SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 16th June, 2020 Time: 6.30 pm Place: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams Contact: S. Tautz (Principal Democratic Services Officer)

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

3 Questions from Members of the Public

As this is a special meeting of the Committee, questions must relate to business included in the agenda for the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 6B.

4 **The Council's Response to COVID-19** (Pages 1 - 34) Report of the Chief Executive attached.

This special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee has been called by the Chair pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4(e) of the Constitution, to consider the Council's COVID-19 response and recovery plans. Special meetings of the other scrutiny committees have also been called for the same purpose.

The Cabinet will consider comprehensive reports on this item and the following item of business (Item 5 - Initial Local Financial Assessment of COVID-19) at its meeting on 9 June 2020. Copies of these reports are attached to assist the Committee in considering relevant matters and the decisions of the Cabinet in respect of each report will be circulated to each of the scrutiny committees in advance of their meetings. The relevant Cabinet Members and senior officers will be available to answer questions at the meeting of each committee.

The draft minutes of the meetings of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Place Scrutiny Committee held on 11 and 15 June 2020 respectively, will be reported to the meeting for information. However, members should note that each scrutiny committee must focus on the Council's COVID-19 response and immediate recovery plans in respect of its specific areas of responsibility.

5 Initial Local Financial Assessment of COVID-19 (Pages 35 - 52) Report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) attached.

NOTE: In light of the rapidly changing circumstances, it is anticipated that a

supplementary report will be issued before the Cabinet meeting.

6 Exclusion of the Public

To agree 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 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.

Members:

Cllr L Salter (Chair), Cllr N Folkard (Vice-Chair), Cllr H Boyd, Cllr M Borton, Cllr A Chalk, Cllr A Dear, Cllr M Dent, Cllr F Evans, Cllr D Garne, Cllr B Hooper, Cllr M Kelly, Cllr K Mitchell, Cllr C Nevin, Cllr I Shead, Cllr M Stafford, Cllr A Thompson, Cllr C Willis

Co-opted members

<u>Church of England Diocese</u> Fr Jonathan Collis (Voting on Education matters only)

Roman Catholic Diocese VACANT (Voting on Education matters only)

<u>Parent Governors</u> (i) VACANT (Voting on Education matters only) (ii) VACANT (Voting on Education matters only)

Southend Association of Voluntary Services K Jackson (Non-Voting)

<u>Healthwatch Southend</u> O Richards (Non-Voting)

Southend Carers Forum T Watts (Non-Voting)