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Dear Councillor,

THE COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 21ST JULY, 2016

I attach a copy of the supplementary pack containing the following items which were not available when the Council went to print. I would remind Members that the reservation of any minute for debate should be notified to the committeesection@southend.gov.uk by no later than noon on the day of the Council meeting, **including any Black-lined Minutes** in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 7.4.

Agenda Item

16. **Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held, Monday 11th July 2016 (Pages 1 - 12)** – Minutes attached
17. **Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub Committee B held, Tuesday 12th July 2016 (Pages 13 - 14)** – Minutes attached
18. **Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held, Tuesday 12th July 2016 (Pages 15 - 22)** – Minutes attached
19. **Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held, Thursday 14th July 2016 (Pages 23 - 32)** – Minutes attached
20. **Notice of Motion - Estate Agent Fees (Pages 33 - 34)** - Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Davies and Councillor Callaghan - attached

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 11th July, 2016
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors P Wexham (Vice-Chair), S Habermel, F Evans,
M Assenheim, J Garston, D Jarvis, C Willis, D Burzotta, M Davidson,
N Folkard, M Terry, H McDonald and G Phillips*
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors S Aylen, T Byford, T Cox, M Flewitt and C Mulroney
A Lewis, J K Williams, P Geraghty, D Patel, S Wheeler, M Sargood
and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.40 pm

89 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bright (Substitute: Councillor Phillips) and Kenyon (no substitute).

90 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors Byford, Cox and Flewitt (Executive Councillors) – interests in all the referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

(b) Councillor Burzotta – Agenda Item No. 12 (Feed & Food Safety Service Plan 2016/17) – Pecuniary interest: Family establishments/restaurants in the Borough (withdrew);

(c) Councillor Cox – Agenda Item No. 5 (Petition - Alcohol Free Zone Westcliff Library) – Non-pecuniary interest: DPPO in Shoeburyness referred to which includes the road where he lives;

(d) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 18 (West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls) – Non-pecuniary interest: relatives live in one of the roads consulted;

(e) Councillor Phillips Garston – Agenda Item No. 18 (West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Lives in one of the roads consulted (withdrew);

(f) Councillor Robinson – Agenda Item No. 5 (Petition - Alcohol Free Zone Westcliff Library) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ward Councillor and occasional user of the library;

(g) Councillor Wexham – Agenda Item No. 10 (Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey) – Non-pecuniary interest: Son is a cabbie;

(h) Councillor Wexham – Agenda Item No. 18 (West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls) – Non-pecuniary interest: Acquainted with residents in the area consulted;

(i) Councillor Willis – Agenda Item No. 18 (West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls) – Non-pecuniary interest: Acquainted with someone who lives in one of the roads consulted.

91 Questions from Members of the Public

The Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste & Cleansing responded to two written questions from Mr David Webb.

92 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2016 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

93 Petition - Alcohol Free Zone Westcliff Library

The Committee considered Minute 44 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, concerning the petition comprising 775 signatures requesting the Council to introduce an Alcohol Free Zone around Westcliff Library on London Road, Westcliff on Sea.

Resolved:-

1. That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the matter be reviewed in 6 months to identify if there is sufficient evidence to prove the activities highlighted in the petition are of a persistent and continuing nature to warrant the making of a Designated Public Place Order.”

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

Note:- This is an Executive Function.
Executive Councillor:- Flewitt

94 Petition - Playfootball Licensed Hours

The Committee considered Minute 46 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, concerning a petition containing 33 signatures requesting the Council to reconsider the licensed hours of trade of PlayFootball in Prittlewell Chase.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That it be noted that the Council is unable to take any formal action in respect of the operating hours of the PlayFootball facility in Prittlewell Chase.

2. That the Council assists in facilitating mediation between PlayFootball and the local residents to improve the understanding of the concerns of each other and develop a voluntary code of conduct for use outside.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor:- Flewitt

95 Corporate Plan and Annual Report - 2016

The Committee considered Minute 49 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together a report of the Chief Executive presenting the Council’s draft Corporate Plan and Annual Report for 2016.

Resolved:-

That the following recommendation of Cabinet be noted:

“That the draft Corporate Plan and Annual Report 2016 be approved.”

Note:- This is a Council Function

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

96 2015/16 Year End Performance Report

The Committee considered Minute 50 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with a report of the Chief Executive detailing the end of year position of the Council’s corporate performance.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the 2015/16 end of year position and accompanying analysis, be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

97 Information Management Strategy

The Committee considered Minute 51 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with a report the Corporate Director for Corporate Services presenting the Council’s revised Information Management Strategy

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the Council’s Information Management Strategy, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

98 Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey

The Committee considered Minute 58 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place presenting the conclusions of a Hackney Carriage Demand Study 2015 undertaken by CTS Traffic & Transportation on behalf of this Authority.

Resolved:

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the authority maintains the current entry control and limit of 276 Hackney Carriages.”

Note:- This is a Council Function

Executive Councillor:- Flewitt

99 Preparation of New Southend Local Plan for Southend on Sea

The Committee considered Minute 59 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place on the preparation of a new Local Plan for Southend on Sea.

Resolved:

That the following recommendations of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the preparation of the new Southend-on-Sea Local Plan as a corporate priority, which will provide a positive planning framework to manage and guide regeneration and development in Southend on Sea over at least the next 15 year period, be approved.

2. That it be noted that preparation of a new Local Plan for Southend-on-Sea will include a financial and human resource commitment on behalf of the Council to facilitate delivery of a robust, long term strategic planning policy document, in a timely manner.

3. That it be noted that the new Southend-on-Sea Local Plan will replace, once adopted, the Core Strategy and associated local development documents, where indicated.

4. That a number of key evidence based documents be produced to support the preparation of the new Southend-on-Sea Local Plan, including an environmental constraints and green belt review at an early stage.

5. That the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing, Planning and Public Protection, in conjunction with the LDF Working Party, be authorised to make the necessary amendments which may be required, and agree a draft Local Plan and associated documentation for all statutory public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Planning) (England) 2012.”

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Flewitt

100 Feed and Food Safety Service Plan 2016/17

The Committee considered Minute 61 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place presenting the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2016/17 required by the Food Standards Agency (FSA).

Resolved:

That the following recommendation of Cabinet be noted:

“That the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2016/17 set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted be approved.”

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Flewitt

101 Community Infrastructure Levy Financial Report 2015/16

The Committee considered Minute 62 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place presenting the (CIL) Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Financial Report for the financial year 2015/16.

Resolved:

That the following recommendation of Cabinet be noted:

“That the content of the CIL Annual Financial Report 2015/16 be noted, and that the CIL receipts to date (except Leigh Town Council Neighbourhood Allocation and 5% administrative expenses) be carried forward to the next financial year (2017/18), when spending plans will be reviewed.”

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Flewitt

102 Former Beecroft Art Gallery Building - Artist Studios Feasibility Study

The Committee considered Minute 63 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place providing an update on the outcome of the feasibility study for using the Station Road, Westcliff building for artist studios and sought approval for further work to be undertaken.

Resolved:

That the following recommendations of Cabinet be noted:

- “1. That the potential for a viable business case to support the creation and management of artist studios within the former gallery building be acknowledged (by the Council acting as the Beecroft Art Gallery Trustees).
2. That the preparation of a formal bid to Arts Council England’s Capital Grant funds and other external funding sources to undertake the works, be approved (by the Council acting as Trustees).”

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

- “3. That a grant of £20k for the preparation of the bid be made to the Trust to be met from the Council’s contingency.”

Note:- The recommendations in 1 and 2 above constitute a Council Function. The decision in 3 above constitutes an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Flewitt

103 Devolution

The Committee considered Minute 64 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place outlining the recent activity in relation to the devolution negotiations.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

- “1. That the position and activity in relation to devolution negotiations, be noted.
2. That the emergence of the Thames Estuary 2050 Growth Commission, be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

104 Physical Activity Strategy

The Committee considered Minute 65 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Director of Public Health presenting the Southend-on-Sea Physical Activity Strategy 2016-2021.

Resolved:

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the Southend-on-Sea Physical Activity Strategy 2016-2021 and associated action plan, be approved.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillors:-Salter/Holland

105 Council Procedure Rule 46

The Committee considered Minute 67 of Cabinet which had been referred to Scrutiny concerning actions taken under Council Procedure Rule 46.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the submitted report be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function.
Executive Councillor: As appropriate to the item.

106 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

The Committee considered Minute 37 of Cabinet Committee held on 16th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet Committee, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place that appraised Members of the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various proposals within the Borough.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That no further action be taken and that the Traffic Regulation Orders not be confirmed in respect of the following:

- The introduction of no waiting junction protection 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Mondays to Fridays in Marcus Avenue;
- The introduction of no waiting junction protection at any time for 10m from Johnstone Road southwards; and

- The introduction of no waiting at any time in Burgess Terrace from March to October from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on the west side between Burgess Terrace and Thorpe Esplanade.

2. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to confirm the traffic regulation order as advertised for the introduction of no waiting in St James Avenue from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Monday's to Fridays and to arrange for the proposals to be implemented."

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

107 West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls

The Committee considered Minute 38 of Cabinet Committee held on 16th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place which appraised Members of the results of the consultation on parking controls in the West Leigh area, that had been undertaken by the Ward Councillors and, having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party, sought Members' approval on the appropriate way forward.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

"1. That the Ward Councillors be thanked for their efforts in compiling the and distributing the questionnaires in relation to the consultation.

2. That no further action be taken in respect of this request on the basis that the outcome of the consultation does not meet minimum policy thresholds for formal public consultation."

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

108 Greenways - Residents' Permit Parking Scheme Update

The Committee considered Minute 39 of Cabinet Committee held on 16th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet Committee, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning the Members' request for a resident's parking scheme in The Greenways. The report outlined the further consultation work that had been undertaken by the Ward Councillors and, having regard to the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party, sought Members' approval to proceed with the implementation of the proposed scheme.

Resolved:

That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“1. That Officers comments as set out in paragraph 4.1 be noted and, recognising the safety of children and parents in the vicinity of the school, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders and notices for the introduction of a Residents’ Parking Scheme (RPS) in The Greenways, covering 8am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays.

2. Subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

3. That all unresolved objections be referred to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

109 Temporary Traffic Management Measures - The Fairway, A127 and Bellhouse Lane

The Committee considered Minute 40 of Cabinet Committee held on 16th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet Committee. This related to the traffic management measures to reduce, where possible, the impact on traffic flow as a result of the temporary closure of The Fairway to enable essential gas main replacement works due to be undertaken by National Grid commencing on 23rd July 2016 and scheduled to last for up to 18 weeks.

The Committee also received an oral report by the Head of Planning & Transport that informed Members of the procedures, constraints and safety impacts of temporary traffic control measures. He also explained that:

(i) the phasing of the traffic lights to increase the capacity of vehicle movements at the junctions affected for the duration of these works would be implemented at the commencement of these works and no traffic regulation orders were required. A separately signalled left turn from Bellhouse Lane into A127 would be incorporated subject to a “U-turn prohibition being implemented;

(ii) a temporary traffic regulation order prohibiting “U-turn” manoeuvres at the junction of the A127 with Bellhouse Lane had been advertised, following the completion of a safety audit of the proposal. This would be implemented as soon as possible, subject to there being no statutory objections; and

(iii) in terms of other measures to minimise the impact of the works, the existing variable message signage (VMS) to give advance warning. However, the situation would be kept under review.

The Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste & Cleansing undertook to hold an urgent meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Party, to expedite matters where appropriate, should it be necessary.

Resolved:

1. That the following decision of Cabinet Committee be noted:

“That Officers be requested to investigate as a matter of extreme urgency, the phasing of the traffic control signals (traffic lights at the junctions of The Fairway and Bellhouse Lane with the A127, the possibility of introducing a traffic regulation to prohibit U turns at these junctions and any other appropriate measures to minimise the impact of the works on traffic congestion and disruption.”

2. That the update by the Council’s Head of Planning & Transport regarding the temporary traffic management measures be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

110 Suggested in depth Scrutiny projects - 2016 / 17

The Committee considered a report by the Corporate Director for Corporate Services concerning the possible in depth scrutiny project to be undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee in 2016/17. The report also attached some information about the work carried out by the Scrutiny Committees in the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Committee welcomed the Chairman’s suggestion for a joint in-depth study in conjunction with the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee to investigate the case for additional enforcement resources for Southend.

Resolved:

1. That the in-depth scrutiny project for 2016/17 be:

(i) To investigate the possibility of the Council increasing resources for enforcement activity including consideration of the Council employing its own PCSOs or financing the provision of additional “Specials” by the Police. In the context of “Specials” specific consideration should be given to whether financial support could be offered to such officers and how they would be dedicated to the Borough of Southend-on-Sea.

(ii) To consider how such PCSO’s or additional “Specials” could contribute to an improved level of service in connection with the enforcement of public protection, waste, graffiti, street scene etc..

2. That the in-depth study be a joint project with the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee (subject to that Committee is in agreement).

3. That the Council be requested to appoint a joint Working Party comprising 8 Members (proportionality to apply) which will manage the in depth project.

4. That officers proceed with background work in advance of the scope of the topic being fully developed.

5. That the information attached at Appendix 3 to the Report, the summary of work of the 3 Scrutiny Committees during 2015/2016, be noted.

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function save for Resolution 3 above which is a Council function.

111 Minutes of the Meeting of Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 be received and noted and the recommendations therein endorsed.

Note: This is a Scrutiny Function.

112 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.

113 Waste Disposal - Contract Issues

The Committee considered Minute 70 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Place on the this matter.

Resolved:

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the submitted report be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Cox

Chairman: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee B

Date: Tuesday, 12th July, 2016
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor R Hadley (Chairman)
Councillors D McGlone (Vice-Chair) and M Butler

In Attendance: T Row, P Tremayne, A Penn and M Newton

Start/End Time: 10.00 - 11.30 am

114 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

115 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

116 208 Eastern Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3AD - Application for Grant of Premises Licence

The Sub Committee received a report by the Corporate Director for Place regarding an application by Raymond Kwan Nga Ho for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of 208 Eastern Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3AD.

The application was presented by Mr P West, the Applicant's Licensing Consultant. The Applicant, Mr Kwan Nga Ho, attended the meeting with his daughter, Miss J Ho.

The Sub Committee noted that whilst two of the Responsible Authorities, namely Essex Police and the Environmental Protection Team, had initially objected to the application, conditions had been agreed between these parties should the application be granted which addressed their concerns. Accordingly, those initial objections had been withdrawn on this basis.

Objections had however, been received from 11 other interested parties, namely ten local residents and one local Councillor. The objection from the local Councillor had been subsequently withdrawn prior to the meeting. Additionally, at the meeting, the Sub Committee was informed that the objection from Mrs Sims on behalf of the residents of Faversham Lodge had also now been withdrawn. None of the objectors attended the meeting.

Clarification was given that the area for licensable activities would only be that area shown as the bar and customer area as illustrated on the plan titled drawing no. L-101/01 dated March 2005.

The Sub Committee considered all the evidence and submissions that had been made at the meeting and the written documentation that had been presented prior to the meeting. The Sub Committee also had regard to the National Guidelines and the Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and considered the four licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm, as they related to this application.

After consideration of the objections and on the basis of the evidence presented to them, the sub-committee did not consider the promotion of the licensing objectives would be undermined by the granting of this application.

The Sub Committee therefore:

Resolved:

That the application be granted subject to:

1. The mandatory conditions set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director for Place.
2. The conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule set out in Appendix 2 to the report of the Corporate Director for Place.
3. The conditions agreed between the applicant and the Environmental Protection Team and Essex Police as set out in Appendix 3 to the report of the Corporate Director for Place.
4. The following additional conditions offered by the applicant:
 - (i) External bottle bins shall not be used between the hours of 9.00 p.m. until 9.00 a.m.
 - (ii) Signs shall be displayed at the premises in a prominent position informing patrons that no drinks or drinking vessels shall be taken outdoors.

Chairman: _____

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 12th July, 2016
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor J Moyies (Chair)
Councillors C Nevin (Vice-Chair), B Arscott, M Assenheim, H Boyd,
S Buckley, M Butler, D Garston, S Habermel, A Jones, H McDonald*,
G Phillips, M Stafford, P Wexham and C Walker
A Semmence, A Clarke and L Crabb (co-opted members)
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors L Salter and J Courtenay (Executive Councillors)
Councillor C Mulroney
F Abbott, D Simon, S Leftley, A Atherton, Brin Martin, I Ambrose,
J O'Loughlin and T MacGregor

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 9.10 pm

117 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Borton (substitute Cllr McDonald), Councillor Endersby (no substitute) and from Mr Rickett (co-opted member).

118 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

- (a) Councillors Salter and Courtenay - interest in the referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (b) Councillor Salter – agenda item relating to Success Regime – non-pecuniary interest – husband is Consultant Surgeon at Southend Hospital and holds senior posts at the Hospital;
- (c) Councillor Nevin - agenda item relating to Success Regime - non-pecuniary – previous employee at Southend Hospital; NHS Employee at Barts; 2 children work at MEHT and sister works for the Department of Health;
- (d) Councillor Jones - agenda item relating to Success Regime - non-pecuniary – on patient participation group at GP surgery;
- (e) Councillor Moyies - agenda item relating to Success Regime - non-pecuniary – member of Task & Finish Group re Shoeburyness Health centre;
- (f) Councillor Assenheim - agenda item relating to Success Regime - non-pecuniary – member of Task & Finish Group re Shoeburyness Health centre;
- (g) Councillor Arscott - agenda item relating to Schools Progress report – non pecuniary – Governor at Our lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School;
- (h) Councillor Boyd - agenda item relating to School Progress report – non-pecuniary – Governor at Westcliff High School for Girls and South East Essex Academy Trust, south east Essex Teaching School Alliance;

- (i) Councillor Jones - agenda item relating to School Progress report – non-pecuniary – Governor at Milton Hall primary School;
(j) A Clarke – agenda item relating to Ofsted Inspection – non-pecuniary – foster carer, providing respite for LAC / NEETs.

119 Questions from Members of the Public

Councillor Courtenay, the Executive Councillor for Children & Learning responded to a written question from Mr Webb and Councillor Salter, the Executive Councillor for Health and Adult Social Care responded to a written question from Mr Webb.

120 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April, 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th April, 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

121 Success Regime - presentation

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman welcomed the following to the meeting for this item - Sue Hardy, Chief Executive of Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, N Rothnie, Medical Director and Robert Shaw, Director of Acute Commissioning and Contracting, Southend CCG who provided an overview of the key areas of the Success Regime and the challenges and implications locally.

The following were also present for this item - Wendy Smith, Interim Communications Lead for the Mid and South Essex Success Regime, Clare Hankey, Southend Hospital and Dr K Baryusa, Southend Hospital

This was followed by Q&A from the members of the Committee, covering a number of issues:-

- Workstreams set up under 2 broad headings – local health & care and in hospital;
- Primary care changes & moving to locality working offering expanded services;
- Role of primary care, GP services moving forward;
- Emergency care design – clinically lead;
- Inspection regime going forward;
- Mention of pilot underway in nursing homes;
- Whole system model;
- Next steps and milestones and engagement.

Resolved:-

That the representative be thanked for the information presentation.

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function.

122 Ofsted Inspection outcome

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director for People which reported on the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and review of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board which was published on 7th July 2016.

The key judgements on Southend Children's Services was – 'Overall, Children's services in Southend-on-Sea require improvement to be good'. Two of the five graded areas were rated as good, namely adoption services and progress and achievement of care leavers.

The Corporate Director advised the Committee of the actions taken to date in response to the outcome of the Inspection and Review and of actions which are planned.

Resolved:-

1. To note the findings of the Inspection and Review.
2. To note that an Improvement Plan is being prepared and will be submitted to Cabinet on 20th September 2016.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor - Courtenay

123 Petition - Dual Diagnosis Worker

The Committee considered Minute 45 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, concerning the petition requesting the employment and funding of a dual diagnosis worker.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

"That additional dual diagnosis support is provided through the service developments rather than via recruitment of a "dual diagnosis worker" post, given that dual diagnosis work is not the exclusive province of a specific profession but rather a combined effort of the multi-disciplinary team."

Note:- This is an Executive Function.
Executive Councillor:- Salter

124 In Depth Scrutiny Report - Transition arrangements from Children's to Adult Life

The Committee considered Minute 48 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred to scrutiny, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services. This presented the final report of the in-depth scrutiny project 'Transition arrangements from Children's to Adult Life'.

Resolved: -

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That the report and recommendations from the in depth scrutiny project as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.

2. That it be noted that approval of any recommendations with budget implications will require consideration as part of future years’ budget processes prior to implementation.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillors : -Courtenay and Salter

125 Corporate Plan and Annual Report - 2016

The Committee considered Minute 490 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with a report of the Chief Executive presenting the Council’s draft Corporate Plan and Annual Report for 2016.

Resolved:-

That the following recommendation of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the draft Corporate Plan and Annual Report 2016, be approved.”

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Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

126 2015/16 Year End Performance Report

The Committee considered Minute 50 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with a report of the Chief Executive detailing the end of year position of the Council’s corporate performance.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the 2015/16 end of year position and accompanying analysis, be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

127 Information Management Strategy

The Committee considered Minute 51 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services presenting the Council’s revised Information Management Strategy.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of cabinet be noted:-

“That the Council’s Information Management Strategy, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

128 Proposal to establish a Southend Education Board

The Committee considered Minute 57 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for People on the proposed establishment of an Education Board for Southend on Sea.

Resolved:-

That the following recommendations of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That the establishment of the Education Board be approved.

2. That officers be requested to work with the current Schools Forum to ensure the efficient transition to a new Board.”

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Courtenay

129 Physical Activity Strategy

The Committee considered Minute 65 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Director of Public Health presenting the Southend-on-Sea Physical Activity Strategy 2016-2021.

In response to questions about performance indicators, the Director of Public Health said that she would be happy to look at including data around number of schools achieving a minimum of 2 hours of PE per week in the work going forward.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the Southend-on-Sea Physical Activity Strategy 2016-2021 and associated action plan, be approved.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillors:-Salter & Holland

130 Council Procedure Rule 46

The Committee considered Minute 67 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, concerning actions taken under Council Procedure Rule 46.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the submitted report be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor: As appropriate to the item.

131 Scrutiny Committee - Updates

The Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services which updated Members on some scrutiny matters, as follows:-

(a) health scrutiny role – information set out in section 3 of the report. A briefing paper providing information specifically on health and the health system locally has also recently been sent to members of the Committee – noted.

(b) urological cancer surgery in Essex – information set out in section 3 of the report. The Scrutiny Officer reported that NHS England have recently advised that the recommendation from the clinical oversight group is for Southend to be the preferred option. Prior to the recommendation going to their Regional Management Team, the Joint Committee will be asked for its views on future patient engagement/consultation.

(The Southend Members on the Joint Committee are Councillors Nevin and Boyd. Councillor D Garston is the substitute member).

The Joint Committee also wanted to speak to service user representatives to understand their concerns and views on engagement. The Joint Committee will be asked by NHS England to endorse/support and input into the engagement and consultation process not the decision itself.

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be arranged shortly.

(c) Committee appointment – information set out in section 4 of the report. A further Councillor (and substitute) from the Committee needs to be appointed to sit on the Joint Cttee looking at PET-CT scanner in South Essex. Councillor Nevin was reappointed by Council in May 2016 and can continue.

(d) prescribing of gluten free food – information set out at section 5 of the report – noted.

(e) Success Regime – information set out at section 6 of the report and Appendices 1 and 2 – noted.

(f) Draft Quality Report / Accounts 2015/16 – information set out at section 7 of the report - noted.

Resolved:-

1. That the report and actions taken be noted.

2. That Councillor Jones be appointed to sit on the Joint Committee looking at PET scanner in south Essex. Cllr D Garston to be nominated substitute (Cllr Nevin was reappointed by Council in May 2016 and can continue).

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function

132 Suggested in depth Scrutiny projects - 2016 / 17

The Committee considered a report by the Corporate Director for Corporate Services concerning the possible in depth scrutiny project to be undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee in 2016/17. The report also attached some information about the work carried out by the Scrutiny Committees in the 2015 / 16 Municipal Year.

Resolved:-

1. That the in-depth scrutiny project for 2016/1 will be on 'Alternative provision – offsite education provision for children & young people'.
2. To note that the following Members have been appointed to the Panel, which will manage the in depth project – Councillor Moyies (Chairman), Councillors Borton, Boyd, Buckley, Butler, Endersby, Nevin and Walker.
3. To note the information attached at Appendix 3 to the Report, the summary of work of the 3 Scrutiny Committees during 2015 / 2016.

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function.

133 Minutes of the Meeting of Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 be received and noted and the recommendations therein endorsed.

Note: This is a Scrutiny Function.

134 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.

135 Southend Clinical Commissioning Group - Invest to Save Support

(This item was discussed in the public part of the meeting).

The Committee considered Minute 69 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate

Director for Corporate Services on a proposal to offer financial support to Southend Clinical Commissioning Group for their invest to save programme.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That the investment of the sum, identified in the submitted report, into Southend Clinical Commissioning Group’s 2016/17 Invest to Save Programme, be approved.

2. That the repayment profile through return on investment be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Salter

136 Schools Progress Report

The Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for People.

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function.
Executive Councillor:- Courtenay

Chairman: _____

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 14th July, 2016
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor B Ayling (Chair)
Councillors D Kenyon (Vice-Chair), B Arscott, D Burzotta, M Butler,
*A Bright, L Davies, N Folkard, D Garston, I Gilbert, R Hadley,
C Mulroney, D Norman MBE, M Stafford, C Walker and J Ware-Lane

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors Flewitt and Moring (Executive Councillors)
Councillor Assenheim
R Tinlin, S Holland, J K Williams, I Ambrose, C Fozzard, D Patel, N
Corrigan, S Houlden and R Harris

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 7.15 pm

137 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phillips (Substitute: Councillor Bright).

138 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors Flewitt and Moring (Executive Councillors) – interests in all the referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

(b) Councillor Flewitt – Minute 146 (Debt Management) – Non-pecuniary interest – friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes; and Minute 153 (Suggested in-depth Scrutiny Projects – 2016/17) – Is a Magistrate in another area;

(d) Councillor Ayling – Minute 153 (Suggested In-depth Scrutiny Projects – 2016/17) – Non-pecuniary interest – family member is a Police Special Constable;

(e) Councillor Mulroney – Minutes 151 and 155 (Council Procedure Rule 46 regarding Elm Road Development) – Non-pecuniary interest – Member of Leigh Town Council who were consultees.

139 Questions from Members of the Public

The relevant Executive Councillors responded to written questions received from Mr Webb.

140 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14th April, 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14th April 2016 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

141 Notice of Motion - Trade Union Bill

The Committee considered Minute 47 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, concerning a notice of Motion requesting the Council support the campaign against the Trade Union Bill.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That it be noted that the Trade Union Bill has been passed and is a legal requirement on all employers.

2. That it also be noted that the Council will continue to work in partnership with trade union colleagues to facilitate productive working relationships.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

142 Corporate Plan and Annual Report - 2016

The Committee considered Minute 49 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together a report of the Chief Executive presenting the Council’s draft Corporate Plan and Annual Report for 2016.

Resolved:-

That the following recommendation of Cabinet be noted:

“That the draft Corporate Plan and Annual Report 2016 be approved.”

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Note:- This is a Council Function

Executive Councillor:- Lamb

143 2015/16 Year End Performance Report

The Committee considered Minute 50 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with a report of the Chief Executive detailing the end of year position of the Council’s corporate performance.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the 2015/16 end of year position and accompanying analysis, be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

144 Information Management Strategy

The Committee considered Minute 51 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet to all three Scrutiny Committees, together with a report the Corporate Director for Corporate Services presenting the Council’s revised Information Management Strategy

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:

“That the Council’s Information Management Strategy, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

145 Annual Treasury Management Report

The Committee considered Minute 52 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services detailing treasury activity for the period from April 2015 to March 2016 and reviewed performance against the Prudential Indicators for 2015/16.

Resolved:-

That the following recommendations of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16 and the outturn Prudential Indicators for the period from April 2015 to March 2016, be approved.

2. That it be noted that the financing of capital expenditure of £37.850m has been funded in accordance with the schedule set out in Table 1 of section 4 of the submitted report, with a reduced financing requirement of £1.287m.

3. That it be noted that Capital Financing and Treasury Management were carried out in accordance with statutory requirements, good practice and in compliance with the CIPFA (The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Prudential Code during 2015/16.

4. That, in respect of the return on investment and borrowing, the following be noted:

(a) The loan and investment portfolios were actively managed to minimise cost and maximise interest earned, whilst maintaining a low level of risk.

(b) That £1.22m of interest was earned during the whole of 2015/16 at an average rate of 1.27%. This is 0.91% over the benchmark of the 7 day LIBID (London Interbank Bid Rate) and 0.77% over bank base rate.

(c) That an average of £60.6m of investments were managed in-house. These earned £0.40m of interest during the year at an average rate of 0.65%. This is 0.29% over the average 7 day LIBID and 0.15% over the bank base rate.

(d) That an average of £24.1m of investments were managed by our external fund manager. These earned £0.18m of interest during the year at an average rate of 0.76%. This is 0.40% over the average 7 day LIBID and 0.26% over bank base rate.

(e) That an average of £10.7m was managed by two property fund managers. This earned £0.64m during the year from a combination of an increase in the value of the units and income distribution, giving a combined return of 5.95%.

(f) 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) decreased from £237.8m to £227.8m (Housing Revenue Account (HRA): £78.0m, General Fund (GF): £149.8m) by the end of 2015/16.

(g) That the level of financing for 'invest to save' schemes increased from £0.14m to £3.21m by the end of 2015/16."

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Moring

146 Debt Management - position to 31 March 2016

The Committee considered Minute 53 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services informing Members of the current outstanding debt to the Council as at 31st March 2016 and debts that had been or are recommended for write-off in the current financial year.

It was noted that in Appendix A of the report (summary of outstanding debt) under the column titled 'libraries' (Debt Position in respect of 2015/16), the figure of '280' should be deleted and replaced by '28'.

There was a general consensus to explain to the media/public the Council's position concerning its debt management policy.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:-

"1. That the current outstanding debt position as at 31st March 2016 and the position of debts written off to 31st March 2016 as set out in Appendices A and B to the submitted report, be noted.

2. That the write-off as set out in Appendix B to the submitted report, be approved.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Moring

147 Provisional Capital Outturn 2015/16

The Committee considered Minute 54 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services outlining the capital programme outturn for 2015/16 and sought approval for the relevant budget carry forwards, accelerated delivery requests and in-year amendments to the current approved programme.

Resolved:-

That the following recommendations of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That it be noted that the expenditure on the capital programme for 2015/16 totalled £37.850m against a budget of £39.137m, a delivery of 96.7%.

2. That the relevant budget carry forwards and accelerated delivery requests totalling a net £1.411m as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the submitted report, be approved.

3. That the virements, reprofiles and amendments and new external funding for schemes, as detailed in Appendices 3, 4 and 5 to the submitted report, be noted.

4. That the relevant changes to the budget identified since the approved capital programme was set at Council on 25th February 2016, as detailed in Appendix 6 to the submitted report, be approved.

5. That it be noted that the above changes will result in an amended Capital Programme of £191.656m for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 7 to the submitted report.”

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

148 Provisional Revenue Outturn 2015/16

The Committee considered Minute 55 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services on the provisional revenue outturn for 2015/16.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That the provisional revenue outturn for the General Fund and HRA for 2015/16 be noted.

2. That the appropriation of revenue funds to and from earmarked reserves, as set out in paragraph 4.6 and paragraph 5.4 to the submitted report, be approved.”

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

149 Annual Report - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2015/16

The Committee considered Minute 56 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Corporate Director for Corporate Services on the Council’s use of the surveillance powers available to it under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (“RIPA”) in respect of the period 1st April 2015 to the 31st March 2016 and set out the Council’s “Policy and Procedures for undertaking Directed Covert Surveillance and the use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources”.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:-

“1. That it be noted that the Council has not used the surveillance powers available to it under RIPA between 1st April 2015 and the 31st March 2016 and neither has it used any covert human intelligence sources during this period.

2. That the Council’s “Policy and Procedures for undertaking Directed Covert Surveillance and the use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources” set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report with the amendments highlighted, be endorsed.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Executive Councillor:- Moring

150 Senior Management Arrangements

The Committee considered Minute 66 of Cabinet held on 28th June 2016, which had been referred direct by Cabinet, together with a report of the Chief Executive proposing amendments to the senior management structures and departmental arrangements to reflect continuing reductions in staff numbers, budget pressures and the need to consolidate the public health service in the wider Council structure.

Resolved:

That the following recommendations of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the proposed amendments to the senior management numbers and structures be approved and that, subject to no substantive adverse response to consultations, the implementation of the proposals be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

2. That the Chief Executive be delegated the authority to make the necessary adjustments to responsibilities and duties as a result of these changes and that appropriate amendments be made to the Constitution to reflect the new senior management structure once implemented.

3. That it be noted that the Chief Executive will bring forward a second report in the Autumn to address the outcome of the review of the public health function and to address other structural issues to facilitate recruitment and retention and succession planning and that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to take other decisions to facilitate the recommendations in the report.”

Note:- This is a Council Function
Executive Councillor:- Lamb

151 Council Procedure Rule 46

The Committee considered Minute 67 of Cabinet which had been referred to Scrutiny concerning actions taken under Council Procedure Rule 46.

With regard to the Elm Road Development Brief item it was clarified that the report at this point should read as follows:

*As a result of various changes in circumstance in the area of the Elm Road Development Brief and in consideration of feedback from the latest public consultation, the brief **is** not to be adopted or progressed and will **not** carry any weight as an planning document.*

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the submitted report be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function.
Executive Councillor: As appropriate to the item

152 Minutes of the Meeting of Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 be received and noted and the recommendations therein endorsed.

Note: This is a Scrutiny Function.

153 Suggested in depth Scrutiny projects - 2016 / 17

The Committee considered a report by the Corporate Director for Corporate Services concerning the possible in depth scrutiny projects to be undertaken by

the Scrutiny Committee in 2016/17. The report also attached some information about the work carried out by the Scrutiny Committees in the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Committee welcomed the suggestion that a joint in-depth study be undertaken in conjunction with the Place Scrutiny Committee to investigate the case for additional enforcement resources for Southend. This proposal had been welcomed at the Place Scrutiny Cttee meeting held earlier in the week (Minute 110 refers).

The Committee supported the proposal for a joint Working Party comprising 8 Members, to be appointed at the next meeting of the Council. It was also agreed that officers can proceed with background work in advance of the scope of the topic being fully developed.

Resolved:

1. That the in-depth scrutiny project for 2016/17 be 'To investigate the case for additional enforcement resources for Southend.

2. That the in-depth study be a joint project with the Place Scrutiny Committee.

3. That the Council be requested to appoint a joint Working Party comprising 8 Members (proportionality to apply) which will manage the in depth project. ||

4. That officers proceed with background work in advance of the scope of the topic being fully developed.

5. That the information attached at Appendix 3 to the Report, the summary of work of the 3 Scrutiny Committees during 2015/2016, be noted.

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function save for Resolution 3 above which is a Council function.

154 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.

155 Council Procedure Rule 46

The Committee considered Minute 71 of Cabinet which had been referred to Scrutiny concerning actions taken under Council Procedure Rule 46.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the submitted report be noted.”

Note:- This is an Executive Function.
Executive Councillor: Moring

Chairman: _____

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Notice of Motion
Estate Agent Fees and practices

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We call upon this Council to investigate estate agent fees and practices.

The critical demand for temporary accommodation and subsequent rent increases seen in recent years, has created a problem in the town.

It is therefore requested that the Council starts an investigation into this issue, working with SEAL and residents associations to get a clear and honest picture of what is happening & promote a better private rental culture to protect tenants and landlords interests.

Proposed – Cllr Davies
Seconded – Cllr Callaghan

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