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15 March 2023



I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of the Southend-on-Sea City Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Southend-on-Sea on, Thursday, 23rd March, 2023 at 6.30pm for the transaction of the following business.

R Polkinghorne
Chief Executive

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 23rd February, 2023

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors B Beggs, M Berry, M Borton, 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 Garston, S George, I Gilbert, S Habermel, B Hooper, L Hyde, D Jarvis, A Jones, D Jones, M Kelly, J Lamb, A Line, R McMullan, K Mitchell, J Moyies, C Mulrone, K Murphy, D Nelson, M O'Connor, M Sadza, L Salter, I Shead, M Stafford, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 10.50 pm

691 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Buckley, Harland and Wexham.

Adjournment of the meeting

A motion to adjourn this meeting was proposed by Councillor Cox and seconded by Councillor Garston and a requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 on the motion, the voting was as follows:

For adjournment:

Cllr Beggs, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Buck, Cllr Courtenay, Cllr Cox, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Dear, Cllr F Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garston, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr D Jones, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Salter, Cllr Stafford, Cllr Walker, Cllr Warren and Cllr Woodley (21)

Against adjournment:

Cllr Berry, Cllr Borton, Cllr Burton, Cllr Collins, Cllr Cowan, Cllr Cowdrey, Cllr Dent, Cllr K Evans, Cllr George, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Hyde, Cllr A Jones, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Line, Cllr McMullan, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mulrone, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Sadza, Cllr Shead, Cllr Terry, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Ward (25)

Abstentions:

Cllr Robinson (1)

Absent:

Cllr Buckley, Cllr Harland, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Wexham (4)

The motion to adjourn the meeting was not carried.

692 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

- **Councillor Buck**

Council

Minute 697 (Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes 2023/24 to 2027/28) – Member of Belfairs Golf Course.

- **Councillor M Borton**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Governor of Milton Hall School;

Minute 672 (Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2023/24 and Rent Setting) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor M Davidson**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes;

Minute 672 (Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2023/24 and Rent Setting) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor K Evans**

Cabinet – Tuesday, 12th January 2023

Minute 612 (Council Tax Base) – Chair of Leigh Town Council.

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Member of Leigh-on-Sea Town Council; Family member is Operations Manager at the Trust Links mental health charity; Member of the Southend NetPark wellbeing project is known to the councillor;

- **Councillor McMullan**

Council

Minute 697 (Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes 2023/24 to 2027/28) – Has been lobbied by residents regarding the first hour free parking at Rayleigh Road car park.

- **Councillor K Mitchell**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee- Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Member of the Board of Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS);

Cabinet - Tuesday, 14th February, 2023

Minute 685 (Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes 2023/24 – 2027/28) – Member of staff at NetPark is known to her;

- **Councillor C Mulroney**

Cabinet – Tuesday, 12th January 2023

Minute 612 (Council Tax Base) – Member of Leigh Town Council;

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Member of Leigh-on-Sea Town Council;

Cabinet - Tuesday, 14th February, 2023

Minute 685 (Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes 2023/24 – 2027/28) – Member of Leigh Town Council and a fellow Leigh Town Councillor is involved with NetPark;

- **Councillor D Nelson**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Wife is employed by the National Health Service and family owns businesses in Southend-on-Sea;

- **Councillor M Sadza**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Member of the ACORN renters union;

- **Councillor I Shead**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Local allotment holder;

- **Councillor S Wakefield**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) - Owner of a local business in Southendon-Sea; Sub-contractor for the Council;

- **Councillor P Wexham**

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28);

Minute 672 (Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2023/24 and Rent Setting) - Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes;

Officer Interests

Mr A Richards

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 2nd February, 2023

Minute 671 (Draft Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes - 2023/24 to 2027/28) – Member of the Board of Porters Place Southend-onSea LLP.

693 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) Ukrainian Crisis

The Council took a moment to reflect on the Ukrainian crisis.

694 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

695 Questions from Councillors

The relevant Cabinet Member responded to a written and supplementary question from Councillor Woodley.

696 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 15 December 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

697 **Prioritising Resources to Deliver Better Outcomes 2023/24 to 2027/28**

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the Cabinet's revenue budget and Council Tax for 2023/24 financial year, together with Minutes 613 and 614 of Cabinet held 12 January 2023 and Minutes 685, 686 and 687 of Cabinet held on 14 February 2023, and Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Minutes 671 and 672.

On consideration of the report the Council noted that there was a typographical error in Appendix 3(iv) (New or Amended Fees and Charges). The first column Zone 1a (8am to 9pm), the up to 13 hours fee was £20 and should be £22. The amended appendix was circulated at the meeting.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.1(e) Councillor Woodley, had submitted four amendments to the Budget.

The amendments were voted on by way of a named vote as required by law. The voting was as follows:

Amendment 1: Fees and Charges

For amendment 1:

Cllr Beggs, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Buck, Cllr Courtenay, Cllr Cowdrey, Cllr Cox, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Dear, Cllr F Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garston, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr D Jones, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Salter, Cllr Stafford, Cllr Walker, Cllr Warren and Cllr Woodley (22)

Against amendment 1:

Cllr Berry, Cllr Borton, Cllr Burton, Cllr Collins, Cllr Cowan, Cllr Dent, Cllr George, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Hyde, Cllr A Jones, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Line, Cllr McMullan, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mulronee, Cllr Murphy, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Sadza, Cllr Shead, Cllr Terry, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Ward (24)

Abstentions:

Cllr K Evans and Cllr Robinson (2)

Absent

Cllr Buckley, Cllr Harland, Cllr Wexham (3)

Amendment 1 was not carried.

Amendment 2: Expenditure

For amendment 2:

Cllr Beggs, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Buck, Cllr Courtenay, Cllr Cowdrey, Cllr Cox, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Dear, Cllr F Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garston, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr D Jones, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Salter, Cllr Stafford, Cllr Walker, Cllr Warren and Cllr Woodley (22)

Against amendment 2:

Cllr Berry, Cllr Borton, Cllr Burton, Cllr Collins, Cllr Cowan, Cllr Dent, Cllr George, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Hyde, Cllr A Jones, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Line, Cllr McMullan, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mulronee, Cllr Murphy, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Sadza, Cllr Shead, Cllr Terry, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Ward (24)

Abstentions:

Cllr K Evans and Cllr Robinson (2)

Absent

Cllr Buckley, Cllr Harland, Cllr Wexham (3)

Amendment 2 was not carried.

Amendment 3: Capital Investment Programme

For amendment 3

Cllr Beggs, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Buck, Cllr Courtenay, Cllr Cowdrey, Cllr Cox, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Dear, Cllr F Evans, Cllr K Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garston, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr D Jones, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Salter, Cllr Stafford, Cllr Walker, Cllr Warren and Cllr Woodley (23)

Against amendment 3

Cllr Berry, Cllr Borton, Cllr Burton, Cllr Collins, Cllr Cowan, Cllr Dent, Cllr George, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Hyde, Cllr A Jones, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Line, Cllr McMullan, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mulronee, Cllr Murphy, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Sadza, Cllr Shead, Cllr Terry, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Ward (24)

Abstentions

Cllr Robinson (1)

Absent

Cllr Buckley, Cllr Harland, Cllr Wexham (3)

Amendment 3 was not carried.

Amendment 4: 2024/25 Saving Proposals

For amendment 4

Cllr Beggs, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Buck, Cllr Courtenay, Cllr Cowdrey, Cllr Cox, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Dear, Cllr F Evans, Cllr K Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garston, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr D Jones, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Salter, Cllr Stafford, Cllr Walker, Cllr Warren and Cllr Woodley (23)

Against amendment 4

Cllr Berry, Cllr Borton, Cllr Burton, Cllr Collins, Cllr Cowan, Cllr Dent, Cllr George, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Hyde, Cllr A Jones, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Line, Cllr McMullan, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mulrone, Cllr Murphy, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Sadza, Cllr Shead, Cllr Terry, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Ward (24)

Abstentions

Cllr Robinson (1)

Absent

Cllr Buckley, Cllr Harland, Cllr Wexham (3)

Amendment 4 was not carried.

The substantive budget proposals were then voted on by way of a named vote as required by law. The voting was as follows:

For the budget:

Cllr Berry, Cllr Borton, Cllr Burton, Cllr Collins, Cllr Cowan, Cllr Dent, Cllr George, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Hyde, Cllr A Jones, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Line, Cllr McMullan, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mulrone, Cllr Murphy, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Sadza, Cllr Shead, Cllr Terry, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Ward (24)

Against the budget:

Cllr Beggs, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Buck, Cllr Courtenay, Cllr Cowdrey, Cllr Cox, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Dear, Cllr F Evans, Cllr Folkard, Cllr Garston, Cllr Habermel, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr D Jones, Cllr Lamb, Cllr Moyies, Cllr Nelson, Cllr Salter, Cllr Stafford, Cllr Walker, Cllr Warren and Cllr Woodley (22)

Abstentions:

Cllr K Evans, Cllr Robinson (2)

Absent:

Cllr Buckley, Cllr Harland, Cllr Wexham (3)

The Council Budget 2023/24 proposals were carried, as set out as follows:

Resolved:

With regard to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/24:

1. That the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2023/24 – 2027/28 (Appendix 1 to the submitted report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023) and the resulting Medium Term Financial Forecast and estimated Earmarked Reserves Balances up to 2027/28 (Annexes 1 and 2 to Appendix 1), and any final minor changes/updates of this strategy as required be delegated to the Executive Director (Finance & Resources), be approved.

2. That the draft Section 151 Officer's statement on the robustness of the proposed budget, the adequacy of the Council's reserves and the Council's Reserves Strategy (Appendix 2 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be noted.
3. That the appropriation of the sums to earmarked reserves totalling £0.706M (Appendix 3 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.
4. That the appropriation of the sums from earmarked reserves totalling £2.468M (Appendix 3 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.
5. That the use of £1M from the General Fund balances to support the core 2023/24 revenue budget which will be replenished over the life of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (Annex 1 to Appendix 1 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.
6. That a General Fund Budget Requirement for 2023/24 of £143.875M and Council Tax Requirement of £97.499M (Appendix 4 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.
7. That it be noted that the 2023/24 revenue budget has been prepared based on using £2M from accumulated Collection Fund surpluses to support the core budget and to allow for a smoothing of the budget gap.
8. That a Council Tax increase of 4.99% for the Southend-on-Sea element of the Council Tax for 2023/24, being 2.99% for general use and 2.00% for Adult Social Care, be approved.
9. That the position of the Council's preceptors, be noted:
 - Essex Police – proposed Council Tax position increase of 6.84%
 - Essex Fire & Rescue Services – proposed Council Tax increase of 6.57%
 - Leigh-on-Sea Town Council – confirmed Band D precept decrease of 0.71%
10. That no Special Expenses be charged other than Leigh-on-Sea Town Council precept for 2023/24.
11. That the proposed General Fund revenue budget investment of £23.473M (Appendix 5 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.
12. That the proposed General Fund revenue budget savings and income generation initiatives for 2023/24 of £9.215M (Appendix 6a to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.
13. That the proposed General Fund revenue cost avoidance and overspend reduction initiatives for 2023/24 of £1.603M (Appendix 6b to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

14. That the approach proposed for the development and implementation of a new transformation blueprint for the Council and to confirm the use of £1.5m from existing earmarked reserves over the next three years to support this programme of activity, be approved.

15. That the implementation of the new Adult Social Care Charging Policy from 1 April 2023 (Appendix 7 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

16. That the proposed range of fees and charges for 2023/24 (Appendix 8 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), as amended, be approved.

17. That the Dedicated Schools Grant budget and its relevant distribution, as recommended by the Education Board (Appendix 9 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

18. That the Capital Investment Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28 (Appendix 10 to the report) and the Capital Investment Policy (Annex 1 to Appendix 10 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

19. That the following be approved:

(i) new schemes and additions to the Capital Investment Programme for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28 totalling £16.1M (£3.6M for the General Fund and £12.5M for the Housing Revenue Account) (Appendix 11 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023).

(ii) new schemes subject to viable business cases totalling £5.6M for the General Fund (Appendix 11 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023).

20. That the proposed changes to the current Capital Investment Programme (Appendix 12 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

21. That the proposed Capital Investment Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 of £116.0M to be delivered by the Council and £53.1M to be delivered by Subsidiary Companies, Partners and Joint Ventures (Appendix 13 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023) of which £57.8M is supported by external funding, be approved.

22. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy for 2023/24 (Appendix 14 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023) and the prudential indicators (Appendix 15 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

23. That the operational boundary and authorised limits for borrowing for 2023/24 which are set at £390M and £400M respectively (Appendix 15 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

24. That the summary of changes included in this proposed Final Budget Package in response to the feedback that has been received since the draft budget was launched on 5 January 2023, be noted.

25. That the summary status of Equality Analysis supporting the budget proposals for 2023/24 to 2025/26 (Appendix 16a to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023) and the new items proposed in response to the feedback that has been received since the draft budget was launched on 5 January 2023 (Appendix 16b to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be noted.

With regard to the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2023/24 and rent setting:

26. That an average rent increase of 7% on all tenancies, be approved.

27. That an average rent increase of 7% on shared ownership properties, be approved.

28. That an increase of 10.1% for garage rents to £13.98 per week for tenants and £16.77 for non-tenants (being £13.98 plus VAT), a rise consistent with the standard approach taken across the council's fees and charges, be approved. All variants on a standard garage will receive a proportionate increase.

29. That South Essex Homes core management fee be agreed at £7,192,000 for 2023/24.

30. That South Essex Homes proposals for average increases of 44.29% in service charges to reflect the estimated costs incurred for 2023/24, be approved.

31. That South Essex Homes proposals for an average 104% increase in heating charges for sheltered housing tenants and for hostel tenants to reflect the estimated costs incurred for 2023/24, be approved.

32. That the following appropriations be approved:

- £60,000 to the Repairs Contract Pensions Reserve.
- £4,047,000 to the Capital Investment Reserve.
- £7,384,000 from the Capital Investment Reserve.

33. That, subject to the approval of resolutions 1 to 7 above, the HRA budget for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.

34. That the value of the Council's capital allowance from 2023/24 be declared as £49,297,000 as determined in accordance with regulation 16 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations.

With regard to Treasury Management 2023/24:

35. That the Treasury Management Policy Statement 2023/24, (appendix 1 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

36. That the Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24, (appendix 2 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

37. That the Annual Treasury Management Investment Strategy 2023/24 (appendix 3 to the report to Cabinet held 14 February 2023), be approved.

With regard to the Council Tax for 2023/24:

38. That it be noted that on 12 January 2023 the Cabinet calculated the Council Tax Base 2023/24:

(a) for the whole Council area as 59,746.14

(b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates (Leigh-on-Sea Town Council) as 9,135.15

39. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding town/parish precepts) be determined as £97,498,531.

40. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):

(a) £406,226,056 – Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by town/parish councils.

(b) -£308,265,469 – Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

(c) £97,960,587 – Being the amount by which the aggregate of 40(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 40(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (including town/parish precepts).

(d) £1,639.61 – Being the amount at 40(c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base shown at 38(a) above, as the basis amount of its Council Tax for the year (including town/parish precepts).

(e) £462,056 – Being the aggregate amount of all special items (town/parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act and set out below:

Band A: 33.72; Band B: 39.34; Band C: 44.96; Band D: 50.58; Band E: 61.82; Band F: 73.06; Band G: 84.30; Band H: 101.16.

(f) £1,631.88 – Being the amount at 40(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 40(e) above by the Council Tax Base shown at 38(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no town/parish precept relates.

41. That it be noted that the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated below:

Essex Police Authority:

Band A: 155.64; Band B: 181.58; Band C: 207.52; Band D: 233.46; Band E: 285.34; Band F: 337.22; Band G: 389.10; Band H: 466.92.

Essex Fire Authority:

Band A: 53.52; Band B: 62.44; Band C: 71.36; Band D: 80.28; Band E: 98.12;
Band F: 115.96; Band G: 133.80; Band H: 160.56.

42. That the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2023/24 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings:

Band A: 1,297.08; Band B: 1,513.26; Band C: 1,729.44; Band D: 1,945.62; Band E: 2,377.98; Band F: 2,810.34; Band G: 3,242.70; Band H: 3,891.24.

43. That the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 be determined as not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Act, and as shown in the calculation below:

(a) Percentage increase defined by the Secretary of State as constituting an excessive increase for 2023/24: 5% (comprising 2% for the Adult Social Care Precept and 3% for other expenditure).

(b) Percentage increase in the Council's basic amount of Council Tax:

2022/23 amount - £1,554.39

2023/24 amount - £1,631.88

Percentage increase: 4.99%

The figure at 43(b) is less than the figure at 43(a) above and therefore the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 is not excessive and no referendum is required.

44. That the amounts payable in each town/parish at each band, comprising aggregate sums derived from all precepts, be as set out below:

Unparished Area: Band A: 1,297.08; Band B: 1,513.26; Band C: 1,729.44; Band D: 1,996.20; Band E: 2,377.98; Band F: 2,810.34; Band G: 3,242.70; Band H: 3,891.24

Parished Area: Band A: 1,330.80; Band B: 1,552.60; Band C: 1,774.40; Band D: 1,996.20; Band E: 2,439.80; Band F: 2,883.40; Band G: 3,327.00; Band H: 3,992.40.

698 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Thursday, 12 January 2023

Resolved:

That minutes 613 and 614, be noted.

699 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Thursday, 2 February 2023

Resolved:

That minutes 671 and 672, be noted.

700 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Tuesday, 14 February 2023

Resolved:

That minutes 685, 686 and 687, be noted.

701 Pay Policy Statement 2023/24

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Transformation) presenting the Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 in the context of the Council's overall Reward Strategy.

Resolved:

That the Pay Policy Statement as recommended by the Senior Manager Pay Panel, be approved.

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 2nd March, 2023
Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors S Habermel (Vice-Chair), B Beggs, M Borton, H Boyd, 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 Garston, S George, I Gilbert, 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, K Murphy, D Nelson, M O'Connor, M Sadza, L Salter, I Shead, M Stafford, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 10.55 pm

737 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry and Wexham.

738 Declarations of Interest

- **Councillor Berry**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 643 (Use of Section 106 Contributions) – Southend City Council appointed Board member of Southend-on-Sea Forum Management Ltd which was mentioned during the debate on the basis that the Forum/Focal Point Gallery had submitted the planning application.

- **Councillor Borton**

Licensing Committee – 17th October 2023

Minute 542 (Revocation of Taxi Stand on Weston Road, Southend-on-Sea) – Husband is a blue badge holder.

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) – Trustlinks was one of the charities supported by her during her Mayoral year (2021/22) which was mentioned during the debate.

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) – Daughter is one of the matrons at Basildon Mental Health Unit.

Council – 2nd March 2023

Minute 741 (Question 3 from Councillor Cowan) – Is affected as a WASPI woman.

- **Councillor Buck**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) – Allotment holder.

Minute 645 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Has had significant levels of contact from local residents on this matter.

- **Councillor Burton**

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 655 (Passenger Transport Services Performance Monitoring) – Employed as a teacher at a school outside Southend-on-Sea that has pupils that are resident within the City.

- **Councillor Cowdrey**

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) and Minute 658 (Social Care Arrangements for Adult Mental Health) – Employed as a registered social worker and is a member of the Mental Health Partnership Forum.

Council – 2nd March 2023

Minute 741 (Question 3 from Councillor Cowan) – Is affected as a WASPI woman.

- **Councillor Dear**

Development Control Committee – 4th January 2023

Application 22/01954/FULH (8a Woodberry Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Had been contacted by the applicant for advice on the application and had been contacted by a number of neighbours in Woodberry Close (withdrew).

- **Councillor Dent**

Development Control Committee - 14th December 2022

Planning Application Ref: 21/00220/FUL (613 to 619 and Garages to rear of 593 to 647 Southchurch Road) – Has received correspondence from residents of neighbouring properties with regard to the application and the planning process.

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 645 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Has had contact from multiple local residents on this matter.

- **Councillor Keith Evans**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) – Chair of Leigh Town Council and son works for Trustlinks both of which were mentioned during the debate.

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) and Minute 658 (Social Care Arrangements for Mental Health) – Family member is mentally handicapped; Employed by Essex County Council in the consideration of school appeals as member of Statutory Appeal Panel.

- **Councillor Folkard**

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 654 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) and Minute 654 (East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust) – Relative employed at Broomfield Hospital.

- **Councillor Hyde**

Cabinet Committee – 21st December 2022

Minute 593 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Runs a youth group in the Burges Estate.

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) – Allotment holder.

- **Councillor Hooper**

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) – Director of Blade Education, a not-for-profit company that works with local SEND children and MENCAP.

- **Councillor A Jones**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) – Mention of bus stop greening, son works in the Council's Strategic Transport Team and antisocial behaviour in Toledo Road was mentioned in the debate which is near to her property.

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 654 (East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust) – Friend operates a private ambulance service.

- **Councillor Mitchell**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th December 2023

Minute 551 (A Better Start Southend (ABSS)) – ABSS is in partnership with Hamlet Court Road in Harmony Community Group – Chair of this group.

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) – Vice-Chair of Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Partnership.

Council – 2nd March 2023

Minute 741 (Question 3 from Councillor Cowan) – Is affected as a WASPI woman.

- **Councillor Moyies**

Cabinet Committee – 21st December 2022

Minute 593 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Has many friends living in the Burges Estate.

- **Councillor Mulroney**

Development Control Committee – 14th December 2022

Planning Application Ref: 22/01867/FUL (Peter Boat Car Park, High Street, Leigh-on-Sea) – Knows the owner of the property subject of the planning application.

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 646 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Mention of Leigh 20mph scheme which is located where she lives.

Minute 643 (Use of Section 106 Contributions) – Leigh Town Council was referred to.

Council – 2nd March 2023

Minute 741 (Question 3 from Councillor Cowan) – Is affected as a WASPI woman.

- **Councillor Nelson**

Cabinet Committee – 21st December 2022

Minute 593 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Family members live in the Burges Estate.

- **Councillor O'Connor**

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 654 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) – Family member has special educational needs and disabilities and is subject of an application for an Education, Health and Care Plan.

- **Councillor Robinson**

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) – EPUT is his employer.

- **Councillor Sadza**

Development Control Committee - 14th December 2022

Planning Application Ref: 21/00220/FUL (613 to 619 and Garages to rear of 593 to 647 Southchurch Road) – Has received correspondence from residents of neighbouring properties with regard to the application and the planning process.

Cabinet Committee – 21st December 2022

Minute 593 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – A friend and member of the Labour Party lives in the Burges Estate.

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) – Governor of EPUT.

Council – 2nd March 2023

Minute 741 (Question 3 from Councillor Cowan) – Is affected as a WASPI woman.

- **Councillor Salter**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th December 2023

Minute 318 (Mental Health Urgent Care Department), Minute 317 (Developing the SEE Alliance Plan) and Minute 319 (Winter Plan/Actions) – 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 – 31st January 2023

Minute 653 (Essex Partnership University NHS Trust) and Minute 654 (East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust) - 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.

- **Councillor Shead**

Licensing Committee – 17th October 2023

Minute 542 (Revocation of Taxi Stand on Weston Road, Southend-on-Sea) – Parents are blue badge holders.

People Scrutiny Committee – 31st January 2023

Minute 658 (Social Care Arrangements for Adult Mental Health) – Family member is in receipt of adult social care services in another local authority area.

- **Councillor Terry**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 2nd February 2023

Minute 670 (Car Cruise PSPO) – Resident of area covered by the proposed PSPO.

- **Councillor Thompson**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 643 (Use of Section 106 Contributions) – Southend City Council appointed board member of Southend-on-Sea Forum Management Ltd which was mentioned during the debate on the basis that the Forum/Focal Point Gallery had submitted the planning application.

- **Councillor Warren**

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) – Allotment holder.

- **Councillor Ward**

Development Control Committee – 14th December 2022

– Planning Application Ref: 22/01867/FUL (Peter Boat Car Park, High Street, Leigh-on-Sea) – Knows the owner of the property subject of the planning application.

- **Councillor Woodley**

Cabinet Committee – 21st December 2022

Minute 593 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Lives in the Ward.

Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th January 2023

Minute 646 (Thorpe 20mph Neighbourhood) – Member of BERA which was mentioned during the debate and lives in the Ward.

739 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 Silence

– The Council remained silent for one minute as a mark of respect to Alan Hurst, former Councillor, Leader of the Labour Group and Member of Parliament for Braintree, who sadly passed away recently.

740 Questions from the Public

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

741 Questions from Councillors

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

742 Petition - To stop Over 85,000 Additional Trucks Using The City's Highways

Councillor Woodley presented a petition containing 1292 signatures from residents to stop over 85,000 additional trucks using the City’s highways.

Resolved:

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

743 Petition - Save the Jazz Centre UK

Councillor Cox presented a petition containing 500 signatures from residents to save the Jazz Centre UK.

Resolved:

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

744 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held Monday, 17 October 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

745 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee C held Monday, 5 December 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

746 Minutes of the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board held Thursday, 8 December 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

747 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 14 December 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

748 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held Wednesday, 21 December 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

749 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 4 January 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

750 Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held Wednesday, 11 January 2023 of Audit Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

751 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held Thursday, 12 January 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 611 (Resourcing Better Outcomes Financial Performance), 622 (Community Infrastructure Levy), be approved.

752 Minutes of the meeting of Appointments and Disciplinary Committee held Monday, 23 January 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

753 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held Monday, 30 January 2023

On consideration of Minute 643 (Use of Section 106 Contributions) the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism undertook to provide more detailed information in future reports on the amount of money received and where/how the money has been allocated in respect to S106 contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

During consideration of Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) a requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 to refer the matter back to Cabinet, the voting was as follows:

For reference back:

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

Against reference back:

Cllrs Borton, Burton, Collins, Cowan, Dent, Gilbert, Hooper, Hyde, A Jones, Kelly, Line, McMullan, Mitchell, Mulroney, Murphy, O'Connor, George, Sadza, Shead, Terry, Wakefield and Ward (22)

Abstention:

Cllrs Cowdrey and Robinson (2)

Absent:

Cllrs Berry, Thompson and Wexham (3).

The motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and Minute 644 (Grassland Management Policy) be referred back to Cabinet with the recommendation 'to use a proportion of the climate change budget to plant wildflower seeds as part of the rewilding strategy.'

754 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held Tuesday, 31 January 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

755 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 1 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

756 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Thursday, 2 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

757 Minutes of the meeting of General Purposes Committee held Thursday, 9 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 679 (Review of the Constitution) and 681 (Freedom of the City of Southend-on-Sea and Honorary Alderman Nominations), be approved.

758 Minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held Tuesday, 28 February 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

759 Review of the Constitution

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Strategy, Change and Governance) presenting the revised Council Procedure Rules and the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. This matter was considered in conjunction with Minute 679 (Review of the Constitution) of the General Purposes Committee held 9 February 2023.

Resolved:

1. That the revised Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Council Procedure Rules, set out at Appendix A and B of the submitted report, be adopted for implementation at the beginning of the Municipal Year 2023/24.
2. That the Terms of Reference of the Independent Remuneration Panel, set out at Appendix C to the report, be approved.
3. That the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) be authorised to appoint Deputy Electoral Registration Officers to carry out his powers and duties either in full or in part in accordance with Section 52(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.
4. That the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly (to include the transfer of the relevant provisions in the existing Council Procedure Rules to other parts of the Constitution as appropriate).

760 Review of Committee Proportionality

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Strategy, Change and Governance) presenting the results of the review of Committee proportionality, following the formation of the Residents First Group on the Council.

The list of changes to the appointments to Committees was circulated at the meeting.

Resolved:

1. That the adjustments to the allocation of places following the review of Committee proportionality, be noted.
2. That the revised appointments to the Committees required (circulated at the meeting), be approved.

761 Draft Calendar of Meetings 2023/24

Resolved:

That the draft Calendar of meetings 2023/24, be approved.

762 Opposition Business - 85,000 soil HGV vehicle movements to Gunners Park development

In accordance with Standing Order 19 the Conservative Group requested that the proposed 85,000 HGV vehicle movements to and from Gunners Park development be debated.

During consideration of the matter one amendment was proposed and seconded and a requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 on the amendment, the voting was as follows:

For the amendment:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Buck, Buckley, Courtenay, Cowan, Cowdrey, Cox, Davidson, Dear, Dent, F Evans, K Evans, Folkard, Garston, Habermel, Harland, Hyde, Jarvis, D Jones, Kelly, Lamb, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Stafford, Walker, Ward, Warren and Woodley (30)

Against the amendment:

Cllrs Borton, Burton, Gilbert, Hooper, A Jones, Line, McMullan, Mitchell, Mulroney, O'Connor, George, Sadza and Terry (13)

Abstentions:

Cllrs Collins, Murphy, Robinson, Shead and Wakefield (5)

Absent:

Cllrs Berry, Thompson and Wexham (3).

The amendment to the opposition business proposal was carried.

The Opposition Business proposals as amended were then put to a named vote in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12. The voting was as follows:

For:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Buck, Buckley, Courtenay, Cowan, Cowdrey, Cox, Davidson, Dear, Dent, F Evans, K Evans, Folkard, Garston, Habermel, Harland, Hyde, Jarvis, D Jones, Kelly, Lamb, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Stafford, Walker, Ward, Warren and Woodley (30)

Against:

Cllrs Borton, Burton, Collins, Gilbert, Hooper, A Jones, Line, McMullan, Mitchell, Mulroney, O'Connor, George, Sadza and Terry (14)

Abstentions:

Cllrs Murphy, Robinson, Shead and Wakefield (4)

Absent:

Cllrs Berry, Thompson and Wexham (3)

Accordingly, it was resolved:

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

1. This Council believes either waterways or rail should be used to transport earth to the Gunners Park development site.
2. The Council will open negotiations with Bellway in order to look at delivering earth to the site by barge and/or by train.

In the event that the options of the use of waterways or rail be ruled out, the following are undertaken prior to any final decision being made:

3. This Council apply for a temporary Traffic Regulation Order for a weight restriction along Thorpe Hall Avenue to allow Anglian Water, as the body responsible for the maintenance, to do an engineering assessment to see if the sewage line in Thorpe Hall Avenue is robust enough to take the proposed additional 85,000 HGV vehicle movements.
4. Structural surveys are undertaken on house foundations along Thorpe Hall Avenue and all roads on the proposed route.

Chairman: _____

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Council – Thursday 23rd March 2023

**Petition: Support Making Richmond Avenue a one-way street and
20mph**

I/we the undersigned petition the Council to make Richmond Avenue a one way road from Caulfield Road to St Andrews Road with a 20mph speed limit. The main reason for this petition is to make the road safer for parents and carers with children that attend Richmond Avenue Primary School.

The petition contains 30 signatures.

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Council – Thursday 23rd March 2023

Petition: Average Speed Camera's

We the undersigned request that average speed camera's are installed on Eastern Avenue from the Hamstel Road junction to the Sutton Road junction for the safety of the residents and their families.

The petition contains 28 signatures.

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Monday, 20th February, 2023
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor S Wakefield (Chair)
Councillors P Collins (Vice-Chair) and K Mitchell

In Attendance: Councillors K Buck, D Cowan, T Cox, A Dear, M Dent, L Hyde,
J Moyies, C Walker and R Woodley
S Harrington, N Hoskins, T Row, A Gibbons and J Matthews

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.35 pm

702 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

703 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillor Collins – Agenda Item No. 5 (Traffic Regulation Orders – Junction Protection) – Blatches Chase/Whitehouse Road – Residents had asked him to bring the matter to the Working Party for consideration;

(ii) Councillor Mitchell – Agenda Item No. 9 (London Road (Queensway to High Street) Parking) – Residents have made representations to her about difficulties with parking in this area;

(iii) Councillor Walker – Agenda Item No. 6 (School Streets (West Leigh School – Ronald Hill Grove)) – Wife teaches at both West Leigh Infants and Junior Schools; and

(iv) Councillor Walker – Agenda Item No. 9 (Prittlebrook Greenway TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) – Wife teaches at Darlinghurst Primary School.

704 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th November 2022

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th November 2022 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

705 Minutes of the special meeting held on Wednesday, 21st December, 2022

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the special meeting held on Wednesday, 21st December 2022 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

706 Traffic Regulation Orders - Junction Protection

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and the Environment) that sought approval of the commencement of consultation and implementation of the relevant traffic regulation orders in respect of the junction at Blatches Chase with Whitehouse Road. This would be included in the junction protection project schemes across the City. This matter had been referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination as it crosses the boundary the two wards of Eastwood Park ward and St Laurence.

In response to questions and having regard to the comments of the Traffic Regulations Working Party, the Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network undertook to investigate the possibility of extending the restrictions further eastwards along Whitehouse Road to include the traffic island/refuge and inform Councillors of the Working Party of the outcome.

Resolved:-

1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) or Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order(s) for the introduction of the waiting restrictions for the proposed junction protection measures set out in the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to confirm the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions.

2. That, in the event any objections are received in response to the statutory consultation, the matter be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination.

Reasons for decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other options

Do nothing – Road safety could be compromised

Note: This is an Executive function

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wakefield

***Called-in to Place Scrutiny Committee**

707 School Streets (West Leigh School - Ronald Hill Grove)

The Committee received the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that sought approval of the commencement of the statutory

consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order in respect of the Ronald Hill Grove (West Leigh School Street) proposals and the implementation of the scheme should the traffic regulation order be confirmed. This matter had been referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination as it crosses the boundary of two or more electoral Wards in the City.

Having considered the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party it was:

Resolved:-

1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) or Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order(s) for the introduction of the Ronald Hill Grove (West Leigh School Street) scheme as set out in the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to confirm the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions.

2. That, in the event any objections are received in response to the statutory consultation, the matter be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination.

Reasons for decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other options

As set out in the submitted report

Note: This is an Executive function

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wakefield

***Called-in to Place Scrutiny Committee**

708 Review of Minimum Vehicle Hard-standing Sizes as part of the Vehicle Crossover (PVX) Policy

This item was withdrawn.

709 Prittle Brook Greenway TRO (Traffic Regulation Order)

The Committee received the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) that presented proposals for the conversion of existing pedestrian only footways to shared use cycle track at various locations as set out in the submitted report to improve the continuity of Prittle Brook Greenway cycle track.

The report also sought approval of the commencement of the statutory consultation and implementation of the relevant traffic regulation orders to support the scheme. This matter had been referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination as it crosses the boundary of two or more electoral Wards in the City.

In response to questions and having regard to the comments of the Traffic Regulations Working Party, the Council's Head of Traffic Management and

Highways Network gave her assurances that the final designs and details of the widths of the shared use cycleway/footway would be brought back to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee prior to the statutory advertisement of any proposals.

The Council's Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network also undertook to investigate the possibility of providing appropriate markings on the pavement to advise pedestrians of the potential of cyclists as part of the improvements.

Resolved:-

1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) or Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order(s) to support the improvements of the continuity of Prittle Brook Greenway cycle track scheme as set out in the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to confirm the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions.

2. That, in the event any objections are received in response to the statutory consultation, the matter be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination.

Reasons for decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other options

As set out in the submitted report

Note: This is an Executive function

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wakefield

***Called-in to Place Scrutiny Committee**

710 London Road (Queensway to High Street) Parking

The Committee received the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) that sought approval of the commencement of consultation and implementation of the relevant traffic regulation orders in respect of the review of the waiting restrictions in London Road (from Queensway Roundabout to High Street) and the implementation of the scheme should the traffic regulation order be confirmed. This matter had been referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination as it crosses the boundary of two or more electoral Wards in the City. It was noted that the proposals were a capital funded scheme complimenting the recently completed Southend Central Area Transport Scheme (S-CATS) project.

In response to questions regarding enforcement of pavement parking and having regard to the comments of the Traffic Regulation Working Party regarding concerns of vehicles parking in the central reservation, the Council's Head of Traffic Management and Highway Network undertook to investigate other additional solutions to prevent this, including the possibility of physical measures such as planters, as part of the scheme.

The Council's Head of Traffic Management and Highway Network undertook to inform the Working Party of the proposed timing of the loading bays prior to statutory advertisement.

Resolved:-

1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) or Head of Traffic Management and Highways Network be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order(s) to support the review of the waiting restrictions in London Road (from Queensway Roundabout to High Street) as set out in the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to confirm the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions.

2. That, in the event any objections are received in response to the statutory consultation, the matter be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for determination.

Reasons for decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other options

As set out in the submitted report

Note: This is an Executive function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wakefield

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 21st February, 2023
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor S George (Chair)
Councillors M Terry (Vice-Chair), C Mulroney, L Burton, P Collins,
I Gilbert, K Mitchell and S Wakefield

In Attendance: R Polkinghorne, J Chesterton, M Marks, J Burr, S Meah-Sims,
A Richards, G Gilbert, E Lindsell, S Fox, G Halksworth, A Keating,
R Harris and M Sheppard

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.10 pm

711 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

Chair's Introduction

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

712 Declarations of Interest

The following declaration of interest was made:

Cllr L Burton – Agenda Item 9 (SEND Strategy) – teacher at a local school.

713 Southchurch Park Lake - Removal of Post and Rail (referred back by Place Scrutiny Committee held Monday, 30 January 2022)

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) concerning the removal of the post and rail at Southchurch Park Lake which had been referred back to the Cabinet by the Place Scrutiny Committee held on 30 January 2023.

Resolved:

That the replacement of the post and rail at Southchurch Park to the eastern section at a cost of £25,000 to be funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (£10,000), and £15,000 from the General Fund Revenue budget, be approved.

Reasons for decision:

To fund the replacement of the post and rail at Southchurch Park at a cost of £25,000.

Other options:

None

Note: This is an Executive Function

Not eligible for call-in as the matter has previously been the subject of call-in.

Cabinet Member: Cllr Mulroney

714 Notice of Motion - Webcasting (referred back by Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Thursday, 2 February 2022)

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Growth and Housing) concerning the Notice of Motion (webcasting) which had been referred back to the Cabinet by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 2 February 2023.

Resolved:

1. That officers continue to engage with the third-party provider Public-I to ensure that the viewers experience is acceptable.
2. That officers investigate feedback that remote viewers are unable to control the volume output on their device to a desired volume level.
3. That on completion of the review of using the Jubilee room for webcast meetings, the results be presented to the Corporate Matters and Performance Delivery Working Party.

Reasons for decision:

To continue to review the provision of webcasting in the Jubilee Room.

Other options:

None

Note: This is an Executive Function

Not eligible for call-in as the matter has previously been the subject of call-in.

Cabinet Member: Cllr George

715 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge and Action Plan

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive presenting the findings and recommendations of the Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Challenge, which took place from 11 – 14 October 2022.

Resolved:

1. That the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge findings and the nine recommendations, be noted.
2. That the steps to address the LGA's recommendations, as set out in the Action Plan at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.

Reasons for decision:

The LGA's Corporate Peer Challenge process independently validated the challenges that the Council faces. The recommendations provide the Council with an improvement focussed and tailored response to its needs. The recommendations further complement and add value to the Council's own performance and improvement plans.

Other options:

None

Note: This is an Executive Function

Cabinet Member: Cllr George

***Called-in to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee**

716 Corporate Risk Register

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the updated summary Corporate Risk Register.

Resolved:

That the updated summary Corporate Risk Register and the position at December 2022, set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be noted.

Reasons for decision:

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require that a relevant authority must ensure it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of its functions and the achievement of its aims and objectives, ensures that the financial and operational management of the Council is effective and includes effective arrangements for the management of risk.

Other options:

None

Note: This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to: Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Cllr Collins

717 Treasury Management Report - Quarter Three 2022/23

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the treasury management activity for both quarter three and the period from April to December 2022.

Resolved:

1. That the quarter three treasury management report for 2022/23, be approved.

2. That it be noted that the treasury management activities were carried out in accordance with the CIPFA (The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Sector during the period from April to December 2022.

3. That it be noted that the loan and investment portfolios were actively managed to minimise cost and maximise interest earned, whilst maintaining a low level of risk.

4. That it be noted that £2.395m of interest and income distributions for all investments were earned during this nine-month period at an average rate of 1.92%. This is 0.18% over the average SONIA rate (Sterling Overnight Index Average) and 0.12% over the average bank rate. Also, the value of the externally managed funds decreased by a net of £6.983 due to changes in the unit price, giving a combined overall return of -3.67%.

5. That it be noted that the level of borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) (excluding debt relating to services transferred from Essex County Council on 1st April 1998) remained at £347.3 (Housing Revenue Account (HRA); £74.2m, General Fund: £273.1m) during the period from April to December 2022 at an average rate of 3.46%.

6. That it be noted that the level of financing for 'invest to save' capital schemes decreased from £8.39m to 8.30m during the period from April to December 2022.

Reasons for decision:

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management recommends that Local Authorities should submit reports regularly. The Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2022/23 set out that reports would be submitted to Cabinet quarterly on the activities of the treasury management operation.

Other options:

There are many options available for the operation of the Treasury Management function, with varying degrees of risk associated with them. The Treasury Management Policy aims to effectively control risk to within a prudent level, whilst providing optimum performance consistent with that level of risk.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Cabinet Member: Cllr Collins

***Called-in to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee**

718 Greater Essex Devolution Proposal

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive setting out progress to date on conversations with Essex County Council and Thurrock Borough Council regarding the opportunities associated with devolution to Greater Essex (GE). The report also presented the Expression of Interest (EOI) for consideration which would be submitted by the three upper tier constituent authorities (Southend, Essex and Thurrock) to Government.

Resolved:

1. That the devolution Expression of Interest, set out at Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be approved for submission to Government to start the beginning of the process to discuss with government whether a devolution deal is suitable for Greater Essex and what elements of the framework would form part of a potential deal.
2. That the Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to make amendments to the Expression of Interest, set out at appendix 2 to the submitted report, prior to its submission to Government.

Reasons for decision:

To approve the submission of the devolution Expression of Interest to government as a starting point for dialogue and discussion whether a devolution deal is suitable for Greater Essex and what elements of the framework would form part of a potential deal.

Other options:

Do nothing. There is no legal requirement for areas to enter into a deal with Government. However, not pursuing dialogue with Government means that Greater Essex has effectively ruled out devolution without fully understanding and considering its potential benefits and risks falling further behind the growing number of other areas nationally, and within Greater Essex, who are benefitting from devolution deals.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to: Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Cllr George

719 SEND Strategy

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Children and Public Health) presenting the revised version of the Southend SEND Strategy.

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of the Children, Learning and Inclusion Working Party held 19 January 2023, as set out at appendix 2 to the submitted report, be noted.
2. That the revised SEND Strategy, set out at appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
3. That it be noted that the Southend SEND Strategy, once approved, would cover the period April 2022 to March 2026.
4. That the Southend SEND Strategy be produced in a range of formats so that it is accessible to a range of audiences and can be shared in a variety of formats.

Reasons for decision:

It is widely acknowledged that SEND is a joint area responsibility encompassing partners from education, health and care and the children, young people and families they support and therefore a specific coproduced SEND Strategy outlining priorities for the next 3 years is recommended. Publishing the SEND Strategy was a recommendation of both the WSOA and the Peer Review.

Other options:

The SEND partnership could continue to operate without a formal published strategy or subsume the SEND Strategy into a wider Council Policy but this would not be deemed good practice and would not reflect that the SEND offer in Southend is delivered in partnership with other agencies and not solely by the Council.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to: People Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Cllr Burton

720 Tackling Poverty Strategy

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Adults and Communities) presenting the draft Tackling Poverty Strategy for consideration.

Resolved:

That the Tackling Poverty Strategy 2023-2026, set out at appendix 2 to the submitted report, be approved.

Reasons for decision:

To adopt a robust strategic plan which clearly articulates the priorities for the Council to support its residents who are in poverty and those who are falling into poverty with the rise of the cost of living.

Other options:

None

Note: This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to: People Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Mitchell

721 Housing and Pipeline Update

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Growth and Housing) presenting an update on the work of the Housing Pipeline to date and details the future housing development opportunities across the city.

Resolved:

1. That the progress made on the Housing Pipeline to date, be noted.

2. That the Council undertakes due diligence regarding the potential allocation of capital funds for Afghan and Ukrainian resettlement purposes from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) and that authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) and the Executive Director (Growth and Housing), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing, to reach agreement about any bid decisions and to pursue actions set out in the submitted report.

3. That the use of both Denton Avenue site and Bradford Bury garage site for the development of Passivhaus pilot projects utilising existing Section 106 funds and Right to Buy funds, be approved.

4. That the next steps for the Housing Pipeline set out below, be approved:

- The development of a revolving investment fund to deliver the pipeline opportunities. The investment fund would work alongside other financing sources to deliver housing pipeline projects.
- Sale of the Thorpedene Campus site via auction to secure full, quick capital receipt and mitigate holding and demolition costs, with the capital receipt ringfenced to help fund future Housing Pipeline development opportunities.
- Sale of the Shorefield Gardens site via auction to secure a full, quick capital receipt with the capital receipt to be ringfenced to help fund future Housing Pipeline development opportunities.
- Use existing funds or funds received from site sales for detailed feasibility works, cost planning and design works for the Hamlet Court Road, the Cattery and Civic 2 sites.

Reasons for decision:

1. The need for housing of all sizes and tenures across the city is increasing as detailed in the South Essex Housing Needs Assessment, published in June 2022. The delivery and acceleration of the delivery of housing are key ASELA priority areas and the pipeline opportunities will contribute to the wider regional delivery and assist with future funding opportunities. The work of the housing pipeline including the acquisition of homes to be used for council housing and the development of new housing (including affordable housing) will look to alleviate some of this housing and homelessness pressure. The development of new housing in the city will also look to assist the council financially with increased council tax income and additional rent roll to the council's HRA.

2. The proposed development of Passivhaus pilots will be an opportunity for the Council to lead the delivery of sustainable housing in the city and contribute the ambitions of the council's Green City Action Plan and pledge to the Climate Emergency and help with progress towards net zero by 2030 through the development of new sustainable housing which will use significantly less energy and encourage more environmentally sustainable and healthy lifestyles.

3. The Council proceeding with capital grant allocation from DLUHC's LAHF will ensure arrivals on Afghan and Ukraine schemes are provided with sufficient longer-term accommodation whilst mitigating the expected increased pressures on council homelessness and housing services (subject to the financial due diligence and match funding considerations referenced above).

Other options:

1. Sell all sites within the Pipeline – Taking an approach of selling all sites would relinquish all control to third parties which may result in housing being built that would not meet the aspirations of the Council and may not guarantee the timely delivery of housing. The sale of selected sites will however be an important enabler.

2. The Council could develop all sites – Due to the identified constraints of the sites, sale will be a better option for some sites and the funds are required for the purpose of the investment fund to assist the financing of future development opportunities.

3. RP Partner/JV – Due to the scale of the sites included in Batch 1 of the housing pipeline, it has been determined that Council now has an enhanced development team skillset and can undertake the development in-house and a JV or partner approach is not necessary although closer working with local housing associations is being discussed at a regional level through ASELA and this may provide some interesting partnering and/or joint delivery opportunities.

4. Do Nothing – This would not result in future housing being built (including affordable housing) and therefore would not assist in the council housing pressures and would not improve the council's financial position. It would also leave the Council with the residual liabilities and costs.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Cabinet Member: Cllr Gilbert

***Called-in to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee**

722 Air Quality Action Plan 2022-2027

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) presenting the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) 2023-2027 for consideration.

Resolved:

That the Air Quality Action Plan 2023-2027, set out at appendix 1 to the submitted report, for the Air Quality Management Area 2 (appendix 2 to the report), Air Quality Management Area 1 (appendix 3 to the report) and across the City of Southend-on-Sea, be approved.

Reasons for decision:

The Council has a statutory duty to put in measures to improve local air quality through the development and implementation of an Air Quality Action Plan, to

reduce the impact on the health of those living and working within Southend-on-Sea.

Other options:

None. It is a statutory duty to adopt an Air Quality Action Plan where an Air Quality Management Area has been declared.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Cabinet Member: Cllr Mulroney

***Called-in to Place Scrutiny Committee**

723 Proposed Community Infrastructure Levy

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) and Executive Director (Growth and Housing) seeking agreement to spend up to £1million from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Main Fund on enhancing cycle infrastructure within the city.

Recommended:

1. That the 'Cycle Routes and Path Improvement Programme' CIL Main Fund application, set out at appendix A to the submitted report, together with the further details set out at Appendix A1 to A3 of the report, be noted.
2. That up to £1million from the CIL Main Fund to be spent on enhancing cycle infrastructure within the city, be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director for Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Culture and Tourism, to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the objectives of the Community Infrastructure Levy Governance Framework when spending the sum approved under resolution 2 above.

Reasons for recommendation:

1. The proposed works set out in the Cycle Infrastructure Improvement Programme fall with the definition of infrastructure that can be CIL funded in accordance with CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the provision of cycling measures was evidenced as an infrastructure priority within the Southend IDP.
2. At a time when the financial position is particularly challenging and funding may not be available from other sources, CIL funding that has previously been secured from new development in the city can make a significant difference to the well-being of residents by delivering the infrastructure needed to support the development in the area.

Other options:

Not to spend up to £1million from the CIL Main Fund on improving and enhancing cycle infrastructure. Whilst other funding sources may become available at some point, there is no guarantee as to if this would occur, when it would take place and the sums provided.

Note: This is a Council Function
Cabinet Members: Cllr Wakefield and Mulroney
***Called-in to Place Scrutiny Committee**

724 Southend Adult Community College Annual Report

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Growth and Housing) presenting an overview of the Southend Adult Community College achievements and performance for the academic year 2021/22 and outlines the priorities for the year ahead.

Resolved:

That the Southend Community College Annual Report 2021/22, set out at appendix 1 to the submitted report, be noted.

Reasons for decision:

To note the Southend Adult Community College Annual Report 2021/22.

Other options:

None

Note: This is an Executive Function
Eligible for call-in to: People Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet Member: Cllr Burton

725 SO46 Report

Resolved:

That the SO46 report, be noted.

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr Collins
***Called-in to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee**

726 Minutes of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held 17 January 2023

The Cabinet considered the recommendations of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held 17 January 2023.

Resolved:

1. That a pay award of £1925 per annum be applied to the Council's senior management grades for 2022/23.

2. That 1 day's additional annual leave be given to all senior management grades with effect from 1 April 2023.

Note: This is an Executive Function

Cabinet Member: Cllr George

***Called-in to Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee**

Chair: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Development Control Committee

Date: Wednesday, 1st March, 2023
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor N Ward (Chair)
Councillors M Borton (Vice-Chair), M Berry, K Buck, A Dear, M Dent,
F Evans, D Garston, S Habermel, D Jarvis, A Jones, C Mulroney,
M Sadza, I Shead, A Thompson and C Walker

In Attendance: Councillors H Boyd and K Evans
K Waters, C Galforg, P Keyes, S Mouratidis, C White, A Greenwood,
M Warren and T Row

Start/End Time: 2.00 pm - 5.20 pm

727 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

728 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

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

(ii) Councillor Buck – Minute No. 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant's family is known to him;

(iii) Councillor Dear – Minute No. 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;

(iv) Councillor F Evans – Minute No. 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant is known to her;

(v) Councillor Garston – Minute No. 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant's family is well known to him;

(vi) Councillor A Jones – Minute No. 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant's family is known to her;

(vii) Councillor Mulroney – Minute No. 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Applicant's family is known to her;

(viii) Councillor Mulroney – Minute No. 732 (22/02368/FUL - 995-1003 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea) – Objector is known to her;

(ix) Councillor Sadza – Minute No. 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;

(x) Councillor Walker – Minute No. 734 (22/02471/AMDT - 15 Leslie Close, Eastwood, Leigh on Sea) – Has been contacted by residents; and

(xi) Councillor Ward – Minute No. 731 (22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea) – Employer has undertaken work at Adventure Island in the past.

729 **Supplementary Report**

The supplementary report by the Executive Director (Growth and Housing) will provide additional information (if any) on the items referred to on the Agenda and will be available on the morning of the meeting.

730 **22/01118/FULM - Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Southend on Sea (Victoria Ward)**

Proposal: Demolish existing buildings and erect two 4 storey buildings, comprising 60no. self-contained retirement flats in one building and 84no. assisted living units with associated communal areas in the other, layout landscaping, parking, bin store and form new vehicle access onto Brighton Road

Applicant: Mr Amit Rabheru of McCarthy Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd and Anchor Hanover Group

Agent: Mr Richard Butler of The Planning Bureau

Resolved:-

(a) That the Executive Director (Growth and Housing), Director of Planning or Service Manager - Development Control be DELEGATED to GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION subject to the completion of an AGREEMENT under SECTION 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to secure the following:

- Affordable Housing - 52 x Use Class C2 assisted living shared ownership units on site.
- Sustainable Travel - The provision of a Travel Plan and Travel Information Packs for residents and Travel Plan Monitoring.
- £8,400.31 (61 x £137.71) towards biodiversity mitigation, management, protection or education (RAMS).
- Landscaping within the public realm of London Road directly to the south of the site, costed at £5200 plus ground preparation costs, and a financial contribution to cover the future maintenance of this landscaping for 20 years up to a maximum of £56,000 (estimated to be £63,000 in total).
- Standard S106 Monitoring Fee.

(b) That the Executive Director (Growth and Housing), Director of Planning or Service Manager – Development Control be DELEGATED to GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION subject to the completion of the section 106 agreement referred to above and subject to the conditions set out below:

01 The development hereby permitted shall begin no later than three years from the date of this decision.

Reason: Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

02 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans LSE-2794-3-AC-0002 A, LSE-2794-3-AC-0010 A (Showing EV charging points), LSE-2794-3-AC-1000 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1001 A, LSE-2794-3-AC-1002 A, LSE-2794-3-A, -1003 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1004 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1010 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1011 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1012 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1013 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1014 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1015 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1016 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1017 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1018 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1019 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-2000-B, LSE-2794-3-AC-2010-B, LSE-2794-3-AC-2012 B, LSE-2794-3-AC-1001 A, LSE-2794-3-AC-2011 C, LSE-2794-3-AC-3000 A, LSE-2794-3-AC-4000-A, LSE-2794-3-AC-4001-A.

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the Development Plan.

03 Notwithstanding the details shown on the plans and materials schedule submitted and otherwise hereby approved, no construction works other than demolition and construction up to ground floor slab level shall take place unless and until full product specifications of the materials to be used on all the external elevations of the development, including walls, including brick decoration and accents, roof, including slope, ridge and flat roof areas, balconies, including balustrade, floor, underside, gable edge detail, eaves, fascias and soffits, windows and doors, including sills, dormers, entrance porches and rainwater goods have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in full accordance with the approved details before it is brought into first use.

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of the area, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM3, Southend Central Area Action Plan (SCAAP) (2018) Policy PA8 and the advice contained within the National Design Guide (Rev 2021) and the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

04 Notwithstanding the details shown on the plans submitted and otherwise hereby approved, no construction works other than demolition above slab level shall take place unless and until full detailed design drawings and cross sections of the feature gables and porches including eaves and frame and balcony details, window reveals (all windows) and inset window panel detailing (kitchen windows) at a scale of 1:20 or 1:10 as appropriate have first been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in full accordance with the approved details before it is brought into first use. The cross section of the inset feature framing shall be a maximum of 350mm as shown on plan references LSE-2794-3-AC-4000-A and LSE-2794-3-AC-4001-A.

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of the area, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM3,

Southend Central Area Action Plan (SCAAP) (2018) Policy PA8 and the advice contained within the National Design Guide (Rev 2021) and the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

05 Notwithstanding the details shown on the plans submitted and otherwise hereby approved, no construction works other than demolition above slab level shall take place unless and until a method statement including details and specifications for alterations to the boundary wall as detailed in plan LSE-2794-3-AC-3000 A including the replacement of inset brick panels with railings, making good and/ or treatment of associated exposed areas of the boundary wall piers and any alterations to the existing access gates including the conversion to pedestrian gates, associated making good of brick piers and associated wall fabric and alterations to the vehicle access arrangements has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. All three sets of decorative gates shall be retained as part of the site entrance proposals. The approved boundary alterations shall be carried out and completed prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved and retained for the lifetime of the development thereafter.

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of the area, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM3, Southend Central Area Action Plan (SCAAP) (2018) Policy PA8 and the advice contained within the National Design Guide (Rev 2021) and the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

06 No external lighting shall be installed on any elevations of the development hereby approved other than in accordance with details that have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority under the provisions of this condition.

Reason: A condition is justified to ensure any protected species and habitats utilising the site are adequately protected in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policy KP2 and Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM2.

07 The finished levels at the site shall be as set out on plan reference LSE-2794-03-DE-102 before the development is first occupied.

Reason: A condition is required to safeguard the visual amenities of the site and wider area as set out in Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM3 and the advice contained within the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

08 Notwithstanding the details shown on the plans submitted and otherwise hereby approved, no construction works other than construction up to ground floor slab level shall take place until full details of both hard and soft landscape works to be carried out at the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved landscaping works shall be carried out prior to first occupation of the development. The details submitted shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i.) Details of means of enclosure, of the site including any gates or boundary walls and fencing in addition to that required by condition 05.
- (ii.) Hard surfacing materials for communal amenity and parking areas.
- (iii.) Full details of the number, size and location of the trees, shrubs and plants to be retained and planted together with a planting specification and tree management plan. This shall include at least 44 replacement trees and 70% native biodiversity friendly planting.
- (iv.) Details of any associated structures such as seating, raised planters, and other landscaping features.
- (v.) Management plan for landscaping at the site.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the area and the amenities of its occupiers and to ensure a satisfactory standard of landscaping pursuant to Policy DM1 of the Development Management Document (2015) and Policy CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007).

09 The tree and tree root protection measures as set out in the Tree Survey and Impact Assessment by Keen Consultants reference 1754-KC-XX-YTREE-Rev 0 dated April 2022 and associated tree protection plan reference 1754-KC-XX-YTREE-TPP01RevB Tree Protection Plan shall be implemented in full prior to commencement of the development and shall be retained throughout the construction phase of the development. Implementation of the development shall be undertaken only in full accordance with British Standard 3998 and British Standard 5837 including supervision of works by a qualified arboriculturist.

Reason: A pre commencement condition is justified to ensure the trees on and close to the site are adequately protected during building works in the interests of visual amenity and in accordance with Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM1 and the advice contained within the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

10 The 95 car parking spaces, including 8 disabled spaces, plus the 2 additional spaces for cemetery visitors and the associated amended vehicular accesses for these spaces to access the public highway at the site as shown on approved plan LSE-2794-3-AC-0010 A (Site Layout showing parking and electric vehicle charging) shall be provided and made available for use prior to the first occupation of any of the dwellings hereby approved. The car parking spaces and the associated vehicular accesses to and from the public highway shall thereafter be permanently retained solely for the parking of vehicles and the accessing of the car parking spaces in connection with the occupiers of the dwellings hereby approved and their visitors. As shown on this approved plan 24 car parking spaces including at least 1 disabled space for Block A and 10 car parking spaces including at least 1 disabled space for Block B shall have access to an electric vehicle charging point. The remainder of the spaces shall have the infrastructure for electric vehicle charging.

Reason: To ensure that satisfactory off-street car parking is provided in the interests of residential amenity and highways efficiency and safety, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policy KP2, Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM15, the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for new development Supplementary Planning Document (2021) and the advice in the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

11 The development hereby approved shall not be occupied unless and until space for at least 8 secure, covered cycle parking spaces to serve the residential development and its visitors has been provided within the buggy store shown on drawing LSE-2794-3-AC-1000 B and 4 secure, covered cycle parking spaces to serve the residential development and its visitors have been provided within the buggy store shown on drawing LSE-2794-3-AC-1010 B, or in such other on site location alternatively agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority under the terms of this planning condition, and have been made available for use in full accordance with the approved plans by occupiers of the development hereby approved and their visitors. The approved scheme shall be permanently retained for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To ensure that adequate cycle parking is provided and retained to serve the development in accordance with Policy CP3 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policy DM15 of the Development Management Document (2015).

12 The development hereby approved shall not be occupied unless and until the refuse stores to serve the development as shown on drawings LSE-2794-3-AC-1000 B and LSE-2794-3-AC-1010 B have been provided at the site in full accordance with the approved plans and Waste Management Plan reference LSE-02794-03-AC-WMP and made available for use by occupiers of the residential units hereby approved. The approved scheme shall be permanently retained for the storage of waste and recycling for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To ensure that adequate refuse and recycling storage is provided and retained to serve the development in accordance with Policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policies DM8 and DM15 of the Development Management Document (2015).

13 The renewable energy proposals for the development hereby approved shall be carried out in full accordance with the recommendations set out in section 4 of the Energy Statement by Focus dated April 2022 including the installation of 68.90 kWp of PV cells or any other details that have been previously submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority under the terms of this condition. These renewables shall be implemented at the site prior to the first occupation of the development and retained in perpetuity thereafter.

Reason: To minimise the environmental impact of the development through efficient use of resources and better use of sustainable and renewable resources in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM2 and the advice in the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

14 Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved, appropriate water efficient design measures as set out in Policy DM2 (iv) of the Development Management Document to limit internal water consumption to 105 litres per person per day (lpd) (110 lpd when including external water consumption), to include measures of water efficient fittings, appliances and water recycling systems such as grey water and rainwater harvesting shall be implemented for the whole development and retained in perpetuity.

Reason: To minimise the environmental impact of the development through efficient use of water in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policy KP2, Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM2 and the advice in the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

15 Before any of the residential units hereby approved are first occupied or brought into use, the development hereby approved shall be carried out in a manner to ensure that 6 of the units in Block A and 8 of the units in Block B in the development hereby approved comply with building regulation M4 (3) 'wheelchair user dwellings' standard and the remaining 130 units comply with building regulation M4(2) 'accessible and adaptable dwellings' standard.

Reason: To ensure the residential units hereby approved provide high quality and flexible internal layouts to meet the changing needs of residents in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policy KP2, Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM2 and the advice in the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

16 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in full accordance with the noise mitigation measures set out in Section 5 of the Noise Impact Assessment reference R9195-1 Rev 2 dated 17.05.22 to ensure that the internal noise levels in habitable rooms within the approved development are in accordance with the ProPG guidance and British Standards BS4142. These mitigation measures shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved and shall be retained for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To ensure the resulting noise from the traffic on the main roads and the service yard of the retail units on London Road to the east of the site would not be detrimental to the living conditions of the future occupiers in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policies DM1 and DM3 of the Development Management Document (2015).

17 Prior to first occupation of the development hereby approved a Noise Impact Assessment shall be conducted by a competent person to assess the impact on future residents' living conditions resulting from the potential impact of noise from plant and equipment within the development including extract ventilation when operating at its maximum speed and output and any other noise emitting equipment such as elevators, including service elevators, air conditioning units and condensers, automatically opening doors and service entrances and barriers. The noise from the plant and equipment shall be limited to 10 dB(A) below the background noise level which is expressed as a LA90,15minutes at the boundary of the nearest residential property. The rated noise levels from plant and equipment shall include any penalties for noise characteristics such as tone, intermittency, that are liable to cause the noise to be a nuisance.

Background noise levels shall be established for the following periods:

- o Daytime 0700 to 1900
- o Evening 1900 to 2300
- o Night 2300 to 0700

In order to establish background noise level a representative survey shall be undertaken in accordance with British Standards BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 and/or the most suitable method to fully represent any noise source and impact at the nearest residential properties so that noise will not cause a statutory nuisance. This shall be undertaken by a suitably competent person.

Details of how noise impact and vibration will be attenuated together with a maintenance schedule for the future operation of any kitchen equipment must be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority under the terms of this condition. Heating and ventilation shall be in accordance with current guidance from DEFRA and the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association (HVCA) For Kitchen Ventilation Systems. The development hereby permitted shall not take place other than in accordance with these approved details.

The final noise mitigation scheme shall be operated and maintained thereafter.

Reason: To protect the amenities of future occupiers from undue noise and disturbance in order to protect their amenities in accordance with Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Policies DM1, DM3 and DM8 of the Development Management Document (2015) and the advice contained within the Southend -on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

18 A. Site Characterisation

Notwithstanding the details submitted with this application, no development shall commence other than that required to carry out additional necessary investigation which in this case includes demolition, site clearance, removal of underground tanks and old structures until an investigation and risk assessment has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The risk assessment shall assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site, whether or not it originates on the site. The investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken by competent persons and a written report of the findings must be produced. The report of the findings must include:

- (i) a survey of extent, scale and nature of contamination;
- (ii) an assessment of the potential risks to:
 - Human health,
 - Property (existing or proposed) including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and service lines and pipes,
 - Adjoining land,
 - Groundwaters and surface waters,
 - Ecological systems,
 - Archaeological sites and ancient monuments;
- (iii) an appraisal of remedial options, and proposal of the preferred option(s).

B. Site Remediation Scheme

The development hereby permitted shall not commence unless and until a detailed remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing unacceptable risks to human health, buildings and other property and the natural and historical environment has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme must include all works to be undertaken, proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria, timetable of works and site management procedures. The scheme must ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the

Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the intended use of the land after remediation.

C. Remediation Implementation and Verification

The development hereby permitted shall not commence other than that required to carry out the agreed remediation until the measures set out in the approved Remediation scheme have been fully implemented at the site. The Local Planning Authority must be given at least two weeks written notification of commencement of the remediation scheme works.

Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme, a verification report that demonstrates the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be produced and submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

D. Reporting of Unexpected Contamination

In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken, and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme must be prepared and submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme a verification report must be prepared and submitted to and approved in writing which is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

The above works shall be conducted by competent persons and in accordance with the Essex Contaminated Land Consortium's 'Land Affected by Contamination: Technical Guidance for Applicants and Developers' and DEFRA and the Environment Agency's 'Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination, CLR 11' and other current guidance deemed authoritative for the purposes. The development hereby permitted shall not commence until the measures set out in the approved report have been implemented.

Reason: This pre-commencement condition is required to ensure that any contamination on the site is identified and treated so that it does not harm anyone who uses the site in the future, and to ensure that the development does not cause pollution to Controlled Waters in accordance with Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4 and Policies DM1 and DM14 of the Development Management Document (2015).

19 Notwithstanding the details as shown on plan references LSE-2794-03-DE-109 Existing Drainage Area LSE-2794-03-DE-100 Proposed Drainage Area Plan LSE-2794-03-DE-101 Proposed Drainage Plan and as shown on the plans otherwise submitted and otherwise hereby approved, no drainage works shall be constructed at the site until and unless the following information has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the Lead Local Flood Authority under the terms of this condition:

- confirmation of an agreement in principle from Anglian Water regarding the surface water connection point and maximum flow rate.

The drainage strategy and SuDS details shall be implemented in full accordance with the details as submitted and approved under this condition before the development hereby approved is first occupied or brought into first use.

Reason: To prevent flooding by ensuring the satisfactory storage and disposal of surface water from the site for the lifetime of the development and to prevent environmental and amenity problems arising from flooding in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policy DM2 of the Development Management Document (2015).

20 No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until and unless a Construction/Demolition Method Statement and Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The Statement shall provide for:

- (i.) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors.
- (ii.) Loading and unloading of plant and materials.
- (iii.) Storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development.
- (iv.) The erection and maintenance of security hoardings.
- (v.) A Noise and Dust Management Plan - measures to control the emission of noise and dust and dirt during demolition and construction. This should make reference to current guidance on the Assessment of Dust from Demolition and Construction - Institute of Air Quality Management or an acceptable equivalent.
- (vi.) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works. No waste materials should be burnt on the site, instead being removed by licensed waste contractors.
- (vii.) Measures to mitigate noise disturbance during the development.
- (viii.) A Communication Strategy for developer liaison with St Helen's Catholic Primary School and Milton Hall Primary School concerning the nature, timings and location of traffic movements associated with the demolition and construction phases of the development.
- (ix.) The locations and arrangements of the site entrances/ exits to be used during the demolition and construction phases of the development.

Reason: This pre-commencement condition is required to minimise the environmental impact, disturbance to existing residents, and the safe and convenient operation of nearby schools during demolition for and construction of the development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4 and Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM3.

21 Construction Hours for the development hereby approved shall be restricted to 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday, 8am - 1pm Saturday and not at all on Sundays or Public or Bank Holidays.

Reason: In the interests of the amenities of neighbours pursuant to Policy CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policy DM1 of the Development Management Document (2015).

22 The proposed site clearance and construction works for the development hereby approved shall be carried out in full accordance with the recommendations

set out in Section 5.3 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal by Greenlink Ecology Ltd dated 19.05.22 or any other details that have been previously submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority under the terms of this condition.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and to ensure any protected species and habitats utilising the site are adequately protected during building works in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4 and Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1, DM2 and DM3.

23 Each of the units hereby permitted shall be only occupied by:

- (i.) persons aged 60 years or older; or
- (ii.) persons living as part of a single household in the development with such a person or persons aged 55 years or older; or
- (iii.) persons who were living as part of a single household in the development with such a person or persons who have since died.

Reason: To define the scope of this permission with respect to parking provision, amenity space, general living conditions, the provision of affordable housing and infrastructure required to support the development together with impact on education infrastructure within the City, in accordance with Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2, KP3, CP4, CP6 and CP8 and Policies DM1 and DM3 of the Development Management Document (2015).

24 Notwithstanding the information submitted with the application, no development other than demolition above ground level, shall be undertaken, unless and until a written scheme of investigation including a programme of archaeological recording and analysis, a watching brief and details of the measures to be taken should any archaeological finds be discovered, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved recording/watching brief and measures are to be undertaken throughout the course of the works affecting below ground deposits and are to be carried out by an appropriately qualified archaeologist. The subsequent recording and analysis reports shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority before the development is brought into first use.

Reason: Required to allow the preservation by record of archaeological deposits and to provide an opportunity for the watching archaeologist to notify all interested parties before the destruction of any archaeological finds in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) and Policy DM5 of the Development Management Document (2015).

25 Notwithstanding the provisions of The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) no signage for the development hereby permitted shall be displayed on the site boundary walls facing London Road or Brighton Road unless full details of its position, design and specifications including any means of illumination have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of the area, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) Core Strategy (2007) Policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM3,

Southend Central Area Action Plan (SCAAP) (2018) Policy PA8 and the advice contained within the National Design Guide (Rev 2021) and the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

26 Notwithstanding the details shown in the plans submitted and otherwise hereby approved, none of the units hereby granted consent shall be occupied unless and until the details and specifications for the privacy screens for all linked balconies and terraces have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The screens shall be retained for the lifetime of the development in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To protect the privacy and environment of residents within the development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) Policy CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM1, and the advice contained within the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

(C) In the event that the planning obligation referred to in part (a) above has not been completed before 3rd March 2023 or an extension of this time as may be agreed by the Director of Planning or Service Manager - Development Control, authority is delegated to the Director of Planning or Service Manager - Development Control to refuse planning permission for the application on grounds that the development will not secure the necessary contributions for affordable housing, biodiversity mitigation or Travel Plan and Travel Information Packs or the public realm landscaping improvements and that, as such, the proposal would be unacceptable and contrary to Policies KP2, KP3, CP3, CP6 and CP8 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policies DM1, DM3, DM7 and DM15 of the Development Management Document (2015).

Positive and Proactive Statement:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern within the application (as originally submitted) and negotiating, with the Applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework. The detailed analysis is set out in a report on the application prepared by officers.

Informatives:

1. Please note that the development the subject of this application is liable for a charge under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and it is the responsibility of the landowner(s) to ensure they have fully complied with the requirements of these regulations. A failure to comply with the CIL regulations in full can result in a range of penalties. For full planning permissions, a CIL Liability Notice will be issued by the Council as soon as practicable following this decision notice. For general consents, you are required to submit a Notice of Chargeable Development (Form 5) before commencement; and upon receipt of this, the Council will issue a CIL Liability Notice including details of the chargeable amount and when this is payable. If you have not received a CIL Liability Notice by the time you intend to commence development it

is imperative that you contact S106andCILAdministration@southend.gov.uk to avoid financial penalties for potential failure to comply with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended). If the chargeable development has already commenced, no exemption or relief can be sought in relation to the charge and a CIL Demand Notice will be issued requiring immediate payment. Further details on CIL matters can be found on the Planning Portal (www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200136/policy_and_legislation/70/community_infrastructure_levy) or the Council's website (www.southend.gov.uk/cil).

2. You should be aware that in cases where damage occurs during construction works to the highway in implementing this permission that Council will seek to recover the cost of repairing public highways and footpaths from any party responsible for damaging them. This includes damage carried out when implementing a planning permission or other works to buildings or land. Please take care when carrying out works on or near the public highways and footpaths in the City.

3. This permission is governed by a legal agreement between the applicant and the City Council under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The agreement relates to the provision of a financial contribution in relation to affordable housing, a financial RAMS contribution, the provision of Travel Plan and Travel Information Packs and monitoring of the agreement.

4. The applicant is advised to contact the Council's highways service in regard to the alterations to the existing vehicular access from Brighten Road.

5. The applicant is invited to consider increasing the amount of disabled parking within the development giving the nature of the proposed uses.

6. As part of the details submitted for approval under condition 08 of this planning permission (landscaping), the applicant is encouraged to provide decent landscaping cover along the site's northern boundary to maintain a suitable relationship between the development's parking area and the setting of the adjacent St Helen's School.

7. The applicant is requested to consider the installation of a plaque at the site to recognise the history of the site.

731 22/02098/BC4 - Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea (Milton Ward)

Proposal: Install a new big wheel and observation tower attractions within the existing Adventure Island site (Part Retrospective)

Applicant: Mr Miller, Stockvale

Agent: SKArchitects

Resolved:-

That planning permission be GRANTED subject to the conditions.

01 The development hereby permitted shall begin not later than three years from the date of this decision.

Reason: Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

02 The development hereby permitted shall, in respect of the big wheel be retained, and in respect of the observation tower be carried out, in accordance with the following approved plans P101A, P102A, P103A.

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the Development Plan.

03 The materials and colours for the development hereby approved shall be white powder coated steel for the big wheel and blue powder coated steel with red accents for the tower as set out on plan reference P103A or in accordance with any other materials and colours details of which have previously been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority under the scope of this planning condition.

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of nearby heritage assets and the area generally, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) Core Strategy (2007) policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policy DM1 and DM5 and advice contained within the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009) and National Design Guide (2021).

04 The lighting for the development hereby approved shall be as detailed in the Lighting Strategy by SKArchitects reference 783-10-22 and maintained as such for the lifetime of the development. All illumination shall be in accordance with the Institute of Lighting Professionals "Guidance Note 01/20: Guidance notes for the reduction of obtrusive light" and "PLG05 The brightness of illuminated advertisements". The development hereby approved shall not include any vertically emitting lighting and any lighting associated with the development must not present a hazard to aircraft i.e. glare / dazzle / distraction.

Reason: To ensure any protected species and habitats utilising the site are adequately protected and in the interests of aircraft safety, the setting of nearby heritage assets and residential amenity in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Core Strategy (2007) policies KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) policies DM1, DM2 and DM3 and DM5.

05 There shall be no advertising on the development hereby approved above the adjacent public highway pavement level.

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of the area including the setting of nearby heritage assets, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) Core Strategy (2007) policy KP2 and CP4, Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM5 and advice contained within the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

06 Noise from the development hereby approved, comprising all associated mechanically generated noise, amplified music and amplified speech, shall be limited to 10 dB(A) below the background noise level including any penalties for noise characteristics such as tone and intermittency. Background noise levels

shall be in accordance with BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 and expressed as a LA90,15minutes at the boundary of the nearest residential property. Background noise levels shall be established for the following periods: daytime 0700 to 1900 hours; evening 1900 to 2300 hours; and night 2300 to 0700 hours. Specific noise from the operation shall be measured using BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 and/or the most appropriate method in order to provide accurate and representative noise predictions.

Reason: In the interest of the residential amenity of nearby occupiers in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007), Policies DM1 and DM3 of the Development Management Document (2015).

07 Demolition or construction works associated with this permission shall not take place outside 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours Mondays to Fridays and 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours on Saturdays and at no time Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Reason: In order to protect the amenities of occupiers of the development, the amenities of the surrounding occupiers and to protect the character the area in accordance with policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policies DM1 and DM3 of the Development Management Document (2015).

08 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in full accordance with the mitigation measures identified in the Flood Risk Assessment by SLR reference 425.064691.00001 dated February 2023.

Reason: To ensure the site is protected to the standard that the development is designed and modelled to within the submitted Flood Risk Assessment, the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) and Policy KP2 of the Core Strategy (2007).

Positive and Proactive Statement:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern within the application (as originally submitted) and negotiating, with the Applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework. The detailed analysis is set out in a report on the application prepared by officers.

Informatives:

01 You are advised that as the proposed development equates to less than 100sqm of new floorspace and does not involve the creation of a new dwelling (Class C3), the development benefits from a Minor Development Exemption under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and as such no charge is payable. See the Planning Portal (www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200136/policy_and_legislation/70/community_infrastructure_levy) or the Council's website (www.southend.gov.uk/cil) for further details about CIL.

02 You should be aware that in cases where damage occurs during construction works to the highway in implementing this permission that Council will seek to recover the cost of repairing public highways and footpaths from any party responsible for damaging them. This includes damage carried out when implementing a planning permission or other works to buildings or land. Please take care when carrying out works on or near the public highways and footpaths in the City.

03 The applicant is advised that all aspects of the development must comply with Civil Aviation Authority CAP168 and EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Regulations) regulations including lighting.

732 22/02368/FUL - 995 - 1003 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea (Blenheim Park Ward)

Proposal: Erect two storey rear extension and form new second floor to main building with roof terrace to form a further 5no. self-contained flats with associated parking, bin and cycle store (Amended Proposal)

Applicant: Mr Schofield

Agent: Mr Steven Kearney of SKArchitects

Mr Mylroie, a local resident, spoke as an objector to the application. Mr Smith, responded on behalf of the applicant's agent.

Resolved:-

That planning permission be REFUSED for the following reasons:

01 The proposed development would, by reason of the size, scale, siting and design, of the new third storey lead to an unbalancing of the wider terrace, resulting in a form of development that would be out of keeping with and significantly harmful to the character and appearance of the building, the terrace and the surrounding area. The proposal is therefore unacceptable and contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007), policies DM1 and DM3 of the Development Management Document (2015) and the advice contained within the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009) and The National Design Guide (2021).

02 The proposed development would, by reason of the size and scale, bulk, siting and degree of elevation of the new third storey relative to No.10 Grasmear Avenue, result in significant harm to the residential amenity of the neighbouring occupiers by way of an overbearing impact on the setting and reasonable enjoyment of their rear garden environment . This harm cannot reasonably be overcome by conditions. This is unacceptable and contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Southend Core Strategy (2007) policies KP2 and CP4, Southend Development Management Document (2015) policies DM1 and DM3 and the advice contained within the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

Positive and Proactive Statement:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and clearly setting these out in the reason(s) for refusal. Furthermore, Members of the

planning committee which took the decision to refuse planning permission based their view on a detailed report prepared by officers and have considered whether there are opportunities to amend the development to address this harm. Where a potential way forward has been identified, this has been communicated to the Applicant.

Informative

01 Please note that this application would have been liable for a payment under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) if planning permission had been granted. Therefore, if an appeal is lodged and subsequently allowed the CIL liability will be applied. Any revised application may also be CIL liable.

733 22/02260/PA61 - 14 Broadlawn, Leigh-on-Sea (Belfairs Ward)
Proposal: Raise ridge height to form new first floor (prior approval)
Applicant: Ms Lottie Reddings
Agent: Mr Alan Green of A9 Architecture

Resolved:-

That PRIOR APPROVAL is required and is GRANTED subject to the following condition:

01 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out only in accordance with the following approved plans: 01 Revision I, 02 Revision I, 03 Revision I, 04 Revision I, 05 Revision, 06 Revision J, 07 Revision I, 08 Revision J, 09 Revision J, 010 Revision J.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out in accordance with the consent sought, has an acceptable design impact on neighbour amenity and complies with Policy DM1 of the Development Management Document (2015) and the provisions of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

Informatives

01. The applicant's attention is drawn to the condition under sub paragraph 2(a) of section AA.2 of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) that the materials used in any exterior work must be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

02. You should be aware that in cases where damage occurs during construction works to the highway in implementing this permission, that the Council will seek to recover the cost of repairing public highways and footpaths from any party responsible for damaging them. This includes damage carried out when implementing a planning permission or other works to buildings or land. Please take care when carrying out works on or near the public highways and footpaths in the city.

03. The proposed building equates to less than 100sqm of new floorspace as such the development benefits from a Minor Development Exemption under the

Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and as such no charge is payable. See www.southend.gov.uk/cil for further details.

04. The applicant's attention is drawn to the condition under sub paragraph 3(c) of section AA.2 of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The development must be completed within a period of 3 years starting with the date prior approval is granted.

05. The applicant's attention is drawn to the condition under sub paragraph 3(b) of section AA.2 of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). Before beginning the development, the developer must provide the local planning authority with a report for the management of the construction of the development, which sets out the proposed development hours of operation and how any adverse impact of noise, dust, vibration and traffic on adjoining owners or occupiers will be mitigated.

06. The applicant's attention is drawn to the condition under sub paragraph 2(b) of section AA.2 of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The development must not include a window in any wall or roof slope forming a side elevation of the dwellinghouse.

07. The applicant's attention is drawn to the condition under sub paragraph 2(c) of section AA.2 of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The roof pitch of the principal part of the dwellinghouse following the development must be the same as the roof pitch of the existing dwellinghouse;

08. The applicant's attention is drawn to the condition under sub paragraph 2(d) of section AA.2 of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) following the development, the dwellinghouse must be used as a dwellinghouse within the meaning of Class C3 of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order and for no other purpose, except to the extent that the other purpose is ancillary to the primary use as a dwellinghouse.

09. The applicant's attention is drawn to the condition under sub paragraph 3(d) of section AA.2 of Class AA Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The developer must notify the local planning authority of the completion of the development as soon as reasonably practicable after completion.

Positive and Proactive Statement:

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework. The detailed analysis is set out in a report on the application prepared by officers.

734 22/02471/AMDT - 15 Leslie Close, Eastwood, Leigh on Sea (Eastwood Park Ward)
Proposal: Application to vary conditions 02 (Approved Plans) and 03 (Materials) replace plan number CAD/PP/21499/002 Revision C with CAD/PP/21499/002 Revision E (Minor Material Amendment of Planning Permission 21/02453/FULH allowed on appeal dated 17/06/2021) – (Retrospective)
Applicant: Mr Tony Wilkins
Agent: Mr Carl Brampton of Contour Architectural Designs Ltd

Ms Oram, a local resident, spoke as an objector to the application.

Resolved:-

(a) That planning permission be REFUSED for the following reason:

01 The black vertical cladding at first-floor level rising up to the apex of the gables and to the rear dormer, by reason of its material and detailed design, is significantly out of keeping and at odds with the traditional design and materials of the original application property and the existing bungalows in the immediate streetscene, appearing unduly prominent and incongruous to the significant detriment of the character and appearance of the dwelling, the streetscene, the rear garden scene and the wider surrounding area. The development is therefore unacceptable and contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007), Development Management Document (2015) Policies DM1 and DM3 and the guidance contained within the National Design Guide (2021) and the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009).

(b) That ENFORCEMENT ACTION be AUTHORISED to require from anyone with an interest in the land (the site) to either:

(i) Build the development in full accordance with approved plan numbers CAD/PP/21499/001 and CAD/PP/21499/002 Revision C pursuant to planning permission reference 21/02453/FULH which was allowed on appeal 17 June 2022 and to include the external materials white render, white uPVC windows and grey roof tiles and to include the first-floor windows in the rear face of the rear dormer replacing the unauthorised doors; or

(ii) Remove the unauthorised external black vertical cladding material in its entirety and replace with the approved white render, including at first floor level rising up to the apex of the gables and to the rear dormer and remove the first-floor doors in the rear face of the rear dormer and replace with the approved windows;

(c) Remove from site all materials resulting from compliance with (i) or (ii) above.

The authorised enforcement action to include (if/as necessary) the service of an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the Act and the pursuance of proceedings whether by prosecution or injunction to secure compliance with the requirements of the Enforcement Notice.

When serving an Enforcement Notice the Local Planning Authority must ensure a reasonable time for compliance. In this case a compliance period of three (3) months is considered reasonable to build the development in accordance with the approved plan numbers and remove the unauthorised development.

Positive and Proactive Statement

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner, clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, allowing the Applicant the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied by a revision to the proposal. The detailed analysis is set out in a report prepared by officers. In the circumstances the proposal is not considered to be sustainable development. The Local Planning Authority is willing to discuss the best course of action via the pre-application service available at https://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200155/make_a_planning_application_and_planning_advice/365/planning_advice_and_guidance/2

Informative

1. You are advised that as the development equates to less than 100sqm of new floorspace the development benefits from a Minor Development Exemption under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and as such no charge is payable. See www.southend.gov.uk/cil for further details about the Levy.

735 22/02444/FUL & 22/00283/UNA_B - 151 Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff-on-Sea (Milton Ward)
Proposal: Replacement UPVC windows, fascias, render to the ground floor elevation and repainting (retrospective)
Applicant: M & A Knightsbridge Properties Ltd
Agent: Miss Beth Evans of Freeths LLP

Resolved:-

(a) That planning permission be REFUSED for the following reason:

The development, by reason of the detailed design and materials of the replacement windows at first and second floor level on the east and north elevations has resulted in visually prominent, out of keeping and incongruous alterations to the existing building which are harmful to the character and appearance of the site, the streetscene, the Frontage of Townscape Merit, the wider Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area and harm the setting of the Grade II listed Havens building opposite the site. Whilst this harm is less than substantial, it is nevertheless significant in degree and is not outweighed by any public benefits of the development. This is unacceptable and contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), Policies KP2 and CP4 of the Core Strategy (2007), Policies DM1, DM3 and DM5 of the Development Management Document (2015) and the advice contained within the National Design Guide (rev 2021), the Southend-on-Sea Design and Townscape Guide (2009) and the Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area Appraisal (2021).

(b) That ENFORCEMENT ACTION be AUTHORISED to secure:

(i) the removal of the unauthorised UPVC windows from the east and north elevations at first and second floor.

(ii) the removal of the unauthorised fascia from the building's east and north elevations.

(iii) the removal from site all materials resulting from compliance with (i) and (ii) above.

The authorised enforcement action to include (if/as necessary) the service of an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the Act and the pursuance of proceedings whether by prosecution or injunction to secure compliance with the requirements of the Enforcement Notice.

When serving an Enforcement Notice the Local Planning Authority must ensure a reasonable time for compliance. In this case a compliance period of six (6) months is considered reasonable for the removal of the unauthorised operational development and obtaining planning permission for acceptable replacement windows and fascia.

Positive and Proactive Statement

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Informatives

01 You are advised that as the proposed development equates to less than 100sqm of new floorspace, and does not involve the creation of a new dwelling (Class C3), the development benefits from a Minor Development Exemption under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and as such no charge is payable. See www.southend.gov.uk/cil for further details about CIL.

02 The applicant is reminded that planning permission will be required for replacement windows and a replacement fascia following the removal of the unauthorised upvc windows and fascia subject of this decision. If these areas of the building are left untreated, the Local Planning Authority may consider it expedient to issue a S.215 Notice under the provisions of the Planning Acts. The planning application should demonstrate that the replacement windows closely replicate the original timber sash windows which were removed at the site but can still be seen on adjacent properties. The replacement fascia should be painted timber and follow the shopfront advice set out in the Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area Appraisal (2021).

**736 22/00062/UNAU_B - 28 Seaview Road, Leigh-on-Sea (Leigh Ward)
Breach of Planning Control: Demolition of wall within a Conservation Area**

Resolved:-

That ENFORCEMENT ACTION be AUTHORISED to secure the re-instatement of the original boundary wall using the same materials and method of construction to restore the land to its condition before the breach of planning control took place.

The authorised enforcement action to include (if/as necessary) the service of an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the Act and the pursuance of proceedings whether by prosecution or injunction to secure compliance with the requirements of the Enforcement Notice. The Local Planning Authority may also decide to instigate a prosecution under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended.

When serving an Enforcement Notice the Local Planning Authority must ensure a reasonable time for compliance. In this case a compliance period of 3 months is considered reasonable for the re-instatement of the wall.

Chair: _____

MOTION TO ENSURE SOUTHEND FAMILIES HAVE A WARM HOME FIT FOR THE FUTURE

This council believes that a green recovery from the pandemic is not only possible but imperative if we are to meet our carbon reduction targets as a local authority. However, up to now much of the proposed actions are little more than rhetoric. We need to turn rhetoric into action.

We note that melting ice caps and forest fires can often seem like someone else's crisis when many are taking effect so far from our homes. But we also note that crises closer to home affecting thousands of local families cannot be separated from those further afield.

Here in the city of Southend-on-Sea there are many families living in fuel poverty, and children living in homes affected by damp. In Southend-on-Sea, 72% of our homes do not meet basic energy efficiency standards, pushing fuel bills even higher. Across the UK there are more than 24 million homes leaking heat.

There is no route to decarbonising the economy without retrofitting these more than 24 million homes across the UK. Doing so would not only help to protect our planet, but can improve housing, lead to cheaper energy bills and create hundreds of thousands of good quality jobs. Here in Southend-on-Sea there are properties that require retrofitting and this could create a number of good quality jobs in our local communities.

Southend-on-Sea City Council calls upon the Prime Minister to call for a Great Homes Upgrade and a commitment to retrofit 19million homes by 2030.

We also call on the Chancellor to use the Spring Budget to commit to spending £11.7Bn over the next three years to begin a Great Homes Upgrade, and that the government will commit to working with housing associations, private rental properties and owner occupiers to upgrade properties for net zero.

We also call on them to them to commit to setting up a retrofitting taskforce to target resources now to achieving net zero through upgrading properties.

We also commit to writing to our neighbouring local authorities to ask them to join us to join the campaign.

Proposed by:

Cllr Tricia Cowdrey

Cllr Matt Dent

Seconded by:

Cllr Aston Line

Cllr Martin Berry

Cllr Maxine Sazda

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Supporting Southend's WASPIs



Over 11,000 women in Southend-on-Sea City Council's authority area have been affected by the increase of State Pension age for women from 60 to 65 by the Government in the 1995 Pensions Act, with a further increase to 66 in the 2011 Pensions Act.

This change was not properly communicated to 3.8m women born in the 1950s until 2012, giving some only one year's notice of a six-year increase in their anticipated retirement age.

This injustice has had a profound effect on those individual women but also the wider community of the City of Southend, not least because:

- Women who would have looked after older relatives or partners are unable to afford to do so, with a knock-on impact on local social care
- Women who would have retired and engaged in caring responsibilities for grandchildren are having to continue working, increasing the pressure on local childcare spaces and facilities
- Women who have been left in poverty are struggling to meet their housing costs, with a knock-on impact on local housing stock
- There is a broader impact on voluntary services of all kinds locally, which are missing out on able, active volunteers who would otherwise have been able to retire from full-time work as planned
- Our local economy is negatively affected by the reduced spending power and disposable income of 1950s-born women caused by the uncommunicated State Pension Age changes

Council notes that:

- The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (**PHSO**) has found that the Department for Work and Pensions was **guilty of maladministration** in its handling of the State Pension Age increase for women born in the 1950s.
- The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on State Pension Inequality for Women has concluded that **"the impact of DWP maladministration on 1950s-born women has been as devastating as it is widespread**. The APPG believes that the case for category 6 injustice is overwhelming and clear. Women have had their emotional, physical, and mental circumstances totally obliterated by a lack of reasonable notice."
- Research commissioned by campaign group WASPI found that by the end of 2022, **more than 220,000 1950s born women died waiting for justice** since the campaign started in 2015.
- WASPI's figures show that over the course of the two-year COVID pandemic, 1 in 10 women who died was affected by these uncommunicated changes and lost both their state pension income and the opportunity to make alternative retirement plans.
- Despite the Ombudsman's findings and the rapid death rate of those affected, the government is choosing to wait for further reports before taking any action.

Council supports:

- The conclusion of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality that women born in the 1950s have suffered a gross injustice, affecting their emotional, physical and mental circumstances in addition to causing financial hardship.
- A swift resolution to this ongoing injustice before more women die waiting for compensation.
- The WASPI campaign for an immediate one-off compensation payment of between £11,666 and £20,000 to those affected, with the most going to women who were given the shortest notice of the longest increase in their state pension age.

Council resolves that:

The Leader of the Council will write to our two local Members of Parliament, and to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to outline the effects of the injustice to 1950s women on the community in the City of Southend-on-Sea and to seek their support for an immediate compensation package.

Proposed by: Cllr Daniel Cowan

Seconded by:

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