

REPORT TO: COUNCIL

DATE: 8 May 2008

SUBJECT: Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

WARDS AFFECTED: All

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To request delegated authority from the Council for the Cabinet to finalise the detail of Sefton's new Local Area Agreement 2008 -2011

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 specifies that the Local Area Agreement (LAA) must be approved by the Council. The LAA is scheduled to be completed by June 2008. Due to the lack of available meetings, it will not be possible for the Council to approve the LAA prior to its submission to the Government.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

Council is recommended to delegate authority to the Cabinet to finalise the detail of, and approve, the Local Area Agreement 2008 - 2011

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following expiry of the call in of the minutes of this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

There are no alternative options, as the timetable of meetings prevents the Council from signing off the Local Area Agreement prior to its submission to the Government.

IMPLICATIONS:**Budget/Policy Framework:**

The Local Area Agreement is a key-planning document to which the Council and relevant stakeholders must have regard.

Financial:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this decision.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2006/ 2007 £	2007/ 2008 £	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
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?				

Legal:

None

Risk Assessment:

None

Asset Management:

None

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS:

Legal Director.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
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	√		

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

LAA Operational and draft Statutory guidance – DCLG 2007

1. Background:

- 1.1 As Council is aware, as part of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, the Council now has a statutory duty to prepare a Local Area Agreement (LAA). The Council and its partners must negotiate with Government a set of (up to) 35 indicators from the new National Indicator set, plus 16 statutory indicators concerning Children and Young People.

2. Process of signing off the Local Area Agreement

- 2.1 The new LAA is currently in preparation - with the Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees, the Sefton Borough Partnership and the Government Office North West all involved in consultation and discussion. The new LAA takes effect from April 1st 2008, although in reality the document will not be completed until June 2008.
- 2.2 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 specifies that the LAA must be approved by the Council. Due to the lack of available meetings, it will not be possible for the Council to approve the LAA prior to its submission to the Government. Therefore it is asked to delegate authority to the Cabinet to finalise the detail of, and approve, the Local Area Agreement 2008 – 2011.

3. Recommendation

Council is recommended to delegate authority to the Cabinet to finalise the detail of, and approve, the Local Area Agreement 2008 – 2011.