

THE COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH, 2023 SUPPLEMENTART MINUTES PACK

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board

Date: Monday, 6th March, 2023
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor K Mitchell (Chair)
Councillors M Davidson, J Moyies and M Sadza
R Hallett (SEE Alliance), R Polkinghorne (SCC), M Marks (SCC), M Harvey (SCC), S Dolling (SCC), O Richards (Healthwatch Southend), A Quinn (SAVS), A Pike (Southend Hospital), M Eni-Oloto (Public Health – SCC), T Schneider (SCC), T Poore (ABSS) and A Khaldi (ABSS).

In Attendance: Councillor L Salter (Observer – People Scrutiny Committee Chair)
R Harris.
Also in attendance: A Cunningham, I Wilson, E Mills (Item 6 – NetPark Wellbeing Project only).

Start/End Time: 5.00 pm - 6.55 pm

737 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mulronee and Terry, K Ramkhelawon, J Gardner, M Atkinson, G Halksworth and Dr T Syed.

738 Declarations of Interest

(a) Cllr Mitchell – Minute 743 (A Better Start Southend Update) – ABSS is in partnership with Hamlet Court Road in Harmony Community Group – the Councillor is the Chair of this group.

(b) Councillor Salter – Minute 740 (Draft Integrated Care Strategy for Mid and South Essex) and Minute 741 (Developing the SEE Alliance Plan Update) – Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; Daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; Son-in-law is a GP in Southend-on-Sea.

(c) Councillor Sadza – Minute 740 (Draft Integrated Care Strategy for Mid and South Essex) and Minute 741 (Developing the SEE Alliance Plan Update) – Governor at EPUT.

739 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 8 December 2022

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 8 December 2023, be confirmed as a correct record.

740 Draft Integrated Care Strategy for Mid and South Essex

The Board considered a report of the Director of Strategic Partnerships presenting the draft Integrated Care Strategy produced by the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Partnership covering the wider integrated care system.

The Board noted that the draft strategy would be presented to the Integrated Care Partnership on 20 March 2023 for formal adoption. This was a comprehensive strategy and a detailed programme of communications will take place following formal approval by the ICP on 20 March 2023.

The Board asked questions which were responded to by the Director of Strategic Partnerships.

Resolved:

That the draft Integrated Care Strategy, be endorsed.

741 Developing the SEE Alliance Plan Update

The Board received and considered a powerpoint presentation from the Alliance Director presenting an overview of the SEE Alliance 5 year plan and the next steps.

The Board asked questions which were responded to by the Alliance Director. The Board also commented on the need to align and use common language across partners, particularly to ensure it makes sense from a residents perspective.

Resolved:

That the presentation on the development of the SEE Alliance 5 year plan, be noted.

742 NetPark Wellbeing Project

The Board received and considered a presentation from representatives of Metal providing information on the NetPark Wellbeing Project.

The Board asked questions which were responded to by the representatives from Metal. The Board also discussed how the Council and partners could support the sustainability of future funding of the project.

Resolved:

That the presentation on the NetPark Wellbeing Project be noted and Board members give further consideration to the future sustainable funding of the project.

743 A Better Start Southend Update

The Board considered a joint report of the Director and Chair of ABSS presenting an update on the key developments since December 2022.

Resolved:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That it be noted that ABSS are focussing on a Partnership Workforce Development Programme that seeks to retain skills and experience in Southend and/or the early years space whilst addressing attrition issues that are expected to start arising as the programme nears the end of the funding period.

744 Health Protection Updates

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health presenting an update concerning the on-going management of the COVID-19 and wider health protection response.

Resolved:

That the on-going operations and steer of the Health Protection Board and the Oversight and Engagement Board, be noted.

745 SEE Communications and Engagement Network

The Board received a powerpoint presentation from the Alliance Director presenting an overview of the SEE Alliance Communications and Engagement network.

Resolved:

That the presentation be noted.

746 Able Like Mabel Falls Campaign

The Board received and considered a powerpoint presentation from the Alliance Director presenting information on the Able Like Mable Falls Campaign.

Resolved:

That the presentation be noted.

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Standards Committee

Date: Wednesday, 8th March, 2023
Place: Committee Room 3 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor I Shead (Chair)
Councillors M Borton, A Jones and *P Collins

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: G Gilbert and R Harris
J Morgan and J Tetley (Independent Persons)

Also in attendance: Representing the Investigator (H Nichol – Hertfordshire County Council) and the complainants Mrs T White and Ms K Abbott.

**Councillor Buck, a member of the Committee, attended the hearing declaring himself as an observer only and took no part in the Committee business.

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.55 pm

747 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cox, Dent, Hooper (substitute: Cllr Collins), Moyies and Nelson.

748 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

749 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.

750 Complaints Against a Councillor - Reference 22/001 and 22/002

The Committee considered a report in respect of complaints made against Councillor Woodley made by two complainants (reference 22/001 and 22/002).

The complaints alleged that Councillor Woodley had breached the Members' Code of Conduct ("The Code") by failing to comply with paragraph 3.1 of the Code ("you must treat others with respect"), paragraph 3.4 ("you must not bully or

harass any person”) and paragraphs 6 – 10 (“The Disclosure of Interests and the Effects of Interests on Participation”). The reference to “the Code” is to the Members’ Code of Conduct at the time as the complaints were made prior to the adoption of a new Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council in March 2022.

The Committee conducted a Hearing in accordance with the Complaints against Members Rules.

Councillor Woodley attended the Hearing and made representations.

The two complainants also attended the hearing. One of the complainants made representations.

The Investigator’s representative presented the report which concluded that Councillor Woodley had breached the Code.

The Committee carefully considered the matter and the information before them, and sought and took into consideration the views of the Independent Persons.

Decision:

1. The Committee resolved that Councillor Woodley had failed to comply with paragraph 3.1 of the Code (“you must treat others with respect”) and paragraphs 6 – 10 (“The Disclosure of Interests and the Effects of Interests on Participation), specifically part 10.3 of the Code.

2. The Committee, in considering the actions available upon a finding of breach of the Code, and on the basis that it was a proportionate action to take, determined that it should issue a reprimand against Councillor Woodley to make clear its severe disapproval in relation to the breach. The Committee also determined that the findings should be reported to Full Council.

*The formal Decision Notice is available for public inspection as provided for at paragraph 9.2 of the Complaints Against Members Rules.

Chair: _____

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Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 13th March, 2023
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor J Courtenay (Chair)
Councillors J Warren (Vice-Chair), M Berry, M Borton, K Buck,
S Buckley, T Cox*, M Dent, L Hyde, D Jarvis, A Jones, M Kelly,
J Moyies, N Ward and P Wexham
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillors S George, C Mulroney and S Wakefield (Cabinet Members)
J Burr, T Row, N Hoskins, S Fox and A Gibbons

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.05 pm

751 Chair's Announcement

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and reminded everyone present of the standards conduct, behaviour and communication expected to be shown at the meeting.

752 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry (no substitute), Davidson (substitute: Councillor Cox) and Woodley (no substitute).

753 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillors George, Mulroney and Wakefield (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the items referred direct; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011; and

(ii) Councillor Borton – Minute No. 756 (Air Quality Action Plan 2023-2027) – Lars Davidson, who was mentioned in Schedule 2 of Appendix 2, was known to her as a member of the Labour Party.

754 Questions from Members of the Public

The Committee noted the responses from the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism to two questions from Mr Grubb and a question from Mr Webb. The Committee also noted the response for the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Parking to a question from Mr Webb. As neither of the questioners were present at the meeting, copies of the written responses were sent to them.

755 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30th January, 2023

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30th January 2023 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

756 Air Quality Action Plan 2022-2027

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism, withdrew this item to enable the Council's Environment, Culture and Tourism Working Party to consider issues raised in respect of the draft Air Quality Management Plan 2023-2027. The matter would be reported to a future or special meeting of the Cabinet and Place Scrutiny Committee in due course.

757 Proposed Community Infrastructure Levy

The Committee considered Minute No. 723 of Cabinet held on 21st February 2023, which had been call-in for scrutiny, together with the joint report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) and Executive Director (Growth and Housing). This sought agreement to the expenditure of up to £1million from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Main Fund on enhancing cycle infrastructure within the city.

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Parking gave his assurances that the missing link from Shoebury Common to the Garrison would be investigated under phase 1 of the scheme and that any detailed proposals for improvements/additions to the cycle route network, including the proposed cycle route along the central reservation of Prittlewell Chase, Kennilworth Gardens and Blenheim Chase from Fairfax Drive to Belfairs Park, would be submitted to the Council's Traffic Regulation Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Resolved:-

That the following recommendation of Cabinet be noted:

- "1. That the 'Cycle Routes and Path Improvement Programme' CIL Main Fund application, set out at appendix A to the submitted report, together with the further details set out at Appendix A1 to A3 of the report, be noted.
2. That up to £1million from the CIL Main Fund to be spent on enhancing cycle infrastructure within the city, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director for Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism, to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the objectives of the Community Infrastructure Levy Governance Framework when spending the sum approved under recommendation 2 above."

Note: This is a Council Function
Cabinet Members: Cllr Wakefield and Mulroney

758 Traffic Regulation Orders - Junction Protection

The Committee considered Minute No. 706 of Cabinet Committee held on 20th February 2023, which had been called-in to scrutiny, together with the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and the Environment) that sought approval of the commencement of consultation and implementation of the relevant traffic regulation orders in respect of the junction at Blatches Chase with Whitehouse Road. This would be included in the junction protection project schemes across the City. This matter had been referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination as it crosses the boundary the two wards of Eastwood Park ward and St Laurence.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) or Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order(s) for the introduction of the waiting restrictions for the proposed junction protection measures set out in the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to confirm the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions.

2. That, in the event any objections are received in response to the statutory consultation, the matter be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination.”

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

759 School Streets (West Leigh School - Ronald Hill Grove)

The Committee considered Minute No. 707 of Cabinet Committee held on 20th February 2023, which had been called-in to scrutiny, together with the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment). This sought approval of the commencement of the statutory consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order in respect of the Ronald Hill Grove (West Leigh School Street) proposals and the implementation of the scheme should the traffic regulation order be confirmed. This matter had been referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination as it crosses the boundary of two or more electoral Wards in the City.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) or Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order(s) for the introduction of the Ronald Hill Grove (West Leigh School Street) scheme as set

out in the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to confirm the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions.

2. That, in the event any objections are received in response to the statutory consultation, the matter be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination.”

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

760 Prittle Brook Greenway TRO (Traffic Regulation Order)

The Committee considered Minute No. 709 of Cabinet Committee held on 20th February 2023, which had been called-in to scrutiny, together with the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) that presented proposals for the conversion of existing pedestrian only footways to shared use cycle track at various locations as set out in the submitted report to improve the continuity of Prittle Brook Greenway cycle track.

The report also sought approval of the commencement of the statutory consultation and implementation of the relevant traffic regulation orders to support the scheme. This matter had been referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination as it crosses the boundary of two or more electoral Wards in the City.

The Committee noted the assurances that had been given by the Council’s Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network:

- (i) that the final designs and details of the widths of the shared use cycleway/footway would be brought back to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee prior to the statutory advertisement of any proposals; and
- (ii) to investigate the possibility of providing appropriate markings on the pavement to advise pedestrians of the potential of cyclists as part of the improvements.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) or Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order(s) to support the improvements of the continuity of Prittle Brook Greenway cycle track scheme as set out in the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to confirm the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions.

2. That, in the event any objections are received in response to the statutory consultation, the matter be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination.”

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

761 In-depth Scrutiny Project 2022/23 - Preparing Southend for the EV Revolution - Update

The Committee noted an oral update on the progress that had been made in respect of the in-depth scrutiny project entitled "Preparing Southend for the EV Revolution."

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

This is a Scrutiny function.

Chair: _____

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Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 14th March, 2023

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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- Present: Councillor L Salter (Chair)
Councillors N Folkard (Vice-Chair), B Beggs, T Cowdrey, T Cox, A Dear, J Harland, L Hyde, B Hooper, A Jones, D Jones, K Murphy, M O'Connor, I Shead and M Stafford
A Quinn (Southend Association of Voluntary Services), O Richards (Healthwatch Southend), Revd. Canon L Williams (Church of England Diocese) (Co-opted Members)
- In Attendance: Councillors L Burton and K Mitchell (Cabinet Members), M Harvey, M Marks and S Tautz
- Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.40 pm

762 Chair's Introduction & Apologies for Absence

(a) Chair's Introduction

Prior to the consideration of the matters set out in the agenda, the Chair outlined their expectations of the standard of conduct and behaviour to be shown at the meeting.

(b) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Berry (no substitute) and T Watts (Southend Carers (Co-opted Member)).

763 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

- (a) Councillor L Salter (Chair) - Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation) - Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; Daughter is a consultant pathologist at Basildon Hospital; Son-in-law is a general practitioner in Southend-on-Sea.
- (b) Councillor N Folkard (Vice-Chair) - Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation) - Relative employed at Broomfield Hospital.
- (c) Councillor B Hooper - Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation) - Director of Blade Education, a not-for-profit company that works with local communities.
- (d) Councillor D Jones - Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation) - Family member employed as a nurse.

764 Questions from Members of the Public

The Committee noted the responses of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration and the Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Inclusion, to questions presented by Mr David Webb.

The Committee noted the responses of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration to questions submitted by Mr James Miller, which were to be sent to Mr Miller as he was not able to be present at the meeting.

765 Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 January 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31 January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

766 Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex

The Committee received a presentation from Jonathan Dunk (Chief Commercial Officer) and Andrew Pike (Chief Operating Officer) of the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust, with regard to the proposed establishment of a single integrated pathology service model across the Trust's hospitals, and the increase in diagnostic capacity in Mid and South Essex through the establishment of new Community Diagnostic Centres.

Members were advised that the Trust currently had differing models of pathology service provision across its hospitals and that the introduction of a single service would offer better value for money and a more joined-up service to benefit patient experience. The Committee was assured that the establishment of a single integrated pathology service would not change facilities where patients were currently already able to access tests and that there would continue to be a variety of pathology services available in community and acute hospitals. The Committee was informed that the Trust was preparing a full business case for the establishment of a single integrated pathology service for consideration by the Trust Board during Spring 2023 which, if approved, would enable a competitive market engagement process to be commenced in June 2023 with the aim of moving to a new integrated service by the end of 2024.

The Chief Commercial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Trust reported that work had also been undertaken to increase diagnostic capacity in Mid and South Essex, through the establishment of new Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) to provide diagnosis and treatment services that were more accessible and convenient for patients.

The Committee was informed that business cases were being developed for three CDCs in Mid and South Essex and that a funding decision was currently awaited from NHS England in respect of the largest planned CDC at Pitsea, which would have the capacity to support residents across South Essex. The Chief Commercial Officer and Chief Operating Officer indicated that the Trust recognised the concerns of the Committee that the proposed CDC at Pitsea would not necessarily mean that additional diagnostic services were more accessible and convenient for all residents of Southend-on-Sea and that, subject to the proposed CDC receiving approval from NHS England, consideration would also be given by the Trust to the supplement of CDC diagnostic capacity at existing health care facilities in areas such as Shoeburyness.

At the request of the Committee, Mr Dunk undertook to provide further detail around the likely future provision of bone density scan (DEXA scan) services and whether such services would be likely to be only available to residents of Southend from the proposed

CDC at Pitsea. Mr Dunk also offered to provide the Committee with the results of the analysis undertaken by the Trust around issues such as accessibility, travel times, deprivation and areas of need, that had been considered as part of the planning for the proposed establishment of a CDC at Pitsea.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr Dunk and Mr Pike for their informative and comprehensive presentation.

Resolved:

1. That the proposals of the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust for the establishment of an integrated pathology service model across each of the Trust's hospitals and the increase in diagnostic capacity in Mid and South Essex through the provision of new Community Diagnostic Centres, be noted.
2. That the Trust be requested to make a further report on the establishment of the proposed integrated pathology service to a future meeting of the Committee, once the competitive market engagement process for the integrated service model has been completed.
3. That the Trust be requested to make a further report on the proposed establishment of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDC) to a future meeting of the Committee, once a funding decision in respect of the planned CDC to be developed at Pitsea has been made by NHS England

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

767 Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation

The Committee received an update from Claire Hankey (Director of Communications and Engagement) of the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB), on the findings arising from the consultation exercise held with regard to the proposals of the ICB to harmonise the provision of six service areas (bariatric surgery, breast asymmetry, breast reduction, female sterilisation and tertiary fertility services). Members were reminded that the Committee had received a full presentation from representatives of the ICB on this matter at its meeting on 29 November 2022.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Ms Hankey for her update on the service harmonisation proposals of the ICB.

Resolved:

That the analysis of the results of the public consultation undertaken by the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board with regard to the service harmonisation proposals, be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

768 In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2022/23 - 'Providing First Class Services for Families with Children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities'

The Committee received an update on progress with regard to the in-depth scrutiny project for 2022/23.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 15th March, 2023
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor D Garston (Chair)
Councillors B Beggs*, M Borton, D Cowan, H Boyd, T Cox, F Evans,
K Evans, A Jones, A Line, R McMullan, J Moyies*, M Sadza, C Walker and
P Wexham

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors P Collins, S George, I Gilbert and C Mulroney (Cabinet
Members), S Brown, J Chesterton, G Halksworth, M Harry and S Tautz

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.35 pm

768 Chair's Introduction & Apologies for Absence

(a) Chair's Introduction

Prior to the consideration of the matters set out in the agenda, the Chair outlined their expectations of the standard of conduct and behaviour to be shown at the meeting.

(b) Appointment of Vice-Chair

With the agreement of the Committee, Councillor F Evans was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the duration of the meeting.

(c) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Cowdrey (Substitute: Councillor R Woodley), Councillor M Davidson (Substitute: Councillor J Moyies), Councillor D Nelson (Vice-Chair) (Substitute: Councillor B Beggs), Councillor I Shead (no substitute) and Councillor R Woodley (no substitute).

769 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

- (a) Councillors P Collins, S George, I Gilbert and C Mulroney (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) Councillor D Garston (Chair) - Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Member of the Development Control Committee, proposed development opportunities mentioned in the report.
- (c) Councillor M Borton - Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes.
- (d) Councillor K Evans - Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Benefactor of the Salvation Army, who are in partnership with the Council to deliver new homes.

(e) Councillor A Jones - Minute 778 (Minutes of the meeting of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held on 17 January 2023) - Family member employed by the Council, all current paygrades mentioned in the report.

(f) Councillor M Sadza - Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Member of the ACORN renters union.

(g) Councillor P Wexham - Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes.

(h) J Chesterton (Executive Director (Finance and Resources)) - Minute 778 (Minutes of the meeting of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held on 17 January 2023) - Senior Manager of the Council.

770 Questions from Members of the Public

The Committee noted the responses of the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Matters and Performance Delivery, to questions presented by Mr David Webb.

771 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

772 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge and Action Plan

The Committee considered Minute 715 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 February 2023, which had been called-in for scrutiny, together with a report of the Chief Executive presenting the findings and recommendations of the Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge that had taken place during October 2022.

Resolved:

That the matter be referred back to the Cabinet with a recommendation that wider member involvement be secured in the development of the action plan to address the recommendations arising from the Peer Challenge and that, if required, Group Leaders jointly seek an extension to the deadline for the adoption of the action plan from the Local Government Association.

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Councillor S George

773 Treasury Management Report - Quarter Three 2022/23

The Committee considered Minute 717 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 February 2023, which had been called-in for scrutiny, together with a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the Council's treasury management activity for the third quarter of 2022/23 and the period from April to December 2022.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of the Cabinet be noted:

"1. That the quarter three treasury management report for 2022/23, be approved.

2. That it be noted that the treasury management activities were carried out in accordance with the CIPFA (The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Sector during the period from April to December 2022.
3. That it be noted that the loan and investment portfolios were actively managed to minimise cost and maximise interest earned, whilst maintaining a low level of risk.
4. That it be noted that £2.395m of interest and income distributions for all investments were earned during this nine-month period at an average rate of 1.92%. This is 0.18% over the average SONIA rate (Sterling Overnight Index Average) and 0.12% over the average bank rate. Also, the value of the externally managed funds decreased by a net of £6.983 due to changes in the unit price, giving a combined overall return of -3.67%.
5. That it be noted that the level of borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) (excluding debt relating to services transferred from Essex County Council on 1st April 1998) remained at £347.3 (Housing Revenue Account (HRA); £74.2m, General Fund: £273.1m) during the period from April to December 2022 at an average rate of 3.46%.
6. That it be noted that the level of financing for 'invest to save' capital schemes decreased from £8.39m to 8.30m during the period from April to December 2022."

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Councillor P Collins

774 Housing and Pipeline Update

The Committee considered Minute 721 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 February 2023, which had been called-in for scrutiny, together with a report of the Executive Director (Growth and Housing) presenting an update on the work of the Housing Pipeline to date and details of future housing development opportunities across the City.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing undertook to provide a written assurance to all members of the Committee that any proposals for the development of the Hamlet Court Road, the Cattery and Civic 2 sites arising from feasibility, cost planning and design work carried out as part of the Housing Pipeline programme, would be subject of a detailed report to be made to the Cabinet.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of the Cabinet be noted:

- "1. That the progress made on the Housing Pipeline to date, be noted.
2. That the Council undertakes due diligence regarding the potential allocation of capital funds for Afghan and Ukrainian resettlement purposes from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) and that authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) and the Executive Director (Growth and Housing), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing, to reach agreement about any bid decisions and to pursue actions set out in the submitted report.
3. That the use of both Denton Avenue site and Bradford Bury garage site for the development of Passizhaus pilot projects utilising existing Section 106 funds and Right to Buy funds, be approved.
4. That the next steps for the Housing Pipeline set out below, be approved:

- The development of a revolving investment fund to deliver the pipeline opportunities. The investment fund would work alongside other financing sources to deliver housing pipeline projects.
- Sale of the Thorpedene Campus site via auction to secure full, quick capital receipt and mitigate holding and demolition costs, with the capital receipt ringfenced to help fund future Housing Pipeline development opportunities.
- Sale of the Shorefield Gardens site via auction to secure a full, quick capital receipt with the capital receipt to be ringfenced to help fund future Housing Pipeline development opportunities.
- Use existing funds or funds received from site sales for detailed feasibility works, cost planning and design works for the Hamlet Court Road, the Cattery and Civic 2 sites.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Councillor I Gilbert

775 SO46 Report

The Committee considered Minute 725 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 February 2023, which had been called in for scrutiny, concerning action that had been taken by the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 46.

Resolved:

That the following decision of the Cabinet be noted:

“That the SO46 report, be noted.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Councillor P Collins

776 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 (SO46 Report - 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.

777 SO46 Report - Confidential Matters

The Committee considered confidential matters in relation to Minute 775 above. The Committee moved into Part 2 business in order that the confidential matters concerning the action taken by Executive Director (Finance and Resources) in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 46 could be discussed. The Committee moved back into Part 1 for the decision on these matters and the remaining items of business.

778 Minutes of the meeting of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held 17 January 2023

The Committee considered Minute 726 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 February 2023, which had been called in for scrutiny, concerning the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held 17 January 2023.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of the Cabinet be noted:

“1. That a pay award of £1925 per annum be applied to the Council’s senior management grades for 2022/23.

2. That 1 day’s additional annual leave be given to all senior management grades with effect from 1 April 2023.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Councillor S George

779 In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2022/23 - ‘Developing Strong Governance & Strengthening Joint Working between all Councillors and Officers’

The Committee received an update on progress with regard to the in-depth scrutiny project for 2022/23.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

Chair: _____

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