



***Dear candidate***

Thank you for your interest in Sefton Council and in this exciting role.

Sefton is a great place to live, with so much to do and a real range of interesting towns and villages. We have the diverse and bustling city of Liverpool just to the south of course, as well as many miles of fantastic coastline to explore and enjoy.

At the council, we are proud of our ability to deliver for our communities, and officers and Members are united in their approach and their values. Like all authorities we have had to deal with some dramatic budget cuts over the last decade or so, but we have been resilient and positive throughout and we have always retained ambition for our communities which they deserve.

In the last 18 months we have had a new Leader and a new Chief Executive at Sefton who are between them driving further ambition and momentum as reflected in our updated corporate plan and new transformation plan and performance management framework— so Sefton is an exciting place to be if you want to get involved in change and transformation.

Our new Chief Officer for Legal and Democratic Services will play a key role in our future success – heading up a wide array of services which includes elections, coroners and registrars as well as legal and democratic services. Crucially, as Monitoring Officer, we will want you to work closely with the executive team, the Leader and other elected Members to ensure that governance and decision making is strong and robust. We have a great working culture at Sefton and relationships between officers and Members are positive – so we really think this is a fantastic opportunity for someone who wants to support the council as we prepare ourselves for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Rest assured, you will have a strong team to lead and you will also be a key part of my directorate – so we want someone who can really contribute to discussions and support how we work.

So, if you feel you have the expertise, experience and drive to make a real difference in Sefton, do have a closer look at the information on the website, and I hope we can meet at some point during this process.

Best wishes

**Stephan Van Arendsen**

**Executive Director, Corporate Resources and Customer Services**