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## Southend-on-Sea City Council

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### THE COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 14TH JULY, 2022

### SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTES PACK 1: SPECIAL CABINET, PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS & DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the The Council taking place on Thursday, 14th July, 2022, at 6.30pm the following minutes that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No	Item
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26	<b><u>Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 4 July 2022 (Pages 9 - 16)</u></b>  Minutes attached
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Robert Harris  
Principal Democratic Services Officer



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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet

Date: Friday, 1st July, 2022  
Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

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**Present:** Councillor S George (Chair)  
Councillors C Mulroney (Vice-Chair), P Collins, K Mitchell, M Terry  
and S Wakefield

**In Attendance:** Councillors T Cox, K Evans and N Folkard  
A Lewis, J Chesterton, J Burr, S Dolling, C Gamble, G Gilbert,  
S Meah-Sims and A Richards

**Start/End Time:** 11.00 am - 12.05 pm

**60 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton and Gilbert.

**61 Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(i) Minute 64 Southend City Centre, Seafront and Adjoining Areas Public Spaces Protection Order Extension and Variation – Councillor Terry: Lives near the seafront;

(ii) Minute 65 – PSPO Dog Friendly Beach - Councillor Terry: Lives near the seafront;

(iii) Minute 67 – City Music Festival – Councillors George and Mulroney – Members of the Town 2 City Partnership; and

(iv) Minute 69 – Minutes of the meeting of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – All Senior Managers.

**62 Levelling-Up Fund Round 2**

The Cabinet received a report of the Interim Executive Director (Growth and Housing) setting out the proposed approach to applications to the Government's Levelling-Up Fund (LUF) round 2 and the outcomes that would be achieved by successful bids.

On consideration of the report, the Cabinet was informed that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities had confirmed an extension to the deadline for the submission of bids.

Resolved:

1. That a bid be submitted to the Levelling-Up Fund (LUF) for highways and the associated capital and revenue costs, be noted.
2. That a bid be submitted to the Levelling-Up Fund (LUF) for culture-led city centre regeneration and the capital and revenue costs for the Council, be noted.
3. That, if these bids are successful, the relevant legal agreements are entered into to draw down the funding.

#### Recommended

4. That if bids are successful, they be included in the Capital Investment Programme, subject to a reprioritisation of the existing programme to ensure that there is no additional net cost to the capital investment programme after including the LUF schemes

#### Reasons for Decisions

The bids are based on stakeholder feedback, contribution to Southend 2050 outcomes and recovery priorities. They are grounded in extensive work setting out the nature of the work to be done and the impact it will have.

#### Other Options

There is no requirement to submit LUF applications. The Council could decide not to submit bids. This would ease pressure on the capital programme. However, not making applications would be detrimental to Southend as it would then miss potential external funding to deliver existing Southend 2050 and economic recovery priorities. It could also be reputationally damaging if the Council is not seen to be pursuing funding for levelling-up which can realise growth ambitions.

Note: Resolutions 1 to 3 are an Executive function. Recommendation 4 is a Council function

Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee for consideration

Cabinet Member: Cllr Gilbert and Collins

## **63 Seaway Leisure**

The Cabinet received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director (Finance and Resources) providing an update on Seaway Leisure legal documentation.

The Cabinet was updated at the meeting on Counsel's advice to note the different nature of the transaction. In particular, that the arrangement is now confined to sale, leases and underlease. It no longer includes provisions that allow the Council to enforce construction obligations.

It was asked to note that the deliverability of construction is dealt with in the agreement between the funder and Turnstone and the agreements between sub-tenants and Turnstone. The Council will also exercise its statutory powers through its planning and building control functions. Under the new structure, the Council is not obliged to take the annuity lease until the

development has been completed therefore the new suite of documents are confined to the sale, lease and underlease and do not control construction.

Resolved:

That the preparation of a final clean suite of legal documents for the Seaway Leisure scheme, be approved.

Reasons for Decision

To enable the proposition to be presented clean, current documents for the funding market and to reduce procurement risk.

Other Options

The updated transaction could be documented by way of the approved variations but this is not considered to be optimal either in terms of managing risk or presentation to the funding market.

Note: This is an Executive function

Referred direct to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration

Cabinet Member: Cllrs Gilbert and Collins

**64 Southend City Centre, Seafront and Adjoining Areas Public Spaces Protection Order Extension and Variation**

The Cabinet received a report of the Executive Director (Strategy, Change and Governance) proposing the extension of the Southend Town Centre, Seafront and Adjoining Areas Public Spaces Protection Order (“the PSPO”) for three years and to include the proposed variations identified in this report under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) taking into consideration the results of the statutory consultation and further evidence as detailed in this report.

Resolved:

1. That the Council varies the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) over the restricted area in the form annexed at Appendix A and plan at Appendix B to the submitted report and extend it to run for a further three years.

2. That the Director of Public Protection, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, explore further options for authorising third parties, including South Essex Property Services (SEPS), to enforce the PSPO and take the necessary steps to implement and ensure that training is provided in accordance with the enforcement policy at Appendix C of the submitted report.

3. That the Council extends the Drinking Control Area to include the Queensway Estate.

Reasons for Decisions

A PSPO covering the Town Centre, Seafront, Southchurch Hall Gardens,

Hamlet Court Road and York Road is believed to be an appropriate additional tool to tackle persistent and unreasonable anti-social behaviour (“ASB”) which is taking place. It can help provide realistic and proportionate enforceability to help reduce the ASB which discourages and prevents the law-abiding majority from feeling safe in, and subsequently using and enjoying, these public spaces.

The overwhelming majority of respondents to the Consultation supported the necessity and continuation of the PSPO including the New Restrictions

The Council considers that the requirements in S.59 of the 2014 Act are met and that the prohibitions are reasonable ones

#### Other Options

The Council could choose not to continue with the PSPO, however, this would lose the opportunity to continue this measure to tackle ASB which is having a damaging effect on our City Centre, Seafront and other areas identified in this report. Additionally, following the support of the PSPO that has been displayed in the consultation, choosing to not implement the Order could negatively impact the reputation of the Council within the communities worst affected by the ASB.

Alternatively, the Council could retain the current PSPO and not include the additional restrictions concerning cycling and e-scooters, or not extend the Drinking Control Zones as proposed at Queensway and adjacent to the Seaway car park.

Note: This is an Executive function  
Referred direct to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration  
Cabinet Member: Cllr Terry

#### **65 PSPO Dog Friendly Beach**

The Cabinet received a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) that provided an update on proposals for a dog friendly beach in Southend.

Resolved:

1. That a dog friendly beach is not introduced at Shoebury East Beach.
2. That the Dog Friendly Beach consultation feedback be noted and the situation regarding an appropriate location be reviewed .

#### Reasons for Decisions

Compelling feedback from residents in the immediate area and environmental representation has been drawn from the consultation to inform the recommendation.

#### Other Options

The dog friendly trial could proceed however this is not recommended given the strength of feeling from local residents through the consultation process and the environmental representations.

Note: This is an Executive function  
Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee for consideration  
Cabinet Member: Cllr Mulroney

## **66 City Council Branding Refresh (Engagement)**

Pursuant to Minute 802 of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the Cabinet received a report of the Executive Director (Strategy, Change & Governance) setting out the opportunities connected to updating the corporate branding for the Council and re-presents options for consideration, and for those options to be engaged on more widely.

Resolved:

1. That the four branding concepts to go out to wider engagement, as set out in section 4.1 of the submitted report be approved.
2. That the timeframe of engagement of 4 weeks be approved.
3. That the feedback be used as an evidence-base to inform the final decision on the council's new corporate branding.

Reasons for Decisions

To enable the Council to take an active lead in responding to the new city status for Southend, with a fresh step into a new identity for the Council.

Other Options:

None

Note: This is an Executive Function  
Not eligible for call-in by virtue of section 15(e)(ii) of Part 4(e) of the Council's Procedure Rules.  
Cabinet Member: Cllr George

## **67 City Music Festival**

The Cabinet received a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) that sought approval for, and for the Council to partially underwrite, Southend hosting a major music festival as part of its city year celebrations. The Cabinet also had before it a confidential financial forecast for the event.

Resolved:

1. That a proposed major festival with world class artists be supported to lever in significant benefits to the Southend community.
2. That it be noted that commercial sponsorship has already been secured for the festival.
3. That the Council underwrites the cost base of the festival by £125,000 and if required will be funded by the Council's event budget;

4. That the Director of Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture & Tourism, be authorised to agree the final arrangements and continue negotiations with partners on further sponsorship.

#### Reasons for Decisions

The City year is a unique opportunity for Southend to present its capabilities on an increased level of profile. The proposed venue and type of festival can create change in perceptions of place and support local skills infrastructure in event delivery and aligns with several long-term objectives. Feedback from residents on several occasions including 2050 and culture vision surveys has been to develop more major music festival activity. City year would be an ideal opportunity to implement this change. The potential of setting a precedent for bigger events and interest in the festival community in Southend after this first year would be transformational.

#### Other Options

The event programme could continue with lower profile activity but would not have the step change around Southend's festival capability in this inaugural City year.

Note: This is an Executive function

Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee for consideration

Cabinet Member: Cllr Mulrone

## **68 Integrated Care Partnership**

The Cabinet received a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) setting out the reforms to NHS structures and the establishment of integrated care systems in accordance with the new Health and Care Act 2022.

Resolved:

1. That Southend City Council makes arrangements to become a member of a new statutory joint committee (to be known as an Integrated Care Partnerships, or ICPs) between NHS integrated care boards and Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, the relevant upper tier authorities in the areas affecting Mid and South Essex (covering Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Maldon and Rochford plus the unitary authorities of Southend and Thurrock).

2. That the terms of reference for the joint committee as appended to the submitted report be approved and that authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader, to agree on behalf of Southend City Council any final amendments to the constitution/terms of reference of the joint committee.

3. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, will:

(i) Nominate representative(s) to sit on the new NHS Integrated Care Board and will work with other authorities to agree joint nominations where possible; and



(ii) Agree and confirm who will be the statutory nominee of Southend City Council on the Integrated Care Partnership; and

4. That the Executive Director (Adult and Communities), in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, be authorised to update, amend, transfer or replace existing section 75 arrangements between the Council and Essex clinical commissioning groups to the new NHS integrated care boards.

Recommended:

5. That the Southend Health and Wellbeing Board update and refresh its membership to reflect changes to NHS organisations and structures. ||

Reasons for Decisions

The Council has little choice following the abolition of CCGs but to participate in ICPs and ICBs. Both are public bodies carrying out public functions, meaning that they must have robust decision-making processes and therefore need to agree their terms of reference.

Other Options

None

Note: Resolutions 1-4 above are an Executive function. Recommendation 5 is a Council function

Referred direct to People Scrutiny Committee for consideration

Cabinet Member: Cllr Mitchell

**69 Minutes of the meeting of the Senior Managers' Pay Panel held on Friday 1st July 2022**

The Cabinet considered the recommendation of the Senior Managers' Pay Panel held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Resolved:

That the recommendation of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, be approved.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Referred direct to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration

Cabinet Member: Cllr George

**70 Vecteo (Part 2 Report) - Statement by Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive referred to the confidential report (Minute 72, refers) concerning SEND children which had been uploaded onto "Twitter" in advance of the Cabinet meeting and emphasised that the confidentiality of the document should have been respected. He added that the consequences of this breach are yet to be fully known but advised it may have serious financial and reputational issues for the Council and could significantly impact upon services to SEND children. He further advised that he was working with the Monitoring officer to

agree what actions are necessary to seek to ensure that exempt and confidential council documents in the future remain confidential.

**71 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.

**72 Vecteo**

The Cabinet received a report of the Interim Director of Highways, Parks and Open on the London Hire Community Services (LHCS) and Southend Travel Partnership (Vecteo) Year 2 Financial Performance.

Recommended:

1. That the request for providing a working capital interest free cash injection to the Joint Venture Company Vecteo, as requested in their letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Appendix A to the submitted report) and provided by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at the latest which will be funded by the Business Transformation Reserve, be approved.
2. That the update regarding the initial exploration of alternative options for future service delivery, 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 Council function

Referred direct to the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration

Cabinet Member: Cllr Wakefield

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

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## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

### Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

**Date: Monday, 4th July, 2022**  
**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

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**Present:** Councillor J Courtenay (Chair)  
Councillors J Warren (Vice-Chair), B Beggs, M Borton, K Buck,  
S Buckley, T Cox, M Davidson, M Dent, L Hyde, A Jones, M Kelly,  
A Thompson and P Wexham

\*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

**In Attendance:** Councillors P Collins, S George, I Gilbert, C Mulroney, S Wakefield  
and K Evans  
J Burr, J Chesterton, S Dolling, G Gilbert, N Hoskins, S Meah-Sims,  
A Richards and S Tautz

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 - 9.30 pm

#### 73 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Berry (no substitute), Councillor D Jarvis (Substitute: Councillor T Cox), Councillor J Moyies (Substitute: Councillor B Beggs), Councillor N Ward (no substitute) and Councillor R Woodley.

#### 74 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

- (a) Councillors P Collins, S George, I Gilbert, C Mulroney and S Wakefield (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the called-in items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.
- (b) Councillors P Collins, S George, I Gilbert, C Mulroney and S Wakefield (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.
- (c) Councillor M Borton - Minute 75 (Questions from Members of the Public) - Lives in Rochester Drive, which is referred to in the response to one of the public questions.
- (d) Councillor M Borton - Minute 78 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes and holder of a concessionary bus pass.
- (e) Councillor M Davidson - Minute 78 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes.
- (f) Councillor A Jones - Minute 78 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22) - Family members graduated from the 'Kick Start' programme referred to in the report and work in passenger transport services.

- (g) Councillor A Thompson - Minute 78 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22) - Undertakes voluntary work for South Essex Homes.
- (h) Councillor S Wakefield (Cabinet Member) - Minute 78 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22) - Sub-Contractor for South Essex Homes.
- (i) Councillor P Wexham - Minute 78 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes.
- (j) Councillor K Buck - Minute 80 (Levelling Up Fund Round 2) - The Executive Chairman of the Stockvale Group that owns and operates Adventure Island is known to the councillor.
- (k) Councillor J Warren - Minute 80 (Levelling Up Fund Round 2) - Works for James Duddridge, MP for Rochford and Southend East.
- (l) Councillor S George (Cabinet Member) - Minute 82 (City Music Festival) - Member of the Town 2 City Partnership.
- (m) Councillor A Jones - Minute 82 (City Music Festival) - Family member works for competitor of an organisation providing sponsorship for the proposed music festival.
- (n) Councillor C Mulroney (Cabinet Member) - Minute 82 (City Music Festival) - Member of the Town 2 City Partnership.
- (o) Councillor J Warren - Minute 82 (City Music Festival) – Has attended meetings of the Town 2 City Partnership working for James Duddridge MP.
- (p) Councillor A Jones - Minute 86 (Summary of Work 2021/22 and In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2022/23) - Family member works in the vehicle manufacturing industry.

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

The Committee noted the responses of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism, the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Parking, the Cabinet Member for Asset Management and Inward Investment and the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing, to questions presented by David Webb and Judith McMahon.

## **76 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th March 2022**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

## **77 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd March 2022**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the special meeting of the Committee held on 22 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**78 Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22**

The Committee considered Minute 4 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 June 2022, which had been called-in for scrutiny by each of the scrutiny committees, together with a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities Annual Report for 2021/22 and the provisional resources outturn for 2021/22.

Resolved:

That the following decisions and recommendations of the Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the achievements, successes and challenges brought to life within the Annual Report 2021/22 (Section 4 and Appendix 1 to the submitted report), be noted.

Recommended:

2. That the provisional 2021/22 revenue outturn position for both the General Fund (Section 5) and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (Section 6), be noted and that the agreement of any final adjustments and the transfer of the actual final General Fund outturn position to the Business Transformation Reserve (Section 5.4 of the report) following the completion and audit of the Statement of Accounts be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director (Finance and Resources).

3. That the appropriation of revenue funds to and (from) earmarked reserves, as set out in Section 5.19 to 5.25 (General Fund) and Section 6.6 (HRA) of the report, be approved.

4. That the potential revenue impact of the 2021/22 outturn on the 2022/23 General Fund budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (Section 5.26 – 5.39 of the report), be noted.

5. That it be noted that the expenditure on the capital investment programme for 2021/22 totalled £68.969M against a revised budget of £78.632M (Sections 7.4 and 7.7 of the report).

6. That the relevant budget carry forwards and accelerated delivery requests totalling a net £11.759M moving into 2022/23 and future years, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.

7. That the virements, reprofiles, additions, deletions and new external funding for schemes, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved and it be noted that this will result in an amended Capital Investment Programme deliverable by the Council of £145.906M for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

8. That it be noted that the requested changes as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report will result in an amended total Capital Investment Programme deliverable by South Essex Homes Limited, Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP and Kent County Council of £55.759M, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

9. That a review take place and appropriate consideration be given to the affordability and prioritisation of the current approved Capital Investment Programme and the schemes currently listed as subject to viable business cases.

10. That the content of the Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021/22 (included in Appendix 4 to the report), be noted and that the Main Fund receipts from reported year 2021/22 and previous reported years be carried forward until the CIL Governance Framework and spending plans are reviewed for the reported year 2022/23.

11. That the five-year deadline for spending the CIL Ward Neighbourhood Allocations be approved and extended for another three years from date of receipt (with the intention that at the end of that period any remaining neighbourhood allocations will be transferred to the CIL Main Fund).

12. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Growth and Housing (in consultation with Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism) to agree how the CIL Ward Neighbourhood Allocations received up until 31 March 2022 (excluding allocation to Leigh Town Council) are to be spent.”

Note: This is an Executive function, save that Recommendations 2-12 are Council functions

Cabinet Member: Councillor P Collins

## **79 Waste Procurement**

The Committee considered Minute 5 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 June 2022, which had been called-in for scrutiny, together with a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) setting out the outcome of the early market engagement exercise in accordance with the Council decision of 24 March 2022 and highlighting the key points of feedback. The report also proposed the approach that should be set so that the formal procurement exercise could commence.

In response to questions raised by members of the Committee, the Cabinet Member for Asset Management and Inward Investment undertook to provide details of the tender specification for the new Recycling, Waste and Cleansing Contract to all members of the Committee, at such time as this had been finalised.

Resolved:

1. That the matter be referred back to the Cabinet for reconsideration as the Committee was concerned that the proposed approach to the formal procurement exercise for the new Recycling, Waste and Cleansing Contract appeared to be focussed on the adoption of arrangements for alternate weekly recycling and waste collections.
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 P Collins

## 80 **Levelling Up Fund Round 2**

The Committee considered Minute 62 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 July 2022, which had been referred directly to the Committee for scrutiny, together with a report of the Interim Executive Director (Growth and Housing) setting out the proposed approach to applications to the Government's Levelling-Up Fund Round 2 and the outcomes that would be achieved from successful bids.

In response to questions raised by members of the Committee, the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing undertook to consider whether written undertakings received from the prospective operator of the 'Southend Air' visitor attraction proposed to be delivered as part of the Culture-Led Regeneration bid, for the showcase of other local attractions and to work with the Council to add value to the city-wide cultural programme, could be provided to members of the Committee without breaching commercial confidentiality. The Cabinet Member also undertook to investigate whether the 'Southend Air' attraction would be required to be operated for any minimum period as a condition of the receipt of levelling-up funding and to advise members of the Committee accordingly.

Resolved:

That the following decisions and recommendations of the Cabinet be noted:

1. That a bid be submitted to the Levelling-Up Fund (LUF) for highways and the associated capital and revenue costs, be noted.
2. That a bid be submitted to the Levelling-Up Fund (LUF) for culture-led city centre regeneration and the capital and revenue costs for the Council, be noted.
3. That, if these bids are successful, the relevant legal agreements are entered into to draw down the funding.

Recommended

4. That if bids are successful, they be included in the Capital Investment Programme, subject to a reprioritisation of the existing programme to ensure that there is no additional net cost to the capital investment programme after including the LUF schemes." ||

Note: This is an Executive function, save that Recommendation 4 is a Council function.  
Cabinet Members: Councillor P Collins and Councillor I Gilbert

## 81 **PSPO Dog Friendly Beach**

The Committee considered Minute 65 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 July 2022, which had been referred directly to the Committee for scrutiny, together with a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) that provided an update on proposals for a dog friendly beach in Southend.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of the Cabinet be noted:

1. That a dog friendly beach is not introduced at Shoebury East Beach.

2. That the Dog Friendly Beach consultation feedback be noted and the situation regarding an appropriate location be reviewed.”

Note: This is an Executive Function  
Cabinet Member: Councillor C Mulroney

## **82 City Music Festival**

The Committee considered Minute 67 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 July 2022, which had been referred directly to the Committee for scrutiny, together with a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) that sought approval for, and for the Council to partially underwrite, a major music festival to be held in Southend as part of its city year celebrations. The Committee also had before it a confidential financial forecast for the event.

In response to questions raised by members of the Committee, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism undertook to provide details of the highway management and public transport arrangements for the proposed music festival to all members of the Committee, at such time as these had been finalised with the organisers of the festival.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of the Cabinet be noted:

“1. That a proposed major festival with world class artists be supported to lever in significant benefits to the Southend community.

2. That it be noted that commercial sponsorship has already been secured for the festival.

3. That the Council underwrites the cost base of the festival by £125,000 and if required will be funded by the Council’s event budget.

4. That the Director of Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture & Tourism, be authorised to agree the final arrangements and continue negotiations with partners on further sponsorship.”

Note: This is an Executive Function  
Cabinet Member: Councillor C Mulroney

## **83 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 (City Music Festival - Confidential Matters), 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.

## **84 City Music Festival - Confidential Matters**

The Committee considered confidential matters in relation to Minute 82 above. The Committee moved into Part 2 business in order that the confidential matters concerning the proposed City Music Festival could be discussed. The Committee moved back into Part 1 for the decision on these matters and the remaining items of business.



## **85 Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2021/22**

The Committee considered the draft final report arising from the joint in-depth scrutiny project for 2020/21 that had been undertaken on behalf of the Place Scrutiny Committee, the People Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

In considering the recommendations of the project that concerned the enhancement or development of digital systems, the Interim Executive Director (Strategy, Change and Governance) confirmed the corporate commitment of the Council to ensure that its services were fully inclusive and that alternative means of contacting the authority would continue to be offered where digital systems might exclude residents and service users.

On behalf of the Project Team that led the in-depth scrutiny project, the Chair of the Committee expressed thanks to all councillors and officers that contributed to the project.

Resolved:

1. That the report and recommendations arising from the joint in-depth scrutiny project, detailed at Section 12 of the report, be agreed.
2. That the Chair of the Project Team for the joint In Depth Scrutiny Project (Councillor J Moyies) present the report and recommendations of the scrutiny project to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

## **86 Summary of Work 2021/22 & In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2022/23**

The Committee received a report of the Interim Executive Director (Strategy, Change and Governance) providing information on the work carried out by the scrutiny committees during the previous municipal year and seeking agreement to a possible joint approach to in-depth scrutiny activity for 2022/23.

Whilst members considered that there could be benefit to the undertaking of the suggested joint scrutiny project around the current cost of living 'crisis', exploring how the Council provided supportive and streamlined services for local residents, the Committee indicated that it wished to undertake its own in-depth scrutiny project for 2022/23, to ensure that Southend was adequately prepared for the ban on sales of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030.

Resolved:

1. That the summary of the scrutiny work undertaken by the Committee during the 2022/23 municipal year, be noted
2. That the completion of the joint in-depth scrutiny project undertaken on behalf of the People Scrutiny Committee, the Place Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22, around the theme of 'Enabling Councillors to be Effective', be noted.
3. That an in-depth scrutiny project be undertaken on behalf of the Committee during the 2022/23 municipal year, on the theme of 'Preparing Southend-on-Sea for the Electric Vehicle Revolution.'
4. That no other topics be selected by the Committee for additional in-depth review during 2022/23.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function.

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Appointments and Disciplinary Committee

Date: Tuesday, 5th July, 2022  
Place: Committee Room 6 - Civic Suite

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**Present:** Councillor S George (Chair)  
Councillors C Mulroney (Vice-Chair), T Cox, M Davidson, I Gilbert,  
D Jarvis and I Shead

**In Attendance:** A Lewis, S Putt and M Bearn (Hays)

**Start/End Time:** 9.40 am - 10.30 am

**87 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

**88 Declarations of Interest**

The following Councillor declared an interest:

Cllr Cox – Agenda Item 4 (Appointment of Chief Executive (Shortlisting) – Knows about two of the candidates.

**89 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.

**90 Appointment of Chief Executive (Shortlisting)**

The Committee considered candidates for short-listing for the post of Chief Executive.

Resolved:

The Committee agreed a longlist of 5 candidates for the post of Chief Executive as set out below:

GC, SM, RP, SO, RW

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

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