

# Sefton

## People & Place Introductory Profile

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## Introduction



Sefton is a metropolitan borough of Merseyside; England and its local authority is Sefton Council. Sefton was formed, following the Local Government Act 1972, on 1 April 1974. It was an amalgamation of the former county boroughs of Bootle and Southport, and from the administrative county of Lancashire,

the municipal borough of Crosby, the urban districts of Formby and Litherland, and part of the Rural District of West Lancashire. It also formed part of the then new county of Merseyside. It is named after the village and parish of Sefton, near Maghull, which had formerly served as the seat of the Molyneux family; and the watermill located there served as inspiration for Sefton Council's Crest.



The Borough consists of a coastal strip of land on the Irish Sea and extends from the primarily industrial area of Bootle in the south to the traditional seaside resort of Southport in the north. In the south-east it extends inland to Maghull. Sefton has an approximate area of some 155km<sup>2</sup>. The district is

bounded by Liverpool to the south, Knowsley to the south-east, and West Lancashire to the east.

Sefton's 22-mile-long coastline boasts some of Merseyside's best beaches characterised by a wide sandy foreshore backed by dunes; along with significant areas of docks, estuary, shore, dune, and woodland. The significant dune system extends some 4km inland at Formby. Overall the coastal frontage supports several large urban settlements including: Crosby, Hightown, Formby, and Southport. However, much of the shoreline remains unprotected by defences, with structures only present at Crosby, Blundellsands, and Southport.



Sefton is one of six Councils that make up the Liverpool City region. Since 1 April 2014 some of the Borough's responsibilities have been pooled with neighbouring authorities within the metropolitan area and subsumed into the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

The combined authority has effectively become the top-tier administrative body for the local governance of the city region with the leader of Sefton Council, along with the five other leaders from neighbouring local government districts, take strategic decisions over economic development, transport, employment and skills, tourism, culture, housing, and physical infrastructure.

The Borough has several nationally and internationally important attractions including: the Aintree Grand National (the most valuable horse race in Europe); Anthony Gormley's Another Place at Crosby Beach; The Southport Flower Show; The National Musical Fireworks Championship; the Southport Air Show; and Regular major golf tournaments hosted at Royal Birkdale Golf Club.

Sefton's heritage is important to its identity. Southport's cast iron verandas, the shrimper's cottages in Churchtown, Formby's pinewoods, and Bootle's industrial areas and docks are integral to the character of its towns and villages.

Sefton has 25 conservation areas, approximately 560 listed buildings, 5 Registered Historic Parks and Gardens, and 13 Scheduled Monuments. These are important on a national scale as examples of their type. Famous architects and landscape designers such as E. W. Pugin and Edward Kemp have designed some of Sefton's historic buildings, parks and gardens. Others are the best surviving examples of the local vernacular architecture.

In 2016 Sefton Council asked its citizens to help shape the future of the Borough over the next 15 years. Working closely with partners; businesses; private sector organisations; the voluntary, community, and faith sector; and the wider Sefton community Sefton Council has developed a new and exciting vision for the future of the Borough: Sefton 2030.

## Political Structure

- Sefton has an electorate of around 215,400 people.
- The Council is currently Labour led, with the Borough's current 66 Councillor representation broken down as follows:
  - Labour Party - 43
  - Liberal Democrats - 12
  - Conservative Party - 8
  - Independents Group - 3
- There are three Area Committees in Sefton that are the focus for consultation and discussion about issues in their respective areas and for making decisions about local transport, planning and environmental matters.

## Demographics

- Sefton has a population of approximately 274,600 and makes up just 0.5% of the English population. 52% of the Borough are female and 48% are male (slightly different to the 51% - 49% split seen across England). (01)
- 23.1% of Sefton's population is 65 years old or over (63,300), with approximately one in five being aged under 18 (53,514). (01)
- Sefton is ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of 326 local authorities for the number of residents aged 65 or over. (01)
- Sefton's area is approximately 155km<sup>2</sup> with a population density (the number of persons per hectare) of 18, over four times higher than that of England as a whole. (02)
- Sefton has a unique socio-economic geography. In its entirety it is in the most deprived quarter of English Local Authorities with five of its lower super output areas (LSOA) in the top 1% nationally. Yet other parts of the Borough, particularly in the middle and North, are some of the least deprived areas, with two LSOAs being in the least deprived 5% of areas nationally. (03)

- Sefton has a low proportion of residents from minority ethnic groups (2.6%) compared to rates seen both nationally (14.6%) and regionally (9.8%). (02)

## Housing

- The 2011 Census recorded a total of 124,000 households in Sefton. Currently the Council Tax database shows some 127,254 rateable dwellings. (04)
- Overall the median dwelling property price paid in Sefton was £169,809. (60)
- Most of the residential property sales in Sefton over the past year were terraced properties, which on average sold for £127,740. Detached houses as expected sold for the highest value with an average sold price of £295,314, Semi-detached properties had an average price of £180,849, and flats averaged £107,428. Crosby, Formby and Southport areas have some of the highest average house prices in Liverpool City Region, with detached properties in Sefton sold for an average of £295,314. In the period Nov 17 – Nov 18 house prices rose in Sefton by 4.7% and up by 27% from Nov 2008 when they averaged £144,550. (05)
- In the period 2017/18 there were 243 presentations to Sefton's Housing Options (Homeless) team. Of these 32.9% (80) resulted in the Council owing the full duty to re-home the representative. (06)
- In 2017/18 there were a total of 18,651 social housing dwellings, within Sefton 58% of these properties are owned by One Vision Housing and 13.9% are owned by Riverside Group. Each of the other Housing Associations own less than 7% of the total social housing stock.
- 46,509 households in Sefton receive Single Occupancy Discount on Council Tax, this equates to 36.5% of all properties in Sefton. (04)

## Economy and Business

- 73% of Sefton residents aged between 16 and 64 were in employment between October 2017 and September 2018 (64% were employees and 9% were self-employed). This is higher than LCR (72%) but lower than the North West (74%) and England as a whole (75%). (08)
- The unemployment rate of those aged between 16 and 64 who are economically active reported for October 2017 and September 2018 in Sefton was 3%, which is lower than LCR the North West and England as a whole all at 4%. (08)
- Workless households containing adult members aged 16 years and over who are either unemployed or inactive. Inactive adults can include students in full-time education as well as those who are sick or disabled, looking after the family or home, or early retired. Between January and December 2017 there were approximately 15,300 workless households, which equates to 18.5% of all households within Sefton (08).
- In 2018 the average gross weekly pay for full time workers in Sefton was £550.30, higher than the North West (£529.60) but below the Great Britain rate (£571.10). When looking at the average full-time employment gross pay, males in Sefton are paid 26% more than females (£601.30 compared to £479.10). (08)
- The average hourly pay for full time workers in Sefton during 2017 was £13.97; this is higher than the North West (£13.44) yet lower than Great Britain (£14.41). The average hourly pay for males was £15.10, with females receiving on average £12.59. (08)
- The approximate distribution of annual household income in Sefton is: (09)
  - 32% (39,700) under £15k
  - 22% (18,648) under £30
  - 34% (38,435) £30k - £49k
  - 12% (15,147) £50k or over
- There was a total of 9,675 local business units located within Sefton in 2018. 83.5%

(8,070) of these were micro units employing up to nine staff, a further 13.3% were small units employing between 10 and 49 staff. The North West local business units show very similar ratios with 83.5% being micro businesses and 13.2% being small units. (08)

- There were approximately 92,000 employee jobs within Sefton in 2017, 61% of these were full time. 17% of the jobs were in Human Health and Social Work activities with a further 17% being Wholesale and Retail Trade, and the Motor Industry, whilst Education made up 11% (08)
- There are currently 971 organisations listed on 'VCF Direct'. These are organisations in the Voluntary, Community, and Faith sector which are based in Sefton, outside Sefton or nationally which Sefton residents can access. (10)

## Benefits and Support

- 3.7% (6,040) of Sefton residents aged between 16 and 64 were claiming out-of-work benefits in December 2018, higher than the North West (3.0%) and Great Britain (2.4%). (08)
- 956 people were claiming Job Seekers Allowance in Sefton in September 2018, this equates to 0.6% of the population aged 16 to 64. This is 48% lower than the previous year, this decrease is due to the full roll out of Universal Credit in the borough. The LCR rate currently stands at 1.1% (10,557) and UK 0.9% (380,451). (11)
- Universal Credit is a single benefit replacing income-based Job Seekers Allowance, income related Employment Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Housing Benefit. Figures for November 2018 show the overall number of Universal Credit claimants in Sefton is 12,817. 65% of these claimants were not in employment. Over half (61%) of all Universal Credit claimants are aged

between 25 and 49. The gender split is 52% female compared to 48% male (11)

- There is a total of 3,205 families claiming Working Tax Credits in Sefton, with a further 6,830 claiming both Working Tax and Child Tax Credits. (12)
- Personal Independence Payments (PIP). As at October 2018 12,217 PIP claims were in payment across Sefton for residents aged between 16 and 64, (15% of Sefton's 16 to 64-year-old population). (13)
- In May 2018, there were a total of 12,183 Disability Living Allowance cases in payment, people of any age were able to claim this benefit, making up 4% of the Sefton population. (13)
- As of May 2018, there were 10,677 claimants, 6,784 females and 3,893 males across Sefton claiming Pension Credits. (08)
- There were 7260 households claiming Housing Benefits as of Q3 2018/19. (13)
- 32,660 households are claiming Council Tax Reduction as of Q3 2018/19. (14)
- The total HB caseload in Q3 2018/19 stands at 7260 with a CTR caseload of 32660. There has been a total of £773,626.25 Discretionary Housing Payments paid during the period Q1 2018 to Q3 2018. These payments are paid to Sefton residents claiming housing benefits needing further help. (15)
- During 2018/19 (up to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019) there were 8,340 applications for the Emergency Limited Assistance Scheme (ELAS) run by Sefton. Of these 68% (5,706) were approved, these break down as follows: (16)
  - Food: 4,100
  - Gas / Electricity: 4,831
  - Cash: 103
  - White Goods: 381

*\*Note more than one type of item might be provided for a single application.*
- As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, Foodbanks sites in Sefton were located at 4 sites across the

borough, Crosby, Maghull, South Sefton and Southport. The sites reduced in number in August 2015 down to 3 and then again to 2 at the end of September 2015. (17)

- In 2017/18 Foodbank attendance had changed to: England 1,031,544, North West 197,182 and Sefton 12,435. Equating to 1.9% England residents, 2.7% North West residents and 4.5% Sefton residents. (17)
- When compared to the previous year, both national and regional figures have shown increases of 13.5% and 13.0% respectively with Sefton showing a decrease of 42% in attendances. (17)

## Education and Schools

- Sefton's total numbers of Children and Young People (as of the Mid-2017 Population Estimates):
  - Aged 0-4: 14,596
  - Aged 5-16: 35,904
  - Aged 17-18: 6,058
- The income deprivation affecting children index shows Sefton is ranked 99th out of the 326 English LAs. However, the deprivation varies across the Borough, with four of its Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) in the top 1% nationally, and a further 14 in the top 5% (all in the South); with parts, particularly in Central and Northern Sefton, being in the least affected deprived areas, seven LSOAs are in the 5% least affected areas nationally. (03)
- There are 29,765 Child Benefit recipient families in the borough, of these 4,810 are out of work families (16%) which is the same as the North West figure (12)
- In total there are 2,607 children of nursery age attending a Sefton maintained nursery setting. Of these 7% were recorded as receiving free school meals and 5% had a first language other than English. 3% of the children stated their country of birth was outside of Great Britain (country of birth data was provided for 2,602 children). 7% of the students were

registered as having Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) or requiring SEND support. (18)

- In total there are 21,038 children attending a Sefton maintained primary school; of these 18% were recorded as receiving free school meals and 5% had a first language other than English. With 5% of the children being born in a country outside of Great Britain (country of birth data was provided for 20,302 children). 12% of the students were registered as having Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) or requiring SEND support. (18)
  - In total there are 14,609 children attending a Sefton maintained secondary school (Y7-11); of these 17% were recorded as receiving free school meals and 4% had a first language other than English, with 7% of pupils stating their country of birth was outside of Great Britain (country of birth data was provided for 5,509 children). 9% of the students were registered as having Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) or requiring SEND support. (18)
  - In total there are 1,890 children attending a Sefton maintained Further Education Setting/6th Form College. Of these 6% were recorded as receiving free school meals and 3% had a first language other than English; with 2% of pupils stating their country of birth was outside of Great Britain (598 children had country of birth the data provided). 2% of the students were registered as having Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) or requiring SEND support. (18)
  - During the 2017/18 school year, 69.8% of Sefton pupils gained a good level of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage. This is higher than the rate seen in the North West (67.2%) and just below that of England (70.2%). (19)
  - In 2017/18 pupils achieved or exceeded the expected standard for reading 73%, writing 68%, and maths 76% in Key Stage 1. Sefton's rate was comparable with the rates seen across the North West 74%, 68% & 75%.and nationally 75%, 70% & 76%
- Pupils in Sefton were working at the greater depth standard for reading 21%, writing 12%, and maths 19% in Key Stage 1 in 2017/18. The Borough's rate was lower than the rates seen across the North West 23%, 14% & 20% and nationally 26%, 16% & 22%. (20)
- 66% of pupils achieved or exceeded the expected standard for reading, writing, and maths in Key Stage 2 in 2016/17. Higher than the rates seen across the North West and nationally (both 64%). (21)
- In 2017, pupils sat reformed GCSEs in English language, English literature and maths for the first time, graded on a 9 to 1 scale. (22)
- During 2017/18, 39.4% of Sefton pupils at the end of Key Stage 4 achieved a strong 9-5 pass in English and Maths GCSEs, this is lower than the regional and total state funded schools rates (41.2% and 43.5% respectively). Similarly the level of those achieving a standard 9-4 pass was lower in the Borough (62.7%) than across the North West (62.9%), and total state funded schools (64.4%). (22)
- 12.4% of Sefton pupils achieved all components (including a strong 9-5 pass English and Maths) in their English Baccalaureate; this is lower to both the North West (14.7%) and the total state funded schools (16.8%). For those achieving all components (including a standard 9-4 pass in English and Maths) in the Borough was 19.2% regional levels (21.6%) and the total state funded schools (24.2%) were both higher. (22)
- Pupils within Sefton had a lower Progress 8 score (-0.30) in 2017/18 than that seen across the North West (-0.16) and of the total state funded schools (-0.02). (22)
- The average attainment 8 score per Sefton pupil in 2017/18 was 44.9, lower than the North West (45.7) and the total state funded schools (46.6). (22)



- 11% of Sefton students attending a Sefton State funded school gained AAB (or above) in their A-Levels, this is considerably lower than the England (21%) and North West (18%) results in 2017/18. The average point scored per entry for Sefton was 28.5 (equivalent to a C) again, lower than the England average (33.3, a C+) and the North West (32.3, also C+). (23)
- In quarter 2 of 2018/19, 2.8% of all people aged 16 and 18 were Not in Employment, Education & Training (NEET). (24)
- Sefton has 75 primary schools, 69 of these are maintained (this includes infants, junior and primary settings, 48 primary schools have nursery provisions). (18)
- There are 17 secondary schools within Sefton six of which are maintained. (18)
- Sefton has one further education setting / 6th form college which it currently maintained; however, 10 secondary schools across Sefton have further education settings / 6th forms. Of these, four are maintained schools. (18)
- Within Sefton, there are five special schools, all of which are maintained. (18)
- Four nursery schools are maintained by Sefton. (18)
- Sefton also maintains two pupil referral units (one for Key Stage 2 and 3 the other for Key Stage 4). (18)
- There are 13 family Wellbeing's Centres, within Sefton. (25)
- Sefton is home to three further education colleges (not maintained by Sefton MBC) - Hugh Baird College in the south, Southport College and King George the V in the north. (26)
- During 2017/18 there were 3,501 episodes of Children in Need, which was 654 per 10,000 population compared with a national average of 635 per 10,000 population. Sefton episodes related to a total of 3,318 children. (27)
- At 31st March 2017 there were 2,165 Children in Need which was 404 per 10,000 population compared with a national average of 341 per 10,000 population. 13% of Sefton's Children in Need had a disability compared to 12% nationally. (27)
- Of 2,806 assessments completed, 18.5% had alcohol identified as a factor at the end of assessment. 22% of assessments had drugs as an identified factor. *Please note assessments may not be mutually exclusive meaning one assessment may have more than one factor indented.* (27)
- Domestic Violence was the largest factor (37.4%) identified during the year 2017/18. This is lower than compared to the national average (51%). (27)
- The police were the source of the largest number of referrals in the year 2017/18; 31.6% of all referrals compared to 28.5% nationally. (27)
- During 2017/18, 310 children became subject to a Child Protection Plan which was 58 per 10,000 population which mirrored the national figure. Emotional abuse was the largest category of need at 46.7% compared to 34.7% nationally. (27)
- 635 children were recorded as Looked After during 2017/18. At 4th March 2019 there were 529 children looked after, 67% were in foster placements; 17% were placed with parents (27)
- The Sefton Turnaround (Phase 2) programme runs between 2015 and 2020. Sefton currently has a target 2,130.

As of Jan 2019, 1065 families have now been turned around, were "turned around" meaning they either gained employment, school attendance improved, or crime / anti-social behaviour was reduced (or any combination of the three). The programme

## Children and Family Services

- As of 4th March 2019, there were a total of four Children Seeking Asylum within Sefton known to Social Care. (27)

has six eligibility criteria, child in need of help, school attendance, claiming out of work benefits, crime / anti-social behaviour, domestic violence and health. (28)

- Three children's homes are currently operated by Sefton Council. Two of these are short term respite placements (27)

## Adult Social Care

- The income deprivation affecting older people index shows Sefton is ranked 68th out of the 326 English LAs. However, the deprivation varies across the borough, with one of its lower super output areas (LSOA) in the top 1% nationally and a further six in the top 5% (all in the South), with parts, particularly in Central and Northern Sefton, being in the least affected deprived areas, five LSOAs are in the lowest 5% affected areas nationally. (03)
- Adult Social Care dealt with over 24,000 contacts during 2017/18. These broke down as: (30)
  - 49.0% related to new clients
  - 24.0% related to existing clients
  - 8.4% were signposted or provided information & advice
  - 6.0% were provided a service at the point of contact
- At some stage during 2017/18 Adult Social Care supported approximately 5,715 clients in long-term residential, nursing, or community settings. 62% of these clients had been accessing their long term support for more than 12 months. (30)
- At some stage during 2017/18 Adult Social Care provided information or advice, or direct / indirect support services to approximately 1,540 carers. (30)
- Some 97.1% of service users at the year-end 2017/18 were in receipt of self-directed support compared to almost 89.7% nationally. (30)
- Almost 88.0% of service users with Learning Disabilities live in their own home

or with their family compared to 77.2% nationally. (30)

- 774 older person service users (aged 65+) per 100,000 population, were admitted to rest or nursing home placements in 17/18 compared to 738 per 100,000 regionally. (30)
- In the period July 2017 – June 2018 there were 1076 clients for opiate treatment, with 3.44% of all clients completing and not re-presenting. In the same period there were 601 clients in treatment for non-opiate use, with 30.12% of all clients completing and not re-presenting. (29)

## Planning and Building Control

- There were 44 major planning applications; 444 minor planning applications; and 955 other planning applications determined during 2018. (31)
- There were 1,247 Building Regulations applications dealt with within Sefton during 2018. (31)
- There is a total of 5,330 vacant or void properties within Sefton, this makes up 4.19% of properties across Sefton. 51.3% of these have been vacant or void for 6 months or more. (32)
- There are 251 new build housing sites where work is either started, or partially or fully completed, between April 2012 and March 2018. These sites have contributed 2181 dwellings in these six years and a further 1726 dwellings are still to be completed on these sites. 625 or 28% of the dwellings already completed on these sites are Affordable Housing units. A further 117 sites have planning permission granted. These sites have approval for 1047 dwellings, of which approximately 110 will be Affordable Homes. In addition there are 38 sites that are allocated in the Local Plan for housing development, that do not yet have full planning approval, that are expected to come forward for development in future years on which approximately a further 6200 dwellings are expected to be built. (33)

## Environment

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- There are currently approximately 67km of A roads, 103km of B/C roads, and 808km of unclassified roads in Sefton.
- In 2016, Sefton had Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions rate of 4.6 per Capita. This is lower than the North West rate and that seen across England as a whole (5.6 and 5.4 per Capita Emissions respectively). (34)
- Emissions in Sefton continued to fall again in 2016, this now represents a fall of 0.6% since 2014. Sefton is performing strongly against both the North West and National achievements in carbon reduction (35)
- Sefton carried out 4,056 inspections of businesses in 2018 to monitor compliance with the law. The businesses ranged from food manufacturers, large chains e.g. supermarkets, restaurants and pubs, and also small independent shops restaurants and takeaways. It included 2,792 inspections for food hygiene/standards and 781 for licensing. (36)
- 15,035 requests were also received for service covering a wide range of matters such as statutory nuisance, pollution control, pest control, responsible dog ownership, and licensing during 2018. With a further 2,916 consumer complaints and notifications. (36)
- In Sefton there were a total of 108,911.56 tonnes of waste collected during 2017/18, 36.9% of this was reused, recycled or composted. In comparison, 44.8% of all England local authorities waste was sent for recycling during the same period. (37)
- It is estimated that 12 million domestic bins / sacks were collected in 2017; 38% of which were residual waste collection; 28% co-mingled collection; 24% food waste collection; and 10% green waste collection. (37)
- There are a total of 966 establishments throughout Sefton which hold a license under the 2003 Licensing Act; these include locations which sell alcohol

(shops, pubs, clubs and restaurants) along with properties serving hot food after 11pm. (38)

- 76 establishments hold a license under the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 across Sefton. (38)
- There is a total of 32,457 street lights across the borough, with 2,830 illuminated signs, 1,537 illuminated billboards and 112 Zebra Crossing Beacons. (39)
- Between January and December 2018, the Council inspected / repaired approximately 9,300 faults. (39)
- Between January to December 2018 the Call Centre received 4,396 enquiries/requests for service/complaints, relating to street lighting. (39)

## Community Safety

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- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services (MFRS) attended a total of 1,130 fires in Sefton during 2018, a reduction of -9.4% compared to 2017. The 2018 figures equate to a rate of 4.12 fires per 1,000 population, lower than the rates seen across Merseyside (5.3 fires per 1,000 population). Sefton has the lowest rate of all five Merseyside authorities with Wirral second (5.01 fires per 1,000 population). (40)
- MFRS attended 694 deliberate fires within Sefton during 2018, a reduction compared to the previous year (-13.3%). Again, Sefton has the lowest rate (2.53 deliberate fires per 1,000 population) of the five Merseyside LAs and is below the overall Merseyside rate (3.59 deliberate fires per 1,000 population).
- Across Sefton, MFRS attended a total of 2,682 incidents in 2018, down on the 2017 report by -4.0%. Incidents reported to MFRS encompass all incidents of Fire, incidences of False Alarm (whether malicious or in made in good faith i.e. steam from central heating being mistaken for smoke) and Special Service calls, i.e. Road Traffic Collisions, Lift Rescues,

Spillages, Assist Other Agencies when requested etc.

- There were 5831 anti-social behaviour incidents reported to Merseyside Police in Sefton from the 1st January 2018 to the 31st December 2018. Most of the incidents have been flagged as Rowdy & Inconsiderate Behaviour (42%). This will probably be higher as 26% of all the incidents do not show a flag. (41)
- There were 21,605 crimes reported to Merseyside Police in Sefton from the 1st January 2018 to the 31st December 2018. This is an increase of 9.9% on the 2017 total, Violence accounted for 34% of the crime recorded and Burglaries accounted for 9% (41)
- During 2018, 6 Criminal Behaviour Orders were issued in Sefton. Criminal Behaviour Orders replaces the orders such as Anti-Social Behaviour Orders or a drinking ban. The Order aims to tackle serious and persistent anti-social individuals. (42)
- Sefton had 26 Community Protection Notices served between 2016 and January 2019. A Community Protection Notice (CPN) is aimed to prevent unreasonable behaviour that is having a negative impact on the local community's quality of life. Summary of behaviours for 26 CPN's (Most CPN's are multiple reasons)
  - Aggressive and abusive behaviour towards other residents. (20)
  - Consistent Noise disturbing the quality of life of other residents (21) Throwing articles over neighbours' fences (5)
  - smoking cannabis and affecting your neighbours through the smell in Neighbours homes (3)
  - blocking neighbours drive way (1)
  - Loud slamming of doors (6 as part of other CPN's) (42)

There are 13 community volunteers who were recruited in 2017 who sit on the Sefton Community Justice Panels, the panels are a restorative meeting to resolve conflict between offenders & victims. (42)

There has been 1 new PSPO establishing a no drinking zone in Southport town centre,

Waterloo, Bootle Strand, Sefton now has 3 PSPO's in place.

## Financial

- Sefton will have lost 51% of its Government funding between 2010 and 2020. This is equivalent to £722 from every household in Sefton.
- The Council's General Fund expenditure and income 2017/18 in relation to service expenditure is split as: (43)
  - £15m Recycling & Waste Authority Levy
  - £19m Combined Authority Transport Levy
  - £22m Health & Wellbeing
  - £28m Children's Social Care
  - £21m Schools & Families
  - £29m Roads, Infrastructure, & Cleansing
  - £94m Adult Social Care
- Sources of funding for 2018/19 Budget Requirement: (43)
  - £70.4m Business Rates
  - £24.7m General Government Grant
  - £127.2m Council Tax
- Net expenditure of individual school's budget (17/18) – spend per pupil (£): (44)
  - Sefton 4,822
  - Northwest 4,912
  - England 5,138
- Net expenditure on children's and young people's services (17/18) – spend per capita (0-17) (£): (44)
  - Sefton 819
  - Northwest 794
  - England 722
- Adult Social Care Long Term Unit Costs – Residential & Nursing Care (£/week): (30)
  - Sefton 477
  - Northwest 611
  - England 746

## Health

- Sefton comprises of two CCGs, the first is South Sefton and covers Crosby, Bootle, Maghull, Seaforth, and Litherland; with the second being Southport and Formby,

covering central and north Southport, Ainsdale, Birkdale and Formby.

- Across Sefton there are 48 GP Surgeries serving 281,000 patients. Not all Sefton residents will attend a GP in the Borough, and not all patients will reside in Sefton. In some cases residents will not be registered with a GP at all. (45)
- In Sefton there were 2,727 births and 3,184 deaths during 2017. (46)
- Sefton life expectancy at birth is significantly lower than the England average for both men and women. Male life expectancy is 78.7 for Sefton compared to 79.6 for England. Female life expectancy is 82.4 for Sefton and 83.1 for England. Life expectancy is 10.5 years lower for men and 11.7 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Sefton than in the least deprived areas. (47)
- Cancer makes the largest contribution to the gap in life expectancy between Sefton and England for both males and females. (48)
- Breastfeeding Initiation figure of 58% within the Borough is higher than the LCR figure 55.5% but significantly lower than the England figure of 74.5%. (49)
- Approximately 61% of adults in Sefton are overweight or obese, which is the same as the national figure. (50)
- The 2017-18 Admission episodes for alcohol-specific conditions (Persons) is 933 per 100,000 population; significantly worse than the average for England (570 per 100,000) this represents a count of 2,538 per year. (51)
- Whilst the 2017 smoking prevalence (16%) in Sefton is lower than the England average (18%) the rate of smoking related deaths is at 265 per 100,000 population This represents approx. 500 deaths per year in Sefton in the three-year band 2015/17. (51)
- In 2017/18, 9.8% of reception children and 21.5% of Year 6 children were overweight or obese. (52)
- 2017 Sefton rates of newly diagnosed sexually transmitted infections (558 per 100,000 population) are significantly lower than the England average (743 per 100,000). (51)

## Leisure and Tourism

- In 2017, there were over 8.3 million day visitors to Sefton, with 755,000 visitors staying within the borough. The value of tourism in Sefton is estimated to be £555 million. (53)
- There are six libraries in Sefton that received nearly 1 million visits in total during 2017/18:
  - In Bootle there were: 74,999 visits (54), 51,156 books, DVDs and talking books issued (55), 4,212 reservations made (55), 31,464 Peoples Network Sessions (public computers) (56), 2,120 new users (55) and there were 566 activities held (57)
  - In Crosby there were: 85,537 visits (54), 172,654 books, DVDs and talking books issued (55), 8,152 reservations made (55), 23,050 Peoples Network Sessions (public computers) (56), 1,593 new users (55) and there were 825 activities held (57)
  - In Formby there were: 114,343 visits (54), 166,882 books, DVDs and talking books issued (55), 10,494 reservations made (55), 13,260 Peoples Network Sessions (public computers) (56), 1,010 new users (55) and there were 1,671 activities held (57)
  - In Meadows there were: 380,524 visits (54), 102,161 books, DVDs and talking books issued (55), 6,194 reservations made (55), 9,120 Peoples Network Sessions (public computers) (56), 1,140 new users (55) and there were 741 activities held (57)
  - In Netherton there were: 68,259 visits (54), 38,121 books, DVDs and talking books issued (55), 3,288 reservations made (55), 11,486 Peoples Network

- Sessions (public computers) (56)711 new users (55) and there were 575 activities held (57)
- In Southport there were: 256,840 visits (54)232,576 books, DVDs and talking books issued (55), 15,666 reservations made (55), 40,022 Peoples Network Sessions (public computers) (56)2,593 new users (55) and there were 679 activities held (57).
- Sefton has 7 Leisure Centre's (including 2 partner centres), 5 swimming pools, an Athletics Track and 1k Cycling Track, eight Fitness Suites with Studio's for classes, four Sports Halls and an Outdoor & Adventurous Activity Centre. (60)
  - There is estimated to be six million visitors per annum accessing the leisure centres within Sefton (60)
  - Over 100,000 public swimming lessons are provided each year, with a further 77,000 swimming lessons being provided to 64 of the Schools in Sefton. (60)
  - There have been 40,000 Children and Young People coached in schools & community settings. (60)
  - There are 12,000 fitness members across Sefton making up 1.2 Million visits per annum. (60)
  - There are 2,000 swim lesson members across Sefton. (60)
  - Across Sefton there is a potential capacity of 63 football pitches suitable for 11-aside games (the pitches are not all used at the same time to allow for recovery and rotation). 33 pitches are in the north of the borough and 30 in the south. Some of the pitches are also suitable for smaller teams. In 2016/17 nine pitches have been used for nine-aside, 16 for seven-aside and nine for five-aside. (59)
  - In 2017/18 there are a total of 15 bowling greens across Sefton. 13 for Crown Green Bowling and 2 Flat Green Bowling (some of the Greens are self-managed by the clubs). (59)
  - There are three full sized rugby pitches throughout the borough, two in the North and one in the South. Along with three mini pitches (the mini pitches are located in the North). (59)
  - Sefton has two Marine Lakes, one Sports Park, one Coastal Centre, two Municipal Golf Courses. Along with 27 Municipal Parks 135 Other Parks and Greenspaces and 38 Outdoor Gyms.
  - There is also one Art Gallery / Museum and two Theatres.

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