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Dear Councillor

CABINET - TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2021

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the Cabinet taking place on Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021, the Minutes of the Working Party meetings listed below that were unavailable when the Agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

16. **Minutes of Housing and Communities Working Party held on Monday 15th February 2021 (Pages 1 - 2)**

17. **Minutes of Transport, Capital and Inward Investment Working Party held on Thursday 18th February 2021 (Pages 3 - 6)**

Tim Row
Principal Democratic Services Officer

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Housing & Communities Working Party

Date: Monday, 15th February, 2021

Place: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

- Present:** Councillor I Gilbert (Chair)
Councillors H McDonald (Vice-Chair), M Davidson, C Mulroney and M Stafford
- In Attendance:** Councillor D Cowan, S Brown, R Davis, T Forster, G Halksworth, T Harris and S Tautz
- Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

18 Apologies for Absence & Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Chalk (no substitute).

19 Declarations of Interest

The following councillors declared interests as indicated:

- (a) Councillor I Gilbert - Minute 21 (Notice of Motion - Food Justice Champion) - Council's representative on the Board of Southend Association of Voluntary Services - Non-pecuniary interest.
- (b) Councillor M Davidson - Minute 21 (Notice of Motion - Food Justice Champion) - Volunteer with Southend Foodbank - Non-pecuniary interest.
- (c) Councillor D Cowan - Minute 21 (Notice of Motion - Food Justice Champion) - Volunteer with various food banks and similar community initiatives - Non-pecuniary interest.

20 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 28 January 2021 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

21 Notice of Motion - Food Justice Champion

The Working Party considered a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) in response to a Notice of Motion referred by the Cabinet at its meeting on 14 January 2021 (submitted to Council on 10 December 2020), concerning the appointment of a Food Justice Champion.

Councillors asked a number of questions in relation to the causes of food poverty which were responded to by officers. The Working Party was advised that the Council had an effective working relationship with the Southend Food Alliance and that there was a will amongst all partners to work together to provide a solution to instances of food poverty in the Borough, through a co-ordinated approach that would benefit local families and people in need.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Notice of Motion seeking the appointment of a Food Justice Champion be noted.
- (2) That the Cabinet be recommended to initiate a project for the establishment of a member-level Food Justice Champion, or similar role.
- (3) That the Cabinet be recommended to ensure that the proposed Food Justice Champion (or similar) is fully supported in the delivery of their objectives and priorities, through the provision of dedicated officer support and resources.
- (4) That the Cabinet be recommended to ensure that the proposed Food Justice Champion (or similar) is fully able to co-ordinate existing interventions to address issues of food poverty in the Borough in conjunction with local voluntary and public sector partner organisations, and to identify likely future demand on current arrangements to reduce food poverty.
- (5) That the Cabinet be recommended that progress with regard to the ongoing work programme of the proposed Food Justice Champion (or similar) to identify, understand and address issues that contribute to local food poverty, be reported to the Working Party on a regular basis.

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Meeting of Transport, Capital, Inward Investment Working Party

Date: Thursday, 18th February, 2021

Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors S Wakefield (Vice-Chair), S Ayles, M Borton, K Buck,
D Cowan, A Moring and A Thompson*
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillor C Mulroney
A Lewis, J Williams, T Saunders, K Waters, T Row and E Cook

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.35 pm

1 Apologies and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins (substitute: Councillor Thompson).

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Ayles – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path and his partner occasionally trades with the airport;

(b) Councillor Borton – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Niece works at the airport;

(c) Councillor Buck Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path, user of the airport and has been lobbied by residents on issues regarding the airport;

(d) Councillor Cowan – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path and is a Council appointee to the Airport Consultative Committee;

(e) Councillor Mulroney – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Has been in contact with residents regarding operations at the airport;

(f) Councillor Thompson – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives under the flight path and is a member of the Airport Consultative Committee;

(g) Councillor Wakefield – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: London Southend Airport is a customer of his and parents live under the flight path; and

(h) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item No. 4 (London Southend Airport Monitoring Report – Reporting Year 2019-20) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Current Year Update from London Southend Airport) - Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter was a pilot for Easyjet based at Southend Airport during the reporting period.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21st November 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21st November be received and noted.

4 London Southend Airport Monitoring Report - Reporting Year 2019-20

The Working Party considered the joint report of the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) and Interim Director of Planning which:

- (a) Detailed the strict controls on operations at London Southend Airport (LSA) contained in the Section 106 Planning Agreements and the leasing arrangements;
- (b) Explained how these controls are monitored; and
- (c) Provided monitoring data for the period 1st March 2019 to 29th February 2020 to demonstrate how the controls have been complied with. This was prior to the COVID-19 restrictions coming into force.

The Chair welcomed Glyn Jones (Chief Executive of Stobart Aviation) and Jo Marchetti (Corporate Social Responsibility at LSA) to the meeting. Mr Jones provided an overview of the Annual Report of LSA for 2019-20 and both officers answered questions from members of the Working Party.

In response to a question regarding the localities of noise complaints, Ms Marchetti undertook to include this in the next year's annual report if it possible.

Resolved:-

1. That the monitoring data contained in London Southend Airport Annual Report 2019-20 for the 12 month period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020 and the Section 106 Agreement Year Summary 2019/2020 which demonstrates general compliance with the obligations contained in the relevant planning agreements and leases, be noted.

2. That the details of complaints received in the 12 month period 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020 as contained in the Annual Report be noted.

3. That the rest of the contents of the Annual Report and the satisfactory and successful position reported be noted.

4. That the ongoing review of the Section 106 Operational Control Documents referred to in paragraph 3.17 of the submitted report be noted.

5 Current Year Update from London Southend Airport (LSA)

The Working Party received a presentation by Glyn Jones (Chief Executive of Stobart Aviation) which provided an update of the following issues for the airport in the current year:

- The immense effect of the Covid pandemic on the airports activities and an overview of the immediate future for the airport;
- Passenger numbers and aircraft movements;
- Noise and environmental matters;
- Employment at the airport;
- Airport projects; and
- Other airport matters including community engagement.

In response to a questions, Mr Jones undertook to investigate the following matters:

- What can be done to address issues of unburnt hydrocarbons from aircraft flying over residential properties in proximity to the airport such as the Somerset Estate;
- The possible installation of low wattage charging points for electric vehicles left by users of the airport in the medium and long stay car parks;
- The planting of trees in Southend as part of the carbon offset initiative; and
- What types of trees or shrubs could be planted on the land on the approach to the runway.

Resolved:-

1. That the presentation be noted.
2. That Mr Jones be thanked for an interesting and informative presentation.

Chair: _____

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