

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 22nd July, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

- Present:** Councillor D Garston (Chair)
Councillors D McGlone (Vice-Chair), D Burzotta, D Cowan, T Cox, P Collins, M Davidson, M Dent, S George, S Habermel, H McDonald, D Nelson, I Shead, M Stafford, S Wakefield and P Wexham
- In Attendance:** Councillors I Gilbert, C Mulroney, K Robinson, M Terry and R Woodley (Cabinet Members), Councillors M Borton, K Evans, M Flewitt, N Folkard, M Kelly and C Willis, A Griffin, A Lewis, J Williams, E Cook, R Harris, T Row, A Smyth and S Tautz
- Start/End Time:** 6.00 - 8.05 pm

179 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

180 Declarations of Interest

The following councillors declared interests as indicated:

- (a) Councillors I Gilbert, C Mulroney, K Robinson, M Terry and R Woodley (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the referred item (Report from the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA)); attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (b) Cllr D Burzotta - Minute 182 (Report from the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA)); Family has business interests in the Borough - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (c) Cllr D Garston - Minute 182 (Report from the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA)); Has business interests in South Essex - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (d) Cllr D Nelson - Minute 182 (Report from the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA)); Family has business interests in the Borough - Non-pecuniary interest;
- (e) Cllr S Wakefield - Minute 182 (Report from the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA)); Has business interests in the Borough - Non-pecuniary interest.

181 Questions from Members of the Public

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

182 Report from the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA)

The Committee considered Minute 178 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 22 July 2020, which had been referred directly to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, together

with a report of the Chief Executive that presented an update on the work of the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA) following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by the Council in 2018, to work collectively with other local authorities in South Essex to progress the economic agenda for the region.

In response to a question concerning the cost of the review of current and potential future governance arrangements for South Essex that had been commissioned by ASELA, the Chief Executive agreed to circulate details to the Committee after the meeting.

Resolved:

1. That the decision of the Cabinet set out in Minute 178 of its meeting held on 22 July 2020, be referred back to the Cabinet for reconsideration.
2. That this matter be referred to full Council for consideration in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39.

Note: This is an Executive Function (any future significant decisions regarding governance/joint working would constitute a Council function).

Cabinet Member: Cllr I Gilbert

Chair: _____