

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 18th July, 2019

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor J Lamb (Chair)
Councillors M Flewitt (Deputy Chair), S Ayles, J Beck, H Boyd, K Buck, L Burton, D Burzotta, A Chalk, P Collins, D Cowan, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, K Evans, N Folkard, D Garne, D Garston, George, I Gilbert, S Habermel, T Harp, B Hooper, D Jarvis, M Kelly, H McDonald, D McGlone, K Mitchell, A Moring, C Mulrone, D Nelson, C Nevin, K Robinson, L Salter, I Shead, M Stafford, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, N Ward, C Walker, P Wexham, C Willis and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 10.45 pm

207 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ayling, Borton, Bright, Jones and Van Looy.

208 Declarations of Interest

- **Councillor Ayling**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th July 2019

Minute 143 (Petition Against New Parking Charges - Referred by Council on 17th April 2019) and Minute 144 (Petition Relating to the High Street and Two Hours Free Parking - Referred by Council 17th April 2019) – Non-pecuniary interest: Handed the petitions at full Council;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

Minute 189 (Recruitment of Special Constables) – non-pecuniary – son is a Special Constable.

- **Councillor Borton**

Licensing Committee C – 26th June 2019

Minute 105 (Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stand outside Southend Hospital) – Non-pecuniary interest: Regular user of buses;

- **Councillor Beck**

Cabinet – 25th June 2019

Minute 75 (Southend Town Centre & Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary interest – owns a property within the boundary of the PSPO;

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

Minute 199 (PSPO) – non-pecuniary interest – owns a property within the boundary of the PSPO;

- **Councillor Burzotta**

- **Council – 18th July 2019**

- Agenda Item 35 (Opposition Business – Parking on Seafront and High Street Areas) – non-pecuniary interest – family business in multiple locations across the borough;

- **Councillor Chalk**

- **Development Control Committee – 3rd July 2019**

- Minute 126 (18/00839/FUL - Land Rear of 106 to 112 High Street, Shoeburyness) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the general area.

- **Councillor Collins**

- **Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019**

- Minute 49 (19/00663/FUL – 28 Bellhouse Crescent, Leigh-on-Sea) – non-pecuniary interest – owners of property are known to him;

- **Councillor Cowan**

- **Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019**

- Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Wells Avenue and Rochford Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Worked with residents on the issues and presented concerns on their behalf;

- **Council – 18th July 2019**

- Agenda Item 34(a) (Notice of Motion: HRA Lundy Close) – non-pecuniary interest – has advised residents on planning procedures and rights of objection;

- **Councillor Cox**

- **Council – 18th July 2019**

- Agenda Item 34 (Notice of Motion – Seaway Car Park Development - Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – family member is employed by Stockvale and is a business involved in discussions with regard to the development and lobbying of Councillors (withdrew).

- **Councillor Davidson**

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- Minute 186 (Cabinet Working Parties); Minute 187 (Housing Update); Minute 193 (Risk Register); Minute 196 (Debt Management) – non-pecuniary - Non-Executive Director South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor Dent**

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- Minute 185 (Southend Town Centre); Minute 199 (Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary – lives near to the proposed PSPO area; Minute 195 (Capital Outturn) – non-pecuniary – lives opposite a property mentioned in report;

- **Councillor K Evans**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

Minute 189 (Special Constables) – non-pecuniary interest – member of Leigh Town Council;

- **Councillor Flewitt**

Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019

Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Wells Avenue and Rochford Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Worked with residents on the issues in Wells Avenue and residents in Rochford Road are known to him;

Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019

Minute 34 (19/00086/FULM – 277 Prince Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea) – non-pecuniary interest - Had referred the application to the Committee;

Minute 36 (19/00565/FULM – Rear of 95 Prince Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea) – non-pecuniary interest – had referred the application to the Committee and liaised between residents and the applicant's agent;

Minute 45 (19/00384AMDT – Garages, Rochford Road, Westcliff-on-Sea) – non-pecuniary interest – had referred the application to the Committee and had named the housing the new housing;

Minute 46 (18/02007/FUL – Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane, Southend-on-Sea) – non-pecuniary interest – had lobbied against the application.

Cabinet – 25th June 2019

Minute 76 (Housing Update) – non-pecuniary interest – friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes Ltd;

Minute 77 (Southend Safeguarding Partnership) – non-pecuniary interest – member of the Foster Panel;

Minute 78 (Housing Allocation Policy Review) – non-pecuniary interest – have residents on waiting list who may be removed;

Minute 85 (Notice of Motion – Traveller Incursions) – non-pecuniary interest – has written and spoken on the issue;

Licensing Committee – 26th June 2019

Minute 99 (Proposal to amend conditions in relation to licensing of taxi drivers) – non-pecuniary interest – as the Deputy Mayor uses a taxi as contracted;

People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019

Minute 161 (Southend 2050 – vision of young people which improves their lives) – non-pecuniary interest – member of the Foster Panel;

Minute 162 (Southend Safeguarding Partnership) - non-pecuniary interest – member of the Foster Panel

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

Minute 187 (Housing Update) – non-pecuniary interest – friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes Ltd;

Minute 188 (Housing Allocation Policy Review) – non-pecuniary interest – have residents on waiting list who may be removed;

Minute 190 (Notice of Motion – Traveller Incursions) – non-pecuniary interest – has written and spoken on the issue;

- **Councillor Folkard**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- Minute 170 (Scrutiny Committee updates) – non-pecuniary – Ambassador for Fund Raising Team at Southend Hospital; relative works at Broomfield Hospital; on the reading panel at Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor Garston**

- **Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019**

- Minute 46 (18/02007/FUL - Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) - Non-pecuniary interest: The applicant is known to him

- **Cabinet – 25th June 2019**

- Minute 75 (PSPO) – non-pecuniary interest – son owns a home within the boundary of the PSPO;

- **Cabinet Committee (PVX) – 27th June 2019**

- Minute 114 (Permanent Vehicular Crossing (PVX) Exceptional Circumstances Application Ref: 18/00309a) – Non-pecuniary interest: Knows the parents of the applicant;

- **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- Minute 199 (PSPO) – non-pecuniary interest – son owns a home within the boundary of the PSPO;

- **Councillor Gilbert**

- **Cabinet – 25th June 2019**

- Minute 73 (Town Centre Report) – non-pecuniary interest – place of work is near High Street;

- **Special Cabinet – 8th July 2019**

- Minute 133 – PSPO – non-pecuniary interest – place of work within the boundary of the PSPO;

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – 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;

- Minute 185 (Town Centre Scrutiny Report); Minute 199 (Southend Town Centre & Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary – place of work is within the boundary of the PSPO;

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- Minute 142 (Reimagining the Town Centre in the Context of 2050) – Non-pecuniary interest: Place of work is close to the High Street.

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – 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;

- **Councillor Habermel**

- **Licensing Committee C – 26th June 2019**

- Minute 105 (Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stand outside Southend Hospital) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friend works at Southend Hospital.

- **Councillor Harp**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – 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;

- **Councillor Hooper**

- **Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019**

- Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Hadleigh Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity and knows residents in the area;

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- Minute 169 (Schools Progress Report) – non-pecuniary – son attends secondary school in Borough; Director of Blade Education (a not-for-profit company);

- **Councillor Jones**

- **Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019**

- Minute 35 (19/00420/BC4M - Chalkwell Hall Infants School) – Pecuniary interest: Portfolio holder for Children and Learning.

- **Special Cabinet – 8th July 2019**

- Minute 133 – PSPO – non-pecuniary interest – lives within the boundary of the PSPO;

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – 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;

- **Councillor Kelly**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- Minute 170 (Scrutiny Committee updates) – non-pecuniary – employer is EPUT, mentioned in report;

- **Councillor McDonald**

- **Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019**

- Minute 37 (19/00600/FUL - Land rear of Highlands Court) - Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Partners mum lives in Highlands Court and has use of the mentioned garages

Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019

Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Arnold Avenue, Beresford Road, Burnaby Road, Burdett Road, Beach Road and Kursaal Way) – Non-pecuniary interest: Worked with residents in the area to explain the process;

Licensing Committee – 26th June 2019

Minutes 99, 100 and 101 – Non-pecuniary interest: Supports young and vulnerable people;

Cabinet Committee (PVX) – 27th June 2019

Minute 114 (Permanent Vehicular Crossing (PVX) Exceptional Circumstances Application Ref: 17/00112) – Non-pecuniary interest: Know the mother of the applicant;

Special Cabinet – 8th July 2019

Minute 133 – PSPO – non-pecuniary interest – place of work within the boundary of PSPO;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

Minute 185 (Southend Town Centre); Minute 199 (Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary – place of work is within the boundary of the PSPO;

- **Councillor McGlone**

Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019

Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Wells Avenue and Rochford Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Residents in the area are known to him;

- **Councillor Mitchell**

Licensing Committee – 26th June 2019

Minutes 99, 100 and 101 – Non-pecuniary interest: - employer is Essex County Council, in Children and Families directorate.

People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019

Minute 162 (Southend Safeguarding Partnership) – non-pecuniary – employer is Essex County Council, in Children & Families Directorate; adult child in supported living in receipt of continuing health care / social care funding;

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

Minute 190 (Notice of Motion – Traveller incursions) – non-pecuniary interest – works for Essex County Council, in Children and Families directorate;

Council – 18th July 2019

Agenda Item 11 (E-Petition – Residents Parking Permits for Mariner House) – non-pecuniary interest - residents of Mariner House are known to her;
Agenda Item 32 (Notice of Motion – Climate Change) – non-pecuniary interest – local co-ordinators of Extinction Rebellion are known to her;
Agenda Item 33 (Notice of Motion – Better Queensway) – non-pecuniary interest – residents who live within the area of the proposed development are known to her;

- **Councillor Mulroney**

- **Cabinet – 25th June 2019**

- Minute 90 (Capital Outturn Report) – non-pecuniary interest – member of Leigh Town Council.

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – 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;

- Minute 170 (Scrutiny Committee updates) – non-pecuniary – relative works at Broomfield Hospital.

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- (Cabinet Member) – 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;

- Minute 189 (Recruitment of Special Constables) – non-pecuniary interest – member of Leigh Town Council;

- Minute 195 (Capital Outturn) – non-pecuniary – member of Leigh Town Council;

- **Councillor Nelson**

- **Council – 18th July 2019**

- Agenda Item 10 – Question 7 from Cllr McGlone) – non-pecuniary interest – lives on the estate mentioned in the question;

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- Minute 163 (Annual Public Health Report) – non-pecuniary interest – wife is a nurse;

- Minute 170 (Scrutiny Committee Updates) – non-pecuniary interest – employer is an MP;

- **Councillor Nevin**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- Minute 163 (Annual Public Health Report) and Minute 170 (Scrutiny Committee updates) - non-pecuniary – NHS employee at external Trust; previous association at Southend & MEHT Hospitals; sons work at MEHT; sister works at Basildon Hospital; niece works for Public Health England;

- **Councillor Robinson**

- **Cabinet – 25th June 2019**

- Minute 77 and Minute 79 (Southend Safeguarding Partnership Report, Annual Public Health Report) – non-pecuniary interest – NHS employee in town;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th July 2019

(Cabinet Member) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019

Minute 162 (Southend Safeguarding Partnership Report); Minute 163 (Annual Public Health Report) – non-pecuniary interest – NHS employee in town;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

(Cabinet Member) – 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;

- **Councillor Salter**

People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019

Minute 170 - Scrutiny Committee - updates – non-pecuniary - husband is consultant Surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is GP in the Borough;

Health & Wellbeing Board – 12th June 2019

Minute 65 – Primary Care Networks - non-pecuniary - husband is consultant Surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is GP in the Borough;

- **Councillor Terry**

Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019

Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Arnold Avenue, Beresford Road, Burnaby Road, Burdett Road, Beach Road and Kursaal Way) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Residents in the area affected are very well known to him (withdrew);

Cabinet – 25th June 2019

Minute 75 (Southend Town Centre & Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary interest – lives in proposed PSPO area;

Cabinet Committee (PVX) – 27th June 2019

Minute 114 (Permanent Vehicular Crossing (PVX) Exceptional Circumstances Application Ref: 17/00112 and Ref: 18/00298) – Non-pecuniary interest: Know the mother of the applicant (17/00112) and lives in the vicinity (18/00298);

- **Councillor Thompson**

Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019

Minute 46 (18/02007/FUL - Cockenthurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) - Non-pecuniary interest: The applicant is known to him.

- **Councillor Van Looy**

- **Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019**

- Minute 39 (19/00528/FUL - 169 Manchester Drive) - Non-pecuniary interest: Brother lives on Manchester drive and agenda item 18 (18/02007/FUL - Cockenthurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) - Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: The applicant is a close friend.

- **Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019**

- Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Arnold Avenue, Beresford Road, Burnaby Road, Burdett Road, Beach Road and Kursaal Way) – Non-pecuniary interest: Knows residents in Beresford Road;

- **Councillor Wakefield**

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- Minute 185 (Southend Town Centre); Minute 199 (Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary – has business in the proposed PSPO area;

- **Councillor Walker**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 9th July 2019**

- Minute 163 (Annual Public Health Report) – non-pecuniary interest – daughter is a student nurse;

- **Councillor Ward**

- **Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019**

- Minute 50 (19/00675/FUL - The Trinity, 3 Trinity Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: He is an owner of a guesthouse.

- **Development Control Committee – 3rd July 2019**

- Minute 125 (19/00795/FUL - 135 Carlingford Drive, Westcliff-On-Sea, Essex, SS0 0SD) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employed by company which has undertaken work at this address;

- **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- Minute 199 (Southend Town Centre and PSPO) – non-pecuniary interest – owns a business in the PSPO area;

- **Councillor Wexham**

- **Development Control Committee – 5th June 2019**

- Minute 41 (19/00502/FULH - 64 Mount Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: The resident of 65 Mount Avenue is known to him and Agenda item 18 (18/02007/FUL - Cockenthurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) - Non-pecuniary interest: The applicant is known to him.

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019**

- Minute 186 (Cabinet Working Parties); Minute 187 (Housing Update); Minute 193 (Risk Register); Minute 196 (Debt Management) – non-pecuniary - Non-Executive Director South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor Woodley**

Cabinet Committee – 6th June 2019

Minute 56 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Wells Avenue and Rochford Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter is a pilot flying out of Southend Airport.

Cabinet Committee (PVX) – 27th June 2019

Minute 114 (Permanent Vehicular Crossing (PVX) Exceptional Circumstances Application Ref: 17/00112) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Has been assisting neighbouring residents on a land issue (withdrew) (The chair for this item was taken by the Vice-Chair, Councillor Robinson).

Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th July 2019

(Cabinet Member) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

(Cabinet Member) – 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;

All Councillors declared an interest in Minute 237 (Review of Members' Allowances). However on 11th July 2012 the Standards Committee granted a dispensation to all Councillors to participate and vote on Members' Allowances and this was endorsed by Council on 19th July 2012.

Officer Interests

Cabinet – 25th June 2019

A Griffin – Minute 75 (Southend Town Centre & Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary interest – lives within the proposed PSPO area;

Special Cabinet – 8th July 2019

A Griffin – Minute 133 - PSPO – non-pecuniary interest - lives within the proposed PSPO area;

S Leftley – Minutes 134 and 136 (Reconfiguration of Corporate Management) – pecuniary interest (withdrew).

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 11th July 2019

A Griffin – Minute 199 (Southend Town Centre & Seafront Public Spaces Protection Order) – non-pecuniary – lives within the proposed PSPO area;

209 Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 17th April 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

210 Minutes of the Annual Council held Thursday 9th May 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9th May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

211 Minutes of the meeting of Appointments Council held Thursday 16th May 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Appointments Meeting held on 16th May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

212 Minutes of the meeting of Extraordinary Council held Monday 3rd June 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3rd June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

213 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13th June 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 13th June be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

214 Communications

(a) Minutes Silence

The Council stood for a one minutes silence as a mark of respect to Mrs Nora Goodman and Mr Christopher Bailey (former Councillors) who sadly passed away recently.

(b) Youth Mayor

The Worshipful the Mayor presented the badge of office to the new Youth Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Whitehouse.

215 Questions from Members of the Public

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written questions received from members of the public.

216 Questions from Councillors

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written questions received from Councillors.

217 Petition: Residents Parking Permits for Mariner House

Councillor Mitchell presented a petition on behalf of local residents concerning parking permits for Mariner House.

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 15.7, the petition be referred to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) to respond.

218 Petition: Improve Street Lighting and Increase CCTV for Pleasant Road

Councillor Collins presented a petition on behalf of local residents for improved street lighting and increased CCTV coverage for the Pleasant Road area.

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 15.7, the petition be referred to the Cabinet.

219 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee A held Thursday, 30 May 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

220 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 5 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

221 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held Thursday, 6 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

222 Minutes of the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board held Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

223 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Tuesday, 25 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 71, 74, 76, 82, 84, 89, 90 and 92, be approved.

224 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

225 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee C held Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

226 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee B held Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

227 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee (PVX) held Thursday 27th June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

228 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee A held Friday, 28 June 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

229 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee A held Monday, 1 July 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

230 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 3 July 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

231 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee A held Thursday, 4 July 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

232 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held Monday, 8 July 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 134 and 136, be approved.

233 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held Monday 8th July 2019

Prior to consideration of Minute 152 (Request for waiting restrictions) the Deputy Leader (Transport, Capital and Inward Investment) made the following statement of clarification to the Council on how Councillor requests for traffic schemes are dealt with:

“Councillors will be aware that there has been some misinterpretation of comments I made at the close of a Traffic Regulation Working Party. I want to take the opportunity to clearly set out my position.

There is an agreed process from November 2018 for proposals to be considered by the Traffic Regulation Working Party/Cabinet Committee as and when they arise.

These schemes, whether originating from councillors, the public or officers, are assessed by officers with an appropriate report to the Working Party.

The Working Party/Cabinet Committee then decide whether they should progress or be deferred.

These schemes are then dealt with by the Highways team. They are progressed primarily in chronological order, subject to staff resources, budgets and safety consideration.

Every year more schemes are added to this list than the Highways team has the capacity and resource to complete. Inevitably, a significant backlog has built up.

I have asked officers to focus on the existing list of projects as a priority and determine what additional resources might be necessary to clear the backlog within a reasonable period.

New schemes that are required for safety or emergency reasons would of course continue to be assessed and processed by officers as usual. This is not a change to the overall process.

I would have thought that this would have been welcomed by my fellow Councillors as a way of dealing with this issue for the benefit of our local residents.”

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations in Minutes 141, 145, 146, 150 and 152, be approved.

234 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held Tuesday 9th July 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 160 and 167, be approved.

235 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee A held Wednesday 10th July 2019

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

236 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Thursday 11th July 2019

Prior to consideration of Minute 184 (Revised Southend 2050 – Five Year Road Map) the Deputy Leader (Transport, Capital and Inward Investment) made the following statement to Full Council:

‘This new administration is a listening one, and we have heard the concerns of local businesses, residents and visitors in respect of a number of parking issues.

We have therefore given careful consideration to what changes could be made to help alleviate some of these concerns, and I would like to announce that we will be pursuing the four following initiatives as quickly as possible:

2a: Re-instatement of 1-hour parking in town centre car parks

As an administration we want to support the town centre whilst we consider how we implement many of the findings of the joint scrutiny project.

Firstly, we will be re-instating the 1-hour parking band in town centre car parks.

We will be doing this as quickly as possible, but we must of course comply with the necessary formalities, including altering the relevant parking orders, and the subsequent re-configuration of parking meters and changes to signage to reflect the new charges.

We expect this to be in place in October which will support local traders and shoppers in the run up to Christmas.

We estimate there will be a small loss in income of around £25,000 in this financial year which will be met from our contingency budget. However, we believe that this small investment will be worth it given the impact this will have on the vitality of the town centre.

We propose to build this change into next year's budget.

In addition, the administration will also give consideration to re-introducing the one hour band to other car parks that currently have a two-hour minimum charge, such as Western Esplanade.

2b: To remove charges for non-resident blue badge holders

A decision to charge all non-resident blue badge holders for parking in our car parks was made as part of a previous budget decision.

Cabinet has reviewed this decision and have agreed to reverse this as soon as possible.

We will do this as quickly as possible, but we must of course comply with the necessary formalities, including altering the relevant parking order.

The loss in income is minimal and will be managed within existing budgets.

2c: Engaging of a third party supplier to follow through enforcement of Foreign Vehicles

It has been highlighted to me that the enforcement of Foreign Registered Vehicles has proved difficult as we do not have access to the European Vehicle Database. However; a company has been sourced who work with London boroughs and are willing to work with us.

The administration will therefore ask officers to engage this company to pursue owners of foreign registered vehicles that commit civil contraventions in Southend-on-Sea on a commission only basis, with no costs to the council.

2d: Additional enforcement officers

We understand that there is an appetite for increased parking enforcement, particularly in the vicinity of schools for example.

In response to this, and to address inconsiderate and dangerous parking, this administration will ask officers to engage with our parking contractor to supply five additional civil enforcement officers up to the end of March 2020.

The net cost of this proposal will be met from the business transformation reserve in 2019/20. We will assess the impact of this initiative and consider it as part of next year's budget setting."

During consideration of Minute 190 (Notice of Motion – Traveller Incursions) a requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 to refer the matter back to Cabinet, the voting was as follows:

For reference back:

Cllrs Aylen, Boyd, Buck, Burzotta, Cox, Davidson, Dear, F. Evans, K. Evans, Flewitt, Folkard, Garne, Garston, Habermel, Jarvis, McGlone, Moring, Nelson, Salter, Walker and Ward (21)

Against reference back:

Cllrs Beck, Burton, Chalk, Collins, Cowan, Dent, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Kelly, McDonald, Mitchell, Mulrone, Nevin, Robinson, Shead, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Wexham, Willis and Woodley (24)

Abstentions:

Cllr Lamb (1)

Absent:

Cllrs Ayling, Borton, Bright, Jones and Van Looy (5)

The motion for reference back was not carried.

During consideration of Minutes 200 and 206 (Reconfiguration of Corporate Management) a motion was proposed and seconded to refer the matter back to Cabinet.

The motion for reference back of Minutes 200 and 206 was not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 184, 186, 187, 190, 194, 195, 197, 200 and 206, be approved.

237 Review of Members' Allowances

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director (Legal & Democratic Services) presenting the report and recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances for the Council.

Resolved:

1. That the Basic Allowance be set at £9,200 (rounded down from £9,204 so that the allowance payable for both Southend and Thurrock Councils is aligned.

2. That the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) summarised in paragraph 31 of the JIPR report and the revised SRAs set out in paragraphs 32-40 of the report, be approved.

3. That the existing practice of not paying an SRA to Chairs of Working Parties, Panels and Task Forces, be reaffirmed.

4. That the existing practice of not paying an "acting-up" allowance to Councillors chairing committee meetings in the absence of the Chair or Vice-Chair, be reaffirmed.

5. That the allowance payable to the Independent Persons (paragraphs 49-52 of the JIRP report), be approved.

6. That, subject to the Members' Allowances Scheme clarifying (in line with advice issued by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles), that electric/hybrid vehicles are to be treated in the same way as petrol and diesel cars for the purposes of the payment of mileage allowances, the existing provisions in the Members' Allowances Scheme with regard to travelling and subsistence allowances, be reaffirmed.

7. That, subject to the Basic "Sitters" allowance being linked to the National Living Wage, the existing provisions in the Members' Allowances Scheme with regard to the Dependants' Carers' allowance, be reaffirmed.

8. That the following indices be applied to the remuneration and allowances paid to Members of the Council:

(a) Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility and Co-optees allowances to be indexed to the annual percentage salary increase for local government staff (at spinal point 49) to be implemented from the start of the municipal year, rather than the financial year, for which year it is applicable.

(b) Mileage allowances to be updated by reference to the rates which apply to Council officers (HMRC rates).

(c) Subsistence allowances to be updated by reference to the schemes which apply to Council officers.

(d) Basic "sitters" allowance be linked to the National Living Wage.

9. That the existing Members' Allowances Scheme be revoked and that the new Members' Allowances Scheme 2019-2023, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be approved and implemented on 1st August 2019.

238 Notice of Motion - Climate Change

Resolved:

That in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion, be referred to the Cabinet:

'SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Council notes the impacts of climate change which were considered in the Report on Global Warming, published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, that describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise; confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector; and states that all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies.

Furthermore, Council notes the recent statement from Government that the target for zero emissions is to be set at 2050, and the IPCC's finding that net-zero carbon dioxide emissions must be reached by 2030. Strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits; and recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

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Given the special situation of this Borough geographically, ecologically and environmentally, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council therefore declares a Climate Emergency requiring urgent action and commits to the following six actions, and in so doing calls on the Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to achieve them, and urges its local MPs to support this action and lobby Government accordingly -

1. *ensuring action is taken to achieve net-zero carbon by 2030 if not earlier for its activities, supporting and working with all other relevant agencies towards making the Borough zero carbon by that date and that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are aligned with a shift to zero carbon and achieving 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030 if not earlier, as part of the Borough's 2050 Vision;*
2. *ensuring that this work is embedded within all political and senior officer leadership teams in all areas to effect the reduction, as rapidly as possible, of carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, with any recommendations fully costed and that the Executive and Scrutiny Committees review Council policies, strategies and activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline. This leadership to be led across the Council by key roles selected by the Chief Executive and the Cabinet.*
3. *working with, influencing and inspiring partners across the Borough and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources and sets up a Climate Change Partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, climate science and solutions experts, businesses and other relevant parties, and in particular the young people who will have to live with the consequences of our actions, to consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develops a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2050 if not earlier, including ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors;*
4. *reporting on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry alongside sustainable and renewable energy schemes that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio;*
5. *ensuring that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the Council will lead and take to address this emergency;*
6. *considering other actions that could be implemented, such as renewable energy generation and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and encouraging alternatives to private car use, increasing the efficiency*

of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty; proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net carbon new developments and communities, coordinating a series of information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice;

Proposed by Cllrs Wexham, Mulroney and Dent

Seconded by Cllrs Collins, Hooper, Thompson and Mitchell”

239 Notice of Motion - Better Queensway

Resolved:

That in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion, be referred to the Cabinet:

'Better Queensway Development

Better Queensway is the largest regeneration project that this Council has undertaken for many years, and has been supported by both administrations since it was started.

The rebuilding of better homes for our tenants in the multi-story blocks and providing at least 600 new affordable homes, as well as producing a boost for our town centre , is to be commended.

In the light of the National Housing Shortage, this Council resolves,

- 1. To fully support our partners Swan Housing Association to expedite commencement and completion of the project at an early stage thus supporting this Council's 2050 ambition.*
- 2. To deliver updates at least twice a year to elected members to ensure that progress is not impeded in any way.*
- 3. To hold regular meetings with our tenants so that they are fully aware of the progress to date.*

Proposed by:

Cllr Davidson and Cllr Garston

Seconded By:

*Cllr Boyd, Cllr Bright, Cllr Buck, Cllr Burzotta, Cllr Cox, Cllr Dear, Cllr Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garne, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr McGlone, Cllr Moring, Cllr Nelson
Cllr Salter, Cllr Walker'*

240 Notice of Motion - Seaway Car Park Development

Resolved:

That in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion, be referred to the Cabinet:

'Seaway Car Park Development

A viable development on Seaway Car Park must satisfy the seafront's parking needs. The proposed development comprises a 1370 seat multi-screen cinema, 10 restaurants, an 80 bedroom hotel, bowling alley and an amusement centre. Currently, there are 661 car parking spaces at Seaway Car Park. The proposals only contains provision for 555 car parking spaces.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Provide additional parking spaces either at, or in the immediate vicinity, of the proposed Seaway Car Park Development to meet the shortfall of parking spaces.

2. Be in addition to any proposed increase of spaces at Tylers Avenue/York Road Car Park.

Proposed By: Cllr Buck and Cllr Davidson

Seconded By Cllr Boyd, Cllr Bright, Cllr Burzotta, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Dear, Cllr Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garne, Cllr Garston, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr McGlone, Cllr Moring, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Salter, Cllr Walker'

241 Notice of Motion - HRA Housing Lundy Close

Resolved:

That in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion, be referred to the Cabinet:

'This Council resolves to:

"abandon the HRA Housing build intention as being entirely unsuited to the Lundy Close (Off Western Approaches) site and although supporting affordable housing entirely, notes that the Lundy Close residents have presented a coherent and logical case as to why this build should not happen".

Proposed by: Cllr Flewitt

Seconded by: Cllr McGlone'

242 **Opposition Business - Parking on the Seafront and High Street Areas**

In accordance with Standing Order 19 the Conservative Group requested that parking on the seafront and High Street areas be debated this evening. The proposals were tabled at the meeting.

During consideration of this matter the Deputy Leader (Transport, Capital and Inward Investment) stated that the Administration supports the general thrust of this Opposition Business. However, he moved the following amendment which was seconded by the Leader of the Council and was unanimously supported by the Council:

'The Council therefore resolves that Cabinet should consider a detailed report from officers on proposals numbered 1 and 3-7.

In respect of proposal 2, Cabinet should proceed as quickly as possible to reinstate the 1 hour parking charge band in the Town Centre car parks.'

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet considers a detailed report from officers on proposals numbered 1 and 3-7.
2. That In respect of proposal 2, Cabinet proceeds as quickly as possible to reinstate the 1 hour parking charge band in Town Centre car parks.

243 **Appointments to Committees, Working Parties, etc**

Resolved:

1. That the Councillors set out on the attached list, as circulated at the meeting, be appointed as members and substitutes to the new Working Parties.
2. That the following changes to the appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies, be noted:
 - Councillor Mulroney to replace Councillor Wexham on the Development Control Committee;
 - Councillor Thompson to replace Councillor Mulroney on Appeals Committee B;
 - Councillor Wexham to replace Councillor Mulroney on the PSP Southend LLP;
 - Councillor Thompson to replace Councillor Mulroney on the Southend-on-Sea Forum Management Ltd;
 - Councillor Jarvis to replace Councillor Walker on the Southend Health and Wellbeing Board.

Chairman: _____