

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 9th September, 2021

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor M Borton (Chair)
Councillors K Robinson (Vice-Chair), J Beck, B Beggs, M Berry, H Boyd, K Buck, L Burton, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, T Cowdrey, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, K Evans, N Folkard, D Garne, D Garston, S George, I Gilbert, S Habermel, T Harp, B Hooper, D Jarvis, A Jones, J Lamb, A Line, D McGlone, K Mitchell, A Moring, J Moyies, C Mulroney, D Nelson, C Nevin, L Salter, I Shead, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren, P Wexham and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 11.25 pm

297 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bright, Buckley, Kelly and Stafford.

298 Declarations of Interest

- Councillor Buck

Development Control Committee – 21st July 2021

Application No. 21/00344/FUL - 23-29 Clarence Street, Southend-on-Sea – Non-pecuniary interest: Applicant is known to him;

Application No. 21/01133/FULH - 1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea – Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: Property owner and applicant (withdrew);

Cabinet Committee – 26th July 2021

Minute 211 (Update on Outstanding Schemes – Scheme No. 335 – Highway Close) – Non-pecuniary interest: lives in the road;

- Councillor Burton

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Minute 301 (Councillor questions) – Non-pecuniary interest: question/answer in relation to SEND school transport as a teacher;

- Councillor Cowan

Place Scrutiny Committee – 31st August 2021

Minute 241 (Hamlet Court Road proposed Conservation Area) – Non-pecuniary interest: lives in close proximity to the proposed area;

- Councillor Cowdrey

Development Control Committee – 1st September 2021

Application Ref No. 21/00604/FUL (Garages adjacent to 1 Shoebury Avenue, Shoeburyness – Non-pecuniary interest: relative lives across the road;

People Scrutiny Committee – 1st September 2021

Minute 259 (Questions from Members of the Public) – Non-pecuniary interest: Mentioned in the question to be presented at the meeting in the capacity of a former member of the Advisory Board of Healthwatch Southend;

- Councillor Davidson

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2021

Minute 272 (Anti-Poverty Strategy) – Non-pecuniary interest: Volunteer with Southend Foodbank;

- Councillor Dent

Development Control Committee – 1st September 2021

Application Ref No. 21/00220/FUL (613 to 619 and Garages to rear of 593 to 647 Southchurch Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Contacted by residents about the application;

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Minute 305 (Opposition Business) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ambassador for White Ribbon which was mentioned;

- Councillor Folkard

People Scrutiny Committee – 1st September 2021

Minute 261 (Southend 2050: Annual Review and Refresh of Outcomes and Roadmap milestones), Minute 262 (Annual Public Health Report 2020/21) and Minute 263 (Corporate Risk Register) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ambassador for Fund Raising Team at Southend University Hospital; Daughter is Head of Nursing for Paediatrics across Mid and South Essex Hospitals;

- Councillor D Garston

Development Control Committee – 21st July 2021

Application Nos. 21/00289/FUL & 21/00416/LBC - Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane, Eastwood – Non-pecuniary interest: Applicant known to him;
Application No. 21/01133/FULH - 1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Applicant is a fellow Councillor, Member of the Committee and a personal friend (withdrew);

- Councillor Harp

Licensing Committee – 16th August 2021

Minute 233 (Consultation on the Council's Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has associations with SAVS which was mentioned in the report.

- Councillor Jones

Development Control Committee – 1st September 2021

Application Ref No. 21/00711/FULM (Land East of Fossets Way) – Non-pecuniary interest: Son is about to start as a Transport Assistant at the Council;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2021

Minute 276 (Land at Prince Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Vehicle manufacture mentioned in the debate on the item, husband is employed in the vehicle manufacture industry;

Council – 9th September 2021

Minute 300 (Public Questions) – Non-pecuniary interest: daughter attends school mentioned in the question/answer;

Minute 301 (Councillor questions) – Disclosable pecuniary interest: Her address is mentioned in regard to CCTV (withdrew);

- Councillor Lamb

Licensing Committee – 16th August 2021

Minute 233 (Consultation on the Council's Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy) – Non-pecuniary interest: Trustee of SAVS which was mentioned in the report.

- Councillor Line

Licensing Committee – 16th August 2021

Minute 233 (Consultation on the Council's Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy) – Non-pecuniary interest: Personal licence holder and has worked in a casino;

- Councillor Mitchell

Development Control Committee – 21st July 2021

Application No. 21/00344/FUL - 23-29 Clarence Street, Southend-on-Sea – Non-pecuniary interest: Has corresponded with residents on the planning application process.

Place Scrutiny Committee – 31st August 2021

Minute 241 (Hamlet Court Road Proposed Conservation Area) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Hamlet Court Road Community in Harmony;

- Councillor Nevin

Place Scrutiny Committee – 31st August 2021

Minute 241 (Hamlet Court Road Proposed Conservation Area) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Hamlet Court Road Community in Harmony;

People Scrutiny Committee – 1st September 2021

Minute 261 (Southend 2050: Annual Review and Refresh of Outcomes and Roadmap milestones) and Minute 262 (Annual Public Health Report 2020/21) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family members employed by Mid and South Essex (MSE) NHS Foundation Trust; previous association with MSE hospitals; employed at external NHS Trust;

Minute 263 (Corporate Risk Register) – Non-pecuniary interest: former employee at care homes with the Borough;

- Councillor Nelson

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Minute 305 (Opposition Business) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ambassador for White Ribbon which was mentioned;

- Councillor Salter

People Scrutiny Committee – 1st September 2021

Minute 261 (Southend 2050: Annual Review and Refresh of Outcomes and Roadmap milestones), Minute 262 (Annual Public Health Report 2020/21) and Minute 263 (Corporate Risk Register) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; Daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; Son-in-law is a GP in the Borough;

- Councillor Walker

Development Control Committee – 1st September 2021

Application Ref No. 21/00757/FUL (153 Rayleigh Road, Eastwood) and Application Ref No. 21/00758/ADV (153 Rayleigh Road, Eastwood) – Non-pecuniary interest: Shops at Rochford Corner

Development Control Committee – 21st July 2021

all Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 21/01133/FULH - 1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea on the basis that the applicant was a fellow Councillor and member of the Committee.

299 Communications

Minutes Silence

The Council remained silent for one minute as a mark of respect to the victims of the 9/11 terror attack and to Brian Kelly, former Councillor and Mayor of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council in 2013/14, who sadly passed away recently.

300 Questions from Members of the Public

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written questions received from the public.

301 Questions from Members of the Council

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written and supplementary questions received from Councillors.

302 Minutes of the meeting of Extraordinary Council held on Monday, 12 July 2021

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

303 Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Thursday, 15 July 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

304 Petition - Parking Permits Jena Close, Waterloo and Maya Close

Councillor Cox presented a petition containing 27 signatures from residents requesting Resident Parking Permits in Jena Close, Waterloo and Maya Close.

Resolved;

That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7 the petition be referred to the Cabinet Committee.

305 Opposition Business - Notices of Motion referred to Working Parties

In accordance with Standing Order 19 the Conservative Group requested that the following proposal be debated:

'To reverse the decision to refer all motions to the working parties and reinstate that all motions are referred direct to Cabinet.'

During consideration of the matter two amendments were proposed and seconded as follows:

Amendment 1:

To amend Standing Order 8.4 so that it reads:

'Motions of which notice has been duly given, shall be formally moved and seconded and shall thereupon stand referred to the relevant Cabinet Working Party, within two months of the Council meeting, for consideration and report who shall invite the mover and seconder of the motion in question to attend the meeting of the Cabinet Working Party at which the motion is considered and afford them an opportunity of explaining and commenting on the motion.'

Upon being put to the vote, amendment 1 was not carried.

Amendment 2:

To amend Standing Order 8.4 so that it reads:

'Motions of which notice has been duly given, shall be formally moved and seconded and shall thereupon stand referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee, for consideration and report who shall invite the mover and seconder of the motion in question to attend the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee at which the motion is considered and afford them an opportunity of explaining and commenting on the motion.'

Upon being put to the vote, amendment 2 was not carried.

The Opposition Business proposal to 'reverse the decision to refer all motions to the working parties and reinstate that all motions are referred direct to Cabinet' was then put to the vote. The proposal was not carried.

Accordingly, resolved that no change be made to Standing Order 8.4.

306 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee B held on Tuesday, 13 July 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

307 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

308 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on Monday, 26 July 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

309 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 27 July 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 226 (Adoption of Highways Policies – recommendation 4), and Minute 228 (Feed and Food Service Plan 2021/22), be approved.

310 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on Monday, 16 August 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

311 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 31 August 2021

During consideration of Minute 241 (Hamlet Court Road Proposed Conservation Area) a motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was proposed and seconded.

The motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

312 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday, 1 September 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

313 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday, 1st September 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

314 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 2 September 2021

During consideration of Minute 276 (Land at Prince Avenue) a motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was proposed and seconded.

The motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

315 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held on Tuesday, 7 September 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations in Minute 281 (Southend 2050 Annual Review and Refresh of the Outcomes and Roadmap Milestones), be approved.

316 Notice of Motion - Censorship of Gabriella Hirst's 'An English Garden'

On the basis of legal advice the notice of motion could not be considered.

317 Notice of Motion - Bee Bus Stops and Green Roofs

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning Bee Bus Stops and Green Roofs be referred to the Environment, Culture, Tourism and Planning Working Party.

318 Appointments to Committees, etc

There were no changes or amendments to the appointments of Committees, etc.

319 Joanna Ruffle

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Councillors that Joanna Ruffle, Executive Director (Transformation) will be leaving the Council and this was her last Full Council meeting.

On behalf of the Council, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to Joanna for her sterling work and excellent service and wish her all the very best for the future.

Chair: _____