

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

### **Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: Monday, 16th December, 2024**

**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor C Mulroney (Chair)  
Councillors S Badger (Vice-Chair), Sam Allen, M Borton, K Buck,  
O Carley, M Davidson, A Dear, D Jones, R Longstaff, K Murphy,  
S Nadeem, J Norman, M O'Connor and J Warren

**In Attendance:** Councillors P Collins, D Cowan, M Dent, L Hyde and K Robinson  
(Cabinet Members) and J Courtenay  
A Richards, R Lumley, L Delahunty and T Row

**Start/End Time:** 6.00 pm - 6.30 pm

#### **26 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ferguson and Wakefield (no substitute).

#### **27 Declarations of Interest**

The following interest was declared at the meeting:

Councillor Buck – Minute No. 30 (Parking Contract Award) – Director and Investor in IP protected pedestrian crossing safety equipment

#### **28 Questions from Members of the Public**

The Committee noted the response from the Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment & Waste to a question from Mr Webb and the Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Business to a question from Ms Mitchell. Mr Webb and Ms Mitchell attend the meeting to ask their questions in person.

The Committee also noted the response from the Leader of the Council to a question from Mr Grubb. In the absence of Mr Grubb, a copy of the response will be sent to him.

#### **29 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 28th October, 2024**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**30 Parking Contract Award**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Environment and Place), by way of pre-Cabinet scrutiny, regarding the tender process and award of the Parking Contract.

The report sought authorisation to award the contract to the bidder that meets the Council's specifications for Parking Enforcement and Operations – Civil Enforcement Operations & Technology System, for which a competitive tender process had been successfully completed.

The report also sought authorisation to award the contract for the school crossing patrol staffing, with the relevant delegated authority to proceed to contracts completion.

Resolved:-

That the report to Cabinet be noted.

Note: This is an Executive function  
Executive Councillor: Cllr Cowan

**31 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.

**32 Parking Contract Award - Confidential Appendix**

The Committee discussed and noted a confidential appendix to the part 1 report of the Executive Director (Environment & Place) regarding the Parking Contract Award.

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