



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2022 - 31 JANUARY 2023

This Forward Plan sets out the details of the key decisions which the Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members or Officers expect to take during the next four month period. The Plan is rolled forward every month and is available to the public at least 28 days before the beginning of each month.

A Key Decision is defined in the Council's Constitution as:

1. any Executive decision that is not in the Annual Revenue Budget and Capital Programme approved by the Council and which requires a gross budget expenditure, saving or virement of more than £100,000 or more than 2% of a Departmental budget, whichever is the greater;
2. any Executive decision where the outcome will have a significant impact on a significant number of people living or working in two or more Wards

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the matters listed below may do so by contacting the relevant officer listed against each Key Decision, within the time period indicated.

Under the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution, a Key Decision may not be taken, unless:

- it is published in the Forward Plan;
- 5 clear days have lapsed since the publication of the Forward Plan; and
- if the decision is to be taken at a meeting of the Cabinet, 5 clear days notice of the meeting has been given.

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in the Forward Plan in accordance with Rule 26 (General Exception) and Rule 28 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle L20 7AE or accessed from the Council's website: www.sefton.gov.uk

- Council Constitution
- Forward Plan
- Reports on the Key Decisions to be taken
- Other documents relating to the proposed decision may be submitted to the decision making meeting and these too will be made available by the contact officer named in the Plan
- The minutes for each Key Decision, which will normally be published within 5 working days after having been made

Some reports to be considered by the Cabinet/Council may contain exempt information and will not be made available to the public. The specific reasons (Paragraph No(s)) why such reports are exempt are detailed in the Plan and the Paragraph No(s) and descriptions are set out below:-

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
8. Information falling within paragraph 3 above is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under—
 - (a) the Companies Act 1985;
 - (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974;
 - (c) the Friendly Societies Act 1992;
 - (d) the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978;
 - (e) the Building Societies Act 1986; or
 - (f) the Charities Act 1993.
9. Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992
10. Information which—
 - (a) falls within any of paragraphs 1 to 7 above; and
 - (b) is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of paragraph 8 or 9 above, is exempt information if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Cabinet and Council which are held at the Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle or the Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport. The dates and times of the meetings are published on www.sefton.gov.uk or you may contact the Democratic Services Section on telephone number 0151 934 2068.

NOTE:

For ease of identification, items listed within the document for the first time will appear shaded.

Dwayne Johnson
Chief Executive

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Item Heading	Officer Contact
Sefton's Childhood Poverty Strategy	Helen O'Reilly helen.oreilly@sefton.gov.uk, Helen Armitage helen.armitage@sefton.gov.uk, Anna Nygaard anna.nygaard@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3743
Education Excellence Strategy for Sefton 2021-2025	Nicola Robson nicola.robson@sefton.gov.uk

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Details of Decision to be taken	Sefton's Childhood Poverty Strategy The strategy is designed to tackle poverty and deprivation and is particularly important in the context of current financial pressures facing households. It will form part of our bold approach to improve social, environmental and economic sustainability, which will help protect communities for future generations.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	6 Oct 2022			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services and Safeguarding			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Council officers, Every Child Matters Forum (ECM) (multi-agency partnership, including VCF); externally commissioned research funded by the Health Equity Group (Marmot).			
Method(s) of Consultation	Stakeholder engagement via Teams and face to face meetings, local research with local people. Externally commissioned research based in our most deprived communities.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Sefton's Childhood Poverty Strategy			
Contact Officer(s) details	Helen O'Reilly helen.oreilly@sefton.gov.uk, Helen Armitage helen.armitage@sefton.gov.uk, Anna Nygaard anna.nygaard@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3743			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Education Excellence Strategy for Sefton 2021-2025 The strategy sets out how all children and young people in Sefton will receive an education, which enables them to reach their individual potential, have a clear pathway to further education, employment and engage positively with others in their community. The strategy demonstrates the Council's role in system leadership, facilitating school leaders to lead school improvement and school to school support and sets out the clear priorities which will address the key themes and measure the progress towards the key actions.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	6 Oct 2022 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 28/07/2022 to 06/10/2022. Reason: in order to extend consultation and obtain further information			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services and Safeguarding			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Parents and carers; children and young people; school governing bodies; and key stake holder groups.			
Method(s) of Consultation	online survey; face to face small group meetings; easy read surveys; creative consultation activities; meetings; presentations; emails			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Education Excellence Strategy for Sefton 2021-2025			
Contact Officer(s) details	Nicola Robson nicola.robson@sefton.gov.uk			