

COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY, 2024**

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

Councillors Atkinson, Bradshaw, Brodie - Browne, Brough, Danny Burns, Carlin, Cavanagh, Corcoran, Desmond, Dodd, Doolin, Dowd, Doyle, Evans, Grace, Halsall, Hansen, Hardman, Harrison, Hart, Harvey, Hinde, Howard, Johnson, Keith, John Kelly, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lappin, Lloyd-Johnson, Lunn-Bates, Maher, McNabb, Moncur, Morris, Murphy, Myers, Neary, O'Brien, Catie Page, Christopher Page, Parker, Porter, Prendergast, Pugh, Richards, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Sammon, Shaw, Spring, Thomas, Thompson, Veidman, Sir Ron Watson, Webster and Williams

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2024/25

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Moncur and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That June Burns, a Councillor of the Borough, be elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by her successor.

**Councillor June Burns took the Chair
at this point in the meeting**

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Byrom, Fairclough, McGinnity, McKee and Tweed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR 2024/25

It was moved by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Moncur and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That

Clare Louise Carragher, a Councillor of the Borough, be elected Deputy Chair of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year and until the acceptance of office by her successor.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 April 2024 be approved as a correct record:

- the inclusion of Councillor. McGinnity's name to the list of those present who voted for the substantive motion under Minute No. 118 - Motion Submitted by Councillor Carlin - Support for calling for a Ceasefire in Palestine and Israel.

6. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Election of New Councillors

The Mayor congratulated all of the Councillors who were re-elected to office following the Local Government Elections held on 2 May 2024, and extended a warm welcome to the ten new Councillors elected to office, namely:

- Karen Cavanagh
- Neil Doolin
- Sam Hinde
- Joe Johnson
- Dominic McNabb
- Dave Neary
- Chloe Parker
- Maria Porter
- Mike Sammon; and
- Joanne Williams"

Councillors Not Re-Elected

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The Mayor also placed on record, the gratitude of the Council to Paul Cummins and Joe Riley, the two former Councillors, who were not re-elected to office, for their dedicated service to the Borough of Sefton over a period of 28 years for Paul Cummins and a period of 3 years for Joe Riley.

Mayoral Events

The Mayor reported that the total raised at the Mayor's Charity Ball was £6,310.00 and extended thanks to everyone who attended, as it was an enjoyable evening. The Mayor had three dates for diaries, as set out below, and further details on the events would be released in due course:

Saturday, 19 October 2024 – Charity Cabaret Night at St William of York;
Saturday, 25 January 2025 – Charity Burns Night; and
Saturday, 26 April 2025 – the Mayor's Gala Ball for 2025 at Formby Hall.

Euro 2024 Charity Sweepstake

The Mayor reported that she had launched the Euro 2024 Charity Sweepstake. The cost was £10.00 per team, with £80.00 for the winner, £30.00 for the runner up, £10.00 for most goals scored (which included penalty shootouts) and £10.00 for most goals conceded.

Office of Mayor 2024/25

The Mayor announced that as a traditional installation ceremony was not being held this year, due to her continuing into another term of office, she wished to take the opportunity to recognise what an honour it was to make history as the only Councillor to be made Mayor of Sefton four times. The Mayor thanked the Leader of the Council for putting her trust in her for another 12 months.

Pride of Sefton Awards

The Mayor reported that the awards were organised jointly between Mikhail Hotel and Leisure Group and Stand Up For Southport in association with In Demand Radio. At the Awards evening held on 26 April 2024 at the Grand Hotel in Southport, the Mayor was invited to present the Diversity and Inclusion Award, this award being sponsored by Sefton Council. The three finalists for the Award were Councillor Jen Corcoran for the first Pride march in Southport last year; John Doran for enabling disabled children to participate in football (he was the winner); and Victoria Lawton who offered support to men affected by domestic abuse at Sefton Women and Children's Aid (SWACA), which continued to be the Mayor's charity.

7. ELECTION RESULTS - 2 MAY 2024

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer on the results of the Council Elections held on 2 May 2024.

It was moved by Councillor Grace, seconded by Councillor Moncur and

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Lappin, seconded by Councillor Moncur and

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that in accordance with the provisions in Paragraph 4 of Chapter 5 in the Council Constitution, the Council, at its meeting held on 18 January 2024, appointed Councillor Atkinson as Leader of the Council for the remainder of a period of four years until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting in May 2027, or until such time as her term of office expires.

9. CABINET AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered the report of the Leader of the Council on the membership of the Cabinet.

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

RESOLVED: That

- (1) it be noted that Councillors Moncur and Lappin have been appointed as the Deputy Leaders of the Council for the remainder of a four-year term of office until the Adjourned Annual Council meeting in May 2027 or until such time as their terms of office expire; and
- (2) it be noted that the Cabinet comprising of the Members indicated below will hold office until the Leader's term of office expires, unless removed by the Leader or for any of the reasons set out in Paragraph 4 (a) to (c) of Chapter 5 in the Constitution:

Cabinet (9)

Portfolio	Member
Leader of the Council	Councillor Atkinson
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health and Deputy Leader	Councillor Moncur
Cabinet Member - Children Schools and Families	Councillor Roscoe
Cabinet Member - Cleansing and	Councillor Harvey

Street Scene	
Cabinet Member - Communities and Partnership Engagement	Councillor Dowd
Cabinet Member - Corporate Services	Councillor Howard
Cabinet Member - Public Health and Wellbeing	Councillor Doyle
Cabinet Member - Housing and Highways	Councillor Veidman
Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Skills and Deputy Leader	Councillor Lappin

10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEE 2024/25

The Council considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer which provided details of the allocation of Committee Places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules and the proposed Membership of the Committees and Working Groups for 2024/25. The report also sought approval to the terms of reference for Committees and Sub-Committees, as set out in chapters 6 and 7 of the Council’s Constitution.

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

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) the allocation of Committee Places be noted; and
- (2) the Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs for the Committees and Sub-Committees set out below be appointed for a maximum period of twelve months until the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting to be held in May 2025, subject to any changes political groups may make to memberships of Committees at meetings of the Council;

(A) OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH) (10)

(Plus 2 Associate Members)

(Lab 8 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
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1.	Chair: Cllr. Lunn-Bates	Cllr. Richards
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Myers	Cllr. Roche
3.	Cllr. Desmond	Cllr. Tweed
4.	Cllr. Grace	Cllr. Webster
5.	Cllr. Hart	Cllr. McGinnity
6.	Cllr. Hinde	Cllr. Danny Burns
7.	Cllr. Lloyd-Johnson	Cllr. Brodie-Browne
8.	Cllr. McKee	Cllr. Sonya Kelly
9.	Cllr. Neary	Cllr. Chris Page
10.	Cllr. Pugh	Cllr. Brodie-Browne

Associate Members:

(Non-voting Co-opted Members)

Mr. Brian Clark and Mrs. Diane Blair (Nominated by Healthwatch, Sefton)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING) (10)

(Plus 4 Education Added Members and 3 Associate Members)

(Lab 8 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Hardman	Cllr. Myers
2.	Vice-Chair: Danny Burns	Cllr. Corcoran
3.	Cllr. Evans	Cllr. Pugh
4.	Cllr. Harrison Kelly	Cllr. Williams
5.	Cllr. Chris Page	Cllr. Hart
6.	Cllr. Parker	Cllr. McGinnity
7.	Cllr. Porter	Cllr. Hinde
8.	Cllr. Prendergast	Cllr. Brough
9.	Cllr. Richards	Cllr. Johnson
10.	Cllr. Spring	Cllr. John Kelly

**Education Added Members:
(Voting Co-opted Members)**

Church Diocesan Representatives:

Ms. Michelle Ravey (Archdiocesan Representative) and
Mr. Stuart Harrison (Diocesan Representative)

Parent Governor Representatives:

Ms. Cheryl Swainbank - 2-year appointment until November 2024
Gemma Armer – 2-year appointment until June 2025

**Associate Members:
(Non-voting Co-opted)**

Mrs. Sandra Cain

Members)

Ms. Karen Christie and Maurice Byrne
(Nominated by Healthwatch, Sefton)

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING PARENTS/CARERS
SUB-COMMITTEE (5)** (newly established)

(Lab 4 / Lib Dem .1 / Con .0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr Hardman	Cllr. Catie Page
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Danny Burns	Cllr. Corcoran
3.	Cllr. Evans	Cllr. Pugh
4.	Cllr. Chris Page	Cllr. Spring
5.	Cllr. Richards	Cllr. Harrison Kelly

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION AND
SKILLS) (10)**

(Lab 8 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Hart	Cllr. Murphy
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Corcoran	Cllr. Neary
3.	Cllr. Cavanagh	Cllr. Williams
4.	Cllr. Hinde	Cllr. Grace
5.	Cllr. Killen	Cllr. Parker
6.	Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. O'Brien
7.	Cllr. McKee	Cllr. Thomas
8.	Cllr. Morris	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson
9.	Cllr. Sammon	Cllr. Lloyd-Johnson
10.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Richards

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGULATORY,
COMPLIANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (10)**

(Lab 7 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Harrison Kelly
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Byrom	Cllr. Carragher
3.	Cllr. Brodie-Browne	Cllr. Evans
4.	Cllr. McNabb	Cllr. Porter
5.	Cllr Murphy	Cllr. Johnson
6.	Cllr. Catie Page	Cllr. Myers
7.	Cllr. Parker	Cllr. Killen
8.	Cllr. Shaw	Cllr. Evans

9.	Cllr. Thomas	Cllr. Roche
10.	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson	Cllr. Morris

(B) REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Members of the Council (other than Cabinet Members) to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee. (Lab 2 / LD&PA 1 /Con 0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (10)

(Lab 8 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Robinson	Cllr. Desmond
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Murphy
3.	Cllr Harrison Kelly	Cllr. Byrom
4.	Cllr. Johnson	Cllr. Hansen
5.	Cllr. Maher	Cllr. Lunn-Bates
6.	Cllr. McNabb	Cllr. Hardman
7.	Cllr. Neary	Cllr. Catie Page
8.	Cllr. Pugh	Cllr. Sammon
9.	Cllr. Shaw	Cllr. Sammon
10.	Cllr. Spring	Cllr. Corcoran

Independent Non-Voting Member – Ms. Rachel Oakes

HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

INITIAL ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

Co-opted Voting Members of Audit and Governance Standards Sub-Committees

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If any complaints are submitted in respect of the conduct of any Parish Councillor in the Borough, one of the Parish Councillors from the nominated panel, will be selected to form part of the 3 Member Panel on the Sub-Committees set out above.

Details of the nominated panel of Parish Councillors to be confirmed.

INDEPENDENT PERSONS (STANDARDS ISSUES)

(4 members)

Ed Davies, Joanne Hadley, Isobel McDonald-Davies and Andrew Pearson (2-year term to May 2026)

EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Members of the Council to form a panel from which a minimum of 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee (Lab 2 / LD&PA 1 / Con 0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0). At least one Member of the Cabinet to be included on the Committee.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Members appointed by the Leader of the Council	Councillor Moncur (Chair) Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health
	Councillor Doyle Cabinet Member – Public Health and Wellbeing
	Councillor Roscoe Cabinet Member – Children, Schools and Families
Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health and Place Director	Deborah Butcher
Director of Public Health	Margaret Jones
Executive Director of Children’s Social Care and Education	Risthardh Hare
Representative of the Council’s Adult Social Care Service.	Sara Alldis
Place Clinical Director	Dr Rob Caudwell
Representative of Healthwatch, Sefton	John Turner
Representatives of the NHS Acute Provider Sector	Anne-Marie Stretch Neil Holland
Representative from the Every Child Matters Forum	Janine Hyland
Representative from the Health and Social Care Forum	Andrew Booth
Representative from Merseyside Police	Superintendent Dawn McNally
Representative from Merseyside Fire and	Mark Thomas

Rescue Service	
Representative from Alder Hey Children's Foundation trust	Adrian Hughes
Representative from the Voluntary Community Faith Sector (representative to be agreed through Sefton CVS as the umbrella organisation for the voluntary community and faith sector)	Angela White
Independent Chair of the Programme Delivery Group (part of the Sefton Partnership Governance)	Anita Marsland

The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 made under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 provide that the Board shall be a committee of the Council. The requirement for political balance does not apply to the Board and the Act requires that the Councillor Membership is nominated by the Executive Leader (Leader of the Council).

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (15)

(Lab 12 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. John Kelly
2.	Vice-Chair Cllr. Sonya Kelly
3.	Cllr. Carragher
4.	Cllr. Cavanagh
5.	Cllr. Corcoran
6.	Cllr. Dodd
7.	Cllr. Killen
8.	Cllr. Morris
9.	Cllr. O'Brien
10.	Cllr. Porter
11.	Cllr. Robinson
12.	Cllr. Thomas
13.	Cllr. Thompson
14.	Cllr. Webster
15.	Cllr. Williams

LICENSING AND REGULATORY (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)

(Lab 2 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Bradshaw
2.	Cllr. Sonya Kelly	Cllr. Robinson
3.	Cllr. Thompson	Cllr. Dodd

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a Sub-Committee.

LICENSING (SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES) SUB-COMMITTEE

Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a Sub-Committee.

PAY AND GRADING COMMITTEE (7)

(Lab 5 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0) – Including Cabinet Member – Corporate Services

	<u>Member</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Howard
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Spring
3.	Cllr. Lunn-Bates
4.	Cllr. Prendergast
5.	Cllr. Shaw
6.	Cllr. Tweed
7.	Cllr. Williams

PLANNING COMMITTEE (15)

(Lab 12 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Hansen	Cllr. Byrom
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. O'Brien	Cllr. Grace
3.	Cllr. Brough	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson
4.	Cllr. Desmond	Cllr. McNabb
5.	Cllr. Dodd	Cllr. Sammon
6.	Cllr. Johnson	Cllr. Killen
7.	Cllr. John Kelly	Cllr. Bradshaw
8.	Cllr. Sonya Kelly	Cllr. Robinson
9.	Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. McKee
10.	Cllr. Chris Page	Cllr. Cavanagh
11.	Cllr. Richards	Cllr. Spring
12.	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Danny Burns
13.	Cllr. Thompson	Cllr. Sammon
14.	Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. Thomas
15.	Cllr. Williams	Cllr. Maher

PLANNING (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)

(Lab 2 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Hansen	Cllr. O'Brien
2.	Cllr. Roche	Cllr. Chris Page
3.	Cllr. Thompson	Cllr. Dodd

PLANNING VISITING PANEL (15)

The Panel comprises of the Members of the Planning Committee.

(C) CONSULTATIVE BODIES

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

(6 members)

Ed Davies, Joanne Hadley, Tony Hussey, Susan Lowe, Isobel McDonald-Davies and Susan Murphy (2-year term to May 2026)

(To advise and make recommendations to the Authority about the allowances to be paid to Elected Members).

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFFS

(9 Council Members plus 9 Teacher representatives)

(Lab 7 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. O'Brien
2.	Cllr. Brodie-Browne	Cllr. Pugh
3.	Cllr. Corcoran	Cllr. Porter
4.	Cllr. Harrison Kelly	Cllr. Robinson
5.	Cllr. McNabb	Cllr. McGinnity
6.	Cllr. Parker	Cllr. Danny Burns
7.	Cllr. Richards	Cllr. Lunn-Bates
8.	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson	Cllr. Morris
9.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Sonya Kelly

LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

(12 Council Members plus 12 Trade Union Representatives)

(Lab 9 / Lib Dem 2 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Hart

2.	Cllr. Brodie-Browne	Cllr. Shaw
3.	Cllr. Carragher	Cllr. Grace
4.	Cllr. Harrison Kelly	Cllr. Chris Page
5.	Cllr. Lunn-Bates	Cllr. Killen
6.	Cllr. Murphy	Cllr. Hinde
7.	Cllr. Neary	Cllr. Desmond
8.	Cllr. O'Brien	Cllr. Roche
9.	Cllr. Catie Page	Cllr. Spring
10.	Cllr. Pugh	Cllr. Shaw
11.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Byrom
12.	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson	Cllr. Morris

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PANEL (4)

(Lab 3 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 0 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cabinet Member - Communities and Partnership Engagement - Cllr. Dowd	Cllr. John Kelly
2.	Cllr. Byrom	Cllr. Hardman
3.	Cllr. Cavanagh	Cllr. Murphy
4.	Cllr. Shaw	Cllr. Brodie-Browne

COUNCIL (6)

(Lab 4 / Lib Dem 1 / Con 1 / Ind 0 / Green Party 0)

	<u>Member</u>
1.	Chair Cllr. Lappin
2.	Cllr. Howard
3.	Cllr. Lloyd-Johnson
4.	Cllr. Sonya Kelly
5.	Cllr. Robinson
6.	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MERSEYSIDE JOINT AUTHORITY BODIES 2024/25

The Council considered a schedule of the proposed representation on the Merseyside Joint Authority Bodies for 2024/25.

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

RESOLVED:

That the following Members be appointed to serve on the following Joint Authority Bodies in 2024/25:

<u>Joint Authority</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	Leader of the Council (Councillor Atkinson) Substitute Member(s) – Deputy Leaders of the Council (Councillors Moncur or Lappin)
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillors Desmond (Lab), Hart (Lab) (Scrutiny Link) and Hinde (Lab)
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee	Councillors Danny Burns (Lab), Carragher (Lab), Corcoran (Lab) and Dodd (Lib Dem)
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillors Byrom (Lab), Grace (Lab), Thompson (Lib Dem) and Tweed (Lab)
Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	Councillors Sonya Kelly (Lab) and Catie Page (Lab)
Merseyside Police and Crime Panel (Nominations only – The appointments are agreed on a Pan-Merseyside basis)	Councillors Hinde (Lab) and McNabb (Lab)

12. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SAFEGUARDING)

The Council considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services which presented the findings following a review of the Committee's Terms of Reference.

The main proposals arising from the review were:

- Revised, streamlined Terms of Reference for the Committee which encompassed the main focus areas for the Committee.
- A two-year term of office for Co-Opted Members of the Committee, together with attendance conditions of office.
- The establishment of a Children's Services and Safeguarding Parents/Carers Sub-Committee.
- The introduction of a Public Question Time at the commencement of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED: That

- (1) changes to membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding) in regard to co-opted members, together with the proposed Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding), as set out at Appendix 2, be approved;
- (2) the proposal to establish a Children's Services and Safeguarding Parents/Carers Sub-Committee, as set out at Appendix 3, be approved;
- (3) a Public Question Time period for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding), as set out at Appendix 4, be approved;
- (4) the Council's Constitution be amended by the inclusion of Appendices 2, 3 and 4 of the report; and
- (5) the proposals be reviewed in twelve months' time.

13. PROTOCOL FOR JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE

The Council considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer requesting approval of the revised protocol for Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside. The revised Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements in Cheshire and Merseyside was attached to the report.

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

RESOLVED

That the revised Protocol for Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside, as attached to the report, be approved.

14. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024/25

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

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that the Council meetings scheduled to be held during the Municipal Year 2024/25 are as follows:

- 11 July 2024
- 12 September 2024
- 14 November 2024

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- 16 January 2025
- 27 February 2025 (Budget Meeting)
- 24 April 2025