

Report to:	<i>Health and Wellbeing Board</i>	Date of Meeting	6 March 2024
Subject:	Anchor Charter		
Report of:	<i>Associate Director of Partnerships and Sustainability for NHS Cheshire and Merseyside</i>	Wards Affected:	All Wards
This Report Contains Exempt / Confidential Information	No		
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Purpose / Summary of Report:

To formally adopt the Anchor Cheshire and Merseyside Anchor Institution Charter & Principles.

'Anchor institutions' are usually large public sector organisations rooted in and connected to their local communities. They can improve health through their influence on local social and economic conditions by adapting the way they employ people, purchase goods and services, use buildings and spaces, reduce environmental impact, and work in partnership.

Sefton has clear demonstration of integrated working and commitment to work in partnership for the benefit of its communities. The Anchor approach is really a mechanism to share that thinking, learn from others and join a system endeavour to maximise every pound spent. Colleagues will see from the Charter that elements around Fair Employment, real living wage and greener outcomes are something we all strive for. Becoming an Anchor institute will help Sefton share and learn in its endeavours.

Once signed and agreed Sefton will be invited to join the Anchor assembly, this is Chaired by our Chair Raj. In that we walk through the elements within the charter looking for evidence of good practice. This is a informal and co learning session to gain maximum benefit for Sefton and the system as a whole. I will expand during my presentation.

So far, we have 24 organisations signed up, these include councils, universities, colleges, housing associations, private industry, emergency services and voluntary sector.

Recommendation(s):

That Sefton Council Health and Wellbeing Board be recommended to agree to formally adopt the Anchor Cheshire and Merseyside Anchor Institution Charter & Principles.