

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum

Date: Tuesday, 20th November, 2018

Place: Committee Room 7 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chairman)
Councillors B Ayling, M Borton, C Mulronev and C Nevin

In Attendance: J K Williams, F Abbott and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 6.40 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Terry.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th June, 2018

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th June, 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

4 Update on in depth scrutiny projects for 2018/19

The Forum discussed the current position with regard to the in depth scrutiny projects:-

- a) Re-imagining the Town Centre in the context of the vision for Southend 2050 – Joint Place & Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – update from Councillor Robinson;
- b) In context of vision for Southend 2050 – what is the vision of young people which improves their lives and what are the pathways to achieve this ambition – People Scrutiny Committee – update from Councillor Nevin.

The Forum noted that both projects are progressing well and are on course to be completed on time.

Resolved:-

That the updates be noted.

5 Any Items from Forum Members

- (a) Update on future legislative changes for scrutiny – further to discussions at the previous meeting of the Forum, the Scrutiny officer provided a brief update on the publication of the scrutiny guidance, which is still expected to be ‘by the end of the calendar year’. A report will be submitted to the Forum when the guidance has been published.
- (b) Scrutiny training – It was felt that some training on questioning skills would be beneficial and will be taken back to the Groups for discussion.
- (c) Southend 2050 – draft ambition, desired outcomes & road maps – this will be considered by each Scrutiny Committee the following week and the Strategic Director (Legal & Democratic Services) outlined the process.

6 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Forum will be arranged for June 2019 (date to be confirmed).