



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 2024 - 31 MARCH 2025

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, Oriel 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

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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 |
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| Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS scheme | Paul Wisse paul.wisse@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2959 |
| Approval of Sandway Homes Phase 1A Business Plan | Lee Payne lee.payne@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4842, Suzanne Blundell Suzanne.Blundell@sefton.gov.uk |
| Eastbank (Enterprise Arcade) Business Plan | Stephen Watson stephen.watson@sefton.gov.uk, Keith Molloy Tel: 0151 934 2734 |
| Southport Pier | Stephen Watson stephen.watson@sefton.gov.uk |
| City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (2027-32) - Update | Andrew Dunsmore andrew.dunsmore@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2766 |
| Sefton Hospitality Operations Limited - Business Plan | Stephen Watson stephen.watson@sefton.gov.uk |
| Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents - Short Term Holiday Lets and Boundary Treatments | Ian Loughlin ian.loughlin@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3558 |
| Southport Eastern Access and Maritime Corridor Major Schemes - Land Acquisition | Andrew Dunsmore andrew.dunsmore@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2766 |
| Approval of Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy | Andrea O'Connor andrea.oconnor@sefton.gov.uk |
| Biodiversity Net Gain, Responsible Body Application | Rachael Rhodes rachael.rhodes@eas.sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4963 |

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| Details of Decision to be taken | Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS scheme To seek approval to increase the capital funding allocation for the Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS scheme | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | 5 Dec 2024 | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | Yes | Community Impact | No |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | Meols | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Assistant Director - Operational In-House Services | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | Public, Cabinet members, United Utilities, Environment Agency, Sport England, | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | Public Consultation, Briefings, reports, emails | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Making Space for Water Crossens SuDS scheme | | | |
| Contact Officer(s) details | Paul Wisse paul.wisse@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2959 | | | |

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| Details of Decision to be taken | Approval of Sandway Homes Phase 1A Business Plan Approval of the Phase 1A Business Plan outlining future housing development by Sandway Homes. | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | 5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the business plan | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | Yes | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Executive Director – Regeneration, Economy and Assets | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | None | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | None | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Approval of Sandway Homes Phase 1A Business Plan | | | |
| Contact Officer(s) details | Lee Payne lee.payne@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4842, Suzanne Blundell Suzanne.Blundell@sefton.gov.uk | | | |

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| Details of Decision to be taken | Eastbank (Enterprise Arcade) Business Plan Business case for Eastbank project (formerly Enterprise Arcade) | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | 5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 06/12/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: The Business Plan is still being developed | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | Yes | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | Dukes | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Executive Director - Place | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | Southport Town Deal Board | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | via Southport Town Deal consultation process held in 2019-2021 | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Eastbank (Enterprise Arcade) business case | | | |
| Contact Officer(s) details | Stephen Watson stephen.watson@sefton.gov.uk , Keith Molloy Tel: 0151 934 2734 | | | |

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| Details of Decision to be taken | Southport Pier Update relating to Southport Pier, following progression of pre-construction work (and in advance of any award of the required capital funding, at the time of adding to the forward plan) | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet Council | | | |
| Decision Expected | 5 Dec 2024 16 Jan 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the business plan / case | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | Yes | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | Cambridge | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Executive Director - Place Executive Director - Place | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | potential external funding bodies; other key stakeholder groups such as Southport Pier Trust | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | external communications activity | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Southport Pier | | | |
| Contact Officer(s) details | Stephen Watson stephen.watson@sefton.gov.uk | | | |

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| Details of Decision to be taken | City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (2027-32) - Update This report aims to confirm to update Cabinet on the transport schemes to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for potential funding support from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (2027-32) and the assessment process. | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | 5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the Settlement | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | Yes | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Assistant Director - Highways and Public Protection | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | Cabinet Members Housing and Highways and Regeneration, Economy and Skills. | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | Briefings and emails | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (2027-32) - Update | | | |
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| Details of Decision to be taken | Sefton Hospitality Operations Limited - Business Plan Updated three-year business plan for SHOL (2024-25 to 2026-27) | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | 5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the business plan | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | Yes | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Executive Director - Place | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | Appropriate service areas and Cabinet Members | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | Meetings and emails | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Sefton Hospitality Operations Limited - business plan | | | |
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| Details of Decision to be taken | Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents - Short Term Holiday Lets and Boundary Treatments Approval of Supplementary Planning Documents to help guide new development and support policies in the Local Plan. | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | 5 Dec 2024 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 03/10/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: In order for the matter to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | No | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Assistant Director - Economic Growth and Housing | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | Cabinet Member, residents, other key stakeholders. | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | Public consultation has been undertaken prior to this stage through emails, website etc. Cabinet Member for Housing and Highways has been engaged in process. | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents - Short Term Holiday Lets and Boundary Treatments | | | |
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| Details of Decision to be taken | <p>Southport Eastern Access and Maritime Corridor Major Schemes - Land Acquisition</p> <p>This report seeks Cabinet Members approval to progress with the acquisition of land necessary to complete works associated with the above highway improvement schemes including the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for both scheme. Whilst every effort is being made to acquire the land and other interests by negotiation it is considered necessary to make a compulsory purchase order to acquire those areas which are necessary to achieve the works should negotiations not be successful</p> | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | <p>5 Dec 2024</p> <p>Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 05/12/2024. Reason: Work is ongoing on the schemes</p> | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | Yes | Community Impact | No |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | Dukes; Kew; Litherland; Molyneux; Netherton and Orrell; Norwood; St. Oswald | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services | | | |
| Lead Director | Assistant Director - Highways and Public Protection | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | All affected landowners. | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | All landowners have received visits and e-mails. | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Southport Eastern Access and Maritime Corridor Major Schemes - Acquisitions | | | |
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| Details of Decision to be taken | <p>Approval of Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is a cross-cutting theme across several Cabinet Member portfolios and Services. The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) are intending to approve a draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for public consultation in winter 2024/5, and the final LNRS in spring 2025 in line with the government's deadline. Sefton Council as a supporting authority should approve both the draft and final LNRS prior to their approval by the Combined Authority. The purpose of the report therefore will be to seek approval of the draft LNRS for submission to the LCRCA.</p> | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet | | | |
| Decision Expected | 9 Jan 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 05/12/2024 to 09/01/2025. Reason: The draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy is still being finalised | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | No | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Head of Regeneration and Housing | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | Green Sefton, Highways, and other officers, Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service, LCR Combined Authority. Relevant Cabinet Members. | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | Meetings, emails, briefings. | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Approval of draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy | | | |
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| Details of Decision to be taken | Biodiversity Net Gain, Responsible Body Application To seek approval for MEAS to apply to Defra to become a Responsible Body, which will allow the Liverpool City Region local authorities to establish Biodiversity Net Gain habitat banks. | | | |
| Decision Maker | Cabinet Council | | | |
| Decision Expected | 9 Jan 2025 16 Jan 2025 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 07/11/2024 to 09/01/2025. Reason: Work is ongoing on the application | | | |
| Key Decision Criteria | Financial | No | Community Impact | Yes |
| Exempt Report | Open | | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | | | |
| Scrutiny Committee Area | Regeneration and Skills | | | |
| Lead Director | Assistant Director - Economic Growth and Housing Assistant Director - Economic Growth and Housing | | | |
| Persons/Organisations to be Consulted | Merseyside Local Authorities; Liverpool City Region | | | |
| Method(s) of Consultation | Meetings and briefings | | | |
| List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker | Biodiversity Net Gain, Responsible body application | | | |
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