

# CABINET REPORT

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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## **St. Wilfrid's Consultation**

As previously reported the St Wilfrid's consultation closed on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010. The CSF Cabinet Member Meeting to discuss the proposed options took place on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and the outcome of the meeting was that the option to publish a statutory notice for proposed closure was approved with an amended proposed closure date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.

## **MYP Election**

I attended, together with other Elected Members, the announcement of the results of the recent Elections by young people across the Borough for their Members of the Youth Parliament. As usual there was a high turnout to votes cast and the following young people were elected to serve as Sefton's Youth Members of Parliament for 2011/12 - Sankeethana Arulsabefan and Eleanor Gleeson. They will be supported by 4 Deputies and Youth Cabinet Members who were elected as part of this process. The result was announced by our Chief Executive, Margaret Carney, who paid tribute to the work led by the MYPs. I wish them every success in their important roles in representing the voice of Sefton young people.

Can I extend my thanks and admiration to April Barrett and Georgia Briggs the retiring Youth MYP's and their Deputies – Matthew Bishop, Ryan McFarlane and Karen Williams. They have done a wonderful job in promoting the voice of young people within Sefton, across the region and nationally in the UK Youth Parliament. Well done.

## **Thornton new Special Educational Needs Facilities**

Members will be aware that Capital Funding has been secured and approved for the development of a new Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision for young people aged 16-19. This will be developed from the buildings of the former Thornton Community Primary School. The new centre will be operational in September 2011 when it will welcome its first intake of students. The provision is being developed as part of a partnership between Hugh Baird FE College and our special schools of Merefield, Rowan Park, Presfield, Crosby High and Newfield. There is much excitement by parents and students as to this new provision, which will offer a range of pathways for young people with SEN.

**St. Oswald's Primary School**

I recently attended, together with a number of Councillors, the Opening of the extended and refurbished buildings of St. Oswald's Primary School. The Opening was led by the Bishop of Warrington and Councillor Maureen Fearn, the Mayor of Sefton. It was delightful to share in the celebration of the pupils, parents and broader community of St. Oswald's. I was also delighted to hear from Unicef that St. Oswald's had received the Rights Respecting School Award – which does not surprise me because of the high standards demanded by this international award were reflected in the young people I met during the visit.