

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 12th July, 2016

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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: _____