

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 7th July, 2020

Place: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillor L Salter (Chair)
Councillors N Folkard (Vice-Chair), H Boyd, M Borton, A Chalk, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, D Garne, B Hooper, M Kelly, K Mitchell, C Nevin, I Shead, M Stafford, A Thompson and C Willis
O Richards (Healthwatch Southend), T Watts (Southend Carers Forum) (Co-opted members)

In Attendance: Councillors T Harp, A Jones, M Terry (Cabinet Members), Councillor K Evans, Councillor S Wakefield, T Forster, M Marks, J Williams, S Baker, E Cook, R Harris, B Leigh, B Martin and S Tautz
M Faulkner-Hatt, S Kebbell (Southend Youth Council) (Observers)

Start/End Time: 6.30pm - 7.45 pm

126 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

127 Declarations of Interest

The following councillors declared interests as indicated:

- (a) Councillors T Harp, A Jones and M Terry (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the called-in item; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (b) Cllr L Salter - Minute 131 (East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust - Shoeburyness Ambulance Station) and Minute 132 (Changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid & South-Essex) - Husband is consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is GP in the borough - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (c) Cllr A Jones - Minute 130 (Annual Education Report) - Parent of child in Key Stage 4 education and the Council's representative on governing body of Southend Adult Community College - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (d) Cllr K Mitchell - Minute 130 (Annual Education Report) – Involvement with local schools through employment as a family worker and family member due to start school in September 2020;
- (e) Cllr K Mitchell - Minute 132 (Changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid & South-Essex) – Involvement with local health services through employment as a family worker - Non-pecuniary interests;
- (f) Cllr M Borton - Minute 130 (Annual Education Report) - Governor at Milton Hall School - Non-pecuniary interest;

- (g) Cllr B Hooper - Minute 130 (Annual Education Report) - Director of Blade Education (a not-for-profit company) and parent of child attending secondary school in Borough - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (h) Cllr M Kelly - Minute 132 (Changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid & South-Essex) - Employed by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (i) Cllr C Nevin - Minute 131 (East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust - Shoeburyness Ambulance Station) and Minute 132 (Changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid & South-Essex) - Employed at external NHS Trust; family members employed at Mid and South-Essex Trust hospitals - Non-pecuniary interests;
- (j) Cllr T Harp - Minute 130 (Annual Education Report) - Friend employed by 'A Better Start Southend'; Volunteer with Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS) that delivers services for Better Start and wife is an employee of SAVS - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (k) Cllr T Harp - Minute 131 (East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust - Shoeburyness Ambulance Station) - Friend and future relative employed by the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (l) Cllr F Evans - Minute 130 (Annual Education Report) - Director of Belfairs Academy - Non-pecuniary interest; and
- (m) Cllr N Folkard - Minute 132 (Changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid & South-Essex) - Ambassador for Fund Raising Team at Southend Hospital; relative works at Broomfield Hospital; on the Reading Panel at Southend Hospital - Non-pecuniary interest.

128 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public relating to the responsibilities of the Committee.

129 Minutes of Meetings Held on 20 & 29 January 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 20 and 29 January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

130 Annual Education Report

The Committee considered Minute 869 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 February 2020, which had been called in to the People Scrutiny Committee, together with a report of the Director of Education and Early Years that presented the Annual Education Report (AER) for 2018/19.

Resolved:

That the following decision of the Cabinet be noted:

1. "That the new digital format for the AER, be approved.

2. That the Annual Education Report, recognising the very positive outcomes for learners across all Key Stages, be approved.
3. That the AER in future years forms part of the normal annual reporting framework.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr A Jones

131 East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust - Shoeburyness Ambulance Station

The Committee received an update on the progress of the modelling review being undertaken by the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust and was advised that slippage in the modelling exercise had occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to questions raised by councillors that couldn't be answered at the meeting, the Chair requested that details be provided to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, in order that written responses to all such matters could be sought from the Trust.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

132 Changes to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Mid & South-Essex

The Committee received an update on the progress of the merger of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and was advised that NHS England had paused all work on the merger of CCGs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to questions raised by councillors that couldn't be answered at the meeting, the Chair requested that details be provided to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, in order that written responses to all such matters could be sought from Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

133 In-Depth Scrutiny Projects & Summary of Work 2019/20

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services), which provided an update on progress with regard to the in-depth scrutiny projects due to have been completed during the 2019/20 municipal year. The report also provided information about the work that had been carried out by each of the scrutiny committees during the previous year.

Resolved:

1. That the Committee note progress with regard to its in-depth scrutiny project due to have been undertaken during the 2019/20 municipal year.
2. That the completion of the in-depth scrutiny project be carried forward into the 2020/21 municipal year.

3. That no further topic(s) be selected by the Committee for additional in-depth review during 2020/21.
4. That the Committee note the summary of the work undertaken by each of the Scrutiny Committees during 2019/20.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function.

Chair: _____