

# CABINET REPORT

<i>COUNCILLOR</i>	<i>COMMITTEE</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Peter Dowd	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools & Families	January 2010

## **BSF**

I am delighted the Authority has been invited to be included in the next phase of the BSF Programme, which will generate £80m of capital investment across a number of Sefton Secondary Schools. The Authority has resubmitted its Readiness to Deliver Document as part of the response to this good news. Discussions are now on-going with schools and the national delivery body, Partnership for Schools, on ensuring that we deliver the programme.

As part of this Savio Salesian and St. Wilfrid's will be working with the sponsors of the new Academy, which will replace the two schools. The sponsors are the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Salesian Trustees and Liverpool Hope University.

St. George of England will close and statutory consultation on this proposal is commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010, with Governors, staff and parents.

## **Corporate Assessment**

Children, Schools and Families across Sefton have been judged as performing effectively in the recent CAA process, and this endorses the good work undertaken by the Council and its range of partners (through the Children's Trust) to improve outcomes for children, young people and families. We will build on this judgement as we shape the priorities to form part of our next Children and Young Peoples Plan.

## **Safeguarding**

As Members are aware there has been increased demand for social care provision for groups of young people. This is resulting in significant pressures on the 2009/10 budget, and it is anticipated that the 2010/11 budget will be adjusted to reflect this level of demand for services in accordance with the Mid Term Financial Plan. In collaboration with Sefton Local Safeguarding Board (LSCB) we are continuing to improve our procedures and provision to enhance the early identification intervention and prevention services available to families.

### **New Youth Representatives**

I am pleased to let you know that Georgia Briggs representing young people in the North (including Formby) and April Barrett representing young people in the South and Mid areas have been appointed as Youth MP's for 2010 and Ryan McFarlane and Callum Williams representing young people in the North (including Formby), Mathew Bishop and Jacob Beaman representing the South and Mid areas have been appointed as Deputy MP's for the same period following the election process involving young people right across the Borough. It is pleasing to note again that there was a high level turnout of young people voting as part of their commitment to the democratic process.