

COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor June Burns (in the Chair)
Councillor Carragher (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Atkinson, Bradshaw, Brodie - Browne, Brough, Danny Burns, Byrom, Carlin, Cluskey, Corcoran, Cummins, Desmond, Dodd, Dowd, Doyle, Evans, Fairclough, Grace, Hansen, Hardman, Hardy, Harrison Kelly, Hart, Harvey, Howard, Keith, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin, Lloyd-Johnson, Lunn-Bates, Ian Maher, McKee, Moncur, Murphy, Myers, O'Brien, Catie Page, Christopher Page, Prendergast, Pugh, Richards, Riley, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Shaw, Spencer, Spring, Thomas, Anne Thompson, Lynne Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Waterfield, Sir Ron Watson and Webster

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D'Albuquerque, Halsall, Christine Maher, McGinnity, Morris and Wilson.

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

95. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 January 2024 be approved as a correct record.

96. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor 2024/25

The Mayor advised that she had been nominated for the office of the Mayor of Sefton for a further year for 2024/25, and the appointment would take place at the Annual Council meeting to be held on 16 May 2024 at Bootle Town Hall. Given the circumstances, the Mayor had made a

decision not to have an installation dinner, and this meant that there would be no requirement to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Holocaust Memorial Service

The Mayor thanked her fellow councillors who attended the Holocaust Memorial Service on Sunday 28 January at Christ Church, Southport. As always, it was a humbling service and the large councillor turnout was very much appreciated.

Gala Charity Ball

Tickets were still available for the Mayor's Gala Charity Ball on Saturday 6 April 2024. The response had been fantastic and the Mayor thanked her fellow councillors who had purchased tickets already.

New Year Celebrations

The Mayor had attended some wonderful Chinese New Year Celebrations over the last few weeks, starting on 31 January 2024 with the Lord Mayor of Liverpool's Chinese New Year Dinner. Following this, there was Chinatown's New Year Celebrations on 11 February 2024 in Liverpool and the celebrations concluded on Monday 12 February 2024 with Southport Soroptimists New Year Celebrations in Southport.

North West Air Ambulance

On Tuesday 20 February 2024 the Mayor was invited to visit the North West Air Ambulance facility in Manchester. This was a great event and a real insight into what they do. The Mayor considered that it was sometimes forgotten that this was a charity organisation and needed help and support to continue running.

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

The Mayor would be visiting the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine where, amongst other things, venom was extracted from snakes for research.

97. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

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

1.	Mr. Jeffrey Holloway to Councillor Hardy (Cabinet Member – Communities and Housing)
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together with the response given.

The member of the public who had submitted the question was in attendance at the Council meeting and a supplementary question was responded to by the Cabinet Member - Communities and Housing.

RESOLVED:

That the question and response, as set out in the schedule, be noted.

98. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor reported that no questions had been raised by Members of the Council.

99. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ASSET DISPOSAL POLICY 2024/25

Further to Minute No. 128 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2024, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services advising that the Asset Management Strategy and Asset Disposal Policy set out the vision and aspirations for the effective management of the Council's corporate asset portfolio and outlining the role it played in supporting and shaping the Council's agenda for the 2030 vision. Aside from its staff, the Council's next biggest resource was its land and property and it was vital that this resource was managed and used effectively and efficiently to ensure that the Council derived maximum benefit from its assets in support of its strategic aims and priorities. The Asset Management Strategy and Asset Disposal Policy would provide a framework for the planning, prioritisation, management and funding of the Council's asset base. The Asset Management Strategy and Asset Disposal Policy was a statutory document that the Council was required to have in place and would be reviewed on an annual basis.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

- Appendix 1 - Asset Management Strategy
- Appendix 2 - Asset Disposal Policy

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:

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

100. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2024/25

Further to Minute No. 129 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2024, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services indicating that the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities was introduced following the Local Government Act 2003. It detailed a number of measures / limits / parameters (Prudential Indicators) that were required to be set each financial year. 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.

The following appendix was attached to the report:

- Appendix A – Summary of Prudential Indicators.

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, 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 relevant Prudential Indicators will be revised as required and that any changes will be submitted to the Cabinet and then to the 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 of Corporate Resources and Customer Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services to manage the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt, as detailed in section 6 of the report.

101. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2024/25

Further to Minute No. 130 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2024, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services that set out proposed policy and strategy documents for the Treasury Management Policy; the Treasury Management Strategy; and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

- Appendix A – Treasury Management Policy 2024/25
- Appendix B – Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25

- Appendix C – Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2024/25

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the:

- (1) the Treasury Management Policy Document for 2024/25;
- (2) the Treasury Management Strategy Document for 2024/25; and
- (3) the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2024/25.

102. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25

Further to Minute No. 131 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2024, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services indicating that the Capital Strategy set out the long-term context in which capital expenditure, borrowing and investment decisions were made and considered 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 was the Council's core objective to continue to deliver financial sustainability. As such a flexible capital investment programme was 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.

The following appendix was attached to the report:

- Appendix A – Capital Strategy 2024/25

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the Capital Strategy as set out at Appendix A to the report be approved.

103. ROBUSTNESS OF THE 2024/25 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND THE ADEQUACY OF RESERVES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 - SECTION 25

Further to Minute No. 132 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2024, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services indicating 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. The report was based on the proposals presented. The Local Government Act 2003, (section 25 as amended) required the Chief Financial Officer to report formally on the following issues:

- a) An opinion as to the robustness of the estimates made and the tax setting calculations; and
- b) The adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That

- (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 2024/25.

104. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN 2024/25 – 2026/27 AND COUNCIL TAX 2024/25

Further to Minute No. 133 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2024, the Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services that set out:

- An assessment of the Council's current financial position and approach to the 2024/25 Budget Plan and preparation for the additional two-year budget period 2025/26 to 2026/27.
- An update on the Government's announcement of resources that are available to the Council for 2024/25.
- The Council's current financial position and the assumptions built into the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
- The proposed Budget for 2024/25; and,
- The proposed Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2026/27.

The report also set out the financial strategy of the Council and the national and local financial context within which it was operating. The Council had a statutory requirement to remain financially sustainable and to balance its budget every year.

The following appendices were attached to the report:

- Individual School Budgets 2024/25

- Budget Saving Proposals
- Draft Council Budget Summary 2024/25
- Capital Programme 2024/25 – 2026/27

The Council also considered supplementary notes 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 2024/25, which had been published prior to the Council meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Fairclough:

That:

Budget 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan from 2025/26 to 2026/27

- (1) the update of the Medium-Term Financial Plan for the period 2024/25 to 2026/27 be noted;
- (2) the Revenue Budget for 2024/25 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) the release of the Environmental Warranty Earmarked Reserve and the transfer of the amount released to General Balances, as set out at Section 9 of the report, be approved;
- (4) 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, be approved;
- (5) 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 & Corporate Services) as required.
- (6) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets, as set out at Section 12 of the report, be noted;
- (7) the allocation of specific grants as detailed in the report, as set out at Section 13, be approved;
- (8) subject to the recommendations above, the overall Council Tax resolution for 2024/25 including Police, Fire, Mayoral and Parish Precepts, be approved;

Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2026/27

- (9) the full list of projects in Appendix D to the report be approved for inclusion within the Capital Programme;
- (10) a supplementary capital estimate for £7.387m for the Corporate Essential Maintenance Programme Phase 2 funded by capital receipts, as set out at Section 17 of the report, be approved;
- (11) a supplementary capital estimate for £1.865m for Green Sefton Equipment and Machinery funded by prudential borrowing, as set out at Section 17 of the report, be approved; and
- (12) a supplementary capital estimate for £0.400m for the ICT Data Centre Move, funded by capital receipts, be approved.

Councillors Pugh, Prendergast, and Atkinson 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 Pugh, seconded by Councillor Lloyd-Johnson:

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

SOUTHPORT PIER REFURBISHMENT

Council, on 15th September 2022, approved a Supplementary Capital Estimate of £3m, funded through Prudential Borrowing, for a scheme to replace the decking of Southport Pier.

A subsequent report to Cabinet in June 2023 highlighted that more extensive work would be required and that costs of the scheme could exceed an additional £10m. It was agreed that engagement would take place with partners to secure additional funding to complete the scheme, as well as ongoing maintenance costs.

Southport Pier is a critical visitor attraction that holds significant importance to Sefton's economy and brand. It is also a Grade-II listed structure. The Pier has now been closed since December 2022.

It is proposed that the Council allocates a further £2m to the scheme, funded by Prudential Borrowing, which would cost £0.140m per year in additional borrowing costs.

This will be funded by the following currently vacant posts being deleted from the Council's staffing establishment:

Economic Growth & Housing	Housing Standards	Compliance Officer
Highways and	Transport and	Senior Engineer Development

Public Protection	Highways Infrastructure	Control
Operational In-House Services	Green Sefton	FCERM Risk Management Officer (0.2)
Operational In-House Services	Green Sefton	Information & Technical Assistant

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, Keith, Lloyd-Johnson, Prendergast, Pugh, Riley, Shaw, Lynne Thompson and Sir Ron Watson.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Atkinson, Bradshaw, Danny Burns, Byrom, Carlin, Carragher, Cluskey, Corcoran, Cummins, Desmond, Dowd, Doyle, Fairclough, Grace, Hansen, Hardman, Hardy, Harrison Kelly, Hart, Harvey, Howard, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin, Lunn-Bates, Ian Maher, McKee, Moncur, Murphy, Myers, O'Brien, Catie Page, Christopher Page, Richards, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Spencer, Spring, Thomas, Tweed, Veidman, Waterfield, Webster and the Mayor.

The Mayor declared that the Amendment was lost by 12 votes to 47.

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, Byrom, Carlin, Carragher, Cluskey, Corcoran, Cummins, Desmond, Dowd, Doyle, Fairclough, Grace, Hansen, Hardman, Hardy, Harrison Kelly, Hart, Harvey, Howard, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin, Lunn-Bates, Ian Maher, McKee, Moncur, Murphy, Myers, O'Brien, Catie Page, Christopher Page, Richards, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Spencer, Spring, Thomas, Tweed, Veidman, Waterfield, Webster and the Mayor.

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors Brodie-Browne, Brough, Dodd, Evans, Keith, Lloyd-Johnson, Prendergast, Pugh, Riley, Shaw, Lynne Thompson and Sir Ron Watson.

The Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 47 votes to 12 and it was

RESOLVED: That:

Budget 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan from 2025/26 to 2026/27

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- (1) the update of the Medium-Term Financial Plan for the period 2024/25 to 2026/27 be noted;
- (2) the Revenue Budget for 2024/25 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) the release of the Environmental Warranty Earmarked Reserve and the transfer of the amount released to General Balances, as set out at Section 9 of the report, be approved;
- (4) 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, be approved;
- (5) 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 & Corporate Services) as required.
- (6) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets, as set out at Section 12 of the report, be noted;
- (7) the allocation of specific grants as detailed in the report, as set out at Section 13, be approved;
- (8) the overall Council Tax resolution for 2024/25 including Police, Fire, Mayoral and Parish Precepts, be approved;
- (9) it be noted that at its meeting on 18 January 2024, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2024/2025 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 1992 (as amended):
 - (a) 86,458.90 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	Council Tax Base (Band D Equivalent Properties)
Aintree Village	2,079.90

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Formby	9,222.30
Hightown	874.00
Ince	
Blundell	174.00
Little Altcar	450.50
Lydiate	2,110.20
Maghull	6,920.9
Melling	1,118.20
Sefton	327.60
Thornton	772.50

(10) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/2025 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £168,284,468;

(11) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2024/2025 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£726,174,566	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)	-£556,415,925	Being the aggregate amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£169,758,641	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)	£1,963.46	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)	£1,474,173	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
(f)	£1,946.41	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)		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.

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<u>Parish</u>	£							
Aintree Village	2,030.32							
Formby	1,959.00							
Hightown	1,975.01							
Ince Blundell	1,963.65							
Little Altcar	1,959.00							
Lydiate	2,054.03							
Maghull	2,070.11							
Melling	1,981.87							
Sefton	1,992.20							
Thornton	1,961.94							

(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.

<u>Proportion of Band D</u>	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	1,353.55	1,579.14	1,804.73	2,030.32	2,481.50	2,932.68	3,383.87	4,060.64
Formby	1,306.00	1,523.67	1,741.33	1,959.00	2,394.33	2,829.67	3,265.00	3,918.00
Hightown	1,316.67	1,536.12	1,755.56	1,975.01	2,413.90	2,852.79	3,291.68	3,950.02
Ince Blundell	1,309.10	1,527.28	1,745.47	1,963.65	2,400.02	2,836.38	3,272.75	3,927.30
Little Altcar	1,306.00	1,523.67	1,741.33	1,959.00	2,394.33	2,829.67	3,265.00	3,918.00
Lydiate	1,369.35	1,597.58	1,825.80	2,054.03	2,510.48	2,966.93	3,423.38	4,108.06
Maghull	1,380.07	1,610.09	1,840.10	2,070.11	2,530.13	2,990.16	3,450.18	4,140.22
Melling	1,321.25	1,541.45	1,761.66	1,981.87	2,422.29	2,862.70	3,303.12	3,963.74
Sefton	1,328.13	1,549.49	1,770.84	1,992.20	2,434.91	2,877.62	3,320.33	3,984.40
Thornton	1,307.96	1,525.95	1,743.95	1,961.94	2,397.93	2,833.91	3,269.90	3,923.88
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,297.61	1,513.87	1,730.14	1,946.41	2,378.95	2,811.48	3,244.02	3,892.82

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- (12) it be noted that for the year 2024/2025 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	60.83	70.97	81.11	91.25	111.53	131.81	152.08	182.50
Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner	176.65	206.09	235.53	264.97	323.85	382.73	441.62	529.94
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	12.67	14.78	16.89	19.00	23.22	27.44	31.67	38.00

- (13) 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 2024/2025 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings:

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	1,603.70	1,870.98	2,138.26	2,405.54	2,940.10	3,474.66	4,009.24	4,811.08
Formby	1,556.15	1,815.51	2,074.86	2,334.22	2,852.93	3,371.65	3,890.37	4,668.44
Hightown	1,566.82	1,827.96	2,089.09	2,350.23	2,872.50	3,394.77	3,917.05	4,700.46
Ince Blundell	1,559.25	1,819.12	2,079.00	2,338.87	2,858.62	3,378.36	3,898.12	4,677.74
Little Altcar	1,556.15	1,815.51	2,074.86	2,334.22	2,852.93	3,371.65	3,890.37	4,668.44

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Lydiate	1,619.50	1,889.42	2,159.33	2,429.25	2,969.08	3,508.91	4,048.75	4,858.50
Maghull	1,630.22	1,901.93	2,173.63	2,445.33	2,988.73	3,532.14	4,075.55	4,890.66
Melling	1,571.40	1,833.29	2,095.19	2,357.09	2,880.89	3,404.68	3,928.49	4,714.18
Sefton	1,578.28	1,841.33	2,104.37	2,367.42	2,893.51	3,419.60	3,945.70	4,734.84
Thornton	1,558.11	1,817.79	2,077.48	2,337.16	2,856.53	3,375.89	3,895.27	4,674.32
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,547.76	1,805.71	2,063.67	2,321.63	2,837.55	3,353.46	3,869.39	4,643.26

- (14) the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2024/2025 is not deemed to be excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

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- (15) the full list of projects in Appendix D to the report be approved for inclusion within the Capital Programme;
- (16) a supplementary capital estimate for £7.387m for the Corporate Essential Maintenance Programme Phase 2 funded by capital receipts, as set out at Section 17 of the report, be approved;
- (17) a supplementary capital estimate for £1.865m for Green Sefton Equipment and Machinery funded by prudential borrowing, as set out at Section 17 of the report, be approved; and
- (18) a supplementary capital estimate for £0.400m for the ICT Data Centre Move, funded by capital receipts, be approved.

105. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2023/24

The Mayor confirmed that Councillor Howard had been appointed as the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills by the Leader.

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

Audit and Governance Committee

Councillor Byrom to be a substitute member for Councillor John Joseph Kelly in place of Councillor Howard.

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

Councillor Harvey to be a member of the Committee in place of Councillor Howard.

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Councillor Grace to be a substitute member for Councillor Hardman in place of Councillor Harvey.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)

Councillor Ian Maher to be a member in place of Councillor Howard.

Councillor Corcoran to be the Vice Chair in place of Councillor Howard.

Joint Consultative Committee for Teaching Staffs

Councillor Webster to be a member in place of Councillor Howard.

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Robinson to be a representative in place of Councillor Howard.

Councillor Hart to be the Scrutiny Link in place of Councillor Howard.

RESOLVED:

That the changes as detailed above be approved.