

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 5th October, 2021

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor L Salter (Chair)
Councillors H Boyd (Vice-Chair), B Beggs, M Berry, J Courtenay, D Cowan*,
A Dear, K Evans, D Garne, B Hooper, J Lamb, A Line and K Mitchell

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors L Burton, A Jones and C Nevin (Cabinet Members), J Burr,
L Doe, T Forster, M Marks, B Martin and S Tautz
T Watts (Southend Carers Forum (Co-opted Member)), M Faulkner-Hatt, O
Slaughter (Southend Youth Council (Observers))

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.40 pm

370 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Cowdrey (Substitute: Councillor D Cowan), Councillor I Shead (no substitute), Councillor M Stafford (no substitute) and O Richards (Healthwatch Southend (Co-opted Member))

371 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

- (a) Councillor B Hooper - Agenda Item 5 (Independent SEND Peer Review) and Agenda Item 6 (Children's Services Improvement Board) - Director of a not-for-profit company that works with young people - Non-pecuniary interests.
- (b) Councillor L Burton - Agenda Item 5 (Independent SEND Peer Review) and Agenda Item 6 (Children's Services Improvement Board) - Employed as a teacher at a school outside the Borough - Non-pecuniary interests.

372 Questions from Members of the Public

The Committee noted the responses of the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning and the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing, to questions presented by Mr D Webb.

373 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

374 Independent SEND Peer Review

The Committee received a further update on the progress of the commissioning of an independent peer review of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) service provision, which had been agreed by the Cabinet in July 2021.

The Committee also received an update from the Executive Director (Children and Public Health), on the current position with regard to the provision of home to school transport services.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

375 Children's Services Improvement Board

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director (Children and Public Health) that provided an update on the role and work of the Children's Services Improvement Board.

Resolved:

- (1) That the background to the establishment of the Children's Services Improvement Board and the current work programme of the Board as set out in the report, be noted.
- (2) That further reports be made to the Committee to provide an update on the work of the Board, every six months.

376 Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2021/22

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) on progress with regard to the joint in-depth scrutiny project for 2021/22.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

Chair: _____