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THE COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2020 SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTES PACK

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the The Council taking place on Thursday, 10th December, 2020, the following Minutes that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda Item No

19. Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 (Pages 1 - 4)

Minutes attached

20. Minutes of the meeting of Special People Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 7th December 2020 (Pages 5 - 6)

Minutes attached

21. Minutes of the meeting of Special Place Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 8th December 2020 (Pages 7 - 8)

Minutes attached

Robert Harris
Principal Democratic Services Officer

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 2nd December, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

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Present: Councillor I Gilbert (Chair)
Councillors R Woodley (Vice-Chair), T Harp, A Jones, C Mulroney
and K Robinson

In Attendance: A Griffin, A Lewis, J Williams, J Chesterton, L Reed, E Cooney, M
Marks, J Ruffle, T Forster, B Martin, A Richards, C Gamble, A
Keating, A Grant, G Gilbert, N Laver and E Cook.

Also in attendance: G Kauders (Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP)

Start/End Time: 2.00 pm

598 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Terry.

599 Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors and officers declared interests as indicated:

- (a) Councillor Harp – Minutes 600 and 603 (Better Queensway Regeneration Project) – Non-pecuniary interest: Volunteer with Turning Tides and Youth Clubs in the wider Queensway area and Minute 601 (Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Junior School amalgamation) – disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Close friend of Chair of Chalkwell Hall Junior School (withdrew);
- (b) Councillor Jones - Minutes 600 and 603 (Better Queensway Regeneration Project) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee;
- (c) Councillor Mulroney - Minutes 600 and 603 (Better Queensway Regeneration Project) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee;
- (d) A Lewis and A Richards - - Minutes 600 and 603 (Better Queensway Regeneration Project) – Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed representatives on the Porters Place LLP Board.

600 Better Queensway Regeneration Project - Progress Update and Consideration of the Final Proposals

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Regeneration and Growth concerning the submission of the new Business Plan for Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP. The matter had been considered by the Shareholder at its meeting held on 1st December 2020 and the recommendations from the Board were before the Cabinet for consideration.

Resolved:

1. That the submitted Business Plan (attached to the report to the Shareholder Board), be approved.
2. That the Director of Regeneration and Growth, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to:
 - (a) agree any non-adverse changes to the Business Plan whereupon any such matters shall be noted for information and reported to the following Shareholder Board; and
 - (b) approve, agree or action any necessary outcome, or product of, or from, the Business Plan necessary to progress the Better Queensway regeneration project.

Reasons for decision

The review of the Business Plan by Council officers and the Council's procured advisors concluded that the Plan provides an assurance that the LLP is following the agreed strategic direction and objectives and is delivering its service and financial performance.

Delegation of agreement of non-material updates to the Business Plan and progression of actions resulting from the Plan will ensure that the LLP can continue to progress the project at pace and with the necessary agility to meet funding and programme deadlines.

Other options

Not approving the Business Plan would mean that the Plan approved in November 2019 would remain in place until an amended Plan is approved. This would frustrate the progress of the project. The October 2019 Plan does not reflect the next years' work on the project.

The £15m HIF funding from Homes England has a deadline for spend. Not approving the Business Plan will delay the project as an amended Plan will be required, which could result in non-expenditure by the deadline and therefore a gap in project funding.

If the Business Plan is compliant with the Partnership Agreement but is not approved by the Council, there is a risk to the goodwill established between the LLP Partners. This would have a considerably negative impact on the relationship between the LLP Partners.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Referred direct to: Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Cllr Gilbert

601 Outcomes of the informal consultation stage one of a potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Children and Public Health) providing feedback on the outcomes of the stage one informal consultation exercise regarding the Chalkwell Hall Infant and Junior School potential amalgamation.

Resolved:

1. That the further stages of consultation on a potential amalgamation not be proceeded with and the two maintained schools, Chalkwell Hall Infant School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School, be allowed to remain as separate entities.
2. That it be noted that as and when circumstances change in the future, the Cabinet reserves the right to reconsider the benefits of a potential amalgamation at that time.

Reasons for decision

As set out in the submitted report.

Other options

The proceed with the further stages of consultation on a potential amalgamation of the two schools.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Referred direct to: People Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Cllr Jones

602 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 item of business set out below, on the grounds that it 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.

603 Better Queensway Confidential Appendices

Resolved:

That the confidential appendices relating to the Porters Place LLP Business Plan, be noted.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Referred direct to: Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Cllr Gilbert

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 7th December, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Present: Councillor L Salter (Chair)
Councillors N Folkard (Vice-Chair), M Borton, H Boyd, A Chalk, D Cowan, M Dent, F Evans, M Flewitt, D Garne, B Hooper, M Kelly, K Mitchell, C Nevin, I Shead, M Stafford and A Thompson

In Attendance: Councillor A Jones (Cabinet Member), Councillor K Evans, E Cook, M Marks, B Martin, D Simon, A Smyth and S Tautz
N Biju (Southend Youth Council) (Observer)

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

604 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from K Jackson (Southend Association of Voluntary Services), O Richards (Healthwatch Southend) and T Watts (Southend Carers Forum) (Co-opted Members).

605 Declarations of Interest

The following councillors declared interests as indicated:

- (a) Councillor A Jones (Cabinet Member) - Interest in the referred item; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.
- (b) Councillor M Flewitt - Minute 607 (Outcomes of the informal consultation Stage One of a potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School) - Has been directly lobbied with regard to the report to be considered by the Committee - Non-pecuniary interest.
- (c) Councillor H Boyd - Minute 607 (Outcomes of the informal consultation Stage One of a potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School) - Is known to one of the individuals that have submitted a public question for the meeting and has connections with a former governor of Chalkwell Hall Infants School - Non-pecuniary interests.

606 Questions from Members of the Public

The Committee noted the response of the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning to questions submitted by a number of individuals, which had been sent to the questioners and published on the Council's website, as they were not present at the meeting.

607 Outcomes of the informal consultation stage one of a potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School

The Committee considered Minute 601 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 December 2020, which had been referred directly to the People Scrutiny Committee, together with a

report of the Executive Director (Children and Public Health) providing feedback on the outcomes of the Stage One informal consultation exercise regarding the potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infant and Junior Schools.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of the Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the further stages of consultation on a potential amalgamation not be proceeded with and the two maintained schools, Chalkwell Hall Infant School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School, be allowed to remain as separate entities.

2. That it be noted that as and when circumstances change in the future, the Cabinet reserves the right to reconsider the benefits of a potential amalgamation at that time.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Councillor A Jones

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 8th December, 2020
Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

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Present: Councillor A Moring (Chair)
Councillors K Buck (Vice-Chair), J Beck, A Bright, L Burton, A Chalk,
D Cowan, T Cox, A Dear, M Dent, S George, D Nelson*,
S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward and P Wexham
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillors I Gilbert, A Jones, C Mulroney, K Robinson, M Terry and
R Woodley (Cabinet Members)
Councillor K Evans
A Lewis, J Chesterton, L Reed, G Halksworth, E Cooney, G Gilbert,
N Hoskins, T Row, A Grant, N Laver, G Webb and E Cook
Also in attendance: G Kauders (Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP), F
Klepping (Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP) and F Gaskin (Porters
Place Southend-on-Sea LLP)

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm

608 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ayling (no substitute) and Jarvis (substitute: Councillor Nelson).

609 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors I Gilbert, A Jones, C Mulroney, K Robinson, M Terry and R Woodley (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the called-in items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011; and

(b) Councillors Beck, Cowan, Dear, Dent, Jones, Mulroney, Wakefield, Walker and Ward - Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

(c) Councillor Beck - Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interest: Councillor for Victoria Ward and has been involved with the Community Steering Committee in respect of the Better Queensway scheme;

(d) Councillor Wakefield – Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interest: Sub-contractor for maintenance of existing South Essex Homes properties; and

(e) Mr A Lewis Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan)– Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed representatives on the Porters Place LLP Board.

610 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

611 Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP: Business Plan

The Committee considered Minute 600 of the special meeting of Cabinet held on Wednesday, 2nd December 2020, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Director of Regeneration and Growth concerning the submission of the new Business Plan for Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP.

Resolved:-

1. That the matter be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration, as the Committee felt that further clarity and information was required in respect of the highways' issues and the possible highways implications on other redevelopment schemes including those at Fossetts Farm and Roots Hall.

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

Note: This is an Executive function
Cabinet Member: Councillor Gilbert

612 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.

613 Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP: Business Plan - Confidential Appendices

Resolved:-

That the confidential appendices relating to the Porters Place LLP Business Plan, be noted.

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr Gilbert

Chair: _____