

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 14th March, 2022

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor A Moring (Chair)
Councillors N Folkard (Vice-Chair), M Berry*, K Buck, D Cowan,
T Cox, M Dent, F Evans, K Evans, D Jarvis, K Robinson,
S Wakefield, C Walker, J Warren and P Wexham
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillors I Gilbert and C Mulroney (Cabinet Members)
J Williams, J Burr, I Kazalbash and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.35 pm - 7.45 pm

781 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors George (no substitute), Mitchell (substitute: Councillor Berry) and Ward (no substitute).

782 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors Gilbert and Mulroney (Cabinet Members) – Interest in the called-in items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011; and

(b) Councillor Buck – Minute Nos. 786 (Waste Collection Contract) and 789 (Waste Collection Contract – Confidential Appendix) – Non-pecuniary interest: A client of his is a waste contractor within Rochford.

783 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

784 Minutes of the special meeting held on Monday 24th January 2022

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the special meeting held on Monday 24th January 2022 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

(NOTE: Whilst the Minutes of the special meeting of the Committee were approved as a correct record, the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and the Environment) regarding the Waste Collection Contract was subsequently withdrawn at the special meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25th February 2022 (Minute Nos. 644 and 646 refer). The Waste Collection

Contract was the subject of a further report which was presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 22nd February 2022).

785 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022

The Committee's attention was drawn to an omission in Minute No. 662 (Department for Transport Tranche 2 – Active Travel Fund), in that it did not record reference up to Council under Council Procedure Rule 39.

Resolved:-

That, subject to the inclusion of the reference of Minute 662 (Department for Transport Tranche 2 – Active Travel Fund) to full Council for consideration in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7th February 2022 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

786 Waste Collection Contract

The Committee considered Minute 725 of Cabinet held on 22nd February 2022, which had been called-in for scrutiny. The Committee also had before it the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) presenting two options for securing the future service provision of the Recycling, Waste and Cleansing Contract, with the express aim of supporting the Council's declared Climate Emergency, the Southend 2050 Ambition and meeting the changing requirements of environmental legislation and the growing environmental demands of the City's residents.

During consideration of the matter, the Committee resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting (confidential session) to enable questions to be raised on the confidential and commercial aspects of the matter.

Resolved:-

1. That the matter be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration with the recommendation that that the weekly collection of general residual waste be included in any tender documentation as a mandatory requirement.

2. That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the matter be referred to full Council for consideration. ||

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr Mulroney

787 Joint In-depth Scrutiny Project

The Committee noted an oral update on the progress that had been made in respect of the joint in-depth Scrutiny study, entitled 'Enabling Councillors to be Effective'.

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

788 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:-

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 would 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.

789 Waste Collection Contract - Confidential Appendix

The Committee received a confidential report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) concerning the Waste Collection Contract which was considered in conjunction with Minute No. 786 above.

Resolved:

That the confidential report be noted.

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr Mulroney

Chair: _____