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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 10th April, 2018

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor C Nevin (Chair)
Councillors B Arscott, M Borton, H Boyd, A Bright, S Buckley,
M Butler, C Endersby, D Garston, S Habermel, A Jones,
C Mulroney, G Phillips, M Stafford and C Walker
J Broadbent – co-opted member

In Attendance: Councillors J Courtenay and L Salter (Executive Councillors)
F Abbott, B Martin, J K Williams and A Keating
Y Bey and I Genius - Youth Council - observers

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 8.25 pm

891 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Davies (no substitute), Councillor A Chalke (no substitute), A Semmence, T Watts and E Lusty (co-opted members).

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman welcomed the new Healthwatch Southend representative, Jean Broadbent and welcomed Mr I Genius (Deputy Youth Mayor), and new Southend Youth Council representative to the meeting.

In the absence of Councillor Davies, Councillor Borton acted as Vice Chair at the meeting.

892 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:-

- (a) Councillors Salter and Courtenay (Executive Councillors) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interests in all the called-in/referred items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (b) Councillor Boyd - agenda items relating to – Annual Education Report; Secondary Places report; School Progress report – non-pecuniary - Governor at Westcliff High School for Girls and South East Essex Academy Trust, south east Essex Teaching School Alliance;
- (c) Councillor Jones – agenda item relating to Secondary Places Report - non-pecuniary – parent of child attending St Bernards School;
- (d) Councillor Arscott – agenda item relating to Schools Progress report – non-pecuniary – Governor at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School;
- (e) Councillor Jones - agenda item relating to Schools Progress report – non-pecuniary – Governor at Milton Hall School; known to Diocesan Director of Education;
- (f) Councillor Borton - agenda item relating to Schools Progress report – non-pecuniary – Governor at Milton Hall School;

- (g) Councillor Walker - agenda item relating to Schools Progress report – non-pecuniary – wife teaches at West Leigh schools;
- (h) Councillor Borton - agenda item relating to Scrutiny Committee updates – non-pecuniary – EPUT mentioned in report – daughter is nurse at Rochford Hospital;
- (i) Councillor Salter – agenda item relating to Scrutiny Committee updates – non-pecuniary – husband is Consultant Surgeon at Southend Hospital and holds senior posts at the Hospital; son-in-law is GP; daughter is a doctor at Broomfield Hospital;
- (j) Councillor Nevin - agenda item relating Scrutiny Committee updates – non-pecuniary – 2 children work at MEHT; step sister works at Basildon Hospital; previous association at Southend and MEHT Hospitals; NHS employee in Trust outside area;
- (k) Mr I Genius - agenda item relating to Scrutiny Committee updates – non-pecuniary – vice chair of Southend CCG community advisory group.

893 Questions from Members of the Public

Councillor Courtenay, the Executive Councillor for Children & Learning responded to a written question from Mr Webb and Councillor Salter, the Executive Councillor for Health and Adult Social Care responded to a written question from Mr Webb.

894 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th January, 2018

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th January, 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

895 Monthly Performance Report

The Committee considered Minute 820 of Cabinet held on 13th March 2018 together with the Monthly Performance Report (MPR) covering the period to end February 2018, which had been circulated recently.

In response to a question from Councillor Jones on CP 1.6 (rate of Children in Need per 10,000) the Director of Learning Executive Councillor undertook to provide a written answer updating on the conclusion to the work.

Resolved:-

That the reports be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor:- As appropriate to the item.

896 Annual Education Report - March 2018

The Committee considered 827 of Cabinet held on 13th March 2018, which had been called in to Scrutiny, together with a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People) presenting the Annual Education Report (AER) on the retrospective performance of Southend Schools for the academic year 2016/17.

The Committee made some suggestions for future AER's, for example including more narrative under each graphic and a wider range of achievement data at KS5. The Executive Councillor said he would review the content for future AER's.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

"1. That the new format of the Annual Education Report be noted.

2. That the Annual Education Report, recognising the very positive outcomes for learners across all Key Stages, be approved."

Note: This is an Executive Function

Executive Councillor: Courtenay

897 Secondary School Places

The Committee considered 828 of Cabinet held on 13th March 2018, which had been called in to Scrutiny, together with a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People) providing an update on the current position regarding the future provision for Secondary School places across the Borough from 2018-2020 and beyond.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

"1. That the position regarding the provision of sufficient secondary school places, be noted.

2. That the decision to pursue a Free School option be reversed in favour of the expansion in existing secondary schools."

Note: This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor: Courtenay

898 Schools Progress Report

The Committee received and considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People) which informed members of the current position with regard to the performance of all schools, including those schools causing concern and updated on known Academy developments. The Council's Director of Learning also provided an update on recent Ofsted Inspections.

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor:- Courtenay.

899 Scrutiny Committee - updates

The Committee received a report of the Chief Executive which updated members on a number of scrutiny matters.

Resolved:-

1. That the report and actions taken be noted.
2. To note the timetable for commenting on the Quality Accounts from EPUT and the Hospital Trust for 2017/18, as set out in section 3 of the report.
3. That the Committee's work programme for 2018/19 include primary care / GP provision in the Borough.
4. To endorse the terms of reference for the Joint Scrutiny Committee looking at the STP, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.
5. To note the response made by the Joint Scrutiny Committee looking at the STP, as set out at Appendix 2 of the report.
6. That the Committee's current in depth scrutiny project 'Connecting communities to avoid isolation' be concluded in 2018/19.

Note:- This is a Scrutiny Function.

900 Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their contributions, support and participation at the meetings over the last Municipal Year. In response members of the Committee thanked the Chairman.

Chairman: _____