

SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 APRIL 2024 - 31 JULY 2024

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, Oriol 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.

Phil Porter
Chief Executive

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Item Heading	Officer Contact	
Approval of Legal Documentation for Academy Conversions	Tracy McKeating tracy.mckeating@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3269	
Adoption in Merseyside	Alison Taylor alison.taylor@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3936	

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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Approval of Legal Documentation for Academy Conversions</p> <p>To inform Cabinet of the decision by the governing bodies of:</p> <p>Lander Road primary School Litherland joining the Great Schools Trust; The Grange Primary School Netherton joining the Lydiate Learning Trust; Our Lady of Walsingham, Netherton, Our Lady of Lourdes, Birkdale, St Edmunds and St Thomas, Waterloo and St Mary's Catholic Primary School Crosby joining Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust; and Trinity St Peters, Formby, joining All Saints Multi Academy Trust in accordance with statutory requirements and seek authorisation for officers to sign the documentation required by the academy conversion process.</p> <p>The Regional Director for the Department of Education has indicated that the date of conversion will be 1st September 2024.</p> <p>Linacre Primary School Bootle and Linaker Primary School Southport will be converting with an identified academy sponsor. The Regional Director for the Department of Education has indicated that the date of conversion will be 1st June 2024.</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 Apr 2024			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Birkdale; Church; Harington; Kew; Linacre; Litherland; Manor; Netherton and Orrell; Norwood; Ravenmeols; St. Oswald			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services and Safeguarding			
Lead Director	Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education)			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Schools, Governing bodies, Sefton Council, Parents, Archdiocese			

Appendix C

Method(s) of Consultation	Meetings with Department for Education. Consultation between schools, governing bodies and Sefton Council. Consultations via surveys and conversations
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Approval of Legal Documentation for Academy Conversions
Contact Officer(s) details	Tracy McKeating tracy.mckeating@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3269

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Details of Decision to be taken	Adoption in Merseyside The report is seeking approval to procure a replacement Family Action - Adoption Services Contract to commence 01/06/2024			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 Apr 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/03/2024 to 04/04/2024. Reason: work is ongoing on the procurement exercise			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services and Safeguarding			
Lead Director	Assistant Director of Children's Services (Social Care)			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Assistant Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (Strategic Support); Service Providers; Service Users			
Method(s) of Consultation	Emails; Soft market testing via the Chest; Meetings			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Adoption in Merseyside -			
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