

# **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Meeting of General Purposes Committee**

**Date: Monday, 16th January, 2017**

**Place: Committee Room 2 - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor F Evans (Chair)  
Councillors J Garston (Vice-Chair), A Bright, C Endersby, D Kenyon,  
J Moyies, K Robinson, C Walker and C Willis.

**In Attendance:** R Harris and J K Williams.

**Start/End Time:** 6.00 - 6.40 pm

### **627 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

### **628 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Evans, J Garston, Bright, Endersby, Kenyon, Moyies, Robinson, Walker and Willis – Non-pecuniary interest – Nominees for Honorary Awards were known to them.

### **629 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd March 2016**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

### **630 Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved:-

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **631 Nominations for Honorary Awards**

The Committee considered two reports from the Director of Legal & Democratic Services relating to the Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman nominations received from the Group Leaders and the nomination of the Leader of the Council, supported by the other Group Leaders, to confer the Freedom of the Borough on the retiring Chief Executive and Town Clerk.

The Committee noted that one of the nominees for Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman had served 14 years one year short of the normal requirement of at least 15 years' service. However, the Committee deemed it appropriate that on this occasion given his eminent service to the Council it be recommended to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on this past Member.

Resolved:

1. That, pursuant to Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council be recommended to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Honorary Alderwoman on the three past Members as detailed in the report and that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017, immediately prior to the ordinary Council on that same day, to confer the honours.

2. That pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council be recommended to confer the Freedom of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea on Mr Rob Tinlin in recognition of the eminent and outstanding public service he has rendered to the Borough of Southend-on-Sea as its Chief Executive and Town Clerk from 2005 to 2017. Further that a Special meeting of the Council be convened on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, immediately prior to the ordinary Council meeting taking place on that same day, to confer the honour and to present Mr Tinlin with a ceremonial scroll.

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_