

## COUNCIL - 24 JULY 2014

### QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. **Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)**

“For Sefton MBC as a whole, for Maghull and for Southport, up to the latest date for which statistics are available, how many fixed penalty notices for (a) littering and (b) dog fouling have been issued in total since the new contract commenced operation? For each categories how many of these have been accepted/complied with and in how many cases has the person concerned disputed the penalty.”

**Response:**

“The table below illustrates the number of fixed penalty notices issued/paid for litter and dog fouling for the period 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Location	Litter FPN issued	Litter FPN paid	Fouling FPN issued	Fouling FPN Paid
Whole of Borough	190	112	12	8
Maghull	6	4	0	0
Southport	118	80	12	8

(Note: Maghull has been defined as: Park, Molyneux and Sudell wards and Southport as: Ainsdale, Birkdale, Dukes, Kew, Norwood, Cambridge and Meols)

In six cases the fixed penalty notice was disputed and in two cases this was upheld.”

2. **Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)**

“In the 24 hours of Saturday, July 12th, how many notices for littering and dog fouling were issued in the central area of Southport?”

**Response:**

“Based on the advice of Merseyside Police the contractor did not deploy a patrol in Central Southport on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014.”

**3. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)**

“Does the Cabinet Member have a view about the annual Orange Order parades in Southport? Would she be happy to see this event moved to Bootle?”

**Response:**

“These parades are a long standing tradition. It is the organisers and not the Council to decide where the marches are held.”

**4. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)**

“Does the Cabinet Member have any information on the extent of arrests for street drinking and/or drunkenness in Southport on 12 July and, if not, will she take steps to find this information?”

**Response:**

“Two arrests for drunk and disorderly and one for drinks possession.”

**5. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)**

“In respect of the newly appointed dog excrement contractors, who are paid on the volume of results is the Cabinet Member content that the 'script' and mode of delivery of the 'script' to members of the public suspected of contravening by-laws by operatives working in the Council's name is appropriate to the task in hand?”

**Response:**

“Yes”

**6. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)**

“Can the Cabinet Member confirm that there will be no penalties applied to any resident who deposits glass, paper and tins in their brown bin - and also that the items concerned would be recycled?”

**Response:**

“Sefton residents should follow the advice provided about the appropriate waste and recycling options, however if items were mistakenly placed in the wrong bin there would be no fine and recycling would still occur.”

**7. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Hardy)**

“Given that the circumstances of their interaction with dog owners are not likely to be the happiest, do the recently-employed Community Enforcement Officers have training in respect of how to behave when close to dogs of a variety of sizes and temperaments?”

**Response:**

“The wardens have conflict management training.”

**8. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Tourism (Councillor Maher)**

a) “Given the state of Princes Park on Monday morning, two days after the Orange Parade with bottles, cans, soiled nappies and various other items strewn all over, could the Cabinet member comment on whether the purpose of this public space is for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors to the town, or is the Council content to leave it as a trash heap for people who do not know how to behave?”

b) “Can the Cabinet Member confirm reports that for this year's Orange Day parade there was no skip on Princes Park for people to deposit garbage into and no Portaloo?”

**Response:**

“As Cllr Dawson is an experienced elected Member of this Council, it is disappointing that he seems unable to deal with issues or seek answers to questions he may have regarding the same within his Ward via the relevant Council Officers and Departments.”

“Normally, one of the Lodges books the park via Tourism and orders portaloos and skips. This year, that Lodge did not book the park and instead utilised a different site and therefore no loos nor skips were ordered. Therefore, none were provided.”

**9. Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to Cabinet Member for Transportation (Councillor Fairclough)**

“Given that cast iron grid covers with long longitudinal (as opposed to transverse) slots appear to constitute a safety threat to cyclists, and that the Council will have been aware of accidents taking place in several places over the years, due to this problem, does Sefton MBC have any knowledge of the number of such grid covers within the Borough, and has any assessment been made of the potential safety threat which they pose to cyclists?”

“Given that insurers do not cover Local Authorities against claims which are caused by hazards which are known but have not been addressed, is the Cabinet Member confident that Sefton MBC could deal with potential damages claims, as well as complying with the Local Authority's responsibility to cyclist?”

**Response:**

“The Council ensures that as far as practical and reasonably possible its duties with regards to the safety of pedestrians and all road users are fulfilled.”

**10. Question submitted by Councillor Papworth to Cabinet Member for Transportation (Councillor Fairclough)**

“Some months ago, the trees on the roundabout in Cook's Road, Crosby, were decorated with knitted woollen overcoats, which many thought were colourful and attractive. Within two days, the Council had ordered their removal. Why was that?”

**Response:**

“The trees on Cook’s Road roundabout were ‘yarn-bombed’ without the Council’s knowledge. People had worked on the highway illegally. It was deemed from a road safety perspective that the decorations would be a distraction to motorists as they are not a legally approved sign.”

“Accepting the point that they can look attractive, we allowed the people involved to replace the yarn-bombing on the trees in the pedestrianised area of Moor Lane in Crosby.”

**11. Question submitted by Councillor Booth to Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families and Leisure (Councillor Moncur)**

“Would the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, Family and Leisure please give the locations of this summer's Street Games, including: which Area Committees they come under, how they are to be funded and how they are to be evaluated once completed?”

**Response:**

<b>The locations of this Summer’s Street Games</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Area Committees they come under</b>
Hatton Hill	Ford	South Sefton Area Committee
Lonsdale Park	Ford	South Sefton Area Committee
Meadows	Sudell	Central Area Committee
Potters Barn	Church	Central Area Committee
Killen Green	St. Oswalds	South Area Committee
Kings Gardens	Dukes	Southport/North Area Committee
Coronation Park	Victoria	Central Area Committee
North Park	Linacre	South Area Committee
Derby Park	Derby	South Area Committee

**How they are to be funded**

“The summer Street Games are funded by the Landscape Management and Development Section of Sefton Council.

Following the summer a number of programmes will continue over the year using leisure centres which is funded by Sport England.”

“The money to enable the programme to be coordinated comes from the Positive Futures grant which is directed via the Police and Crime Commissioner.”

**How they are to be evaluated once completed**

“The effectiveness of the programme will be evaluated using “ Views” which is the national Positive Futures Monitoring and Evaluation Tool Kit provided by the Home Office.”