

**Meeting:** OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
(CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

**Date of Meeting:** 9 FEBRUARY 2010

**Title of Report:** WORK PROGRAMME - KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN  
1 FEBRUARY TO 31 MAY 2010

**Report of:** S. Tunney  
Assistant Chief Executive

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This report contains	Yes	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b> Information/		√
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Is the decision on this report <b>DELEGATED?</b>	√	

### **Purpose of Report**

To submit to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the latest Key Decision Forward Plan and to update the Committee on its Work Programme.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
2. That the Committee approves the progress and actions of the Working Groups taken to date;
3. that the establishment of a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, comprised of the four Overview & Scrutiny Chairs, be supported; and
4. that Sefton's successful bid to become a Scrutiny Development Area, to assist in addressing health inequalities within the local community, be recognised.

## Corporate Objective Monitoring

Corporate Objective		Positive Impact	Neutral Impact	Negative Impact
1.	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2.	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3.	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4.	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5.	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6.	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7.	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8.	Children and Young People		√	

## Financial Implications

	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011 2012 £
<i>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</i>				
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

## Departments Consulted in the preparation of this Report

None

## List of Background Papers relied upon in the preparation of this Report

None

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## **1. PRE - SCRUTINY - PRIOR CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS BEFORE THEY GO TO CABINET**

- 1.1 Members may request to pre-scrutinise items from the Key Decision Forward Plan. Such items must fall under the remit (Terms of Reference) of this Committee. The latest Forward Plan is attached at **Appendix A** for this purpose. The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.
- 1.2 For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded.
- 1.3 *The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.*

## **2. UPDATE ON CURRENT WORKING GROUPS**

Members are requested to consider progress on reviews being carried out by the Committee's working groups as follows:-

### **2.1 Corporate Parenting Working Group**

The Group met on 21 January 2010 where it was confirmed that they had completed all aspects of the Scoping Document and were in a position to draft the Final Report. The Scrutiny Support Officer will report progress at the Meeting and will confirm the reporting arrangements.

### **2.2 Youth Centre Focus Group**

(Councillor Hands declared a personal interest by virtue of his Daughter being employed as a Youth Worker at the YMCA, Southport)

Members will receive a verbal presentation from the three Area Managers for the Youth Service at the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) on 9 February 2010.

Members of the Committee have completed the following Youth Centre Visits:-

#### **Tuesday 19 January 2010 – North Area (Area Manager – Mushtaq Khan)**

Councillors Bradshaw, Dodd and Hands and Mrs S. Cain (Parent Governor Representative)

Dunes Leisure Centre – Activities – Positive Futures and Parenting 2000 for young people with ASHD/Autism.  
Meols Cop Youth Centre

## **Wednesday 20 January 2010 – Mid Area (Area Manager – John Phillips)**

Councillors Bradshaw, Dodd and Hands.

Formby Youth Centre – Youth Activities for young people with Autism Plaza, Crosby – offering a taster session for youths between the ages of 14 and 18 on Media, Editing, film and Animation.

The Chair, Councillor Hands is keen to arrange more visits – The Overview and Scrutiny Officer will write to all Members of the Committee confirming arrangements.

(Please note that other Members of the Committee were unable to attend due to other commitments – Apologies had been received – Information Packs will be forwarded onto those Members in due course).

### **3. HEALTH INEQUALITIES & SCRUTINY**

#### **A. Cross-Cutting Working Group**

The Overview & Scrutiny Management Board has recently established a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, membership comprised of the four O&S Chairs.

Developments will be reported back to the Committee in due course.

#### **B. Scrutiny Development Area**

Prior to Christmas 2009, the Centre for Public Scrutiny invited local authorities to bid for Scrutiny Development Area status. The intention being to raise the profile of overview & scrutiny as a tool to promote community well-being and assist councils and their partners in addressing health inequalities within their local community.

Sefton Council has submitted a bid which has been **successful**.

Funding for successful bids will attract a maximum of £5,000 for costs incurred over and above the usual scrutiny support that the local authority provides.

An Expert Advisor will also be placed with each of the successful pilots to help develop the review.

Developments will be reported back to the Committee in due course.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
- 4.2 That the Committee approves the progress and actions of the Working Groups taken to date;
- 4.3 that the establishment of a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, comprised of the four Overview & Scrutiny Chairs, be supported; and
- 4.5 that Sefton's successful bid to become a Scrutiny Development Area, to assist in addressing health inequalities within the local community, be recognised.



# SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

**FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2010 - 31 MAY 2010**

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 14 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 15 (General Exception) and Rule 16 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport PR8 1DA or accessed from the Council's website: [www.sefton.gov.uk](http://www.sefton.gov.uk)

- Council Constitution
- Forward Plan
- Reports on the Key Decisions to be taken
- The minutes for each Key Decision, which will normally be published within 5 working days after having been made

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Cabinet and the individual Cabinet Members which are held at the Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle or the Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport. Video conferencing facilities are available at both venues for the Cabinet Member meetings. The dates and times of the meetings are published on [www.sefton.gov.uk](http://www.sefton.gov.uk) or you may contact the Committee and Member 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.*

**Caroline Elwood**  
**Legal Director**

## SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Sefton's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme To receive an update on Sefton's BSF programme and to seek funding approval for preparation of the Outline Business Case (OBC).			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 February 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	All Wards			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Direct with Finance and Information Services Director and Strategic Director - Communities			
Method(s) of Consultation	BSF Project Board Finance and Information Services Director Strategic Director - Communities			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	25 November 2009 - BSF: Outcome of the Readiness to Deliver resubmission 25 November 2009 - BSF: Proposed delegation of Decision Making Powers to the Project Board 25 November 2009 - BSF: Appointment of Project Director and Project Manager. 14 January 2010 BSF Staffing update.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	Chris Dalziel, Lynton Green		
	E-mail address Telephone No	chris.dalziel@cs.sefton.gov.uk, lynton.green@finance.sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 3337, Tel: 0151 934 4096		
	Consultation Deadline Date	22 January 2010		



## SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Refurbishment of Aintree Davenhill Primary School Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension alteration and refurbishment of Aintree Davenhill Primary School, Aintree under the Primary Capital funding initiative. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 February 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Park; Sudell; Molyneux;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of tenders for Primary Capital Initiative project at Aintree Davenhill Primary School, Aintree.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
	E-mail address Telephone No	david.kay@technical.sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4527		
	Consultation Deadline Date	22 January 2010		

## SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Refurbishment of Birkdale High School; Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension alteration and refurbishment of Birkdale High School, Southport, under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 February 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Ainsdale; Birkdale; Cambridge; Dukes; Kew; Meols; Norwood;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of tenders for the Diploma Delivery Programme at Birkdale High School.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 January 2010		

## SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Deyes High School, Maghull Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension, alteration and refurbishment of Deyes High School, Maghull, under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Park; Sudell;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 February 2010		

## SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Hillside High School, Bootle Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension, alteration and refurbishment of Hillside High School, Bootle under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Derby; Linacre; Litherland; Netherton and Orrell;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 February 2010		

## SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Maghull High School Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension, alteration and refurbishment of Maghull High School, Maghull, under the 14-19 Diploma Delivery programme. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources.			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Molyneux; Park; Sudell;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
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	Consultation Deadline Date	22 February 2010		

## SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

Details of Decision to be taken	Refurbishment of Lander Road Primary School Approval of funding and acceptance of tenders for the proposed extension alteration and refurbishment of Lander Road Primary School, Bootle under the Primary Capital funding initiative. The funding will be provided from specific Capital resources			
Decision Maker	Cabinet			
Decision Expected	4 March 2010			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Yes	Community Impact	Yes
Wards Affected	Ford; Linacre; Litherland;			
Scrutiny Committee Area	Children's Services			
Persons/Organisations to be Consulted	Cabinet Member - Children's Services Finance and Information Services Department			
Method(s) of Consultation	Direct consultation with Cabinet Members and the Finance and Information Services Director.			
List of Background Documents to be Considered by Decision-maker	Report of tender for Primary Capital Initiative project at Lander Road Primary School, Bootle.			
Representations may be made to the following Officer(s) by the date specified	Officer(s)	David Kay		
	E-mail address Telephone No	david.kay@technical.sefton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 934 4527		
	Consultation Deadline Date	21 December 2009		

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

### **HOW TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO DECISION TAKER**

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