

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Standards Committee

Date: Wednesday, 31st July, 2024

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors P Collins (Vice-Chair), Sam Allen*, K Buck,
N Folkard*, J Moyies and S Nadeem
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 40.)

In Attendance: Councillors D Cowan and I Gilbert
S Zeiss, J Chesterton and T Row

Remote Attendees: Councillor Terry and C Ward (Anthony Collins Solicitors)

Start/End Time: 4.00 pm - 6.55 pm

5 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Courtenay (substitute: Councillor Folkard), O'Connor (substitute: Councillor Sam Allen) and Murphy (no substitute).

6 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

7 Report of Monitoring Officer on Constitution Review Stage 2: Consideration of Parts 1 and 2 of the Work Programme

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Strategy & Change) that presented the first draft Part 1 (Summary and Explanation and Public Participation) and Part 2 (The Council) of a new proposed Constitution for Southend on Sea City Council. Copies of these were attached to the submitted report at Appendices C, D and E.

The Committee was informed that the documents were in an initial draft form and would be amended to reflect the processes and procedures at Southend on Sea City Council. Any typographical errors etc. would also be picked up at that stage.

The Committee welcomed the first draft documents and discussed them in detail and asked a variety of questions. The Committee also made numerous comments and identified a number of suggested revisions and possible alternative wording to various sections. These were duly noted and would be incorporated where appropriate and necessary for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting taking place on 10th September 2024. Consideration of Section 5 (The Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules) within (Part 2 (The Council) was, however, deferred until the next meeting of the Committee taking place on 10th September 2024.

Resolved:-

1. That, subject to the comments made at the meeting, the first draft Part 1 (Summary and Explanation and Public Participation) of a new proposed constitution for Southend-on-Sea City Council as set out in Appendix D to the submitted report be noted and that officers make any amendments and/or additions as appropriate based on those comments to be drafted for further review at the next meeting of Committee taking place on 10 September 2024.
2. That, with the exception of Section 5 (Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules) and subject to the comments made at the meeting, the first draft Part 2 (The Council) of a new proposed constitution for Southend-on-Sea City Council as set out in Appendix E to the submitted report be noted and that officers make any amendments and/or additions as appropriate based on those comments to be drafted for further review at the next meeting of Committee taking place on 10 September 2024.
3. That consideration of the initial draft of Section 5 (The Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules) of (Part 2 (The Council) be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee taking place on 10th September 2024.
4. That officers bring the first drafts of the new proposed constitution as described in Part 3 (Committees) and Part 4 (The Executive and Joint Arrangements) of the work programme for consideration by Committee to its next meeting to be held on 10 September 2024.

Chair: _____