moved by Councillor Grace, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**12. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor reported that on 16 May 2019 the Council had appointed Councillor Maher as the Leader of Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council for a four-year term of office and until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting in May 2023 or until such time as his term of office expires.

**13. CABINET AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council considered the report of the Leader of the Council on the membership of the Cabinet.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That

- (1) it be noted that Councillor Fairclough was appointed as the Deputy Leader of the Council in May 2019 for a four year term of office or until such time as his term of office expires;
- (2) it be noted that the Cabinet comprising of the Members indicated below will hold office until the Leaders term of office expires, unless removed by the leader or for any of the reasons set out in Paragraph 4 (a) to (c) of Chapter 5 in the Constitution;

## COUNCIL- THURSDAY 20TH MAY, 2021

### Cabinet (10)

Portfolio	Member
Leader of the Council	Councillor Maher
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care	Councillor Cummins
Cabinet Member – Children’s Social Care	Councillor Doyle
Cabinet Member – Communities and Housing	Councillor Hardy
Cabinet Member - Education	Councillor Roscoe
Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing	Councillor Moncur
Cabinet Member – Locality Services Deputy Leader	Councillor Fairclough
Cabinet Member – Planning and Building Control	Councillor Veidman
Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Skills	Councillor Atkinson
Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services	Councillor Lappin

- (3) the Portfolios set out in Chapter 5 of the Constitution be amended and agreed with the Leader and be lodged with the Monitoring Officer as set out in Paragraph 9 of Chapter 5 in the Constitution; and
- (4) the Monitoring officer be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from the matters set out above and all Members of the Council be notified of those changes in due course. If necessary, any changes would be referred to the Audit and Governance Committee for consideration.

**14. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES  
2021/22**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer which provided details of the allocation of Committee Places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules and the proposed Membership of the Committees and Working Groups for 2021/22. The report also sought approval to the terms of reference for Committees and Sub-Committees set out in chapters 6 and 7 of the Council's Constitution.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the allocation of Committee Places be noted; and
- (2) the Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs for the Committees and Sub-Committees set out in the appendix to this report be appointed for a maximum period of twelve months until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting to be held in May 2022, subject to any changes political groups may make to memberships of Committees at meetings of the Council.

**(A) OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH) (10)**

**(Plus 2 Associate Members)**

(Lab 7 /LD&PA 1 /Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Thomas	Cllr. Anne Thompson
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Myers	Cllr. Brennan
3.	Cllr. Brodie-Browne	Cllr. Pugh
4.	Cllr. Carr	Cllr. Christine Maher
5.	Cllr. Cluskey	Cllr. Andy Wilson
6.	Cllr. Halsall	Cllr. Roche
7.	Cllr. Irving	Cllr. Bennett
8.	Cllr. Jones	Cllr. Riley
9.	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly	Cllr. Tweed
10.	Cllr. Killen	Cllr. Webster

**Associate Members:  
(Non-voting Co-opted Members)**

Mr. Brian Clark and Mr. Roger Hutchings (Nominated by Healthwatch, Sefton)

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN’S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING) (10)**

**(Plus 4 Education Added Members and 3 Associate Members)**

(Lab 8 / LD&PA 1 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Burns	Cllr. Blackburne
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Spencer	Cllr. Brennan
3.	Cllr. Carlin	Cllr. Howard
4.	Cllr. Dowd	Cllr. John Kelly
5.	Cllr. Evans	Cllr. Dodd
6.	Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. John Sayers
7.	Cllr. Prendergast	Cllr. Jones
8.	Cllr. Yvonne Sayers	Cllr. McGinnity
9.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Myers
10.	Cllr. Wilson	Cllr. Christine Maher

**Education Added Members:  
(Voting Co-opted Members)**

**Church Diocesan Representatives:**

Father Des Seddon (Archdiocesan Representative) and  
Mr. Stuart Harrison (Diocesan Representative)

**Parent Governor Representatives:**

Ms. Claire McDonough 2-year appointment until November 2021 and  
Ms. Machalla McDermott – 2-year appointment until November 2022

**Associate Members:  
(Non-voting Co-opted Members)**

Mrs. Sandra Cain  
Ms. Karen Christie and Maurice Byrne  
(Nominated by Healthwatch, Sefton)

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION AND SKILLS) (10)**

(Lab 8 / LD&PA 1 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. John Sayers	Cllr. Killen
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Blackburne	Cllr. Howard
3.	Cllr. d’Albuquerque	Cllr. Morris
4.	Cllr. Cluskey	Cllr. O’Brien
5.	Cllr. Hansen	Cllr. Grace
6.	Cllr. Christine Maher	Cllr. Anne Thompson
7.	Cllr. Myers	Cllr. Thomas
8.	Cllr. Page	Cllr. Waterfield
9.	Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Yvonne Sayers
10.	Cllr. Sathiy	Cllr. Shaw

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGULATORY, COMPLIANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (10)**

(Lab 7 / LD&PA 1/Con 1 /Ind 1)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. McGinnity
2.	Vice-Chair: Byrom	Cllr. Murphy
3.	Cllr. Bennett	Cllr. Irving
4.	Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Myers
5.	Cllr. Grace	Cllr. Roche
6.	Cllr. Howard	Cllr. Page
7.	Cllr. Killen	Cllr. Friel
8.	Cllr. Lewis	Cllr. Brodie-Browne
9.	Cllr. McKinley	Cllr. Thomas
10.	Cllr. Morris	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson

**(B) REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES**

**APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Members of the Council (other than Cabinet Members) to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee. (Lab 2 / LD&PA 1 /Con 0 /Ind 0)

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (10)**

(Lab 6 / LD&PA 2 /Con 2 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Bradshaw
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Carr
3.	Cllr. D'Albuquerque	Cllr. Riley
4.	Cllr. Dowd	Cllr. Murphy
5.	Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. Yvonne Sayers
6.	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly	Cllr. Spencer
7.	Cllr. Pugh	Cllr. Lewis
8.	Cllr. John Sayers	Cllr. Sonya Kelly
9.	Cllr. Shaw	Cllr. Evans
10.	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson	Cllr. Prendergast

**HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

**INITIAL ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

**REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

**Co-opted Voting Members of Audit and Governance Standards Sub-Committees**

If any complaints are submitted in respect of the conduct of any Parish Councillor in the Borough, one of the Parish Councillors from the nominated panel will be selected to form part of the 3 Member Panel on the Sub-Committees set out above.

**INDEPENDENT PERSONS (STANDARDS ISSUES)**

(Currently 1 member – interviews pending)

Mr. E. Davies

**EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE COMMITTEE**

***Members of the Council to form a panel from which a minimum of 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee (Lab 2 / LD&PA 1 /Con 0 /Ind 0). At least one member of the Cabinet to be included on the Committee.***

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Members appointed by the Leader of the Council	Councillor Moncur – Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing (Chair)
	Councillor Cummins – Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care
	Councillor Doyle – Cabinet Member – Children’s Social Care
Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health	Deborah Butcher
Executive Director of Children’s Social Care and Education	Vicky Buchanan
Representative of NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Craig Gillespie
Representative of NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group	Dr Rob Caudwell
Chief Officer of NHS South Sefton and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Groups	Fiona Taylor
Representative of NHS England	Vacancy
Representative of Healthwatch, Sefton	Bill Bruce
Representative of the NHS Acute Provider Sector	Steve Warburton
Representative from the Every Child Matters Forum	Lorraine Webb
Representative from the Health and Social Care Forum	Andrew Booth
Representative from Merseyside Police	Superintendent Graeme Robson
Representative from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service	Gary Oakford
Representative from Alder Hey Children’s Foundation trust	Louise Shephard
Representative from the Voluntary Community Faith Sector (representative to be agreed through Sefton CVS as the umbrella organisation for the voluntary community and faith sector)	Angela White

The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 made under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 provide that the Board shall be a committee of the Council. The requirement for political balance does not apply to the Board and the Act requires that the Councillor Membership is nominated by the Executive Leader (Leader of the Council).

**LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (15)**

(Lab 11 / LD&PA 2 /Con 2 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. John Kelly
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Waterfield
3.	Cllr. Blackburne
4.	Cllr. Bradshaw
5.	Cllr. Burns
6.	Cllr. Dodd
7.	Cllr. Friel
8.	Cllr. Morris
9.	Cllr. O'Brien
10.	Cllr. Prendergast
11.	Cllr. Yvonne Sayers
12.	Cllr. Thomas
13.	Cllr. Anne Thompson
14.	Cllr Lynne Thompson
15.	Cllr. Webster

**LICENSING AND REGULATORY (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)**

(Lab 2 LD&PA / 0 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Bradshaw
2.	Cllr. Prendergast	Cllr. Morris
3.	Cllr. Waterfield	Cllr. Friel

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a Sub-Committee.

**LICENSING (SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES) SUB-COMMITTEE**

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a Sub-Committee.

**PAY AND GRADING COMMITTEE (7)**

(Lab 5 / LD&PA 1 /Con 1 /Ind 0) – Including Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services

	<b><u>Member</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Lappin
2.	Vice-Chair: Dowd
3.	Cllr. Carr
4.	Cllr. Howard
5.	Cllr. McKinley
6.	Cllr. Shaw
7.	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson

**PLANNING COMMITTEE (15)**

(Lab 11 / LD&PA 2 /Con 2 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Veidman	Cllr. Carlin
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. O'Brien	Cllr. John Sayers
3.	Cllr. Corcoran	Cllr. Anne Thompson
4.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Jones
5.	Cllr. Hansen	Cllr. Carr
6.	Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. McKinely
7.	Cllr. Sonya Kelly	Cllr. Byrom
8.	Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. Grace
9.	Cllr. Pugh	Cllr. Dodd
10.	Cllr. Riley	Cllr. D'Albuquerque
11.	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Friel
12.	Cllr. Spencer	Cllr. Robinson
13.	Cllr. Lynne Thompson	Cllr. Dodd
14.	Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. Blackburne
15.	Cllr. Waterfield	Cllr. Cluskey

**PLANNING (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)**

(Lab 2 / LD&PA 0/Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Veidman	Cllr. Tweed
2.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Riley
3.	Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Roche

**PLANNING VISITING PANEL (15)**

*The Panel comprises of the Members of the Planning Committee.*

**(C) CONSULTATIVE BODIES**

**INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

(Currently 2 members – interviews pending)

Mr. E. Davies

Mrs. S. Lowe

1-year term until May 2022

(To advise and make recommendations to the Authority about the allowances to be paid to Elected Members).

**JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFFS**

**(9 Council Members plus 9 Teacher representatives)**

(Lab 7 / LD&PA 1 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Cllr. Blackburne	Cllr. Myers
2.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. O'Brien
3.	Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Waterfield
4.	Cllr. Brough	Cllr. Prendergast
5.	Cllr. Friel	Cllr. John Sayers
6.	Cllr. Howard	Cllr. Tweed
7.	Cllr. John Joseph Kelly	Cllr. Yvonne Sayers
8.	Cllr. Lewis	Cllr. Sathiy
9.	Cllr. Wilson	Cllr. Corcoran

**LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**(12 Council Members plus 12 Trade Union Representatives)**

(Lab 10 / LD&PA 1 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Christine Myers
2.	Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Carlin
3.	Cllr. Brodie-Browne	Cllr. Lewis
4.	Cllr. Carr	Cllr. McKinley
5.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Brough
6.	Cllr. Grace	Cllr. Yvonne Sayers
7.	Cllr. Halsall	Cllr. McKinley
8.	Cllr. Lappin	Cllr. Waterfield
9.	Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Spencer
10.	Cllr. Page	Cllr. Burns
11.	Cllr. John Sayers	Cllr. Tweed
12.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Myers

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (4)**

(Lab 3 / LD&PA 0 /Con 1 /Ind 0)

	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Substitute</u></b>
1.	Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services – Cllr. Lappin	Cllr. John Kelly
2.	Cllr. Byrom	Cllr. Myers
3.	Cllr. Dutton	Cllr. Brough
4.	Cllr. Grace	Cllr. Blackburne

**15. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MERSEYSIDE  
JOINT AUTHORITIES 2021/22**

The Council considered a schedule of the proposed representation on the Merseyside Joint Authority Bodies for 2019/20.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the following Members be appointed to serve on the following Joint Authority Bodies in 2021/22:

<b><u>Joint Authority</u></b>	<b><u>Representatives</u></b>
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) Substitute Member – Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Fairclough)
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillors Byrom (Lab), Grace (Lab), Lynne Thompson (LD &PA) and Tweed (Lab)
Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	Councillors Page (Lab) and Yvonne Sayers (Lab)
Merseyside Police and Crime Panel (Nominations only – The appointments are agreed on a Pan-Merseyside basis)	Councillors John Sayers (Lab) and Spencer (Lab)

- (2) That the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer be granted delegated authority to make the necessary amendments to the below appointments should Sefton's allocation change in relation to the following Joint Authority Bodies arising from the allocation determined by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for 2021/22:

<b><u>Joint Authority</u></b>	<b><u>Representatives</u></b>
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillors Howard (Lab) (Scrutiny Link) Hansen (Lab) and Waterfield (Lab) <b>To Be Confirmed</b>
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee	Councillors Brough (Con), Friel (Lab), Halsall (Lab) and Killen (Lab) <b>To Be Confirmed</b>

**16. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – HIGHWAYS; AND COUNTER TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015**

Further to Minute No. 30 of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 17 March 2020 the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services on proposals for amendments to the Constitution relating to Highways.

The report indicated that it was considered more expedient and efficient for the Head of Highways and Public Protection to have delegated authority to enter into agreements under s38 and s278 Highways Act 1980 and the making and amending Traffic Regulation Orders with regards to Disabled Parking Places outside an individual's property

Also, to comply with the 2020 statutory guidance issued pursuant to the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, the report also sought to amend the Council's Constitution to detail that the Council's responsibilities under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to be the responsibility of the Cabinet Member - Communities and Housing.

It was moved by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the Constitution be amended to allow for the authority to enter into agreements under s38 and s278 Highways Act 1980 and the making and amending Traffic Regulation Orders with regards to Disabled Parking Places outside an individual's property to be delegated to the Head of Highways and Public Protection; and
- (2) the Constitution be amended to provide that the Council's responsibilities under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 be the responsibility of the Cabinet Member - Communities and Housing.

**17. AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Further to Minute No. 27 of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 17 March 2020 the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services reviewing the current terms of reference for Audit and Governance Committee and recommending a revised terms of reference in order to comply with best practice as recommended by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

It was moved by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor John Sayers and

RESOLVED:

That the revised terms of reference for the Audit Committee, as set out in the report be approved.

**18. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

Further to Minute No. 28 of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 17 March 2020 the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services on proposals for a new Members' Code of Conduct.

It was moved by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the new Member Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.

**19. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION IN RELATION TO PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Further to Minute No. 35 of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 17 March 2020 the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services proposing changes to the constitution in relation to the exercise of the Council's planning powers.

It was moved by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the proposed changes to matters which are delegated to Planning Committee and matters which will not be determined by Planning Committee as set out in Table 1 and reflected in the revised wording set out in Figure 1, be approved; and
- (2) the proposed changes to the public speaking process as set out in section 3 of the report, be approved.

**20. REVISIONS TO EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Further to Minute No. 29 of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 17 March 2020 the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services on proposals for revisions to the Employee Code of Conduct.

It was moved by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the revised Employee Code of Conduct be approved.

**21. GREEN HOMES GRANT (GHG) LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY (LAD) ROUND 2 SCHEME**

The Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services in relation to securing over £2 million grant funding.

The report detailed that Sefton Council had received a direct award of £1.9M capital and £0.225M revenue funding to retrofit 215 poorly insulated homes for low income Sefton residents. The report set out that the funding had come from The Department of Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) as part of the government's post covid 19 response.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the supplementary capital estimate of £1.9M and supplementary revenue estimate of £0.225M be approved; and
- (2) the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services be granted delegated authority to appoint a contractor via a direct award from the Procure Plus framework and then enter into the contract once the procurement process is completed in order to undertake the required works.

**22. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021/22**

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Council meetings scheduled to be held during the Municipal Year 2021/22 are as follows:

- 15 July 2021
- 16 September 2021
- 18 November 2021
- 20 January 2022
- 3 March 2022 (Budget Meeting)
- 21 April 2022