

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

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