

COUNCIL – 28 FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – URGENCY AND CALL-IN PROVISIONS

I wish to report that the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave his consent, under Rule 46 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Council Constitution to the following issues being dealt with, on the basis that the decisions could not be reasonably deferred, and not subject to call-in.

CABINET 31 JANUARY 2013

95. COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2013/14 AND NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES RETURN 1 2013-14

The Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT which sought approval to the submission of the National Non-Domestic Rates Return 1 for 2013/14 to the Department for Communities and Local Government. The report also sought approval of the Council Tax Base for the authority for 2013/14 which would be used to calculate the level of Council Tax in Sefton once the Council's budget for 2013/14 had been determined by the Council on 28 February 2013.

This was a Key Decision and was included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

Decisions Made:

- (1) approval be given to the submission of the National Non-Domestic Rates Return 1 2013-14 as set out in Annex B of the report to the Department for Communities and Local Government;
- (2) that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 1992 as amended, the amount calculated by Sefton Council as the Council Tax Base for Sefton and for each Parish Area for 2013-14 shall be as follows:

In the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton	76,516.20
In the Parish of Aintree Village	1,953.05
In the Parish of Formby	8,756.63
In the Parish of Hightown	832.29
In the Parish of Ince Blundell	158.05
In the Parish of Little Altcar	262.31
In the Parish of Lydiate	1,951.38
In the Parish of Maghull	6,256.29
In the Parish of Melling	942.90

In the Parish of Sefton	220.73
In the Parish of Thornton	725.13

- (3) approval be given to the following payments being made to Parish Councils in 2013/14 to compensate them for the cost of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme:

Parish	£
Aintree Village	12,972
Formby	3,070
Hightown	246
Ince Blundell	311
Little Altcar	226
Lydiate	19,959
Maghull	77,638
Melling	2,470
Sefton	721
Thornton	505
	118,118

- (4) It be noted that the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given their consent under Rule 46 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, for the decision to be taken by the Cabinet at its meeting on 31 January 2013 on the Council Tax Base, to be treated as urgent and not subject to “call in”, because legislation requires local authorities to notify the Department for Communities and Local Government and precepting bodies of the Council Tax Base by no later than 31st January 2013.

Reasons for Decision:

The Council is required to set its Council Tax Bases for 2013/14 and approve its National Non-Domestic Rates Return 1 for submission to the Government by 31 January 2013.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None.