

**COUNCIL**

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE  
ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH, 2023**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Carragher) in the Chair  
The Deputy Chair (Councillor June Burns) Vice  
Chair

Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Bradshaw, Brodie -  
Browne, Brough, Danny Burns, Byrom, Carlin,  
Cluskey, Corcoran, Cummins, Dodd, Dowd, Doyle,  
Evans, Fairclough, Grace, Halsall, Hansen,  
Hardman, Hardy, Howard, John Kelly,  
John Joseph Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin,  
Lloyd-Johnson, Lunn-Bates, Chris Maher,  
Ian Maher, McGinnity, McKee, McKinley, Moncur,  
Morris, Murphy, Myers, O'Brien, Prendergast, Pugh,  
Richards, Roche, Roscoe, Sathiy, Shaw, Spencer,  
Spring, Lynne Thompson, Tweed, Waterfield,  
Sir Ron Watson, Webster and Wilson

**95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors D'Albuquerque, Irving, Jones, Page, Riley, Robinson, Sayers, Thomas, Anne Thompson and Veidman.

**96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**97. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19 January 2023 and the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 26 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**98. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Councillor Tom Spring

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Tom Spring, on his election as a Councillor for the Netherton and Orrell Ward at the By-Election held on 16 February 2023 and extended a warm welcome to him at his first Council meeting.

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### Mayor Elect 2023/24

The Mayor reported that Councillor June Burns had been nominated for the office of the Mayor of Sefton for 2023/24 and the appointment would take place at the Annual Council meeting to be held on 16 May 2023 at Bootle Town Hall.

### Mandatory Training Courses

The Mayor reported that the Council had agreed on 21 April 2022 that all Members of the Council should complete the following mandatory on-line training sessions:

- Information Compliance, Sharing and Guarding
- Safeguarding Adults Awareness
- Safeguarding Children and Young People
- Equality and Diversity Awareness

The other mandatory course was the Corporate Parenting session which was held on Teams. This session was regularly repeated to maximise take-up and a further session would be held later this month and, the details would be circulated to all Councillors.

The Mayor advised that the Member Development Steering Group had recently received a report on the take-up results for each mandatory course and they were disappointed by the low take-up of the courses. The results for each political group had been given to the appropriate Group Whip / Leader to raise with the individual Members concerned.

The Mayor indicated that it was essential that all Councillors meet their corporate responsibilities and ensure that they complete all the mandatory training courses as soon as possible.

### Mayoral Charity Events

The Mayor reported that £540.00 was raised at the Mayoral Charity 80s Night held on Saturday 18 February 2023, and extended her thanks to the Members of the Council who attended the event. The Mayor also reported that tickets for the Mayoral Charity Gala Ball on Saturday 1 April 2023 would be available for purchase from the Civic and Mayoral Services Officer until Friday 17 March 2023.

### Extra-ordinary Council Meeting – 13 April 2023

The Mayor reported that an Extra-ordinary Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 13 April 2023 at 6.30pm in Bootle Town Hall to confer the Freedom of the Borough on HMS Mersey and it would be followed by a Civic Reception. The Mayor requested Members to respond to the invitation which had previously been circulated by 24 March 2023.

Crosby Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

The Mayor reported that on Sunday 26 February 2023, she had spent the day with the Crosby Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for World Thinking Day, which is a day to celebrate the Girl Guide Movement, which was started by Lady Olive Baden-Powell after she became quite fed-up with the fact that her husband had all the adventures with the Boy Scouts, so she decided that girls could do it too and so the Girl Guide Movement was born followed on by the Brownies and then the Rainbows.

The Mayor advised that the Crosby Rainbows would be visiting the Bootle Town Hall next week and that in the interim period they had given their mascot, Olivia to her to look after. The Mayor indicated that she had to diarise her adventures with Olivia and take photographs of the same and she indicated that if any Councillor wished to assist her in this project, Olivia was available for selfies with Councillors in the Mayor's Parlour.

Nicola Bulley

The Mayor referred to the tragic news which had broken last week of the sad death of Nicola Bulley in St Michaels on Wyre, Lancashire and indicated that she was sure that all Members of the Council would join her in offering our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers at this sad time to Nicola's family and friends.

Certain personal details of Nicola's life were released by Lancashire Police to which a discussion had arisen, and the Mayor indicated that she had made no secret of her own current situation and in fact had made a joke of it at times. However, the menopause is something that will affect each and every person in this Council Chamber, be it your wife, mother, sister or daughter, because it affects us all, male or female. That said, lessons still need to be learnt, we need to talk about this, understand, be open and honest and not act like it is a taboo subject. It will affect us all at some stage in our life, so let's embrace this fact, support and help each other to get through it. The Mayor indicated she was peri-menopausal, and she was not ashamed anymore.

**99. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

The Mayor reported that no matters had been raised by members of the public.

**100. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council considered a schedule setting out the written questions submitted by:

- (1) Councillor Sir Ron Watson – nine questions to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher);

- (2) Councillor Pugh – four questions to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher) and one question to the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services (Councillor Lappin); and
- (3) Councillor Shaw – six questions to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher)

together with responses given. Supplementary questions from Councillors Sir Ron Watson, Pugh and Shaw were responded to by the Leader of the Council.

### **101. ADOPTION OF THE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE STRATEGY**

Further to Minute No. 114 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 February 2023, The Cabinet considered the report of the Assistant Director of People (Communities) on the draft five year Domestic Abuse Strategy which had been produced to meet the requirements of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, which places a statutory duty on local authorities to:

- Form a Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
- Conduct a Local Needs Assessment
- Develop and Publish a Strategy
- Give effect to the Strategy
- Monitor Strategy effectiveness
- Report back to the Government via the Domestic Abuse Commissioners Office.

The Council has had a Domestic Abuse Strategy for several years, but following the statutory duty placed on all local authorities under the Act, the existing strategy had been refreshed to not only meet our statutory requirements but to reach much further in addressing such an important issue.

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

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the adoption of the five year Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy.

### **102. ADOPTION OF THE SAFER SEFTON TOGETHER STRATEGY**

Further to Minute No. 115 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 February 2023, The Council considered the report of the Assistant Director of People (Communities) on the draft three year Safer Sefton Together Strategy, which had been produced by the Safer Sefton Together Partnership to reflect the priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner,

the priority themes contained within the annual Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment as well as local knowledge gained from staff, elected members and community groups.

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

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the adoption of the three year Safer Sefton Together Strategy.

### **103. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ASSET DISPOSAL POLICY 2023/24**

Further to Minute No. 123 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services which provided details of the updated Asset Management Strategy and Asset Disposal Policy and set out the vision and aspirations for the effective management of the Council's corporate asset portfolio and the role it plays in supporting and shaping the Council's agenda for the 2030 vision. Aside from its staff the Council's next biggest resource is its land and property and consequently it is vital that this resource is managed and used effectively and efficiently to ensure that the Council derives maximum benefit from its assets in support of its strategic aims and priorities.

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

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:

- (1) the updated Asset Management Strategy; and
- (2) the updated Asset Disposal Policy.

### **104. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2023/24**

Further to Minute No. 124 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services which explained that the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities was introduced following the Local Government Act 2003; and detailed measures / limits / parameters (Prudential Indicators) that were required to be set each financial year; and that the approval of these limits would provide a benchmark to measure actual performance against, to help ensure that the Council complied with relevant legislation, was acting prudently and that its capital expenditure proposals were affordable.

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

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Prudential Indicators, as detailed in the report, be approved as the basis for compliance with The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- (2) it be noted that the relevant Prudential Indicators will be revised as required and that any changes will be brought to Cabinet and then to Council for approval;
- (3) it be noted that the estimates of capital expenditure may change as grant allocations are received; and
- (4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources and Customer Services in conjunction with the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services to manage the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

#### **105. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2023/24**

Further to Minute No. 125 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023, the Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services that set out the following proposed policy and strategy documents:

- a) Treasury Management Policy (Annex A);
- b) Treasury Management Strategy (Annex B); and
- c) Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement (Annex C)

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

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the:

- (1) Treasury Management Policy Document for 2023/24;
- (2) Treasury Management Strategy Document for 2023/24; and
- (3) Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2023/24

#### **106. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2027/28**

Further to Minute No. 126 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services which set out the long-

term context in which capital expenditure, borrowing and investment decisions are made and considers the impact of these decisions on the priorities within the Council's Core Purpose and the promises made in the 2030 Vision for Sefton.

At the heart of the Capital Strategy is the Council's core objective to continue deliver financial sustainability. As such a flexible capital investment programme is more important than ever as a method to stimulate and enable economic growth and strategic investment, ensuring best use of existing assets and of generating future income streams to pay for and deliver day to day services.

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

RESOLVED:

That the Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

**107. ROBUSTNESS OF THE 2023/24 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND THE ADEQUACY OF RESERVES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 - SECTION 25**

Further to Minute No. 127 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services which advised that to comply with statute, the Chief Financial Officer was required to report to Council prior to the approval of the budget and the setting of the Council Tax, to give assurance that the budget was robust and that there were adequate reserves and balances.

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

RESOLVED:

- (1) it be noted that the Local Government Act 2003, (Section 25 as amended) requires the Chief Financial Officer to report formally the issues of an opinion as to the robustness of the estimates made and the tax setting calculations; and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves; and
- (2) the Council be recommended to have regard to the matters raised in the report during the final stages of determining the budget for 2023/24.

**108. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN 2023/24 – 2025/26  
AND COUNCIL TAX 2023/24**

Further to Minute No. 128 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 February 2023, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services that provided:

- An assessment of the Council's current financial position and approach to the 2023/24 Budget Plan and preparation for the additional two-year budget period 2024/25 to 2025/26;
- An update on the Government's announcement of resources that are available to the Council for 2023/24 and 2024/25;
- The Council's current financial position and the assumptions built into the Medium-Term Financial Plan;
- The proposed Budget for 2023/24; and,
- The proposed Capital Programme for 2023/24.

The report also sets out the financial strategy of the Council and the national and local financial context within which it is operating, and it indicated that the Council has a statutory requirement to remain financially sustainable and to balance its budget every year.

The Council also considered supplementary note on the final charges set by levying bodies and the final demands set by all precepting authorities (including parishes) and a copy of the draft Council Tax resolution for 2023/24, which had been published prior to the Council meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Ian Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough:

That:

Budget 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Plan from 2024/25 to 2025/26

- (1) the update of the Medium-Term Financial Plan for the period 2023/24 to 2025/26 be noted;
- (2) the Revenue Budget for 2023/24 be approved and officers be authorised to undertake all of the necessary actions to implement the budget changes and proposals as detailed within the report;
- (3) approval be given to the commencement of all appropriate activity required to implement the budget savings proposals as detailed in the report, including for example, consultation with employees and engagement with partners and contractual changes as the programme develops;
- (4) it be noted that officers will comply with agreed HR policies and procedures including relevant consultation with Trade Unions and reports to the Cabinet Member (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services) as required;



- (5) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets (Section 12 of the report) be noted;
- (6) the allocation of specific grants as detailed in the report (Section 13) be approved;
- (7) Subject to the recommendations above, approval be given to the overall Council Tax resolution for 2023/24 including Police, Fire, Mayoral and Parish Precepts;

Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2025/26

- (8) approval be given to the inclusion within the Capital Programme of the full list of projects detailed in Appendix D of the report;

Business Rates – Removing Schools Discretionary Top Up Relief

- (9) approval be given to the removal of the discretionary business rates relief awards currently given to voluntary aided / church schools with effect from 1 April 2023 (Section 18 of the report).

Councillors Pugh, Prendergast, McKinley and Ian Maher each gave a statement expressing the views of their political groups on the content of the report and the budget proposals.

Following debate on the report, an **amendment** was moved by Councillor Prendergast, seconded by Councillor Brough:

That the budget proposals set out in the report be amended by the addition of the following words:

“CARE EXPERIENCED PEOPLE

Council, on 19 January 2023, agreed a number of resolutions relating to providing greater support and protections for care experienced people in Sefton.

As a Council, we recognise that past failings may have impacted on those people in our care and now want to ensure that, as corporate parents, we give all our care experienced people the best possible start in life.

Recognising the financial burdens on care experienced people it is proposed that the Council allocates £251,000 in 2023/24 to fund:

- Mobile Phones and associated contracts - £47,000
- Home Broadband - £96,000
- Support for utilities costs - £86,000
- Bursary fund for two Care Experienced post Graduate students - £22,000 (based on annual average tuition fees of £11,000 per annum)

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Budget figures are based on 229 people and represents a universal offer

If approved a formal policy would then be developed to support the expenditure that is additional to current provision.

This will be funded by all current Members forgoing 25% of their current allowances and then freezing them at this level for 2023/24 (this includes an assumed pay award for 2023/24 of 4%), for as long as the above mentioned policy is operational.”

Following debate and in accordance with Rule 97 of Chapter 4 in the Constitution, the voting on the amendment was recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

**FOR THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors Brodie-Browne, Brough, Dodd, Evans, Lloyd-Johnson, Morris, Prendergast, Pugh, Sathiy, Shaw, Lynne Thompson and Sir Ron Watson.

**AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:** Councillors Atkinson, Bennett, Bradshaw, Danny Burns, June Burns, Byrom, Carlin, Cluskey, Corcoran, Cummins, Dowd, Doyle, Fairclough, Grace, Halsall, Hansen, Hardman, Hardy, Howard, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin, Lunn-Bates, Chris Maher, Ian Maher, McGinnity, McKee, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Myers, O’Brien, Richards, Roche, Roscoe, Spencer, Spring, Tweed, Waterfield, Webster, Wilson and the Mayor.

The Mayor declared that the Amendment was lost by 12 votes to 44.

Following further debate and in accordance with Rule 97 of Chapter 4 in the Constitution, the voting on the Motion was recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

**FOR THE MOTION** Councillors Atkinson, Bradshaw, Danny Burns, June Burns, Byrom, Carlin, Cluskey, Corcoran, Cummins, Dowd, Doyle, Fairclough, Grace, Halsall, Hansen, Hardman, Hardy, Howard, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin, Lunn-Bates, Chris Maher, Ian Maher, McGinnity, McKee, Moncur, Murphy, Myers, O’Brien, Richards, Roche, Roscoe, Spencer, Spring, Tweed, Waterfield, Webster and the Mayor.

**AGAINST THE MOTION** Councillors Bennett, Brodie-Browne, Brough, Dodd, Evans, Lloyd-Johnson, McKinley, Morris, Prendergast, Pugh, Sathiy, Shaw, Lynne Thompson, Sir Ron Watson and Wilson.

The Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 41 votes to 15 and it was

**RESOLVED:** That:

Budget 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Plan from 2024/25 to 2025/26

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- (2) the Revenue Budget for 2023/24 be approved and officers be authorised to undertake all of the necessary actions to implement the budget changes and proposals as detailed within the report;
- (3) approval be given to the commencement of all appropriate activity required to implement the budget savings proposals as detailed in the report, including for example, consultation with employees and engagement with partners and contractual changes as the programme develops;
- (4) it be noted that officers will comply with agreed HR policies and procedures including relevant consultation with Trade Unions and reports to the Cabinet Member (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services) as required;
- (5) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets (Section 12 of the report) be noted;
- (6) the allocation of specific grants as detailed in the report (Section 13) be approved;
- (7) it be noted that at its meeting on 19 January 2023, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2023/2024 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 1992 (as amended):
  - (a) 85,663.60 Band D equivalent properties, for the whole area [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown in the table below:

Parish	<u>Council Tax Base</u> (Band D Equivalent Properties)
Aintree Village	2,056.70
Formby	9,154.40
Hightown	867.60
Ince	
Blundell	173.10
Little Altcar	434.00
Lydiate	2,109.20
Maghull	6,878.10
Melling	1,098.00

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Sefton	324.70
Thornton	778.90

- (8) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/2024 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £158,811,748.
- (9) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2023/2024 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£698,858,574	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.																
(b)	-£538,622,485	Being the aggregate amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.																
(c)	£160,236,089	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).																
(d)	£1,870.53	Being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), divided by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).																
(e)	£1,424,341	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.																
(f)	£1,853.90	Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the amount given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.																
(g)	<p>The amounts below, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Parish</u></th> <th><u>£</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Aintree Village</td> <td>1,936.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Formby</td> <td>1,865.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hightown</td> <td>1,882.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ince Blundell</td> <td>1,870.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Altcar</td> <td>1,865.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lydiate</td> <td>1,953.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maghull</td> <td>1,976.06</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Parish</u>	<u>£</u>	Aintree Village	1,936.50	Formby	1,865.63	Hightown	1,882.72	Ince Blundell	1,870.08	Little Altcar	1,865.63	Lydiate	1,953.59	Maghull	1,976.06
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Melling	1,890.02
Sefton	1,900.10
Thornton	1,865.45

(h) The amounts below being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Parish</u>								
Aintree Village	1,291.00	1,506.17	1,721.33	1,936.50	2,366.83	2,797.17	3,227.50	3,873.00
Formby	1,243.75	1,451.05	1,658.34	1,865.63	2,280.21	2,694.80	3,109.38	3,731.26
Hightow n	1,255.15	1,464.34	1,673.53	1,882.72	2,301.10	2,719.48	3,137.87	3,765.44
Ince Blundell	1,246.72	1,454.51	1,662.29	1,870.08	2,285.65	2,701.23	3,116.80	3,740.16
Little Altcar	1,243.75	1,451.05	1,658.34	1,865.63	2,280.21	2,694.80	3,109.38	3,731.26
Lydiate	1,302.39	1,519.46	1,736.52	1,953.59	2,387.72	2,821.85	3,255.98	3,907.18
Maghull	1,317.37	1,536.94	1,756.50	1,976.06	2,415.18	2,854.31	3,293.43	3,952.12
Melling	1,260.01	1,470.02	1,680.02	1,890.02	2,310.02	2,730.03	3,150.03	3,780.04
Sefton	1,266.73	1,477.86	1,688.98	1,900.10	2,322.34	2,744.59	3,166.83	3,800.20
Thornton	1,243.63	1,450.91	1,658.18	1,865.45	2,279.99	2,694.54	3,109.08	3,730.90
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,235.93	1,441.92	1,647.91	1,853.90	2,265.88	2,677.86	3,089.83	3,707.80

(10) it be noted that for the year 2023/2024, the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Precepting Authority</u>								
Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority	59.07	68.92	78.76	88.61	108.30	127.99	147.68	177.22

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Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner	167.98	195.98	223.97	251.97	307.96	363.96	419.95	503.94
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	12.67	14.78	16.89	19.00	23.22	27.44	31.67	38.00

- (11) the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2023/2024 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings;

Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Parish</u>								
Aintree Village	1,530.72	1,785.85	2,040.95	2,296.08	2,806.31	3,316.56	3,826.80	4,592.16
Formby	1,483.47	1,730.73	1,977.96	2,225.21	2,719.69	3,214.19	3,708.68	4,450.42
Hightown	1,494.87	1,744.02	1,993.15	2,242.30	2,740.58	3,238.87	3,737.17	4,484.60
Ince Blundell	1,486.44	1,734.19	1,981.91	2,229.66	2,725.13	3,220.62	3,716.10	4,459.32
Little Altcar	1,483.47	1,730.73	1,977.96	2,225.21	2,719.69	3,214.19	3,708.68	4,450.42
Lydiate	1,542.11	1,799.14	2,056.14	2,313.17	2,827.20	3,341.24	3,855.28	4,626.34
Maghull	1,557.09	1,816.62	2,076.12	2,335.64	2,854.66	3,373.70	3,892.73	4,671.28
Melling	1,499.73	1,749.70	1,999.64	2,249.60	2,749.50	3,249.42	3,749.33	4,499.20
Sefton	1,506.45	1,757.54	2,008.60	2,259.68	2,761.82	3,263.98	3,766.13	4,519.36
Thornton	1,483.35	1,730.59	1,977.80	2,225.03	2,719.47	3,213.93	3,708.38	4,450.06
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,475.65	1,721.60	1,967.53	2,213.48	2,705.36	3,197.25	3,689.13	4,426.96

- (12) the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/2024 is not deemed to be excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2025/26

- (12) approval be given to the inclusion within the Capital Programme of the full list of projects detailed in Appendix D of the report; and

Business Rates – Removing Schools Discretionary Top Up Relief

- (13) approval be given to the removal of the discretionary business rates relief awards currently given to voluntary aided / church schools with effect from 1 April 2023 (Section 18 of the report).

**109. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2022/23**

- (1) The Mayor reported that the Labour Group wished to make the following changes to the membership of Committees:

Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Spring to be a member of the Committee in place of Councillor Dowd.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding)

Councillor Spring to be a substitute member for Councillor Hardman in place of Councillor Robinson.

- (2) Councillor Bennett proposed the following change:

Planning Committee

Councillor Bennett to a member of the Committee in place of Councillor Irving and there will be no substitute member for Councillor Bennett.

RESOLVED:

That the changes set out above be approved.