

## **COUNCIL MOTION**

**24 JANUARY 2019**

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry Jones**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Harry Bliss**

### **CREATING A TOWN COUNCIL FOR SOUTHPORT**

We believe that the communities of Sefton as a whole will be better supported if there is a Town Council in Southport which can reflect the unique characteristics of the Town. The borough of Sefton is not uniform. Southport has a distinct character and with this comes a number of challenges, some of which we believe will be better addressed by a Southport Town Council. The aim will be to work cooperatively with Sefton MBC and other organisations for the betterment of Southport.

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 enables Sefton Council to undertake community governance reviews, to consult local people on creating or changing local democratic arrangements within the Borough such as Parish and Town Councils and to change the arrangements where it will improve things.

Accordingly, this Council resolves to

1. Undertake a Community Governance Review to explore the creation of a Town Council for Southport, covering the current Parliamentary constituency boundary.
2. Request Council Officers to provide a report to the next Council meeting on the Community Governance Review terms of reference, approach and process for consideration and approval.
3. Refer the issue to Cabinet in accordance with Rule 86 of the Council's Constitution for formal consideration of any financial implications.