

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 22nd February, 2018

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor F Evans (Chair)
D Jarvis (Deputy Chair), B Arscott, S Ayles, B Ayling, M Borton,
H Boyd, A Bright, S Buckley, D Burzotta, M Butler, T Byford,
T Callaghan, A Chalk, J Courtenay, T Cox, M Davidson,
C Endersby, M Flewitt, N Folkard, D Garston, J Garston, I Gilbert,
S Habermel, R Hadley, A Holland, A Jones, D Kenyon, J Lamb,
H McDonald, D McGlone, J McMahon, A Moring, J Moyies,
C Mulroney, C Nevin, D Norman MBE, G Phillips, K Robinson,
L Salter, M Stafford, M Terry, N Ward, J Ware-Lane, C Walker,
F Waterworth, P Wexham, C Willis, R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 1.10 am

752 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Davies and Van Looy.

753 Declarations of Interest

- **Councillor Arscott**

Development Control Cttee – 13th December 2017

Minute 579 (17/01306/FULM) – St Thomas More High School, Kennilworth Gardens – Non-pecuniary interest: Governor of partner school;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 692 - School Admissions for Community Schools – non-pecuniary – lives within Darlington School catchment area;

Minute 694 - Schools Progress report – non pecuniary – Governor at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School;

- **Councillor Ayling**

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 724 - (17/01495/FULM - Rear of 1 Shoebury Avenue, Shoeburyness, Southend-on-Sea, Essex) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Knows the site owner and purchases coal from the yard (withdrew);

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote;

- **Councillor Borton**

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 (STP Report) – non-pecuniary – daughter is nurse at Rochford Hospital;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 694 - Schools Progress report – non pecuniary – Governor at Milton Hall School;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – daughter is nurse at Rochford Hospital;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – daughter is nurse at Rochford Hospital;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – daughter is nurse at Rochford Hospital;

- **Councillor Boyd**

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 692 - School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools – non pecuniary – owns a property in Leigh-on-Sea;

Minute 694 - School Progress report – non-pecuniary – Governor at Westcliff High School for Girls and South East Essex Academy Trust, south east Essex Teaching School Alliance;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote

- **Councillor Bright**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

Minute 675 (Adoption of SCAAP) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the area affected by the SCAAP;

- **Councillor Buckley**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Councillor Buckley - agenda item relating to Standing Order 46 (item 2.1) – non-pecuniary – sat on Licensing Committee hearing in relation to La petite Petanque at Alexandra Bowling Green Café, SS1 2EY;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site and mother-in-law resides in a Churchill Apartment;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 6 – Members Question 7 – Non-pecuniary interest – lives in High Street;

- **Councillor Burzotta**

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8 – Council Budget (Amendment 1) – Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – family own a business in the High Street – general dispensation regarding the budget/setting of the Council Tax;

- **Councillor Butler**

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 719 - (17/01489/FUL - Highlands Surgery, 1643-1645 London Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 2SQ) – Non-pecuniary interest: Patient at the surgery;

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

- **Councillor Byford**

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – volunteer at Southend Hospital;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – volunteer at Southend Hospital;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest - volunteer at Southend Hospital;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – volunteer at Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor Cox**

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 664 (0-5 Service – Contract Extension) – Non-pecuniary interest: Wife and Daughter use the service;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

(Executive Councillors) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- **Councillor Callaghan**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

Minute 678 (Notice of Motion – UBER Licensing) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been a Hackney Carriage driver;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

- **Councillor Chalk**

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 692 - School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools – non pecuniary – Governor at Bournes Green School;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 694 - Schools Progress report – non-pecuniary – Governor at Bournes Green Infants School;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 720 (17/01973/AMDT - Former East Beach Café, Rampart Terrace, Shoeburyness) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity and knows residents affected by the proposals;

Minute 724 (17/01495/FULM - Rear of 1 Shoebury Avenue, Shoeburyness, Southend-on-Sea, Essex) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity and knows residents affected by the proposals;

- **Councillor Courtenay**

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

(Executive Councillor) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- **Councillor Cox**

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 14th February 2018

(Executive Councillor) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- **Councillor Davidson**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Minute 702 - Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting – non-pecuniary – non-Executive Director South Essex Homes;

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – Council appointed Governor of Southend Hospital;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – Council appointed Governor of Southend Hospital;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – Council appointed Governor of Southend Hospital;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – Council appointed Governor of Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor Evans**

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote;

- **Councillor Flewitt**

Cabinet – 9th January 2018

Minute 611 - Notice of Motion - UBER Licensing) Non-pecuniary interest: Ward resident case (withdrew);

Minute 612 - Notice of Motion - Traveller Community – Non-pecuniary interest: Written about traveller issues;

Minute 616 - Housing Strategy – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

Minute 622 (Council Procedure Rule 46) and 624 (Council Procedure Rule 46 - Confidential Sheet) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity;

Cabinet – 18th January 2018

Minute 645 (Council Tax Base and National Non Domestic Rating Base 2018/19), Minute 646 (Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting), Minute 647 (Draft Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22), Minute 648 (Draft Fees and Charges 2018/19) and 649 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

(Executive Councillors) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

Minute 678 (Notice of Motion – UBER Licensing) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ward resident case (withdrew);

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

(Executive Councillors) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Minute 701 - Council Tax Base and National Non Domestic Rating Base 2018/19; Minute 702 - Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting; Minute 703 - Draft Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22); Minute 704 - Draft Fees and Charges 2018/19; Minute 705 - Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes; Minute 707 - Housing Strategy – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

Cabinet – 13th February 2018

Minute 736 (HRA Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting) – Non-pecuniary interest – friends and family are South Essex Homes tenants;

- **Councillor Folkard**

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 (STP Report) – non-pecuniary – relation works at Broomfield Hospital; Ambassador for fund raising team at Southend Hospital;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

- **Councillor D Garston**

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 719 (17/01489/FUL - Highlands Surgery, 1643-1645 London Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 2SQ) – Non-pecuniary interest: Patient at the surgery;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8 – Council Budget 2018/19 – non-pecuniary interest – Trustee of Trust which owns a rented property in town but has no beneficial interest;

- **Councillor J Garston**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

Minute 675 (Adoption of SCAAP) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the area affected by the SCAAP;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Minute 706 - MPR; Minute 707 - Housing Strategy – non-pecuniary - HARP mentioned during discussions - Council appointed representative to the Board of HARP and member of Rotary Club which raises funds for the Charity;

Minute 710 - Grants Strategy Working Party Minutes – disqualifying non-pecuniary - Council appointed representative to the Board of HARP and member of Rotary Club which raises funds for the Charity (withdrew).

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 719 (17/01489/FUL - Highlands Surgery, 1643-1645 London Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 2SQ) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member is a patient at the surgery;

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote;

- **Councillor Habermel**

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote;

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – brother works for Ambulance Service and daughter works at Southend Hospital;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – brother works for Ambulance Service and daughter works at Southend Hospital;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – brother works for Ambulance Service and daughter works at Southend Hospital;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – brother works for Ambulance Service and daughter works at Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor Hadley**

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 724 (17/01495/FULM - Rear of 1 Shoebury Avenue, Shoeburyness, Southend-on-Sea, Essex) – Disclosable pecuniary interest: Owns property backing on to the development (withdrew);

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote;

- **Councillor Holland**

Cabinet – 9th January 2018

Minute 616 (Housing Strategy) – Non-pecuniary interest: Son is working on the housing vision (withdrew);

Minute 619 (Passenger Transport - Policy Changes) and Minute 620 (Passenger Transport - Operating Model and Procurement Process) – Non-pecuniary interest: President of Southend Stroke Club which uses the Council's Passenger Transport Service.

Cabinet – 18th January 2018

Minute 646 (Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting) and Minute 647 (Draft Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22) – Non-pecuniary interest: Son might be involved with housing projects;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

(Executive Councillor) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

(Executive Councillors) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Minute 702 - Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting and Minute 703 - Draft Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22

– Non-pecuniary interest: Son might be involved with housing projects;

Minute 708 - Passenger Transport Operating Model and procurement Process - Non-pecuniary interest: President of Southend Stroke Club which uses the Council's Passenger Transport Service;

Cabinet – 13th February 2018

Minute 736 (HRA Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting) – Non-pecuniary interest – son works in housing support;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 14th February 2018

(Executive Councillor) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- **Councillor Jones**

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 694 - Schools Progress report – non-pecuniary – parent of child attending school and governor and is known to Diocesan Education Director;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

- **Councillor Lamb**

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 (Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership) – Non-pecuniary interest: Appointed by SAVS as a Governor of Southend Hospital;

Minute 663 (School Admission Arrangements) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in West Leigh Catchment Area and governor of West Leigh Junior School;

Minute 665 (Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Strategy Working Party held on Thursday 25th January 2018) – Non-pecuniary interest: Governor of SAVS;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

(Executive Councillor) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

(Executive Councillor) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Minute 692 - School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools – non pecuniary - Lives in West Leigh Catchment Area and Governor of West Leigh Junior School;

Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – Appointed by SAVS as a Governor of Southend Hospital;

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

(Executive Councillors) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest - Appointed by SAVS as a Governor of Southend Hospital;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – Appointed by SAVS as a Governor of Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor McGlone**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Minute 702 - Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting – non-pecuniary - non-Executive Director South Essex Homes;

Minute 709 - Standing Order 46 (item 2.1) – non-pecuniary – sat on Licensing Committee hearing in relation to La petite Petanque at Alexandra Bowling Green Café, SS1 2EY;

- **Councillor McMahon**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

Minute 677 – Caged Peafowl Notice of Motion – non-pecuniary interest – member of CCAW (Conservative Concern for Animal Welfare);

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Minute 702 - Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting; Minute 705 - Draft General Fund Revenue Budget; MPR; Minute 707 - Housing Strategy – non-pecuniary – co-founder of homeless provisions in Southend

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – former 1st level registered nurse in the NHS and now employed to work with EPUT patients;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – former 1st level registered nurse in the NHS and now employed to work with EPUT patients;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – former 1st level registered nurse in the NHS and now employed to work with EPUT patients;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – former 1st level registered nurse in the NHS and now employed to work with EPUT patients;

- **Councillor Moring**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

(Executive Councillors) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- **Councillor Moyies**

Audit Committee – 17th January 2018

Minute 641 - Internal Audit, Quarterly Performance Report – Non-pecuniary interest: Governor of Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8 – Council Budget 2018/19 Budget Amendment 2 – non-pecuniary interest - Appointed Governor for EPUT; and Budget Amendment 5 – non-pecuniary interest – previously consulted an HR company based in Rochford;

- **Councillor Mulroney**

Development Control Committee – 13th December 2017

Minute 584 - 17/01430/FUL – Haydon House, 10 Underwood Square, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 3PB) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council (non-participant in planning);

Minute 585 - 17/01708/AMDT - 22A Woodfield Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 1EW) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council (non-participant in planning) and an objector is known to her;

Minute 586 - 17/01730/FULH - 71 Marine Parade, Leigh-on-Sea – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council (non-participant in planning) and the applicant is known to her but not in connection with the application;

Minute 587 - 17/01857/FULH - 34 Oakleigh Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council (non-participant in planning);

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 687 - Draft General Fund Revenue Budget - non-pecuniary – member of Leigh Town Council;

Development Control – 10th January 2018

Minute 629 - 17/01708/AMDT - 22A Woodfield Gardens, Leigh on Sea – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the objector's family is known to her.

Cabinet – 18th January 2018

Minute 645 (Council Tax Base and National Non Domestic Rating Base 2018/19) and Minute 649 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council.

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 663 (School Admission Arrangements) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in North Street Junior School Catchment area;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

Minute 687 – Draft General Revenue Fund – non-pecuniary interest – Member of Leigh Town Council;

Minute 682 – Schools Admission Arrangements – non-pecuniary interest – Living within the North Street Catchment Area;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 692 - School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools – non-pecuniary – lives in North Street Junior School catchment area;

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Minute 701 – Council Tax Base – non-pecuniary interest – Member of Leigh Town Council;

Minute 705 – Draft General Revenue Fund – non-pecuniary interest – Member of Leigh Town Council;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 721 (16/00231/UNAU_B - 3 New Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex. SS9 2EA) and 722 (17/00063/UNAU_B - 7 Canvey Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex. SS9 2NN) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Society;

Minute 735 (17/00860/FUL, 17/00861/LBC, 17/00862/FUL, 17/00863/LBC & 17/00864/FUL – Herschell House, 87 Leigh Hill, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex), 13 (17/01648/FUL - Billet Wharf, High Street, Leigh-on-Sea) and 17 (17/02092/FULH - 36 Leigh Hill, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 2DN) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Society and Leigh Town Council (non-participant in planning);

Minute 728 (17/01946/FUL - 1053 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea) and 732 (17/02115/FULH - 34 Percy Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 2LA) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council (non-participant in planning);

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site and mother lives in Churchill Retirement Lodge Truro and has promoted Churchill retirement in Truro/Cornwall but took no part in this decision;

Minute 729 (17/02056/OUT) – Land adjacent 5 Shorefields Gardens – non-pecuniary interest – Executive interest as applicant is Southend Borough Council;

Cabinet – 13th February 2018

Minute 740 (General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19) – Non-pecuniary interest – member of Leigh Town Council;

Special Cabinet – 13th February 2018

Minute 743 (Better Queensway) – non-pecuniary interest – Council appointee to the South Essex Homes Board.

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8 – Council Budget 2018/19 – non-pecuniary interest – in relation to Housing and HRA – friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

Agenda Item 24 – Notice of Motion: Plastic Pollution – non-pecuniary interest – have commented on social media about plastic pollution;

- **Councillor Nevin**

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 - Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) – non-pecuniary – 2 children work at MEHT; step sister works at Basildon Hospital; previous association at Southend and MEHT Hospitals; NHS employee in Trust outside area;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 (STP report) - non-pecuniary – 2 children work at MEHT; step sister works at Basildon Hospital; previous association at Southend and MEHT Hospitals; NHS employee in Trust outside area;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 692 - School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools – disclosable pecuniary interest - withdrew from meeting during consideration of this item (Councillor Davies took Chair for this agenda item).

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – 2 children work at MEHT; step sister works at Basildon Hospital; previous association at Southend and MEHT Hospitals; NHS employee in Trust outside area;;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – 2 children work at MEHT; step sister works at Basildon Hospital; previous association at Southend and MEHT Hospitals; NHS employee in Trust outside area;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – 2 children work at MEHT; step sister works at Basildon Hospital; previous association at Southend and MEHT Hospitals; NHS employee in Trust outside area;

- **Councillor Norman MBE**

Development Control Committee – 13th December 2017

Minute 579 - 17/01306/FULM - St Thomas More High School, Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 0BW) – Non-pecuniary interest: Governor at Westcliff High School for Boys which was referred to in the debate.

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2018

Minute 702 - Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/19 and Rent Setting – non-pecuniary – Council elected Representative on South Essex Homes;

Minute 709 - Standing Order 46 (item 2.1) – non-pecuniary – sat on Licensing Committee hearing in relation to La petite Petanque at Alexandra Bowling Green Café, SS1 2EY;

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

- **Councillor Phillips**

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 692 - School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools – disclosable pecuniary interest – withdrew from meeting during consideration of this item;

- **Councillor Robinson**

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8 – Council Budget 2018/19 (Amendment 2) – non-pecuniary interest – employed by EPUT;

- **Councillor Salter**

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 655 – HWB Strategy refresh and Minute 658 - Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) – non-pecuniary – husband is consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital and holds senior posts at the hospital; son-in-law is a GP; daughter is a doctor at Broomfield Hospital;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 (Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is a consultant at Southend Hospital, Daughter is a doctor at Broomfield Hospital and son in law is a GP in the Borough of Southend;

Minute 663 (School Admission Arrangements) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in Chalkwell Hall School Catchment area.

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

(Executive Councillor) - interest in the called in / referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Minute 687 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget; Minute 691 (STP report) – non-pecuniary interest – husband is Consultant Surgeon at Southend Hospital and holds senior posts at the Hospital; son-in-law is GP; daughter is a doctor at Broomfield Hospital;

Minute 692 - School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools – non pecuniary - Lives in Chalkwell Hall School Catchment area;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote

- **Councillor Terry**

Audit Committee – 17th January 2018

Minute 637 (BDO: Grant Claim and Returns Certification Report) and Minute 639 (BDO: Progress Report to those charged with governance) – Non-pecuniary interest: Wife is teacher (teacher pension fund);

Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018

Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – niece works as a midwife at Southend Hospital;

Cabinet – 29th January 2018

Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – niece works as a midwife at Southend Hospital;

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018

Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – niece works as a midwife at Southend Hospital;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – niece works as a midwife at Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor Van Looy**

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 724 (17/01495/FULM - Rear of 1 Shoebury Avenue, Shoeburyness, Southend-on-Sea, Essex) – Non-pecuniary interest: People near to the site are known to him (withdrew);

Minute 719 (17/01489/FUL - Highlands Surgery, 1643-1645 London Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex, SS9 2SQ) and Minute 720 (17/01973/AMDT - Former East Beach Café, Rampart Terrace, Shoeburyness) – Non-pecuniary interest: People near to application site are known to him;

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

- **Councillor Walker**

- **Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018**

- Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site;

- **Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018**

- Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – daughter has completed her training at Southend Hospital;

- **Cabinet – 29th January 2018**

- Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – daughter has completed her training at Southend Hospital;

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018**

- Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest - daughter has completed her training at Southend Hospital;

- **Council – 22nd February 2018**

- Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – daughter has completed her training at Southend Hospital

- **Councillor Ware-Lane**

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018**

- Minute 673 (Draft Fees & Charges 2018/19) – Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter is a Social Worker at Southend Borough Council;

- **Health & Wellbeing Board – 24th January 2018**

- Minute 658 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – a number of relatives work for the NHS across Essex and other areas;

- **Cabinet – 29th January 2018**

- Minute 662 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – a number of relatives work for the NHS across Essex and other areas;

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2018**

- Minute 691 – Mid and South Essex STP – non-pecuniary interest – a number of relatives work for the NHS across Essex and other areas;

- **Council – 22nd February 2018**

- Agenda Item 29 – Opposition Business: Hospital Mergers and STP Consultation – non-pecuniary interest – a number of relatives work for the NHS across Essex and other areas;

- **Councillor Ward**

- **Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018**

- Minute 725 (17/00860/FUL, 17/00861/LBC, 17/00862/FUL, 17/00863/LBC & 17/00864/FUL - Herschell House, 87 Leigh Hill, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Knows the person through work (withdrew);

- Minute 727 (17/01648/FUL - Billet Wharf, High Street, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Applicant is known to him;

Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site;

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8 – Council Budget 2018/19 (Budget Amendment 4) – Disclosable Pecuniary interest as a residential landlord – General dispensation when dealing with the budget/Council Tax;

- **Councillor Waterworth**

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Councillor D Garston, B Ayling, Borton, Boyd, Buckley, Bulter, Callaghan, Folkard, j Garsrton, Hadley, Jones, Mulrone, D Nomrman, Van Looy, Walker, Ward – Minute 718 (17/01738/FULM - 193 Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AP) - non-pecuniary interest - on the grounds that a fellow Councillor lived in close proximity to the application site.

Council – 22nd February 2018

Agenda Item 8: Council Budget 2018/19 - disclosable pecuniary interest as residential landlord – attended pursuant to dispensation agreed by the Standards Committee on 21st November 2017, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011 to participate in the debate and vote

- **Councillor Wexham**

Development Control Committee – 7th February 2018

Minute 731 (17/02092/FULH - 36 Leigh Hill, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 2DN) – Non-pecuniary interest: Owner of the property is known to him in the fishing industry.

- **Councillor Woodley**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 29th January 2018

Minute 672 (Draft Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22) – Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter is a pilot at Southend Airport which was mentioned in the debate in relation to the Parking Strategy.

754 Communications

The Council stood for a one minute silence as a mark of respect to former Councillors, Mr Ron Kennedy and Mr Ray Davy who passed away recently.

755 Petition: Traffic Calming and Speed limit Implementation in Oakwood Avenue

Councillor Butler presented a petition on behalf of local residents requesting the Council to introduce traffic calming and speed limit restrictions in Oakwood Avenue.

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.5, the petition be referred to Cabinet Committee.

756 Questions from Members of the Public

The relevant Executive Councillors responded to written questions received from members of the public.

757 Questions from Members of the Council

The relevant Executive Councillors responded to written questions received from members of the Council.

758 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday, 14th December 2017

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

759 Council Budget 2018/19

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Management Team which presented the Cabinet's revenue budget and Council Tax for 2018/19 financial year, together with Minutes 645 to 649 of Cabinet held 18th January 2018 and Minutes 736 to 740 of Cabinet held on 13th February 2018, and Scrutiny Minutes 672-674, 685-697 and 701-705.

The Council suspended the relevant parts of Council Procedure Rule 10 to permit the extended budget speeches of the Leader of the Council and of the Leaders of the Opposition Groups.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1(e) Councillors Woodley and Gilbert had submitted five amendments to the Budget.

The amendments were voted on by way of a named vote as required by law. The voting was as follows:-

Amendment 1: Enforcement Service/Fees and Charges/Tables and Chairs Licensing Fees

For the amendment:

Ayling, Borton, Callaghan, Chalk, Endersby, Gilbert, Jones, Kenyon, McDonald, Mulrone, Nevin, Norman, Robinson, Stafford, Terry, Ward, Ware-Lane, Wexham, Willis and Woodley (20).

Against the amendment:

Arscott, Aylen, Bright, Boyd, Buckley, Burzotta, Butler, Byford, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Flewitt, Folkard, D Garston, J Garston, Habermel, Hadley, Holland, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, McMahon, Moring, Moyies, Phillips, Salter, Walker, Waterworth and Evans (29)

Absent:

Davies and Van Looy (2)

Amendment 2: Commercial Property Investment

For the amendment:

Ayling, Borton, Callaghan, Chalk, Endersby, Gilbert, Jones, Kenyon, McDonald, Mulroney, Nevin, Norman, Robinson, Stafford, Terry, Ward, Ware-Lane, Wexham, Willis and Woodley (20).

Against the amendment:

Arcott, Aylen, Bright, Boyd, Buckley, Burzotta, Butler, Byford, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Flewitt, Folkard, D Garston, J Garston, Habermel, Hadley, Holland, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, McMahon, Moring, Moyies, Phillips, Salter, Walker, Waterworth and Evans (29)

Absent:

Davies and Van Looy (2)

Amendment 3: Extra Care Home

For the amendment:

Ayling, Borton, Callaghan, Chalk, Endersby, Gilbert, Jones, Kenyon, McDonald, Mulroney, Nevin, Norman, Robinson, Stafford, Terry, Ward, Ware-Lane, Wexham, Willis and Woodley (20).

Against the amendment:

Arcott, Aylen, Bright, Boyd, Buckley, Burzotta, Butler, Byford, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Flewitt, Folkard, D Garston, J Garston, Habermel, Hadley, Holland, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, McMahon, Moring, Moyies, Phillips, Salter, Walker, Waterworth and Evans (29)

Absent:

Davies and Van Looy (2)

Amendment 4: Licensing

For the amendment:

Ayling, Borton, Callaghan, Chalk, Endersby, Gilbert, Jones, Kenyon, McDonald, Mulroney, Nevin, Norman, Robinson, Stafford, Terry, Ware-Lane, Wexham, Willis, and Woodley (19)

Against the amendment:

Arcott, Aylen, Bright, Boyd, Buckley, Burzotta, Butler, Byford, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Flewitt, Folkard, D Garston, Holland, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, McMahon, Moring, Moyies, Phillips, Salter, Walker, Waterworth, Evans (26)

Abstentions:

J Garston, Habermel, Hadley, Ward (4)

Absent:

Davies and Van Looy (2)

Amendment 5: Recruitment Service

For the amendment:

Ayling, Borton, Callaghan, Chalk, Endersby, Gilbert, Jones, Kenyon, McDonald, Mulrone, Nevin, Norman, Robinson, Stafford, Terry, Ward, Ware-Lane, Wexham, Willis and Woodley (20).

Against the amendment:

Arcott, Aylen, Bright, Boyd, Buckley, Burzotta, Butler, Byford, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Flewitt, Folkard, D Garston, J Garston, Habermel, Hadley, Holland, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, McMahon, Moring, Moyies, Phillips, Salter, Walker, Waterworth and Evans (29)

Absent:

Davies and Van Looy (2)

The amendments to the budget were not carried.

The substantive budget proposals were then voted on by way of a named vote as required by law. The voting was as follows:-

For the budget:

Arcott, Aylen, Bright, Boyd, Buckley, Burzotta, Butler, Byford, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Flewitt, Folkard, D Garston, J Garston, Habermel, Hadley, Holland, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, McMahon, Moring, Moyies, Phillips, Salter, Walker, Waterworth, Evans (29)

Against:

Ayling, Borton, Callaghan, Chalk, Endersby, Gilbert, Jones, Kenyon, McDonald, Mulrone, Nevin, Norman, Robinson, Stafford, Ware-Lane, Wexham, Willis (17)

Abstentions:

Terry, Ward and Woodley (3)

Absent:

Davies and Van Looy (2)

The Council Budget 2018/19 proposals were carried, as set out below:

Resolved:

With regard to the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017/18 and rent setting:

1. That a rent reduction of 1% on secure tenancies, as required by the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016, be approved.
2. That an average rent increase of 6.04% on shared ownership properties, be approved.
3. That the proposed rent changes in 1 and 2 above be effective from 2nd April 2018.

4. That the increases in other charges as set out in Section 5 of the submitted report to Cabinet on 13th February 2018, be approved.
5. That the management fee and the increases in service charges and heating charges by South Essex Homes, as set out in Section 6 of the report to Cabinet on 14th February 2017, be approved.
6. That the appropriations to the Repairs Contract Pensions earmarked reserve and the HRA Capital Investment earmarked reserve, as set out in Section 8 of the report to Cabinet on 13th February 2018, be approved.
7. That subject to 1-6 above, the HRA budget as set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report, be approved.
8. That the value of the Council's capital allowance for 2018/19 be declared as £23.197M, as determined in accordance with regulation 16 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations.

With regard to the Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22:

9. That the current approved Programme for 2018/19 to 2021/22 of £166.5m, as set out in appendix 1 to the Cabinet report on 13th February 2018, be noted.
10. That the changes to the approved Programme as set out in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report, be noted.
11. That the proposed new schemes and additions to the Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2019/20 totalling £20.1m, as set out in Appendices 6 and 7 to the Cabinet report, be approved.
12. That the proposed schemes, subject to external funding approval, for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22 totalling 19.0m, as set out in Appendices 2 and 7 to the Cabinet report, be approved.
13. That it be noted that the proposed new schemes and additions, as set out in Appendices 6 and 7 to the Cabinet report, and other adjustments as set out in Appendix 2, will result in a proposed capital programme of £192.0m for 2018/19 to 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 8.
14. That it be noted that of the total programme of £192.0m for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22, the level of external funding supporting this programme is £75.0m, as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the Cabinet report.
15. That it be noted that a final review has been undertaken on the 2017/18 projected outturn and that the results have been included in the Cabinet report.
16. That the proposed Capital Programme for 2017/18 to 2021/22, as set out in appendix 8 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

17. That the Capital Strategy for 2018/19 to 2021/22, as set out in appendix 9 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

With regard to Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2018/19:

18. That the Treasury Management Policy Statement set out at Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

19. That the Treasury Management Strategy set out in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

20. That the Annual Investment Strategy set out at Appendix 3 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

21. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out at Appendix 5 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

22. That the prudential indicators set out at Appendix 6 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

23. That the operational boundary and authorised limits for borrowing for 2018/19 be set at £285m and £295m respectively as set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report.

With regard to Fees and Charges 2017/18:

24. That the proposed fees and charges for each Department as contained within the body of the Cabinet report and its appendices, be approved.

With regard to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19:

In respect of 2017/18:

25. That the forecast outturn of £123.153 million, be noted.

26. That the appropriation of the sums to earmarked reserves totalling £9.868 million, as set out in detail in Appendix 16 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

27. That the appropriation of the sums from earmarked reserves totalling £19.069 million, as set out in detail in Appendix 16 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

In respect of 2018/19 and later years:

28. That the Section 151 Officer's (Director of Finance and Resources) report on the robustness of the proposed budget, the adequacy of the Council's reserves and the Reserves Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be acknowledged.

29. That a General Fund net revenue budget for 2018/19 of £122.989 million, set out in Appendix 3 to the Cabinet report, and any required commencement of consultation, statutory or otherwise, be approved.

30. That a Council Tax increase of 4.49% for the Southend-on-Sea element of the Council Tax for 2018/19, being 2.99% for general use and 1.5% for Adult Social Care, be approved.

31. That it be noted that the 2018/19 revenue budget has been prepared on the basis of using £2.5 million from the Collection Fund for the core budget to allow for a smoothing of the budget gap across the next three financial years.

32. That the position of the Council's preceptors be noted as follows:

- Essex Police – approved Council Tax increase of 7.62%;
- Essex Fire & Rescue Services – approved Council Tax increase of 2.99%
- Leigh-on-Sea Town Council – approved precept increase of 1.96%

33. That no Special Expenses be charged other than Leigh-on-Sea Town Council precept for 2018/19.

34. That the appropriation of the sums to earmarked reserves totalling £11.768 million, as set out in Appendix 16 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

35. That the appropriation of the sums from earmarked reserves totalling £6.894 million, as set out in Appendix 16 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

36. That the Schools' budget and its relevant distribution as recommended by the Education Board and as set out in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

37. That the on-going investment required of £3.775 million, as set out in Appendices 12 and 13 of the Cabinet report, and the General Fund and Public Health savings required of £7.594 million, as set out in Appendices 14 and 15, and the subsequent individual service cash limits for 2018/19, as contained in Appendices 3 to 11 of the Cabinet report, be approved.

38. That the direction of travel for 2019/20 and beyond, as set out in Section 11 of the Cabinet report, be endorsed.

39. That the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy up to 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 17 to the Cabinet report, be approved.

40. That authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer), in consultation with the Leader, to make the required changes to the Council Budget following the final Local Government Finance settlement and other related Government announcements.

With regard to the Council Tax 2017/18:

41. That it be noted that on 18th January 2018 the Cabinet calculated the Council Tax Base 2018/19 as follows:

- (a) For the whole Council area as 57,611.55;
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates (Leigh Town Council) as 8,779.95.

42. That the Council Tax requirements for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding town/parish precepts) be determined as £76,209,711.

43. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):

(a) £374,682,692 – Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it be town/parish councils;

(b) -£298,061,289 – Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;

(c) £76,621,403 – Being the amount by which the aggregated at 43(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 43(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (including town/parish precepts);

(d) £1,329.97 – Being the amount at 43(c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base shown at 41(a) above, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including town/parish precepts);

(e) £411,692 – Being the aggregate amount of all special items (town/parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act as set out below:

Band A: 31.26; Band B: 36.47; Band C: 41.68; Band D: 46.89; Band E: 57.31; Band F: 67.73; Band G: 78.15; Band H: 93.78.

(f) £1,322.82 – Being the amount at 43(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 43(e) above by the Council Tax Base shown at 41(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Town/Parish precept relates.

44. That it be noted that Essex Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated below:

Essex Police: Band A: 112.68; Band B: 131.46; Band C: 150.24; Band D: 169.02; Band E: 206.58; Band F: 244.14; Band G: 281.70; Band H: 338.04.

Essex Fire Authority: Band A: 46.92; Band B: 54.74; Band C: 62.56; Band D: 70.38; Band E: 86.02; Band F: 101.66; Band G: 117.30; Band H: 140.76.

45. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings:

Band A: 1,041.48; Band B: 1,215.06; Band C: 1,388.64; Band D: 1,562.22; Band E: 1,909.38; Band F: 2,256.54; Band G: 2,603.70; Band H: 3,124.44.

46. That the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 be determined as not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Act, and as shown in the calculation below:

(a) Percentage increase defined by the Secretary of State as constituting an excessive increase for 2018/19: 6.0%;

(b) Percentage increase in the Council's basic amount of Council Tax:

2016/17 amount: £1,265.94;

2017/18 amount: £1,322.82

Percentage increase: 4.49%

The figure at 46(b) is less than the figure at 46(a) above and therefore the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 is not excessive and no referendum is required.

47. That the amounts payable in each town/parish at each band, comprising aggregate sums derived from all precepts be as set out below:

Unparished Area: Band A: 1,041.48; Band B: 1,215.06; Band C: 1,388.64; Band D: 1,562.22; Band E: 1,909.38; Band F: 2,256.54; Band G: 2,603.70; Band H: 3,124.44.

Parished Area: Band A: 1,072.74; Band B: 1,251.53; Band C: 1,430.32; Band D: 1,609.11; Band E: 1,966.69; Band F: 2,324.27; Band G: 2,681.85; Band H: 3,218.22.

760 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

761 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee B held on Thursday, 21 December 2017

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

762 Minutes of the Cabinet Committee held on Monday 8th January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

763 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Tuesday, 9 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

764 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 10 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

765 Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held Wednesday, 17 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

766 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Thursday, 18 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

767 Minutes of the meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board held Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

768 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held Monday, 29 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

769 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held Monday, 29 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 675 (Adoption of SCAAP) be approved.

770 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held Tuesday 30 January 2018

During consideration of Minute 690 (Passenger Transport Policy Changes) the hour of 11.00pm had been reached and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.7 the remaining business on the agenda was proceeded with.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 691 (STP and Transformation Partnership) be approved.

771 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

772 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 7 February 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

773 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Tuesday 13 February 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

774 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held Tuesday 13th February 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

775 Minutes of the meeting of Special Place Scrutiny Committee held Wednesday 14 February 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 749 (Better Queensway) be approved.

776 Notice of Motion: Drinking Water/Plastic Pollution

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.4, the following notice of motion be referred to the Cabinet:

‘Drinking Water / Plastic Pollution

We note the growing concern about plastic pollution of our land and seas. We further note that discarded water bottles contribute to the large volume of waste in our public areas that the council is responsible for disposing of.

Water UK, the industry body representing water companies, is launching a national drinking water scheme to encourage shops, cafes and businesses to provide free refill points to dispense drinking water. Some local authorities are providing public water refill points.

We believe that Southend, as a tourist destination particularly popular in hot weather, would benefit from implementing this scheme.

We ask that the Council work in partnership to promote the availability of water refill points in Southend and give consideration to ways to provide public access to drinking water, in order to reduce the use and disposal of plastics in our town.

Proposed: Cllr Ian Gilbert

Seconded: Cllr Helen McDonald’

777 Notice of Motion: Parking for Veterans and Armed Forces Personnel

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.4, the following notice of motion be referred to the Cabinet:

‘Parking Provisions For Veterans On Remembrance Sunday Services Within The Borough Of Southend On Sea

One can observe existing adoptive measures in place regarding the appropriation of special allocations for Remembrance Sunday services evidenced by Local Authorities both within the United Kingdom and among, but not exclusive to, Commonwealth nations abroad. Southend has a plethora of thriving veteran’s associations whereby such recommendations of allocating free parking for Remembrance Sunday services to veterans would be deemed conducive and appropriate in keeping with existing contextual precedents set by local governments of various tiers.

Motion To Council:

We request that Council seek to formally action such a proposed implementation of free parking provisions for veterans which would be exclusive to Remembrance Sunday services within the Borough of Southend, an act encapsulated within the commemorative spirit of honouring those who fought for our freedom. We would also hope to encourage other authorities to emulate such initiatives in due course.

Proposed – Cllr David Burzotta

Seconded – Cllr Nigel Folkard’

778 Pay Policy Statement

The Council considered a report of the Director of Transformation presenting the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 in the context of the Council's overall Reward Strategy.

Resolved:

That the Pay Policy Statement as recommended by the Senior Manager Pay Panel, be approved.

779 Changes to the Constitution

The Council considered a report of the Director of Legal & Democratic Services presenting minor changes to the constitution.

Resolved:

1. That amendments be made to the terms of reference of the Housing Working Party and the Licensing Sub-Committee, and to the delegations to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) and/or the Director of Public Protection as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report and that Schedules 2 and 3 of Part 3 of the Constitution be amended accordingly.

2. That amendments be made to Contracts Procedure Rules as set out in appendix 2 and that Part 4g of the Constitution be amended accordingly.

780 Draft Calendar of Meetings 2018/19

Resolved:

That the draft Calendar of Meetings for 2018/19 be noted and that the final calendar will be submitted to the Annual Council in May.

781 Opposition Business: The Merger of Southend, Basildon and Broomfield Hospitals and the STP Consultation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19 the Independent Group has requested that merger of Southend, Basildon and Broomfield Hospitals and the STP Consultation be debated this evening.

Councillor Woodley proposed and Councillor Gilbert seconded the following proposal:

'In light of the recent decision to merge Southend, Basildon and Broomfield Hospitals, in the midst of the STP consultation, thereby undermining fundamental democratic principles of the consultation, the overwhelming impression by observers and the media is that the STP is now viewed as a foregone conclusion. The residents and users of Southend Hospital will see the reduction and removal of many critical clinical services, leaving Southend's resident's much worse off should the STP proceed.'

Accordingly the Council should send a message to the three Hospital Trusts expressing concern and dissatisfaction with their decision to implement a merger of the Hospitals while the STP consultation is in progress since it completely undermines that consultation process.'

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.1 a named vote was taken on the proposal, as follows:

For the proposal:

Aylen, Ayling, Borton, Callaghan, Chalk, Endersby, Gilbert, Jones, Kenyon, McDonald, Mulronev, Nevin, Robinson, Stafford, Terry, Wexham, Willis, Woodley (18)

Against the proposal:

Arcott, Bright, Boyd, Buckley, Burzotta, Butler, Byford, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Flewitt, Folkard, Hadley, Holland, Jarvis, Lamb, Moring, Moyies, Phillips, Salter, Waterworth (24)

Abstentions:

Evans (1)

Absent:

Davies, D Garston, J Garston, Habermel, McMahon, Norman, Van Looy, Walker, Ward, Ware-Lane (10)

The proposals were not carried.

Chairman: _____