

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 15th January, 2024

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

- Present:** Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors C Campbell, O Cartey, D Cowan, A Dear, M Dent*,
J Harland, L Hyde, A Jones, D Jones, K Robinson, M Terry, J Warren
and P Wexham*
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30.)
- In Attendance:** Councillor D Nelson (Cabinet Member)
R Lumley, N Hoskins, J Matthews and T Row
- Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 8.55 pm

30 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry (no substitute), Evans (no substitute), Gilbert (substitute: Councillor Dent) and Mulroney (substitute: Councillor Wexham).

31 Declarations of Interest

The following interest was declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillor Hyde – Minute No. 33 (Presentation by Anglian Water) – Main employment for Lighthouse Authorities/Trinity House - Advisory capacity on climate change impact on ports to Dept for Transport.

32 Questions from Members of the Public

The Committee noted the response from the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Investment, on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, to a question from Ms Hall.

33 Presentation by Anglian Water

The Chair introduced, and the Committee welcomed, Mr Grant Tuffs (Regional Engagement Manager), Mr Matthew Moore (Flood Partnerships Manager), Mr James Froggatt (Regional Treatment Manager), Ms Sophie Triggs (Water Recycling Network Manager) and Mr Ian Phillips (Network Support Technician) from Anglian Water, who had been invited to give a presentation which covered the following issues:

- How they were working to reduce flooding in Southend; and
- the recent flooding issues experienced in Thorpe Hall Avenue and proposed solutions.

The presentation was followed by a session for responses to pre-notified questions. The Committee was also afforded the opportunity to ask questions which were duly responded to by officers and the representatives from Anglian Water.

Mr Tuffs undertook to provide a copy of the responses to the pre-notified questions and a copy of the slides used in the presentation which would be circulated to the Councillors on the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked all the representatives from Anglian Water for attending the meeting and for giving an interesting and informative presentation. The Chair also took the opportunity to thank Councillor Campbell for suggesting the presentation be given to the Committee.

Resolved:-

That the presentation be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function

Chair: _____