

CABINET MEMBER – ENVIRONMENTAL
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<p style="text-align: center;">Food Champion Award</p>	<p>Sefton Council, working in partnership with NHS Sefton, has been declared runner-up in the National Food Champion Award 2010 for its “Appetite for Life project”. The project, which has been reported previously, addresses improving food hygiene, nutrition quality and oral health in child nurseries by adapting the statutory food standards inspection programme to health related subjects.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">EMAS Accreditation Award</p>	<p>In March 2006 Cabinet approved the development of a corporate environmental management system. The system adopted was the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). The benefits of this system include external verification and the requirement for a public statement outlining environmental performance. The former Environmental Protection Department piloted the EMAS scheme and in June 2010, external verification was completed and external EMAS accreditation granted. This is a significant milestone achievement.</p> <p>The annual review process within EMAS enables managers and staff to review their activities and resource use in a structured way and then consider opportunities for improvement. As well as ensuring legislative compliance with environmental legislation, such as discharge consents, duty of care and pollution risk management, EMAS provides a mechanism for identifying and implementing cost saving measures. Expansion of the EMAS system to cover further Council functions/Departments would provide significant benefits for the Council as a whole and aid the delivery of several corporate initiatives such as risk management, delivery of the Carbon Management Plan and compliance with the statutory Carbon Reduction Commitment.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Bar None Awards 2010/11</p>	<p>Best Bar None is a national award scheme which recognises and rewards well managed licensed premises. It is centred around the four licensing objectives; prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. The 2010/11 Best Bar None Award programme was launched at the beginning of June 2010, when all the pubs, clubs and bars across Sefton were invited to apply. Offers of help in completing the forms and meeting the minimum requirements will again be advertised and new members will be encouraged to apply through personal visits and Pubwatch meetings. The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2010. Assessment visits will take place during October and November. The judging will take place in December and the Awards Ceremony will be held in January, 2011.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Specialist Transport Unit (STU)</p>	<p>Installation and implementation of the Cleric system within the Specialist Transportation Unit is being progressed, as is the re-location of the southern based operation from Cambridge Road depot to Hawthorne Road depot. It is envisaged that staff will be relocated by September.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Recycling</p>	<p>A number of minor queries have been raised by Palm Recycling's parent company, which has resulted in a delay in signing the interim arrangement for the collection of dry recyclables and food waste. This is not causing any problems for actual recycling collection services and should be resolved within the next few days. When signed, the arrangement will remain in place until the formal award of a new contract has been agreed.</p>

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