

**CABINET**

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT  
ON THURSDAY 23RD MAY, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P. Dowd (in the Chair)  
Councillors Cummins, Fairclough, Hardy, Maher,  
Moncur and Tweed

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Ashton, Dawson and Preece

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received .

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Decision Made:**

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

**4. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR LIBRARIES AND IMPLEMENTATION  
OF LIBRARY REVIEW**

Further to Minute No. 119 of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 February 2013 and Minute No. 103 of the Council meeting held on 28 February 2013, the Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Older People on the proposed Strategic Plan for the Council's Library Services, the proposed Implementation Plan for the phased library closure programme and the mitigating actions to be taken.

The Head of Health and Wellbeing outlined the content of the report which was arranged in a number of sections with associated annexes as indicated below:

	<b>Section</b>	<b>Annex</b>
Background	1	-
Strategic plan	2	A
Mitigation Actions	3	-
Implementation Plan	4	B
Staffing Proposals	5	-
Alternative proposals	6	-
Development Proposals	7	-
Risks	8	-

The Leader of the Council (Councillor P. Dowd) referred to the alternative proposals, which had been submitted, as referred to in Section 6 of the report and indicated that they would need to be assessed by Officers to ensure they were sustainable and feasible, and the details would be considered at the meeting of the Cabinet to be held on 18 July 2013.

Members of the Cabinet raised questions on the following issues referred to in the report and officers responded to the Issues as indicated below:

<p>Councillor Moncur sought assurances that the Trade Unions had been consulted on the staffing proposals and alternative proposals referred to in Sections 5 and 6 of the report.</p> <p>Response: The Head of Health and Wellbeing confirmed that consultations had taken place and would continue to be held with the Trade Unions during the evaluation of all of the alternative proposals received.</p>
<p>Councillor Moncur enquired if a response had been sent to the enquiry referred to in Paragraph 6.9 of the report, relating to the outsourcing of the library service.</p> <p>Response: The Head of Health and Wellbeing indicated that a holding reply had been sent pending the outcome of this meeting and following the meeting a response would be sent setting out the decision made by the Cabinet.</p>
<p>Councillor P. Dowd enquired about the discussions held with community/library action groups, as referred to in Paragraph 6.1 of the report.</p> <p>Response: The Head of Health and Wellbeing indicated that meetings had taken place with the ABC Group, Aintree Library Action Group, Friends of Carnegie Library and the Sefton Council for Voluntary Service. All of the meetings had been productive and information had been provided in response to the requests from groups and individuals.</p> <p>A deadline of 9 May 2013 had been set for the submission of any proposals which would have staffing implications and three alternative proposals have been received as set out in Paragraph 6.2 of the report. A further report on those proposals would be submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet to be held on 18 July 2013, following an evaluation by Officers.</p>
<p>Councillor Cummins enquired whether the Friends of Carnegie Library would be submitting any alternative proposals.</p> <p>Response: The Head of Health and Wellbeing indicated that two meetings had been held with representatives of the group and information had been supplied to them</p>

but at the present time they were not a formally constituted body, and they had not submitted any alternative proposals for Carnegie Library.

Councillor P. Dowd enquired whether any further contact had been held with representatives of the Aintree Library Action Group since the production of the report and whether they had submitted any proposals.

**Response:**

The Head of Health and Wellbeing indicated that a further meeting had been held with representatives of the group since the production of the report and it was envisaged that a proposal for a community run library may be submitted in the near future, which would need to be evaluated by Officers and the details would then be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet for consideration.

Councillor Moncur referred to the funding which had been approved by the Council on 14 May 2013 for the three mitigating actions set out in the table in Paragraph 3.19 of the report. He also supported the proposed mitigation measures of MA1, MA6 and MA7 set out in the same section of the report and commented that the capacity in the remaining libraries would need to be kept under review, as and when the use of public access computers increased in the libraries as a consequence of the Government's welfare benefit changes which required the submission of on-line claims.

**Decision Made:**

That:

- (1) the strategic plan as set out in Annex A of the report be approved;
- (2) the proposed mitigation measures of MA1, MA6 and MA7 set out in Section 3 of the report be approved and the Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure be granted delegated authority to make any future decisions with regard to further mitigation measures;
- (3) the staffing structure for Option 2 set out in paragraph 5.2.4 of the report be approved and the Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure, be granted delegated authority to make any further amendments to the staffing structure in conjunction with Head of Personnel and Head of Health and Wellbeing;
- (4) the ongoing discussions and submissions regarding alternative library proposals from community groups and Sefton Council for Voluntary Service be noted and, Officers be requested to submit an update report to the meeting of Cabinet on 18th July 2013;
- (5) the implementation plan set out in Annex B, and the phased library closure programme as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report be approved and the Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and

Leisure be granted delegated authority to make any further amendments;

- (6) it be agreed that the Council retains the library service in-house and not consider outsourcing the service at this time;
- (7) the risks identified within the report be noted; and
- (8) the current status of the redevelopment proposal for the Crosby Civic Hall site be noted and the Head of Health and Wellbeing and the Head of Investment Programme and Infrastructure be authorised to continue to plan for library services to be delivered from Crosby Library, subject to redevelopment proposals coming forward that are acceptable.

**Reasons for Decision:**

To enable the implementation of the Council's decision made on 28 February 2013, to proceed with Option B of the Library Review

**Alternative Options considered and Rejected:**

Option B was selected as the option to be implemented for the delivery of the Library Service by the Council. The review is now at the implementation stage e.g. deciding when to close libraries and what mitigation to put in place. There remains the opportunity to put forward feasible and sustainable alternative proposals during the implementation process.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2013/14**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services which sought the appointment of Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies set out in the report for 2013/14, or for periods longer than one year. Details of the existing representation on Outside Bodies were set out in the report.

Cllr Moncur indicated that the University of Liverpool was currently reviewing the format of the University Court, which may mean that no nominations were required from local authorities and the Director of Corporate Services indicated the University would be contacted to ascertain the current position on the matter.

**Decision Made:**

That:

- (1) the following Members be appointed to serve on the undermentioned Outside Bodies for 2013/14:

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<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE(S)</u>
Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	1	Cabinet Member - Older People and Health (Cllr Cummins)
British Destinations	1	Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism (Cllr Maher) or nominee
Community Foundation for Merseyside	3	Cllrs Gustafson, Lappin and McGinnity
Formby Pool Trust - Board	2	Cllr Page and Director of Older People (Robina Critchley)
Frank Hornby Trust	1	Cllr Kermode
Joint Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	3	Chair (Cllr Page) and Vice Chair (Cllr Robinson) of the O & S Committee (Health and Social Care) and one Lib Dem Member (Cllr McGuire) (Lab 2 / Lib Dem1 / Con 0)
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review	3	Chair (Cllr Page) and Vice Chair (Cllr Robinson) of the O & S Committee (Health and Social Care) and one Lib Dem Member (Cllr McGuire) (Lab 2 / Lib Dem1 /Con 0)
Liverpool City Region Cabinet	1	Leader of the Council (Cllr P. Dowd) (Substitute: Deputy Leader – Cllr Maher)
Liverpool City Region Child Poverty and Life Chances Commission	1	Cabinet Member – Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Cllr Moncur)
Liverpool City Region Employment and Skills Board	1	Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism (Cllr Maher)
Liverpool City Region Housing and Spatial Planning Board	1	Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism (Cllr Maher)

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Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Board	1	Leader of the Council (Cllr P. Dowd)																
Liverpool City Region Local Transport Body	1	Leader of the Council (Cllr P. Dowd) (Substitute – Cabinet Member – Transportation, Cllr Fairclough)																
Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee	1	Cllr Roche (Substitute: Cllr L. Cluskey)																
Local Government Association: - General Assembly	1	Cllr Maher (5 votes)																
- Urban Commission	1	Cllr Moncur or nominee (5 votes)																
Local Solutions	1	Cllr Gustafson																
Mersey Forest Steering Group	1	Cabinet Member - Communities and Environment (Cllr Hardy) or nominee																
Mersey Port Health Committee	6	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Member</u></td> <td><u>Substitute</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Dodd</td> <td>Cllr Sumner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr John Kelly</td> <td>Cllr Mahon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Roche</td> <td>Cllr Robinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Roberts</td> <td>Cllr Kerrigan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Page</td> <td>Cllr L.Cluskey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Tonkiss</td> <td>Cllr Hands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(Lab4 / Lib Dem2 / Con 0)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>	Cllr Dodd	Cllr Sumner	Cllr John Kelly	Cllr Mahon	Cllr Roche	Cllr Robinson	Cllr Roberts	Cllr Kerrigan	Cllr Page	Cllr L.Cluskey	Cllr Tonkiss	Cllr Hands	(Lab4 / Lib Dem2 / Con 0)	
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Merseyside Community Safety Partnership	2	Cabinet Member - Communities and Environment (Cllr Hardy) and the Head of Commissioning and Neighbourhood Co-ordination (Steph Prewett)																
Merseyside Pension Fund Pensions Committee	1	Cabinet Member - Corporate Services and Performance (Cllr Tweed) or nominee																

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Merseyside Playing Fields Association	1	Cllr Cummins (Substitute: Cllr Moncur)
Merseyside Third Sector Technology Centre (3TC)	1	No formal Council nomination made for 2013/14
North Western Local Authorities' Employers' Organisation	1	Cabinet Member – Corporate Services and Performance (Cllr Tweed)
PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee	1	Cabinet Member - Transportation (Cllr Fairclough) or nominee  (Nominated Member and substitutes must be Cabinet Members)
REECH Steering Group (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Housing)	1	Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Tourism (Cllr Maher)
Sefton Chamber of Commerce and Industry	3	Cllrs K. Cluskey, Friel and McKinley
Sefton Coast Partnership Board	3	Cabinet Member - Communities and Environment (Cllr Hardy) and Councillors Booth and Dutton
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	3	Cllrs M. Fearn, Robinson and Veidman
Sefton Cycling Forum	3	Cllrs K. Cluskey, Hartill and Weavers
Sefton Education Business Partnership	3	Cabinet Member - Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Cllr Moncur) and Cllrs M. Fearn and McKinley
Sefton Equality Standing Group	1	Cabinet Member - Communities and Environment (Cllr Hardy)

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Sefton New Directions Limited Board	3	Cllrs Brennan and Rimmer and Chief Executive (Margaret Carney)
Sefton Sports Council	3	Cabinet Member - Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Cllr Moncur), and Cllrs Cummins and Preece
Southport Pier Trust	3	Cllrs Byrom, Crabtree and Lord Fearn
Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE)	3	Cllrs Bennett, Dorgan and M. Fearn
The John Goore Charity, Lydiate	1	Cllr Kermode
Trans Pennine Trail Members Steering Group	2	Cabinet Member - Transportation (Cllr Fairclough) and Chair of the Planning Committee (Cllr Veidman) or their nominees
University of Liverpool - Court	6	Cabinet Member - Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Cllr Moncur) and Councillors Friel and Keith plus the Mayor (Cllr M Fearn), the Chief Executive (Margaret Carney) and the Deputy Chief Executive (Peter Morgan), who are ex-officio Members

(2) in relation to those appointments for a longer period than one year, the following persons be appointed to serve on the Outside Bodies indicated:

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE(S)</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES</u>
Merseyside Strategic Flood and Coastal Risk Management Partnership	1	Cllr Papworth (Deputy representative – Cllr McKinley)	31.5.2017 (4 year appointment)



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North West Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	1	Cllr Byrom	15.5.2014 (3 year appointment)
North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	2	Cllr John Joseph Kelly or nominee and Coast and Countryside Services Manager (David McAleavy)	31.5.2015 (4 year appointment)
<u>Charities:</u>			
Ashton Memorial Fund, Formby	1	Cllr Page	31.5.2015 (4 year appointment)
Consolidated Charities of Thomas Brown and Marsh Dole	2	Cllr Killen Cllr Dutton	26.6.2014 26.6.2016 (4 year appointment)
Halsall Educational Foundation	1	Cabinet Member - Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Cllr Moncur) or nominee	21.5.2015 (2 year appointment)
<u>Governing Bodies:</u>			
Clarence High School, Formby	1	Cllr Mclvor	31.5.2016 (3 year appointment)
Peterhouse School, Southport	1	Cabinet Member - Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Cllr Moncur) or nominee	31.5. 2016 (3 year appointment)
St. Mary's College, Crosby	2	Cllrs Dorgan and John Joseph Kelly	31.5.2016 (3 year appointment)

**Reasons for Decision:**

The Cabinet has delegated powers to appoint the Council's representatives to serve on Outside Bodies under Chapter 5, Paragraph 40 of the Constitution.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

**6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013/14 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Corporate Services seeking the appointment of a representative to serve on the General Assembly of the Local Government Association (LGA) for 2013/14 and to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on 2 July 2013 at Manchester; and agreement on the distribution of the voting power for the representative appointed.

**Decision Made:**

That:

- (1) Councillor Maher be appointed as the named representative to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the LGA in 2013/14 and the Annual Meeting on 2 July 2013.
- (2) Councillor Maher be authorised to use 5 votes on behalf of the Council at meetings of the LGA General Assembly; and
- (3) Councillor Maher be authorised to attend the Local Government Association Annual Conference from 2 to 4 July 2013.

**Reasons for Decision:**

To ensure that details of the Council's representation on the General Assembly are notified to the Local Government Association.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

None.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON AREA PARTNERSHIPS 2013/14**

Further to Minute No. 16 of the Adjourned Annual Council meeting held on 14 May 2013, the Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Corporate Services on the proposed Elected Member representation on the Area Partnerships.

**Decision Made:**

That:

- (1) the Elected Member representation on the Area Partnerships be via the Area Committees to represent the local area context;
- (2) the Chair of the Area Committee be the nominated member for the Southport and South Sefton Area Partnerships, and that three Members be nominated by the Central Sefton Area Committee to

represent the localities at the Crosby, Formby and Sefton East Area Partnerships; and

- (3) the Cabinet Members previously nominated for each of the five Area Partnerships remain the same, as set out in Paragraph 2.3 of the report.

**Reasons for Decision:**

To determine elected Member representation on the Area Partnerships.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

The purpose of the Area Partnerships is to take a partnership approach to looking at an area and the services within it. The Council is a key partner within this and as Elected Members are elected to represent the views of their communities to the Council, they should be a key part of this process. Therefore, no other option is available for consideration.