

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 9th December, 2021

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor M Borton (Chair)
Councillors J Beck, B Beggs, M Berry, H Boyd, A Bright, K Buck, S Buckley, 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, M Kelly, J Lamb, A Line, D McGlone, K Mitchell, A Moring, J Moyies, C Mulroney, D Nelson, C Nevin, K Robinson, L Salter, I Shead, M Stafford, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren, P Wexham and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 10.30 pm

532 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

533 Declarations of Interest

- Councillor Beggs

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th November 2021

Minute 502 – Home to School Transport and Vulnerable Adult Transport Services – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member has Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and is in receipt of Educational Health Care Plan;

- Councillor Berry

Council – 9th December 2021

Agenda Item 4 (Public Questions) – Some of the public questioners are known to him;

- Councillor Bright

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 1st December 2021

Minutes 510 and 512 – Seaway Leisure – non-pecuniary interest: lives in the town centre;

- Councillor Buck

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01715/BC3 (Garages, Juniper Road, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: His company is a benefactor to a Southend Homeless Charity;

Application Ref. No. 21/01621 (Part of former Goods Yard at Station Approach, Priory Works, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Assisted residents with the application;

- Councillor Burton

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th November 2021

Minute 502 (Home to School Transport and Vulnerable Adult Transport Services (SEND) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employed as a teacher at a school outside the Borough;

- Councillor Cowan

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01715/BC3 (Garages, Juniper Road, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Owns a property in the vicinity;

Council – 9th December 2021

Agenda Item 5 (public questions) – Some of the public questioners are known to him;

- Councillor Dent

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01525/BC3 (Nicholson House, 299 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has received email correspondence from the applicant's agent;

Application Ref. No. 21/01621/FUL (Part of Former Goods Yard at Station Approach, Priory Works, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has had correspondence with residents regarding the application;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 6th December 2021

Minute No. 525 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 526 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Development Control Committee;

- Councillor F Evans

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01662/FULH (10 Ashleigh Drive, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Acquainted with the owner of the property next to the application site;

- Councillor D Garston

Development Control Committee – 25th October 2021

Application Ref. No 17/00733/FULM – Non-pecuniary interest: Is a retailer and a Retail Impact Assessment is mentioned in the report;

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01314/BC4 (Cliffs Pavilion, Station Road, Southend-on-Sea: Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the organisation which oversees Menora at the application site, which was mentioned during the debate;

Application Ref. No.21/01621/FUL (Part of Former Goods Yard at Station Approach, Priory Works, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Assisted residents with the application;

- Councillor Garne

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 6th December 2021

Minute No. 525 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 526 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Development Control Committee;

- Councillor Hooper

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th November 2021

Minute 499 – Annual Safeguarding Report and Minute 502 (Home to School and Vulnerable Adult Transport Services (SEND) – Non-pecuniary interest: Director of a not-for-profit company that works with SEND children; acquainted with the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Manager;

- Councillor Jarvis

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 6th December 2021

Minute No. 525 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 526 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Development Control Committee;

- Councillor Jones

Cabinet – 2nd November 2021

Minute 425 – Annual Safeguarding Report – Non-pecuniary interest: Reference to schools in the report – has a child still in education in the Borough;

Minute 428 – Minutes of the Transport, Asset Management and Inward Investment Working Party held 23 September 2021 – Non-pecuniary interest: son is a transport assistant at the Council;

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01314/BC4 (Cliffs Pavilion, Station Road, Southend-on-Sea and Application Ref. No. 21/01715/BC3 (Garages, Juniper Road, Leigh-on-Sea) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Cabinet Member (withdrew);

Special Cabinet – 6th December 2021

Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 6th December 2021

Minute No. 525 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 526 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Development Control Committee;

- Councillor Mitchell

Development Control Committee – 25th October 2021

Application Ref. No. 19/01985/FULM – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity of Roots Hall Stadium;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 6th December 2021

Minute No. 525 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 526 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Development Control Committee;

- Councillor Mulroney

Cabinet – 2nd November 2021

Minute 419 – Conservation Area Appraisals – Non-pecuniary interest: Chair of Trustees of Leigh Heritage Centre in Leigh Old Town;

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01314/BC4 (Cliffs Pavilion, Station Road, Southend-on-Sea and Application Ref. No. 21/01715/BC3 (Garages, Juniper Road, Leigh-on-Sea) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: Cabinet Member (withdrew);

Special Cabinet – 6th December 2021

Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Development Control Committee;

- Councillor Nelson

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 1st December 2021

Minute 510 – Seaway Leisure – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of a team that competes in a visually impaired tenpin bowling league;

- Councillor Nevin

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th November 2021

Minute 499 (Annual Safeguarding Report) and Minute 501 (Annual Report – Comments, Complaints and Compliments 2020/21) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employed at external National Health Service Trust and family members employed at Mid and South Essex Trust hospitals;

- Councillor Salter

People Scrutiny Committee – 30th November 2021

Minute 500 – Community Inpatient Beds in Mid and South Essex) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital;

- Councillor Wakefield

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 6th December 2021

Minute No. 525 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 526 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Development Control Committee;

- Councillor Ward

Development Control Committee – 25th October 2021

Application Ref. Nos. 17/00733/FULM and 19/01985/FULM – Non-pecuniary interest: Family members are share-holders- of SUFC;

Development Control Committee – 3rd November 2021

Application Ref. No. 21/01644/AMDT (The Bellhouse Public House, 321 Rayleigh Road, Eastwood) – Non-pecuniary interest: Applicant is known to him;

- Councillor Wexham

Development Control Committee – 25th October 2021

Application Ref. No. 17/00733/FULM – Non-pecuniary interest: Son is a firefighter and Southend Fire Station is mentioned in the report;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 1st December 2021

Minute 513 – SO46 Report – Non-pecuniary interest: Trustee of Beecroft Art Trust;

All Councillors:

General Purposes Committee – 7th December 2021

Minute 530 (Honorary Alderman Nominations) and Minute 531 (Freedom of the Borough Nominations) – Non-pecuniary interest: The nominees for the awards are known to them;

Officer Interests

Special Cabinet – 6th December 2021

Mr A Lewis and Mr A Richards - Minutes 519 (Porters Place LLP Final RMA Proposals) and 520 (Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board) – Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed representatives on the Porters Place LLP Board.

534 Communications

Presentation of the Yule Log

Councillor Keith Evans presented to the Council a Yule Log.

535 Questions from Members of the Public

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

536 Questions from Members of the Council

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

537 Minutes of the meeting held Thursday, 21 October 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21st October 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

538 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held Thursday, 25 November 2021

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25th November 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

539 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Monday, 25 October 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

540 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee B held Tuesday, 26 October 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

541 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Tuesday, 2 November 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 416 (Resourcing Better Outcomes), Minute 417 (Seaway Leisure), Minute 421 (Gambling Act Licensing Policy) and Minute 422 (Southend Theatres Contract Review), be approved.

542 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control held Wednesday, 3 November 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

543 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee A held Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

544 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held Monday, 29 November 2021

During consideration of Minutes 510 and 512 (Seaway Leisure) a motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was proposed and seconded.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

545 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held Tuesday, 30 November 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

546 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Wednesday, 1 December 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

547 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held Monday, 6 December 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

548 Minutes of the meeting of Special Place Scrutiny Committee held Monday, 6 December 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

549 Minutes of the meeting of General Purposes Committee held Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 530 (Honorary Alderman Nominations) and Minute 531 (Freedom of the Borough Nominations), be approved.

550 Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23.

Resolved

That the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme, be re-adopted for 2022/23.

551 Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies, etc

Resolved:

That the following officers of the Council be appointed as Directors to the outside bodies listed below:

Southend Business Services Ltd and Southend Trading Corporation

Alan Richards – Interim Executive Director (Growth and Housing)

(The appointment is for the sole purpose of closing these dormant companies which have not traded for several years and are no longer required.)

Vecteo Board

Glyn Halksworth – Director of Housing

(The appointment is to ensure that the Council is properly represented on this Board.)

552 Opposition Business - Means to Hold the Administration to Account

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

- 1. To note that this Council has no confidence in the current Administration;*
- 2. To remove the current Leader of the Council.*
- 3. To elect a new Leader of the Council.'*

The motions set out at 1 and 2 above were voted on by way of a named vote. The voting was as follows:

For the removal of the Leader:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Bright, Buck, Buckley, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Dear, F Evans, Folkard, Garne, Garston, Habermel, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, Moring, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Walker and Warren (23)

Against removal of the Leader:

Cllrs Beck, Berry, Burton, Collins, Cowan, Cowdrey, Dent, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Jones, Kelly, Line, Mitchell, Mulroney, Nevin, Robinson, Shead, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Ward, Wexham, Woodley and Borton (27)

Abstentions:

Cllr K Evans (1)

The motions set out at 1 and 2 above were not carried. (Therefore, it was not necessary to deal with element 3 of the proposals.)

Chair: _____