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## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Meeting of School Places Working Party

**Date: Tuesday, 12th June, 2018**

**Place: Committee Room 2 - Civic Suite**

Present: Councillor H Boyd (Chair)  
Councillors A Bright, L Burton, A Chalk, J McMahon, D Nelson,  
G Phillips and J Ware-Lane

In Attendance: S Leftley, B Martin, F Abbott, C Braun and J Edwards

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 7.25 pm

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

None received.

#### **2 Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared at the meeting:-

- (a) Councillor Ware-Lane - Future Provision of Secondary Places in Southend – Non-pecuniary – daughter attends sixth form in borough; partner is a teacher at school in borough;
- (b) Councillor Burton - Future Provision of Secondary Places in Southend – Non-pecuniary – Director of English and Maths at SEEVIC College and schools discussed are feeder schools;
- (c) Councillor Chalk - Future Provision of Secondary Places in Southend – Non-pecuniary – previously worked at St Bernard's School;
- (d) Councillor Nelson - Future Provision of Secondary Places in Southend – Non-pecuniary – alumni of Greensward School, mentioned in discussion.

#### **3 Terms of Reference of Working Party**

Resolved:-

That the terms of reference of the Working Party be noted.

#### **4 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6th February, 2017**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **5 Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved:-

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **6 The Future Provision of Secondary Places in Southend**

The Working Party considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People) which provided a progress report on the strategy for the provision of secondary places.

The Working Party commented as follows:-

- Recognised the duty to provide sufficient school places and that all options need to be pursued to fulfil this duty, and we should take a longer term strategic approach.
- Noted the forecast position based on current figures, detailed at section 4.1 of the report and the years which have a potential shortfall and 3 years are below 1 form of entry.
- Noted position regarding headroom for places.
- Noted the balance needed between over-provision of secondary places & risk of under-provision.
- Noted the position with regard to housing forecasts, detailed at section 5 of the report, whereby pupil product from new Southend housing developments are included in forecasts once the development has been granted planning permission and the expected first occupation date is known.
- Noted that Access and Inclusion will be kept updated and work collaboratively across the council regarding the South Essex 2050 plan and Housing Strategy, to ensure that Members are kept informed of key future areas for place planning needs.
- Noted the position with regard to 2018 – 2028 year 7 secondary forecasts.
- Noted the position with regard to Essex schools which have capacity to meet current demands.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet be advised that the Working Party has the following comments:-

1. To agree the continuation of the current agreed expansions with all secondary schools
2. That a paper be developed, outlining pro's and con's on potential challenges, growth and options around how to deliver future school places in relation to continued expansion need beyond 2021 and future delivery of places across all phases due to housing growth in the area and linked to the local.