

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

### **Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: Monday, 28th October, 2024**

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

**Present:** Councillor C Mulroney (Chair)  
Councillors S Badger (Vice-Chair), Sam Allen, M Borton, K Buck, O Cartey, M Davidson, A Dear, I Ferguson, D Jones, K Murphy, S Nadeem, J Norman, S Wakefield, J Warren and C Webster\*  
(\*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30.)

**In Attendance:** Councillors D Cowan, P Collins, M Dent and L Hyde  
T Row and J Gay

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

#### **21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Longstaff (no substitute) and O'Connor (substitute: Councillor Webster).

#### **22 Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillor Borton – Minute No. 25 (Southend on Sea Council Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 2) – Amount of Council Spend on Local Business CP01.04 – Member of the Board of South Essex Homes;

(ii) Councillor Norman – Minute No. 25 (Southend on Sea Council Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 2) – Amount of Council Spend on Local Business CP01.04 – Member of the Board of South Essex Homes; and

(iii) Councillor Wakefield – Minute No. 25 (Southend on Sea Council Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 2) – Sub Contractor for South Essex Homes.

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

The Committee noted the responses from the Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Waste to a question from Ms Mitchell, Mr Whitby and Mr Webb. The Committee also noted the response from the Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets & Resources to a question from Ms Cowdrey. Ms Mitchell, Mr Webb and Ms Cowdrey were in attendance at the meeting and put their questions in person. In the absence of Mr Whitby, a copy of the response would be sent to him.

**24 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th September, 2024**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**25 Southend-on-Sea Council Corporate Performance - Report Quarter 2**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Strategy and Change), by way of pre-Cabinet Scrutiny, that presented the Corporate Performance Report for Quarter 2 of 2024/25 (July to September 2024). This covered the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which aligned to the corporate priorities set out in the Corporate Plan 2024-2028 and highlight the Council's overall performance against agreed corporate priorities.

In response to questions regarding the take up of the New Enterprise Grant, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Business undertook to provide a written response.

In response to questions regarding the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and it's the allocation to the Voluntary Sector, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Business undertook to circulate the evaluation of the outcome of the work with the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government on this initiative once known.

In response to questions regarding the "Save the High Street" initiative and the use of 6 dormant/hard to let units on "The Bridge" part of the Victorias, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Tourism and Business undertook to circulate more detailed selection criteria to the Committee.

Resolved:-

That the report to Cabinet be noted.

This is an Executive Function  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Cowan

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_