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THE COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2021 SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTES PACK 2: SPECIAL CABINET, SPECIAL PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the Council taking place on Thursday, 9th December, 2021, at 6.30pm the following minutes that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No

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Minutes attached |

Robert Harris
Principal Democratic Services Officer

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet

Date: Monday, 6th December, 2021
Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor I Gilbert (Chair)
Councillors R Woodley (Vice-Chair), P Collins, A Jones, C Mulroney
and M Terry

In Attendance: Councillor K Evans
A Lewis, A Richards, E Cooney, G Gilbert, A Grant and T Row

Start/End Time: 2.00 pm - 2.06 pm

516 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton and Nevin.

517 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Jones - Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee;

(b) Councillor Mulroney - Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee; and

(c) Mr A Lewis and Mr A Richards - Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed representatives on the Porters Place LLP Board.

518 Porters Place LLP End of Year Accounts

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

519 Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals

The Cabinet received a report of the Director of Regeneration and Growth which:-

(i) provided an update on progress of the Better Queensway project. The report specifically dealt with the submission of the Final Proposals for the Better Queensway project which relates to the first Reserved Matters Planning Application Phase 1A ("RMA")², a copy of which were attached to the submitted report at Appendix 1;

(ii) sought approval of a request from the Porters Place LLP to extend the budget period to enable the LLP to continue operation until the new budget and revised Business Plan are signed off early next year; and

(iii) provided an update on the progress of the delegations carried out this calendar year.

The matter had been considered by the Shareholder Board at its meeting held on 6th December 2021 and the recommendations from the Board were before the Cabinet for consideration.

520 Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board held on Monday 6th December 2021

The Cabinet received the Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board that had taken place earlier in the morning, in respect of the report referred to in Minute 519 above.

The Cabinet took the opportunity to express its thanks and appreciation to the Project Team for keeping the scheme on track during such testing times.

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board held on Monday 6th December 2021 be noted and the recommendations set out below, be approved:

1. That the Final Proposals (Phase 1A Reserved Matters Application) submitted by the LLP be approved, subject to the submission of a budget and viability assessment, which will accompany the revised Business Plan and budget for approval by the Council as Shareholder by March 2022. Should the new appraisal prove not to be viable, the LLP will be required to cease work on this RMA whether it has been granted planning consent or not.

2. That the LLP Quarterly update set out at Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be noted.

3. That the extension of the LLP budget period, as set out in Section 3.2 of the report, be approved.

4. That the delegations exercised this calendar year, as set out in Section 3.3 of the report, be noted.

Reasons for Decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report

Note: This is an Executive function

Cabinet Member(s): Councillors Gilbert and Woodley

***Referred direct to: Place Scrutiny Committee**

Chair: _____

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Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 6th December, 2021
Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor A Moring (Chair)
Councillors N Folkard (Vice-Chair), S Buckley*, T Cox*, M Dent,
K Evans, D Garne*, S George, D Jarvis, K Mitchell, K Robinson,
S Wakefield, N Ward, J Warren and P Wexham
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillors I Gilbert and R Woodley
G Gilbert, E Cooney, A Grant, G Kauders (via MS Teams) and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 6.33 pm

521 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bright (substitute: Councillor Buckley), Buck (no substitute), Councillor Cowan (no substitute), F Evans (substitute: Councillor Cox) and Walker (substitute: Councillor Garne).

522 Declarations of Interest

The following interest were declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillors Gilbert and Woodley (Cabinet Members) – Interest in the referred items (Minutes 525 and 526); attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011; and

(ii) Councillors Dent, Garne, Jarvis, Jones, Mitchell and Wakefield – Minute No. 525 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 526 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Development Control Committee.

523 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

524 Porters Place LLP End of Year Accounts

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

525 Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals

The Scrutiny Committee received a report of the Director of Regeneration and Growth which:-

(i) provided an update on progress of the Better Queensway project. The report specifically dealt with the submission of the Final Proposals for the Better

Queensway project which relates to the first Reserved Matters Planning Application Phase 1A ("RMA"), a copy of which were attached to the submitted report at Appendix 1;

(ii) sought approval of a request from the Porters Place LLP to extend the budget period to enable the LLP to continue operation until the new budget and revised Business Plan are signed off early next year; and

(iii) provided an update on the progress of the delegations carried out this calendar year.

The matter had been considered by the Shareholder Board at its meeting held on 6th December 2021 and the recommendations of the Board had been submitted to Cabinet for consideration (Minute 526 below refers).

526 Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board held on Monday 29th November 2021

The Scrutiny Committee considered Minute 520 of Cabinet, which had been referred direct to scrutiny for consideration. This related to the recommendations of the Shareholder Board from its meeting that had taken place earlier in the morning, in respect of the report referred to in Minute 519 of Cabinet and Minute 525 above.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

"That the Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board held on Monday 6th December 2021 be noted and the recommendations set out below, be approved:

1. That the Final Proposals (Phase 1A Reserved Matters Application) submitted by the LLP be approved, subject to the submission of a budget and viability assessment, which will accompany the revised Business Plan and budget for approval by the Council as Shareholder by March 2022. Should the new appraisal prove not to be viable, the LLP will be required to cease work on this RMA whether it has been granted planning consent or not.

2. That the LLP Quarterly update set out at Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be noted.

3. That the extension of the LLP budget period, as set out in Section 3.2 of the report, be approved.

4. That the delegations exercised this calendar year, as set out in Section 3.3 of the report, be noted."

Note: This is an Executive function

Cabinet Member(s): Councillors Gilbert and Woodley

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of General Purposes Committee

Date: Tuesday, 7th December, 2021
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor T Harp (Chair)
Councillors S George (Vice-Chair), D McGlone, J Moyies,
*J Courtenay and *F Evans

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: R Harris and J Williams

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 6.50 pm

527 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jarvis (substitute: Cllr Courtenay), Moring (substitute: Cllr F Evans), Kelly, Robinson and Thompson (no substitutes).

528 Declarations of Interest

All Councillors – non-pecuniary interest - Nominees for Honorary Alderman and Freedom of the Borough were known to them.

529 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.

530 Honorary Alderman Nominations

The Committee considered a report from the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) relating to the Honorary Alderman nominations received.

Resolved:

1. That, pursuant to Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council be recommended to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on the past Members as detailed in the report and that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened in the New Year, to confer the honours.

531 Freedom of the Borough Nominations

The Committee considered three reports from the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) relating to nominations received, to confer the Freedom of the Borough.

Resolved:

1. That pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council be recommended to confer the Freedom of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea on the nominees, as detailed in the submitted reports, in recognition of their eminent and outstanding public service they have rendered to the Borough of Southend-on-Sea. Further that a Special meeting of the Council be convened in the New Year, to confer the honour and to present the nominees with a ceremonial scroll.

Chair: _____