

**CABINET MEMBER REGENERATION
REPORT TO CABINET
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Planning & Economic Development update

Promoting Parents

The Liverpool City Region Child & Family Poverty Framework was presented at a workshop in Crosby on 8th September. Sefton is developing a Child Poverty Needs Assessment in line with government guidance, to which the LCR report is a valued input. The Sefton Borough Partnership has requested a new “Think Family” group led by Peter Morgan advises it on family-related matters including the reduction of child poverty. Sefton’s national pilot project Promoting Parents is led by Planning & Economic Regeneration, and is acquiring invaluable experience of co-ordinating service providers around the needs of parents and children. [Sefton@work](#) is also directly assisting troubled families included within the Sefton Family Intervention Pilot. Tackling child poverty through parental employment initiatives will continue to play an important part in Sefton’s employment programmes, and shows how early and preventative interventions (such as access to work, or to better paying work) can significantly reduce the costs to the Council of family breakdown.

Funding opportunities

Officers are pursuing major funding opportunities for Merseyside, particularly important at this time of spending restraint:

- ❑ £9.3 million ESF available to tackle worklessness, apprenticeships, “green jobs” and adult jobs advice & guidance
- ❑ £6 million ERDF available for employment support to businesses
- ❑ ERDF available and ringfenced for Merseyside to develop local incubators and small workspaces creating jobs
- ❑ £7 million for the REECH programme retrofitting insulation to homes
- ❑ £5 million available under the approved Merseyside Rural Economy Action Plan
- ❑ Bids pending to Interreg IVb, Plugged in Places, CLASP and for a Low Carbon Hub.

Results will be notified in due course.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT

1. Queens / Bedford and Klondyke CPO Public Inquiries

The Public inquiries will commence on November 8th 2010 and are scheduled to complete on Friday November 12th. It is hoped that a decision on the outcome of the inquiries will be notified early during the new year.

2. Housing Market Renewal Fund

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has appointed David Waterhouse as head of Housing Market Renewal. Newheartlands Pathfinder hosted a visit by Mr Waterhouse on September 16th with a view to making as robust a case as possible for continued funding to complete the task under way in both Queens/Bedford and Klondyke and other priority intervention areas across Merseyside. This will assist in influencing the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review due during late October.

3. Pine Grove

Keepmoat Plc have submitted a planning Application to develop the former Depot site, adjacent to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. No public subsidy will be required and the developer is hoping to commence on site prior to Christmas 2010.