



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2015 - 31 MAY 2015

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

As a matter of local choice, the Forward Plan also includes the details of any significant issues to be initially considered by the Executive Cabinet and submitted to the Full Council for approval.

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

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.

Margaret Carney
Chief Executive

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Item Heading	Officer Contact
Designation of Maghull Parish as a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area	Ingrid Berry ingrid.berry@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3556
Designation of Melling Neighbourhood Development Plan Area	Ingrid Berry ingrid.berry@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3556
Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy	Andrew Hall andrew.hall@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3604
Property Search Litigation	Peter Cowley peter.cowley@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2250
Town Centres Working Group - Final Report	Ruth Harrison ruth.harrison@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2042
Southport Coastal Communities Fund	Mark Catherall mark.catherall@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3455

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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Designation of Maghull Parish as a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area</p> <p>Maghull Town Council has submitted an application for Maghull parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Development Plan area. This has the potential to affect a significant number of people in three wards.</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	<p>5 Feb 2015</p> <p>Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 15/01/2015 to 05/02/2015. Reason: The statutory advertising of the revised applications for the designation of the Maghull Neighbourhood Development Plans ended on 21 December, 2014 which was after the deadline for the submission of items to the January Cabinet meeting.</p>			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Park; Sudell			

Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Ward Councillors
Method(s) of Consultation	Council website, emails, twitter and consultation carried out by Maghull Town Council
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Designation of Maghull parish as a Neighbourhood Development Plan area; Qualifying Statement Maghull Town Council 26-02-14.pdf; Rationale for Neighbourhood Plan 26-02-14.pdf;
Contact Officer(s) details	Ingrid Berry ingrid.berry@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3556

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Details of Decision to be taken	Designation of Melling Neighbourhood Development Plan Area Melling Parish Council has submitted an application to have the majority of its parish (east of the M58) designated as a Neighbourhood Development Plan area. This has the potential to affect a significant number of people in two wards.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Feb 2015 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 15/01/2015 to 05/02/2015. Reason: The statutory advertising of the revised applications for the designation of the Melling Neighbourhood Development Plan ended on 21 December, 2014 which was after the deadline for the submission of items to the January Cabinet meeting.			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Sudell			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Ward Councillors			

Method(s) of Consultation	Website, emails, twitter and consultation carried out by Melling Parish Council
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Melling Submission letter March 5th.pdf; Melling NDP area submission plan March 5th 2014.doc.pdf; Designation of Melling Neighbourhood Development Plan area
Contact Officer(s) details	Ingrid Berry ingrid.berry@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3556

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Details of Decision to be taken	<p>Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy To approve the Crosby Town centre Investment Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy will set out a clear long term vision and ambition for Crosby that provides Crosby with a purpose and a direction as a destination for future investment purposes. The strategy will also maximise the economic potential of Crosby in relation to its key attributes, having established and secured a consensus with stakeholders. It will demonstrate how this vision could be delivered in economic, physical and social terms. Central to the Strategy will be development proposals that will need to support a clear and commercially viable future for the existing town centre</p>			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	5 Feb 2015			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Manor; Victoria			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Officers, Informal Policy Cabinet, Public			
Method(s) of Consultation	A two stage public consultation which was reported to the Consultation and Engagement Panel. This included exhibitions, press releases and making information available through the Council's Website, including publication of			

	consultation results.
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy Crosby Town Centre Investment Strategy
Contact Officer(s) details	Andrew Hall andrew.hall@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3604

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Details of Decision to be taken	Property Search Litigation Property Search Litigation relates to claims by private property search companies for the repayment of property search fees which they allege are incompatible with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The purpose of the report is to provide an update on such litigation and to seek instructions from Cabinet.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	26 Feb 2015 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 15/01/2015 to 26/02/2015. Reason: negotiations with the Claimants are still continuing at a national level and have not yet been concluded. The report will be submitted to Cabinet when the position has been clarified.			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	No
Exempt Report	Fully exempt			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Head of Corporate Finance and ICT and Head of Planning Services			
Method(s) of Consultation	Internal meetings			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Property Search Litigation			
Contact Officer(s) details	Peter Cowley peter.cowley@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2250			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Town Centres Working Group - Final Report To submit findings and recommendations to Cabinet in relation to a review undertaken by Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) regarding Town Centres.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	26 Feb 2015 Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 05/02/2015 to 26/02/2015. Reason: The Final Report needs to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) on 20 January 2015 prior to its consideration by Cabinet			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	No	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services).			
Method(s) of Consultation	Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services).			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	None Town Centres Working Group - Final Report			
Contact Officer(s) details	Ruth Harrison ruth.harrison@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 2042			

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Details of Decision to be taken	Southport Coastal Communities Fund Stage 2 decision on funding application for Southport
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	Destination Management (Coastal Communities Fund)			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	26 Feb 2015			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Exempt Report	Open			
Wards Affected	Cambridge; Dukes			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Regeneration and Environmental Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Southport BID; STBN; Councillor Ian Maher, Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Tourism; and Economy and Tourism Management Team			
Method(s) of Consultation	Consultation with Southport BID Board and BID Members			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Southport Coastal Communities Fund			
Contact Officer(s) details	Mark Catherall mark.catherall@sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3455			