

# **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting of The Council**

**Date: Thursday, 5th September, 2024**

**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor R Woodley (Chair)  
Councillors Sam Allen, S Ayles, S Badger, M Borton, K Buck,  
L Burton, C Campbell, O Cartey, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan,  
T Cox, M Davidson, M Dent, F Evans, M Faulkner-Hatt, N Folkard,  
I Ferguson, D Garston, I Gilbert, S Habermel, J Harland, L Hyde,  
A Jones, D Jones, P Kinsella, R Longstaff, J McMahan, R McMullan,  
J Moyies, C Mulrone, K Murphy, S Nadeem, D Nelson, C Nevin,  
J Norman, M O'Connor, D Poulton, D Richardson, K Robinson,  
M Sadza, L Salter, M Terry, S Wakefield, J Warren and C Webster

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 - 9.28 pm

### **55 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stuart Allen, M Berry, A Dear and N Ward.

### **56 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

### **57 Communications**

#### Formation of new Political Group

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Councillors that a new political group had been formed which was referenced in the submitted report (Review of Committee Proportionality, Minute 67 refers).

### **58 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, 27 June 2024**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, 27 June 2024, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

### **59 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18 July 2024**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, 18 July 2024, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**60 Questions from Members of the Public**

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written questions received from the public.

**61 Questions from Members of the Council**

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written and supplementary questions received from Councillors.

**62 Leader of the Council Update**

The Leader of the Council addressed the Council and provided a brief overview of the work of Cabinet. Councillors Courtenay, Longstaff, Aylen and Murphy responded.

**63 Southend-on-Sea City Council Annual Report 2023-24**

The Council had before it the recommendation of the Cabinet held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 concerning the City Council's Annual Report for 2023-2024.

Resolved:

That the recommendation of the Cabinet held 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Minute 13 refers), be approved.

**64 Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn 2023/24**

The Council had before it the recommendations 8 to 11 of the Cabinet held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 concerning the Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn report for 2023/24.

Resolved:

That recommendations 8 to 11 of the Cabinet held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Minute 6 refers), be approved.

**65 Next Stage of the Housing Pipeline**

The Council had before it recommendation 4 of the Cabinet held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 concerning the next stage of the Housing Pipeline.

Resolved:

That the recommendation of the Cabinet held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Minute 15 refers), be approved.

**66 Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2024-2025**

The Council had before it the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 concerning the Feed and Food Controls Service Plan for 2024-2025.

Resolved:

That the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Minute 19 refers), be approved.

**67 Review of Committee Proportionality**

The Council had before it an updated report of the Executive Director (Strategy and Change) presenting the results of the review of Committee proportionality, following changes to the composition of the Council.

Resolved:

1. That the entitlement to places on committees, following the review of committee proportionality, as set out in the submitted report, be noted.

2. That the revised appointments to the committees and working parties, be approved.

3. That Councillor Gilbert be appointed to the position of Chair of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

**68 Notice of Motion - Revised Development Control Committee Procedures**

On consideration of the Notice of Motion concerning revised processes for Development Control Committee the Leader undertook to ensure that the constitutional review includes consideration of the proposals set out in the motion.

The Notice of Motion concerning the revised Development Control Committee procedures was therefore withdrawn.

**69 Notice of Motion - Council Tax Scheme for Southend's Special Constables**

In accordance with Standing Order 15, a Notice of Motion concerning a Council Tax scheme for Southend's Special Constables was submitted by Councillor Courtenay and seconded by Councillor Campbell.

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning a Council Tax Scheme for Southend's Special Constables, be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

**70 Appointments to Committees, etc**

The appointments to Committees was dealt with under Minute 67 (Review of Committee Proportionality) above.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_