

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 23rd January, 2017

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chairman)
Councillors M Assenheim, A Bright, D Burzotta, T Callaghan,
M Davidson, F Evans, N Folkard, J Garston, D Jarvis, R Hadley*,
H McDonald, D McGlone, C Mulroney*, M Terry, C Willis and
R Woodley*

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors J Lamb, T Cox, M Flewitt and A Holland (Executive
Councillors)
Councillors I Gilbert, J Moyies and N Ward
R Tinlin, A Lewis, J K Williams, E Cooney, S Dolling, P Geraghty,
D Patel, I Ambrose, C Hindle-Terry, T MacGregor and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 10.05 pm

651 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence* were received from Councillors Habermel (Substitute: Councillor Hadley), Kenyon (Substitute: Councillor Woodley) and Wexham (Substitute: Councillor Mulroney).

652 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors Cox, Flewitt, Holland and Lamb (Executive Councillors) – interests in all the referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.

(b) Councillor Assenheim – Agenda Item Nos. 5 (Corporate Performance Management 2017/18), 6 (Draft Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21), 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18), 8 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18), 9 (Monthly Performance Report) and 10 (Notice of Motion - Affordable Housing and Viability Issues) – Non-pecuniary interest: Sister is a tenant of South Essex Homes;

(c) Councillor Assenheim – Agenda Item No. 15 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Patients Forum of the Doctor's Surgery in Tyrone Road;

(d) Councillors Bright, Cox, Folkard, J Garston, Hadley and Jarvis – Agenda Item No. 15 – (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Parliament for the Rochford and Southend East Constituency lives in Tyrone Road and is known to him;

- (e) Councillor Bright – Agenda Item No. 23 (Update on Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls (Southend East)) – Non-pecuniary interest: part of the area is within his Ward;
- (f) Councillor Burzotta – Agenda Item No. 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18) and 13 (Ballot for Business Improvement District (BID) Renewal) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family business in the Town Centre;
- (g) Councillors Burzotta and Davidson – Agenda Item Nos. 5 (Corporate Performance Management 2017/18), 6 (Draft Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21), 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18), 8 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18), 9 (Monthly Performance Report) and 10 (Notice of Motion - Affordable Housing and Viability Issues) – Non-pecuniary interest: Non-Executive Director on the South Essex Homes Board;
- (h) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item Nos. 5 (Corporate Performance Management 2017/18), 6 (Draft Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21), 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18), 8 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18), 9 (Monthly Performance Report) and 10 (Notice of Motion - Affordable Housing and Viability Issues) – Non-pecuniary interest: Sister is a tenant of South Essex Homes;
- (i) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item No. 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18) – Pecuniary interest: Hackney Carriage Driver (matter not discussed);
- (j) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item No. 17 (Petition for Action on Excessive Speeds, Wells Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Brother Lives in the road;
- (k) Councillor Cox – Agenda Item No. 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18) – Non-pecuniary interest: Wife is a blue badge holder;
- (l) Councillor Cox – Agenda Item No. 12 (Development & Expansion of National Jazz Archive – Beecroft) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Person mentioned in the report is a work colleague (withdrew);
- (m) Councillor Flewitt – Agenda Item Nos. 5 (Corporate Performance Management 2017/18), 6 (Draft Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21), 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18), 8 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18), 9 (Monthly Performance Report) and 10 (Notice of Motion - Affordable Housing and Viability Issues) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends and family members are tenants of South Essex Homes;
- (n) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 15 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Salisbury Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member lives in the street;
- (o) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 16 (Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders – Westcliff Parade) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives nearby;
- (p) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 19 (Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, Westcliff Parade) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives nearby;

(q) Councillor Hadley – Agenda Item No. 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18) – Non-pecuniary interest: Allotment holder;

(r) Councillor Holland – Agenda Item Nos. 5 (Corporate Performance Management 2017/18), 6 (Draft Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21), 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18), 8 (Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18), 9 (Monthly Performance Report) and 10 (Notice of Motion - Affordable Housing and Viability Issues) – Non-pecuniary interest: Son works for South Essex Homes;

(s) Councillor McDonald – Agenda Item No. 23 (Update on Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls (Southend East)) – Non-pecuniary interest: part of the area is within her Ward;

(t) Councillor Mulroney – Agenda Item No. 25 (Petition for Maintenance Works, Ashleigh Drive Leigh on Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: The road is within her Ward;

(u) Councillor Terry – Agenda Item No. 7 (Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18) – Non-pecuniary interest: Knows the owner of Mikes Boatyard;

(v) Councillor Terry – Agenda Item No. 15 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Residents in the streets are known to him;

(w) Councillor Terry – Agenda Item No. 22 (Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls, Roots Hall Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Season Ticket Holder at Southend United FC;

(x) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item No. 15 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in Tyrone Road.

653 Questions from Members of the Public

The Executive Councillor for Enterprise, Tourism and Economic Development responded to a written question from Mr Webb.

The Executive Councillor for Traffic, Waste and Cleansing responded to a written question from Mr Webb and two written questions from Nr Nelson.

654 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2016 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

655 Corporate Performance Management 2017/18

The Committee considered Minute 645 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 19th January 2017, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with the report of the Chief Executive detailing the Council's corporate approach to performance management for 2017/18.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the Corporate Priority Performance Indicators to be monitored via the Monthly Performance Report (MPR) for 2017/18, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.

2. That the MPR will also include a small basket of indicators (as outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the report) relating to areas where the Council does not have lead responsibility or direct control.

3. That the Corporate Priority Actions, to support implementation of the Council’s 2017/18 Corporate Priorities, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

656 Draft Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21

The Committee considered Minute 648 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 19th January 2017, which had been referred direct to all three Scrutiny Committees, together the report of the Corporate Management Team setting out a draft programme of capital projects for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21.

In response to question regarding the amended capital programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 relating to the Seaways Development Enabling Works, the Chief Executive confirmed that he would clarify the position why the current approved allocation for this project had been omitted from Appendix 8.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the current approved Programme for 2017/18 to 2019/20 of £125.4m, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be noted.

2. That the changes to the approved Programme, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted.

3. That the proposed new schemes and additions to the Capital Programme for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21 totalling £59.1m of which £52.9m is for the General Fund and £6.2m for the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendices 6 and 7 to the report, be endorsed.

4. That the proposed schemes subject to external funding approval for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21 totalling £42.6m as set out in Appendices 2 and 7 to the report, be endorsed.

5. That it be noted that the proposed new schemes and additions, as set out in Appendices 6 and 7 to the report, and other adjustments as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, will result in a proposed capital programme (excluding schemes subject to external funding approval) of £185.8m for 2017/18 to 2020/21.

6. That it be noted that of the total programme of £185.8m for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21, the level of external funding supporting this programme is £58.2m.

7. That it be noted that a final review is being undertaken on the 2016/17 outturn and that the results will be included in the report to Cabinet on 14th February 2017.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function save that approval of the final budget following Cabinet on 14th February 2017 is a Council Function.

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

657 Draft Fees & Charges 2017/18

The Committee considered Minute 649 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 19th January 2017, which had been referred direct to all three Scrutiny Committees, together the report of the Corporate Management Team detailing fees and charges for services included in the budget proposals for 2017/18.

Following a discussion regarding the proposed introduction of pay and display parking in Eastern Esplanade and Thorpe Esplanade, the Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste and Cleansing stated that he would be prepared to consider the possibility of excluding of these proposals.

Resolved:-

That, subject to the confirmation of the correct figures for the proposed fees for a one day Cat A cricket season ticket every weekday with and without a Council pavilion, the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the proposed fees and charges for each Department as set out in the submitted report and appendices, be endorsed.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function save that approval of the final budget following Cabinet on 14th February 2017 is a Council Function.

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

658 Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18

The Committee considered Minute 650 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 19th January 2017, which had been referred direct to all three Scrutiny Committees, together the report of the Corporate Management Team presenting the draft revenue budget for 2017/18.

Resolved:-

That, subject to the exclusion of the proposed charge to schools for Bikeability level 2 training from the 2017/18 Budget Savings all Council Services (excluding

schools) (see PL20 on page 7 of Appendix 13), the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the 2017/18 draft revenue budget and any required commencement of consultation, statutory or otherwise, be approved.

2. That it be noted that the 2017/18 draft revenue budget has been prepared on the basis of a Council Tax increase of 4.99%, being 1.99% for general use and 3% for Adult Social Care.

3. That it be noted that the 2017/18 draft revenue budget has been prepared using the provisional local government finance settlement and that the outcome from the final settlement will need to be factored into the final budget proposals for Budget Cabinet and Budget Council.

4. That the 2017/18 draft revenue budget, as endorsed, be referred to all three Scrutiny Committees, Business sector and Voluntary sector to inform Cabinet, which will then recommend the Budget and Council Tax to Council.

5. That the schools position and the recommendations to the Schools Forum on 18th January 2017, as set out in Appendix 14 and 14(i) to the submitted report, be noted and referred to People Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet and Council.

6. That the direction of travel for 2018/19 and beyond, as set out in section 15 of the report, be endorsed.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function save that approval of the final budget following Cabinet on 14th February 2017 is a Council Function.

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

659 Monthly Performance Report

The Committee considered the Monthly Performance Report (MPR) covering the period to end November 2016, which had been circulated recently.

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor:- As appropriate to the item.

660 Notice of Motion - Affordable Housing and Viability Issues

The Committee considered Minute 595 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny by Cabinet, concerning the Notice of Motion in relation to the provision of affordable housing through section 106 agreements. This was proposed by Councillor Mulronev and seconded by Councillor Gilbert (this had been referred to Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order 8.4).

In response to the issues raised at the meeting, the Executive Councillor for Housing, Planning & Public Protection undertook to write a suitable letter to the Secretary of State responsible for planning matters to highlight the concerns. A copy of the letter and any response would be copied to the proposer of the Notice of Motion.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That it be noted that, considering the Government’s approach to encouraging significant levels of new house building, it is highly unlikely that it will remove the relevant sections of National Planning Policy Framework and the National Planning Practice Guidance.

2. That it further be noted that, since the adoption of the Interim Affordable Housing Policy, (by Council 20th October 2016), the Council is better placed to ensure equitable off-site contributions are made. However, the effectiveness of the Policy would be monitored.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor :- Flewitt

661 General Market Provision

The Committee considered Minute 601 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny by Cabinet, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) providing an update on the Thursday General Market in the High Street following three years of trading and set out the options for the future management of the market.

The Director of Legal & Democratic Services confirmed that outsourcing the management of the Market required a proper procurement process. If the contract value is above the EU threshold, then there must be an advert in the European Journal and the contract must be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender, regardless of the geographic location of the company. If the contract value is below the EU threshold, then the contract must be awarded in accordance with the Council’s Contracts Procedure Rules and on the basis of securing best value for money. Local companies can (and are) supported and encouraged, but fair competition is required and if the contract value is over £25K it must be advertised on the UK Contracts Finder website.

Resolved:-

1. That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the management of the market be outsourced to an experienced market operator, external to the Council, on a three year contract with an option for a further two years.”

2. That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the matter be referred to Council.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Holland

662 Development & Expansion of National Jazz Archive - Beecroft

The Committee considered Minute 602 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny by Cabinet, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) informing Members of the proposal for Jazz Centre (UK) to develop and expand its programme to take over areas of the lower ground floor of the Beecroft Centre, Victoria Avenue.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That, in principle, the Jazz Centre (UK) proposal to extend its presence beyond the current single room on the Lower Ground Floor of the Beecroft Centre, be approved.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Tourism and the Economy, be authorised to approve the terms of a lease, based on the terms negotiated and recommended by Asset Management.

3. That the future aspirations of Jazz Centre UK to further develop a Jazz Club for Southend into a regular performance space subject to future self-funding and planning considerations, be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Holland

663 Ballot for Business Improvement District (BID) Renewal

The Committee considered Minute 603 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny by Cabinet, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) providing an update on the success of the Southend Business Improvement District (BID) since its launch in April 2013, and the requirements in relation to the undertaking of a renewal ballot of Southend town centre and central seafront businesses to extend the Southend BID for another five year term.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the progress and impact of the BID in Southend’s town centre and central seafront area, be noted.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Culture, Tourism and the Economy, be authorised to:-

- Consider on behalf of the Council as billing authority, whether the proposal conflicts with any formally adopted policy of the Council, and, if it does, give notice of this in accordance with the BID regulations
- Determine whether the Council should support the BID proposal and if so, to vote yes on its behalf in the BID ballot. If a 'no' vote is proposed, this will be referred to Cabinet for further consideration
- Formally manage the ballot process in accordance with BID regulations
- That subject to a 'yes' vote at ballot by the relevant BID business community, the Council as relevant local billing authority will manage the billing and collection of the additional levy, and its transfer to the BID company. In the event of a 'no' vote, the costs of the ballot be recovered from the BID Company as per the BID regulations.
- Review and update the Operating Agreement, as required, that details the billing, collection and enforcement provisions as well as the arrangements for transmitting the BID receipts to the BID in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.
- Enter into a revised service level agreement with the BID company regarding the operation of the BID and delivery of Council requirements and baselines.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Holland

664 Standing Order 46

The Committee considered Minute 605 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10th January 2017, which had been referred direct to scrutiny by Cabinet.

Resolved:-

That the submitted report be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- As appropriate to the item

665 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders - Various Locations

The Committee considered Minute 578 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the reports of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various proposals within the Borough.

With reference to the he proposed amendment of the waiting restrictions from 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays to 11.00 a.m. to noon Mondays to Fridays in Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road, the Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste and Cleansing undertook to keep a Members' Request open to

enable alternative appropriate options to be explored without the need to change the current waiting restrictions in the road.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That, subject to the exclusion of the proposals relating to Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones)(Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 2) Order 2016 as advertised and the order be sealed accordingly.

2. That the proposed amendment of the waiting restrictions from 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays to 11.00 a.m. to noon Mondays to Fridays in Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road be not progressed.

3. That The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones)(Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2016 be confirmed, subject to the deletions form the Order set out below, and sealed accordingly

(i) Introduction of “No Waiting At Any Time” parking restrictions on the following lengths of Western Road:

South Side – Outside No. 48 Western Road
South Side – Outside Nos 118 and 120 Western Road.

(ii) Revocations – No Waiting at any time in Western Road Item Nos. 109669 and 109616

4. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (as amended) (Amendment No 2) Order 2016 as advertised and that the order be sealed accordingly.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

666 Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders

The Committee considered Minute 579 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that sought Members' approval to authorise the advertisement of the amendments and/or new waiting restrictions at the locations indicated in Appendix 1 to the report and the supplementary report tabled at that meeting, in accordance with the statutory processes and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the relevant orders to be sealed and implement the proposals.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That officers be requested to prepare detailed proposals for a pedestrian crossing in Western Esplanade between the Casino and the junction with Shorefield Road for consideration.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order to extend the existing permit parking controls around the Cliffs Pavilion area to include the section of Westcliff Parade between Westcliff Avenue, Wilson Road, Westcliff Parade and Cambridge Road and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed.

3. That the current seasonal restrictions in Clieveden Road and Walton Road remain unchanged.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

667 Petition for Action on Excessive Speeds, Wells Avenue

The Committee considered Minute 580 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition from residents of Wells Avenue requesting action on excessive speeds of vehicles travelling in the road.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.

2. That the situation be monitored and a further survey be undertaken in March/April, the dates for which be agreed in consultation with the Ward Councillors.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

668 Request for Waiting Restrictions - Belfairs Park Drive

The Committee considered Minute 581 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) concerning a request for waiting restrictions to be implemented in Belfairs Park Drive.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“That the Deputy Chief Executive be requested to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to introduce part week limited waiting restrictions in Belfairs Park Drive the times of which to be determined in consultation with the Ward Councillors and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

669 Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, Westcliff Parade

The Committee considered Minute 582 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition comprising 131 signatures requesting the traffic flow of Westcliff Parade be amended to one-way.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to amend the traffic flow in the section of Western Parade from Wilson Road to Trinity Road to one-way westwards.

3. That it be noted that due to the current workload, the proposals will not be progressed until after April 2017.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

670 Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, St Lukes Road

The Committee considered Minute 583 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a survey undertaken by the Parish Church involving 18 residents of St Luke's Road. The resulting petition requested that the traffic flow be amended to one-way (Eastwards) from Bournemouth Park Road to Ely Road.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That Father McClusky be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to amend the traffic flow in the section of St Luke's Road from Bournemouth Park Road to Ely Road to one-way.

3. That it be noted that due to the current workload, the proposals will not be progressed until after April 2017."

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

671 Petition for Removal of Waiting Restrictions, Centurion Close, Shoebury

The Committee considered Minute 584 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition from residents of Centurion Close requesting removal of recently introduced waiting restrictions at and around the junction of Lowry Close.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

"1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.

2. That consideration of this matter be deferred pending the outcome of the recently submitted application for planning permission in the road and that officers be requested to liaise with the officer of the local planning authority as regards any necessary traffic regulation orders, parking or other highway works that may be required."

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

672 Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls, Roots Hall Avenue

The Committee considered Minute 585 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition signed by 16 residents of Roots Hall Avenue requesting Permit Parking Controls to deter non-resident parking.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

"1. That the petition be noted and the residents be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to introduce a Permit Parking Area in Roots Hall Avenue and review all existing waiting restrictions in the street. The operational hours of the

parking scheme to be determined in consultation with the residents of Roots hall Avenue.

3. That in the event that no objections are received to the proposal, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised confirm the Traffic Regulation Order and arrange for the proposals to be implemented.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

673 Update on Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls (Southend East)

The Committee considered Minute 586 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of discussions between Ward Councillors for Southchurch, Thorpe and Kursaal wards to discuss a petition signed by 324 residents of the roads north of Southend East Railway Station requesting parking controls to deter all day parking by commuters.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That the concerns of Ward Members regarding any proposals to introduce a Permit Parking Area in the streets detailed in Appendix 1 to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be noted.

2. That no further action is to be taken in respect of the proposals to introduce a Permit Parking Area in the streets detailed in Appendix 1 to this report Deputy Chief Executive (Place).

3. That the proposals for hardening parts of the verge in Riviera Drive be progressed.

4. That a report be prepared for Members’ consideration on sustainable materials including details of costs and implications.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

674 Petition Requesting Pedestrian Crossing, Waiting Restrictions and a School Crossing Patrol, Darlinghurst Grove Leigh on Sea - Information Item

The Committee considered Minute 587 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition signed by school users requesting a pedestrian crossing facility, waiting restrictions and a school crossing patrol to be provided in Darlinghurst Grove.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the petition be noted and that officers assess the location and provide a report of the findings to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

675 Petition for Maintenance Works, Ashleigh Drive Leigh on Sea

The Committee considered Minute 588 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition from residents of Ashleigh Drive highlighting the state of footways and carriageways and requesting that the Council rectify this as soon as possible.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

- “1. That the petitioner be thanked for compiling the petition.
2. That no further action be taken at this time for the reasons detailed in the report.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

676 Number of Residential Parking Permits Allowed Per Household

The Committee considered Minute 589 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 9th January 2017, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, regarding the Council’s policy relating to the number of residential parking permits household were allowed to purchase. This item had been requested to be included on the Agenda for that meeting by Councillor Ware-Lane in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35.1 (d).

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“That officer prepare a report for consideration by the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to include details of the number of permits for residents in town centre, access to parking the town for residents, businesses, shoppers and visitors and parking charges, to help inform the development of a Parking Strategy for the Borough.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

677 In-depth Scrutiny Project - 'To investigate the case for additional enforcement resources for Southend'

The Committee received an oral update on the progress that had been made in respect of the agreed joint in-depth scrutiny project for 2016/17 entitled 'To investigate the case for additional enforcement resources for Southend'.

Resolved:-

That the progress be noted.

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function.

678 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.

679 Standing Order 46 - Confidential Sheet

The Committee considered Minute 607 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10th January 2017, which had been referred direct to scrutiny by Cabinet.

Resolved:-

That the submitted report be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- As appropriate to the item.

680 Dipti Patel - Director for Public Protection

The Chairman explained that this would be the last meeting of the Committee to be attended by Ms Dipti Patel, the Council's Director for Public Protection, as she would shortly be taking up a new post at the London Borough of Havering. The Committee thanked Ms Patel for her hard work and support during her time at the Council and wished her well in her new role.

Chairman: _____