

# SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Meeting of The Council

**Date: Tuesday, 17th December, 2019**

**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

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

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 - 10.35 pm

### **586 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beck, Willis, Ward, Van Looy, Nelson, Burzotta, and Garston.

### **587 Declarations of Interest**

- **Councillor Aylen**

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 560 – Dog Poo DNA – non-pecuniary interest: dog owner;

- **Councillor Ayling**

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 558 – Parking Review Scope – non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a member of Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate and has talked to numerous residents regarding parking and presented two petitions at Council;

- **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 582 – Council Procedure Rule 46 (East Beach Café surrender of Lease) – non-pecuniary interest: member of Shoebury Watermans Association that has a licence for land at East Beach;

- **Councillor Borton**

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

**People Scrutiny Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 567 – Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures – non-pecuniary interest: EPUT mentioned in report and daughter is a Ward Manager at Basildon MHU;

- **Councillor Buck**

**Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 504 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions (Clarence Road/.Clarence Street) – non-pecuniary interest: Member of Licensing Committee which deals with Hackney Carriage Stands;

- **Councillor Chalk**

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Councillor Collins**

**Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 504 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions (Clarence Road/Clarence Street)– non-pecuniary interest: Son is a blue badge holder;

- **Councillor Cowan**

**Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 504 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions (Clarence Road/.Clarence Street) – non-pecuniary interest: Member of Licensing Committee which deals with Hackney Carriage Stands;

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

**Appeals Committee B – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 552 – School Transport Appeal (Pupil OA) – non-pecuniary interest: Governor at one of the schools mentioned in the papers;

**Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 558 – Parking Review Scope – non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a member of Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate;

**Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 577 – Notice of Motion: White Ribbon – non-pecuniary interest: White Ribbon Ambassador and Council representative with ‘safe steps’;

- **Councillor Cox**

- **Cabinet – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 513 – Notice of Motion – Dog Poo DNA – non-pecuniary interest: works for Barking and Dagenham Borough Council which was mentioned (withdrew);

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 560 – Notice of Motion – Dog Poo DNA – non-pecuniary interest: Employer mentioned in the report but not referred to or debated at the meeting;

- **Councillor Dear**

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Councillor Dent**

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- Minutes 535 and 536 – 19/00729/FUL and 19/00978 (Westcliff Eruv) – non-pecuniary interest: lives in the Eruv area;

- **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 577 – Notice of Motion: White Ribbon – non-pecuniary interest: White Ribbon Ambassador’;

- Minute 575 – Notice of Motion: Kursaal Museum – non-pecuniary interest: Ward Councillor and has lobbied for the Kursaal to be reopened;

- **Councillor F Evans**

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Councillor K Evans**

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 560 – Dog Poo DNA – non-pecuniary interest: dog owner;

- **Councillor Flewitt**

- **Cabinet – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 509 – Parking Review – non-pecuniary interest: discussed with residents and called in to Place Scrutiny Committee;

- Minute 510 – Housing Pipeline – non-pecuniary interest: Any reference to Lundy Close in St Laurence Ward;

- Minute 513 – Dog Poo DNA Notice of Motion – non-pecuniary interest: supported reference to Council and supported the motion;

Minute 514 – Fossets Farm Notice of Motion – non-pecuniary interest: supported the motion;

Minute 515 – Kursaal Museum Notice of Motion – non-pecuniary interest: supported the motion;

Minute 517 – White Ribbon Notice of Motion – non-pecuniary interest: Written about the issues of violence to men as well as women;

Minute 520 – Local Code of Governance – non-pecuniary interest: discussed issue in media of Councillor and officer behaviour in relation to Standards Board proposed work;

#### **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL – non-pecuniary interest: knows the agent of SK Architects;

Minute 541 – 19/01565/FUL – non-pecuniary interest: had representations from a resident on the application;

#### **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 558 – Parking Review Scope – non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a member of Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate;

#### **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 575 - Kursaal Museum Notice of Motion – non-pecuniary interest: supported the motion;

Minute 577 - White Ribbon Notice of Motion – non-pecuniary interest: Written about the issues of violence to men as well as women;

- **Councillor Folkard**

#### **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Councillor Garston**

#### **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 535 and 536 – 19/00729/FUL & 19/00978 (Westcliff Eruv) – non-pecuniary interest: Member of Finchley Road Synagogue in which the applicant is situated;

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

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- **Councillor George**

#### **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Minute 405 (Selective Licensing in the Private Rented Sector) – non-pecuniary interest: Council's representative on SEAL;

#### **Development Control – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 537 – 19/01195/BC3M (Land adjacent to the Forum, Elmer Approach) – non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed Director of The Forum Board;

- **Councillor Gilbert**

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

- **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

- **Councillor Harp**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

- Minute 567 – Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures) – non-pecuniary interest: SAVS mentioned in report and wife is an employee of SAVS;

- **Council – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

- Minute 590 (Public Question 3 – Shoebury Ambulance Station) – non-pecuniary interest: future family member is employee of EEAST

- **Councillor Hooper**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 569 – Schools Progress Report – non-pecuniary interest: son attends secondary school in borough; Director of Blade Education (a not-for-profit company) which recruits volunteers and works with local schools;

- **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 577 – Notice of Motion: White Ribbon – non-pecuniary interest: on the board of safe steps;

- **Councillor Jarvis**

- **Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 504 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions (Civic Centre Underground Car Park) – non-pecuniary interest: Uses the car park at weekends;

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 558 – Parking Review Scope – non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a member of Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate;

- Minute 562 - Requests for Waiting Restrictions (Civic Centre Underground Car Park) – non-pecuniary interest: Uses the car park at weekends;

- **Councillor Jones**

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 537 – 19/01195/BC3M (Land adjacent to the Forum, Elmer Approach) – pecuniary interest: Cabinet Member for Education (withdrew);
    - Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

- Minute 567 – Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures – non-pecuniary interest: Little hero's mentioned during discussion and is associated with this group;

- Minute 569 – Schools Progress Report – disqualifying non-pecuniary interest – attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

- **Councillor Kelly**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 567 – Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures – non-pecuniary interest: employer is EPUT, mentioned in the report;

- **Councillor McDonald**

- **Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 504 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions (Clarence Road/Clarence Street)– non-pecuniary interest: Member of Licensing Committee which deals with Hackney Carriage Stands and workplace is in Clarence Road;

- Minute 505 – Reference back of Minute 308 of Cabinet Committee held 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions: introduction of speed humps in Thorpe Bay Gardens) – non-pecuniary interest: lives in the vicinity;

- **Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- Minute 577 – Notice of Motion: White Ribbon – non-pecuniary interest: works at local charity supporting survivors of sexual violence and is a White Ribbon Champion/Ambassador;

- **Councillor Mitchell**

- **Council – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

- Minute 468 – Notice of Motion: Campfield Road Ambulance Station – non-pecuniary interest: Has campaigned with others to keep the station open;

- Minute 471 – Notice of Motion: Housing on Fossett's Farm – non-pecuniary interest: Has attended campaigns with Fossett's for the People;

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 537 – 19/01195/BC3M (Land adjacent to the Forum, Elmer Approach) – non-pecuniary interest: Ward Councillor;

**People Scrutiny Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 567 – Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures – non-pecuniary interest: daughter lives in supported living accommodation and formerly a Children’s Centre Manager until 2013;

**Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 560 – Dog Poo DNA – non-pecuniary interest: dog owner;  
Minute 559 – Notice of Motion: Climate Change – non-pecuniary interest: local members of Extinction Rebellion (ER) are known to her;

**Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 577 – Notice of Motion: White Ribbon – non-pecuniary interest: works with victims of domestic abuse within her role as family worker for Essex County Council;

- **Councillor Mulroney**

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 537 – 19/01195/BC3M (Land adjacent to the Forum, Elmer Approach) – pecuniary interest: Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning (withdrew);

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application and non-planning member of Leigh Town Council;

Minute 539 – 19/01540/FUL (The Ship Hotel, New Road) – non-pecuniary interest: non-planning member of Leigh Town Council;

**Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

Minute 558 – Parking Review Scope – non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a member of Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate;

- **Councillor Nelson**

**Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 575 – Notice of Motion: White Ribbon – non-pecuniary interest: a pending White Ribbon Ambassador;

- **Councillor Nevin**

**People Scrutiny Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 567 – Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures – non-pecuniary interest: niece works for Public Health England and is Council representative on Active Southend and is Chair;

- **Councillor Robinson**

**Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 503 – Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders (Osborne Road) – pecuniary interest: workplace is in next road and was mentioned in a resident’s representation (withdrew);

- **Councillor Terry**

**Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 504 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions (Civic Centre Underground Car Park and Eastern Esplanade) – non-pecuniary interest: Uses the Civic Centre car park at weekends and lives in the road (Eastern Esplanade);

**Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

**Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

- **Councillor Thompson**

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 537 – 19/01195/BC3M (Land adjacent to the Forum, Elmer Approach) – disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Trustee of the Forum;  
Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

- **Councillor Ward**

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;  
Minute 539 – 19/01540/FUL (The Ship Hotel, New Road) – non-pecuniary interest: Owner of guest house, not in the area;

**Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 558 – Parking Review Scope – non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a member of Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate;



- **Councillor Wakefield**

**Cabinet Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 504 – Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Clarence Road/Clarence Street) – non-pecuniary interest: shop is in the vicinity;

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application;

**Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 558 – Parking Review Scope – non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a member of Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate;

**Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 581 – Minutes of the Shareholder Board held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – pecuniary interest – sub-contractor and provides work for South Essex Homes (however, the matters relating to South Essex Homes were not discussed at this meeting);

- **Councillor Walker**

**Appeals Committee A – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Minute 482 – School Transport Appeal – Pupil KM – non-pecuniary interest: knows the Executive Head of Trust, referred to in papers;

**Development Control Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minute 538 – 19/01446/FUL (Development Land, Underwood Square) – non-pecuniary interest: A senior officer of the Council lives close by to the application and a friend lives close by;

- **Councillor Woodley**

**Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

**Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

**Council – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Minute \*\*\* (Councillor Questions: Southend Airport) – non-pecuniary interest: daughter is a pilot for EasyJet;

## **Officer Interests**

### **Cabinet 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

A. Lewis — Minutes 526 and 528 (The Shareholder Board minutes): Director of the Porters Place Southend LLP;

A. Griffin, A. Lewis, S. Leftley, J. Ruffle, J. Chesterton, J. Williams, C. Robinson, P. Geraghty, E. Cooney declared an interest in Minute 525 (Senior Managers Pay Panel).

### **Place Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

A. Lewis – Minute 558 (Parking Review Scope) – non-pecuniary interest: Director of the Porters Place Southend LLP in respect of the Better Queensway Development which was mentioned in the debate;

## **588 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Thursday 24 October 2019**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

## **589 Communications**

### **(a) Yule Log**

Councillor Aylen presented to the Council the Yule Log.

### **(b) Toy Drive Donations**

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented a certificate of appreciation to the Toy Drive Team in recognition of their work in organising the sixth annual Toy Drive. The Worshipful the Mayor also extended the Council's appreciation to the significant donations which have been received from:

Arriva  
Argosy Toys  
Rossendales  
Newlyn  
Christian Faith Small Group Shoebury  
Adventure Island

These donations and gifts will make a significant difference to the vulnerable children in Southend-on-Sea ensuring that everyone gets to open a present at Christmas regardless of their circumstances.

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

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

**591 Questions from Councillors**

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to questions received from Councillors.

**592 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee A held on Tuesday, 15 October 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**593 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on Thursday, 17 October 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**594 Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held on Wednesday, 23 October 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**595 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on Monday, 4 November 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**596 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 5 November 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 519, 520 and 524, be approved.

**597 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday, 6 November 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**598 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee C held on Friday, 8 November 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**599 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee B held on Wednesday, 13 November 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**600 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 25 November 2019**

During consideration of Minute 558 (Parking Review Scope) and Minute 560 (Notice of Motion: Dog Poo DNA) motions were proposed and seconded to refer the matters back to Cabinet.

The motions for reference back of Minute 558 and Minute 560 were not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**601 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 26 November 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

**602 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 28 November 2019**

During consideration of Minute 576 (Notice of Motion: Gender Neutral Language) the Leader of the Council clarified two points:

- (a) Policies would be updated over time as they are renewed; and
- (b) It is only intended to change the default position and Councillors would have the right to be addressed using gender-specific terms if they wished.

During consideration of Minute 576 (Notice of Motion: Gender Neutral Language) a requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.1 to refer the matter back to Cabinet, the voting was as follows:

For reference back:

Cllrs Aylen, Ayling, Bright, Buck, Chalk, Cox, Davidson, Dear, F. Evans, K. Evans, Flewitt, Folkard, Habermel, Jarvis, McGlone, Salter, Shead (17)

Against reference back:

Cllrs Borton, Boyd, Burton, Collins, Cowan, Dent, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Jones, Kelly, McDonald, Mitchell, Mulrone, Nevin, Robinson, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Wexham and Woodley (23)

Abstentions:

Cllrs Lamb and Walker (2)

Absent for the vote:

Cllrs Beck, Burzotta, Garston, Moring, Nelson, Van Looy, Ward and Willis (8)

The motion for reference back of Minute 576 was not carried.

During consideration of Minute 581 (Shareholder Board Minutes held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019: Porters Place LLP Business Plan) a requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.1 to refer the matter back to Cabinet, the voting was as follows:

For reference back:

Cllrs Boyd, Bright, Buck, Cox, Davidson, Dear, F. Evans, Flewitt, Folkard, Garne, Habermel, Jarvis, McGlone, Salter, Walker (15)

Against reference back:

Cllrs Ayling, Borton, Burton, Chalk, Collins, Cowan, Dent, K. Evans, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Jones, Kelly, McDonald, Mitchell, Mulrone, Robinson, Shead, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Wexham and Woodley (25)

Abstentions:

Cllrs Aylen and Lamb (2)

Absent for the vote:

Cllrs Beck, Burzotta, Garston, Moring, Nelson, Nevin, Van Looy, Ward and Willis (9)

The motion for reference back of Minute 581 was not carried.

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 578 and 580, be approved.
2. That the following recommendations contained in Minute 576, be approved:
  - a. That male universals, such as 'chairman', be removed from the Constitution, Policies and all written and verbal communications and be replaced with gender-neutral terms, such as 'chair';
  - b. Desist from making reference to a person's marital status unless they expressly request it is included;
  - c. That gender-neutral language be used where an individual's sex or social gender are not relevant or not known; and
  - d. That these changes be communicated to all departments and members of staff within Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

## 603 Notice of Motion - Fireworks

Resolved:

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

### **'Fireworks'**

*Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals.*

*They can be a source of fear and distress for many animals (including pet animals, farm livestock and wildlife). Animals affected not only suffer psychological distress but can also cause themselves injuries – sometimes very serious ones – as they attempt to run away or hide from the noise.*

### ***This Council therefore resolves that it should:***

- 1. Require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.*
- 2. To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.*
- 3. To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.*
- 4. To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.'*

*Proposed by: Cllr Cox*

*Seconded by: Cllr Buck*

## 604 Notice of Motion - National Community Energy Campaign

Resolved:

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

### **'National Community Energy Campaign'**

*Southend-on-Sea Borough Council:*

- (i) Acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;*
- (ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;*

(iii) further recognises:

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so;
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and

(v) further resolves to:

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.'

Proposed by: Cllr Nevin

Seconded by: Cllr Mitchell

## 605 Notice of Motion - Councillors Traffic and Parking Requests

Resolved:

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

### **'Members Traffic & Parking Requests**

*The decision by the Deputy Leader to suspend the members request list for traffic and parking schemes has left a democratic deficit.*

*Residents are frustrated that members, elected to champion issues and take up issues on their behalf, are prevented from raising traffic and parking concerns on their behalf. Therefore:*

#### **The Executive considers the implementation of the following schemes:**

- *St Mary's Road & St Benet's Road short-stay parking spaces Increase permitted parking time from one hour to two hours. Retain no return within four hours.*

- *Priory Avenue - near junction with St Benet's Road, remove stretch of double yellow lines on west side of Priory Avenue alongside newsagents, to create two short stay parking spaces (maximum stay of 30 minutes).*
- *Highlands Shops London Road Leigh-on-Sea, erect bollards along the kerbs to stop vehicles mounting and driving along the pavements to park outside the shops and remove pavement crossing south of the Parade.*
- *Galton Rd, Imperial Avenue, Crowstone Rd, Alleyn Place consultation on one hour parking restriction for one side of each road only. To include new layout of existing/proposed yellow lines staggered on either side of roads to also provide traffic calming.*
- *Install double yellow lines at the junction of Eastwood Road North & Charfont Close.*
- *The length of carriage way set aside to merge three lanes into one at Kent Elms Corner that the scheme is reviewed with a view to identifying the impact of making the Southend bound, inside lane left hand turn only.*
- *Review the Maya Close/Ness Road junction where there has been one fatality and several accidents since.*
- *Improve the Ness Road/Campfield Road/Seaview Road/Grove Walk Junction to cope with the expected increased traffic from the construction of the Lidl store with its 140 car parking spaces.*
- *Widen the exits off the Ness Road roundabout by Bridge Garage and increase the space of the pedestrian refuge which carries 40ft lorries all day long and 5 buses in each direction every hour mounting the kerb.*
- *Improve the Campfield Road and New Garrison Road junction and the Hinguar School Roundabout to allow for deliveries to the new Lidl store.*
- *Install junction protection on the roundabout on the Thorpe Hall Avenue/Woodgrange Drive junction, southbound, just below the railway bridge.*
- *Introduce 1 hour parking restriction between 09:00 – 10:00 on the new parking bays in Riviera Drive.*
- *Safety improvements to the Royston Avenue/Eastern Avenue junction*
- *Parking restrictions in Mountdale Gardens, Suffolk, Norfolk, Kent and Surrey Avenues to deter inconsiderate parking at school drop-off and pick-up times.*
- *Time restriction or other residents backed permit parking scheme in Vickers Road, Avro Road, Wilmott Road and Bristol Road.'*

*Proposed by: Cllr Cox*

*Seconded by: Cllr Davidson*

## **606 Notice of Motion - Safer Passing Signage**

Resolved:

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

### **'Safer Passing signage**

*This Council has declared a Climate Emergency and has agreed that it must take action to tackle carbon emissions emitted in the borough. Although this Council recognises that the use of the car is important to the economy of the Borough we also recognise that we should encourage other means of transport to reduce carbon emission, including cycling.*



*One of the main reasons residents do not choose to cycle around the borough is a fear of being harmed whilst riding on the road. One notable concern are cars passing too closely when overtaking.*

***This Council proposes:***

- 1) To install signage encouraging a safe passing distance of 1.5 meters on all signs as they are replaced or newly installed;*
- 2) To use the borough's electronic signage systems to encourage a safe passing distance of 1.5 metres;*
- 3) To review the use of mats on the road surface to encourage a safe passing distance of 1.5 metres.'*

*Proposed by: Councillor Cox*

*Seconded by: Councillor Buck*

**607 Notice of Motion - Transparent and Accessible Council**

Resolved:

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

***'Transparent and Accessible Council***

*This Council should remain transparent and accessible to all residents in Southend. With more people turning to the internet and social media to keep informed about the events in their local area. At present only the Full Council meeting is streamed live on the council's website. This has meant that residents who are unable to attend important public meetings such as cabinet and the three scrutiny committees, whether due to mobility issues or prior commitments, are unable to scrutinise the decisions made at this level.*

***Therefore, this Council resolves to:***

- a) Host all public Place, People and Policy and Resource Scrutiny Committees in the full chamber where they should be recorded with the cameras to be streamed live and stored on the Council website*
- b) To stream live all recorded meetings on social media platforms where possible.*
- c) To ensure live updates on the Council's social media page happens for every social media feed.'*

*Proposed by: Cllr Habermel*

*Seconded by: Cllr Boyd*

**608 Notice of Motion - Tree Cover**

Resolved:

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

### **'Doubling Tree Cover**

*Trees have a crucial role to play in tackling the climate emergency as part of an ambitious local Climate Action Plan, by drawing down carbon and locking it up in their wood. Doubling tree cover across the UK could draw down 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, which is around 10% of current UK emissions.*

*Trees also provide additional benefits beyond their critical importance in reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions: trees create more space for nature, supporting hundreds of species of insects, birds and mammals. Trees are also great for public health, helping clean the air and providing access to nature that's important for our wellbeing.*

#### ***This Council therefore resolves that it should:***

- 1. Double tree cover in Southend by 2045.*
- 2. Double tree cover on council-owned land, by growing/planting more trees in public parks, council-owned land and green belt land within the borough.*
- 3. Update all council strategies and local plans to incorporate this target.'*

*Proposed by: Cllr Bright*

*Seconded by: Cllr Cox*

#### **609 Local Council Tax Support Scheme**

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21.

Resolved:

That the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20 be readopted for 2020/21.

#### **610 Standing Order 1.7 - Duration of Meetings**

During consideration of Minute 559 and in accordance with Standing Order 1.7, the hour of 10.00pm having been reached the Council:

Resolved:

To continue for one further hour until 11.00pm.

#### **611 Thanks and Appreciation - Simon Leftley, Deputy Chief Executive (People)**

The Worshipful the Mayor advised that this would be the last Council meeting attended by Simon Leftley, Deputy Chief Executive (People) as he is retiring in the New Year.

The Council extended their thanks and best wishes and thanked him for his help, support and dedication over many years.

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