

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 29th July 2024 concerning the City Council's Annual Report for 2023-2024.

Resolved:

That the recommendation of the Cabinet held 29th 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 29th July 2024 concerning the Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn report for 2023/24.

Resolved:

That recommendations 8 to 11 of the Cabinet held on 24th 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 29th July 2024 concerning the next stage of the Housing Pipeline.

Resolved:

That the recommendation of the Cabinet held on 29th 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 29th July 2024 concerning the Feed and Food Controls Service Plan for 2024-2025.

Resolved:

That the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 29th 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: _____