

# **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: Tuesday, 6th June, 2023**

**Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor T Cowdrey (Chair)  
Councillors K Murphy (Vice-Chair), B Beggs, S Buckley, C Campbell, P Collins, A Dear, N Folkard, J Harland, D Jones, G Leroy, R Longstaff, C Nevin, M O'Connor, D Richardson, N Ward and \*L Hyde  
O Richards (Healthwatch Southend), A Quinn (Southend Association of Voluntary Services), T Watts (Southend Carers) and J Ayao (Southend Youth Council).

\*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

**In Attendance:** Councillors T Cox and H Boyd (Cabinet Members), L Burton, I Gilbert M Harvey, M Marks and R Harris

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 - 7.50 pm

### **1 Chair's Introduction & Apologies for Absence**

#### **(a) Chair's Introduction**

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

#### **(b) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Line (substitute: Cllr L Hyde).

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors H Boyd and T Cox (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the called-in items, attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.

(b) Cllr N Folkard – Minute 5 (Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Update) – Relative works for Broomfield Hospital;

(c) Cllr C Nevin – Minute 5 (Mid and South Essex Foundation Trust Update) – NHS employee and children work at Broomfield Hospital;

(d) Councillor L Hyde – Minute 5 (Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Update) – receiving treatment at Southend Hospital;

(e) Cllr T Cowdrey – Minute 5 (Mid and South Essex Foundation Trust Update) – receiving treatment at Southend Hospital;

(f) Cllr J Harland – Minute 5 (Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Update) – son employed as ‘bank’ staff at Southend Hospital.

### **3 Questions from Members of the Public**

The Committee noted the response of the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Adult Social Care and Constitutional Affairs to questions received from the public.

### **4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 March 2023**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **5 Mid & South Essex NHS Foundation Trust - Update**

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Operating Officer, Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust, presenting an update on the Community Diagnostic Centre programme, operational performance, and progress on actions from recent CQC visits and feedback.

The Committee asked questions on a range of matters which were responded to by the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Commercial Officer.

At the request of the Committee, Mr Pike and Mr Dunk undertook to provide the relative comparators and benefits of DEXA machines (bone density scan) compared to other models and an update on the plans for the PAL service.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Mr Pike and Mr Dunk for their informative and comprehensive report.

Resolved:

That the report, be noted.

### **6 Passenger Transport Services - Performance Monitoring**

The Committee considered a report in relation to the ongoing monitoring of the performance of the Vecteo Joint Venture Company established for the provision of passenger transport services.

The Committee asked questions which were responded to by the Leader of the Council.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function.

## **7 Work Programme Evaluation 2022/23**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting an overview of the scrutiny work carried out in the previous municipal year.

Resolved:

1. That the summary of the scrutiny work that it has undertaken during the 2022/23 municipal year, be noted.

2. That the completion of the in-depth scrutiny project undertaken for 2022/23, around the theme of 'Providing First-Class Services for Families of Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities', be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_