

Your Council Tax 2022/23



Dear Sefton resident,

I would like to thank you for continuing to follow the Covid-19 rules and guidance that apply to all of us. I would also like to extend my sincere condolences to you and your family if you have lost any loved ones during the pandemic.

Since 2010, before Coronavirus, Sefton Council had to deal with over 51% cut in funding for the Borough from the Government. And sadly, I am writing to you at the end of another year when the Government has failed to recognise just how hard our Borough has been hit by over a decade of those cuts and the COVID pandemic.

Instead of providing the funding we need to deliver services for local people and businesses and ensure a brighter future for all, the Government is, once again, forcing us to increase Council Tax to pay for vital services instead.

I am glad to see Ministers have come up with a Rebate scheme for some households. But the reason this Rebate is needed is the Government's own mis-management and lack of vision.

If we are going to be able to build back better from the damage done by this Government's policy of austerity and the impact of the pandemic, then we need sustainable, three-year financial settlements that would enable us to plan strategically and support our frontline services.

Finally, I want to thank our incredibly hardworking staff and partners who have and continue to deliver services that keep us all safe and well during incredibly difficult times. They deserve more than claps and badges from this Government.

Ian Maher

Leader of Sefton Council



Ask Sara

Sefton Council has launched, a new online self-assessment and guidance tool that helps people access equipment for independent living.

ASK SARA people can link people to providers of over 10,000 products including falls alarms, walking frames and even smart speakers!

You can find more at www.sefton.gov.uk/tecs

Reading is for more than bills

Research shows that children who read books often at the age of 10, and more than once a week at age 16, gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16.

Reading for pleasure can promote better health and wellbeing, aids in building social connections and relationships with others and is associated with a range of factors that help increase the chances of social mobility.

Find out more about Sefton's Libraries at www.sefton.gov.uk/libraries

Children's Social Care in Sefton

Sefton Children's Social Care is an innovative, forward-thinking place to work where you will find a workforce full of caring and compassionate people, committed to making a difference to the lives of our children, young people and families.

We are investing over £10m into our service and have embarked on an exciting improvement journey and are looking for the very best people to join us.

If you'd like to find out more and to apply, please visit www.sefton.gov.uk/socialworkrecruitment.

Are you registered to vote?

Local Elections take place on Thursday, 5th May.

To make sure you can vote, you need to register by Thursday 14th April.

You can register to vote online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. It takes just five minutes.

If you can't register online, you can contact 0345 140 0845 or email electors@sefton.gov.uk.

Fly tipping

Illegal fly tipping costs the Council more than £1/2 million each year.

That's over £1/2 million that we can't spend on services and facilities for local people.

And, if you are caught fly tipping, you will be fined £400.

Have you seen it? Then report it at www.sefton.gov.uk/litter

Thank you.

Sign up for our environmentally friendly e-billing service

Have you thought about supporting the Council's target of making our Borough net zero carbon by 2030 by having your Council Tax bill sent to you electronically?

You can sign up to e-billing now at www.sefton.gov.uk/mycounciltax