

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 23rd March, 2023

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors B Beggs, M Borton, H Boyd, K Buck, S Buckley, L Burton, P Collins, D Cowan, T Cowdrey, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, K Evans, N Folkard, S George, I Gilbert, S Habermel (Vice-Chair), J Harland, B Hooper, L Hyde, D Jarvis, A Jones, D Jones, M Kelly, J Lamb, A Line, R McMullan, K Mitchell, J Moyies, C Mulroney, D Nelson, M O'Connor, M Sadza, L Salter, M Stafford, M Terry, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren and P Wexham

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.37 pm

795 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry, Courtenay, Garston, Murphy, Shead and Woodley.

796 Declarations of Interest

- **Councillor Borton**

- **Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023**

- Minute 730 (Application Ref No. 22/01118/FULM - Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Southend on Sea) – Received an email from the developer;

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 13th March 2023**

- Minute 756 (Air Quality Action Plan 2023-2027) – Lars Davidson, who was mentioned in Schedule 2 of Appendix 2, was known to her as a member of the Labour Party.

- **Council – 23rd March 2023**

- Minute *** (Notice of Motion – WASPI) – Has joined the WASPI Campaign group.

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th March 2023**

- Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes.

- **Councillor Buck**

- **Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023**

- Minute 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant's family is known to him;

- **Council – 23rd March 2023**

- Minute 818 (Opposition Business) – Member of Belfairs Golf Club.

- **Councillor Burton**

- **Cabinet – 21st February 2023**

- Minute 709 (SEND Strategy) – teacher at a local school.

- **Councillor Collins**

- **Cabinet Committee – 20th February 2023**

- Minute 706 (Traffic Regulation Orders – Junction Protection) – Blatches Chase/Whitehouse Road – Residents had asked him to bring the matter to the Working Party for consideration;

- **Councillor Dear**

- **Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023**

- Minute 733 (22/02260/PA61 - 14 Broadlawn, Leigh-on-Sea) – Has been contacted by two of the objectors and has viewed the applicant's property from their gardens;

- **Councillor Faye Evans**

- **Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023**

- Minute 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant is known to her;

- **Councillor Keith Evans**

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th March 2023**

- Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Benefactor of the Salvation Army, who are in partnership with the Council to deliver new homes.

- **Councillor Folkard**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 14th March 2023**

- Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation) - Relative employed at Broomfield Hospital.

- **Councillor Garston**

- **Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023**

- Minute 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant’s family is well known to him;

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th March 2023**

- Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) – Member of the Development Control Committee, proposed development opportunities mentioned in the report.

- **Councillor A Jones**

- **Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023**

- Minute 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant’s family is known to her;

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th March 2023**

- Minute 778 (Minutes of the meeting of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held on 17 January 2023) - Family member employed by the Council, all current paygrades mentioned in the report.

- **Councillor D Jones**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 14th March 2023**

- Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System – Service Harmonisation) - Family member employed as a nurse.

- **Councillor Mitchell**

- **Cabinet Committee – 20th February 2023**

- Minute 710 (London Road (Queensway to High Street) Parking) – Residents have made representations to her about difficulties with parking in this area;

- **Health and Wellbeing Board – 6th March 2023**

- Minute 743 (A Better Start Southend Update) – ABSS is in partnership with Hamlet Court Road in Harmony Community Group – the Councillor is the Chair of this group.

People Scrutiny Committee – 14th March 2023

Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System – Service Harmonisation) - Director of Blade Education, a not-for-profit company that works with local communities.

- **Councillor Mulroney**

Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023

Minute 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant’s family is known to her;
Minute 732 (22/02368/FUL - 995-1003 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea) – Objector is known to her;

- **Councillor O’Connor**

Council – 23rd March 2023

Minute 797 (Communications) – Works for South Essex Advocacy Services.

- **Councillor Sadza**

Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023

Minute 735 (22/02444/FUL & 22/00283/UNA_B – 151 Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff-on-Sea) – Has received correspondence from the residents of the neighbouring property;

Health and Wellbeing Board – 6th March 2023

Minute 740 (Draft Integrated Care Strategy for Mid and South Essex) and Minute 741 (Developing the SEE Alliance Plan Update) – Governor at EPUT.

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th March 2023

Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Member of the ACORN renters union.

- **Councillor Salter**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 6th March 2023

Minute 740 (Draft Integrated Care Strategy for Mid and South Essex) and Minute 741 (Developing the SEE Alliance Plan Update) – Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; Daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; Son-in-law is a GP in Southend-on-Sea.

People Scrutiny Committee – 14th March 2023

Minute 766 (Single Operating Model for Pathology Services in Mid & South Essex) and Minute 767 (Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System - Service Harmonisation) - Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; Daughter is a consultant pathologist at Basildon Hospital; Son-in-law is a general practitioner in Southend-on-Sea.

- **Councillor Terry**

Policy & Resources Committee – 22nd March 2023

Minute 794 (Car Cruise PSPO) – Resident of area covered by the proposed PSPO.

- **Councillor Walker**

Cabinet Committee – 20th February 2023

Minute 707 (School Streets (West Leigh School – Ronald Hill Grove)) – Wife teaches at both West Leigh Infants and Junior Schools;
Minute 709 (Prittlebrook Greenway TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) – Wife teaches at Darlington Primary School;

Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023

Minute 734 (22/02471/AMDT - 15 Leslie Close, Eastwood, Leigh on Sea) – Has been contacted by residents;

Policy & Resources Committee – 22nd March 2023

Minute 794 (Car Cruise PSPO) – Member of Austin 3 Litre and Southend District Classic Car Club;

- **Councillor Ward**

Development Control Committee – 1st March 2023

Minute 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Employer has undertaken work at Adventure Island in the past.

- **Councillor Wexham**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th March 2023

Minute 774 (Housing and Pipeline Update) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes.

Officer Interests

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th March 2023

All Senior Managers - Minute 778 (Minutes of the meeting of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held on 17 January 2023) - Senior Managers of the Council.

797 Communications

(a) Mayor's Introduction

Prior to consideration of the matters set out on the agenda, the Mayor outlined his expectations of the standard of conduct and behaviour to be shown at the meeting.

(b) Minute's Silence

The Council remained silent for one minute as a mark of respect to Mr Derek Keyon, former Councillor, who sadly passed away recently.

(c) High Sheriff of Essex – Annual Awards

The Mayor informed Council that at the High Sheriff of Essex annual awards ceremony held on Wednesday 8th March 2023, the St Vincent Centre won the coveted High Sheriff's Shield for their outstanding contribution to community safety in Essex.

The Mayor also informed the Council that the South Essex Advocacy Service (based in West Road) were also awarded the Essex County Council Bowl for their support to victims of financial abuse, including those who are elderly.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, extended his congratulations to the recipients of these prestigious awards.

798 Questions from Members of the Public

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

799 Questions from Members of the Council

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

800 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2023, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

801 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2 March 2023

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2 March 2023, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

802 Petition - Making Richmond Avenue a one-way street and 20mph

Councillor Cox presented a petition containing 30 signatures from residents requesting Richmond Avenue to be made a one-way street and a 20mph area.

Resolved:

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

803 Petition - Average Speed Cameras

Councillor Beggs presented a petition containing 28 signatures from residents requesting the Council to install average speed camera's on Eastern Avenue, from the Hamstel Road junction to the Sutton Road junction for the safety of residents and their families.

Resolved:

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

804 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held Monday, 20 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

805 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Tuesday, 21 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 723 (Community Infrastructure Levy), be approved.

806 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 1 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

807 Minutes of the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board held Monday, 6 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

808 Minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held Wednesday, 8 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

809 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held Monday, 13 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

810 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held Tuesday, 14 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

811 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Wednesday, 15 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

812 Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

813 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

814 Minutes of the meeting of Special Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Wednesday, 22 March 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

815 Notice of Motion - Greater Homes Upgrade

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning Great Homes Upgrade be referred to the Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing Working Party.

816 Notice of Motion - WASPI

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning support to Southend' WASPIs, be referred to the Corporate Matters and Performance Delivery Working Party.

817 Appointments to Committees, etc

Resolved:

That the changes to the appointments to the Licensing Committee, be approved.

818 Opposition Business - Charging for Car Parking in our parks

In accordance with Standing Order 19 the Conservative Group requested that the charging for car parking in the city's parks be debated.

During consideration of the matter a requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 on the Opposition Business proposals, the voting was as follows:

For the proposal:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Buck, Buckley, Cowdrey, Cox, Davidson, Dear, F Evans, K Evans, Folkard, Habermel, Harland, Jarvis, D Jones, Kelly, Lamb, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Stafford, Walker, Ward and Warren (24)

Against the proposal:

Cllrs Borton, Burton, George, Gilbert, Line, McMullan, Mitchell, O'Connor and Sadza (9)

Abstentions:

Cllrs Collins, Cowan, Dent, Hooper, Hyde, A Jones, Mulroney, Robinson, Terry, Wakefield and Wexham (11)

Absent:

Cllrs Berry, Courtenay, Garston, Murphy, Shead and Woodley (6).

Accordingly, it was resolved:

That the Opposition Business proposals set out below be referred to the Cabinet:

1. The proposed introduction of parking charges at Belfairs Park, Chalkwell Park, Priory Park and Southchurch Park in the 2024/25 financial year are abolished.
2. The proposed introduction of parking charges at Big Gunners Park, Little Gunners Park and Jones Memorial Ground planned for the 2023/24 financial year are abolished.
3. It becomes Council Policy not to introduce car parking charges at any of the city's parks.

Chair: _____