

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 26th November, 2019

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor L Salter (Chair)
Councillors N Folkard (Vice-Chair), H Boyd, M Borton, A Chalk, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, D Garne, B Hooper, M Kelly, K Mitchell, C Nevin, I Shead, M Stafford and A Thompson
T Watts, K Jackson and J Broadbent (co-opted members)

In Attendance: Councillors T Harp and A Jones (Cabinet Members)
Councillor K Evans
D Simon, S Leftley, F Abbott, K Ramkhelawon, J O'Loughlin and A Smyth
E Vlas and S Kebbell – Youth Council (observers)

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm

563 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from The Rev'd Canon Jonathan Collis (co-opted member).

564 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:-

- (a) Councillors Jones and Harp (Cabinet Members) – interest in the called in item and referred item; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (b) Councillor Jones – Minute 569 (Schools Progress Report) - disqualifying non-pecuniary interest - attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (c) Councillor Harp – Minute 567 (Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures) – non-pecuniary interest – SAVS mentioned in report and wife is an employee of SAVS;
- (d) Councillor Jones - Minute 567 (Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures) – non-pecuniary interest – Little Hero's mentioned during discussion and is associated with this group;
- (e) Councillor Kelly – Minute 567 (Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures) – non-pecuniary interest – employer is EPUT, mentioned in report;
- (f) Councillor Borton - Minute 567 (Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures) – non-pecuniary interest – EPUT mentioned in report and daughter is a Ward Manager at Basildon MHU;
- (g) Councillor Mitchell - Minute 567 (Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures) – non-pecuniary interest – daughter lives in supported living accommodation; formerly a Children's Centre Manager until 2013;

- (h) Councillor Nevin - Minute 567 (Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures) – non-pecuniary interest – niece works for Public Health England; Council representative on Active Southend and is Chair;
- (i) Councillor Hooper – Minute 569 (Schools Progress Report) – non-pecuniary interest – son attends secondary school in Borough; Director of Blade Education (a not-for-profit company) which recruits volunteers and works with local schools.

565 Questions from Members of the Public

Councillor Harp, the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care responded to a written question from Ms Cowdrey.

566 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th October, 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th October, 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

567 Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures - Quarter 2 Report 2019/20

The Committee considered Minute 522 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 5th November 2019, which had been referred direct to all three Scrutiny Committees and also called in to the People Scrutiny Committee, together with a report of the Chief Executive. This provided an update on the second quarter of the Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures for 2019/20.

The Committee asked questions on a number of matters, which were responded to as follows:-

- With regard to ‘active and involved’ and A Better Start Parent Champions and Ambassadors, the Cabinet Member said that she would get some further details on the numbers and the engagement etc;
- With regard to ‘active and involved’ and the number of schools signed up to the Daily Mile Programme or equivalent, the Interim Director of Public Health said that he would circulate a list of the schools which have signed up;
- With regard to ‘active and involved’ and the localities-related information / milestones, the Deputy Chief Executive (People) said he would provide further details on what’s happening in the West Locality;
- With regard to paragraph 5.6 of the covering report, regarding independent living and care homes, the Deputy Chief Executive (People) said that he would provide some more detail on the numbers;
- Commented that it would be helpful for the report to have page numbers and that a ‘key’ be included when data is presented.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the Quarter 2 performance, be noted.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet member: Cllr Gilbert

568 Working to make lives better - How did we do? (Local Account Adult Social Care 2018/19)

The Committee considered Minute 523 of the meeting of Cabinet held on 5th November 2019 which had been called in to Scrutiny together with a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People). This presented the draft of the ‘Working to make lives better – how did we do?’ summary for Adult Social Care in 2018-19.

The Committee asked questions on a number of matters, which were responded to as follows:-

- The format of the high level summary is designed to be brief and perhaps needs a list of contact numbers, for example, to help sign-post residents. The Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care said that further work was underway on producing this information, providing further details in community hubs, Children’s Centres, Borough Libraries etc. and that the full report would be available mid-January;
- Future summaries will include further details on numbers, alongside the comment ‘higher proportion’ etc.

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the draft ‘Working to make lives better – how did we do?’ be noted as the Council’s self-assessment summary for these services.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr Harp

569 Schools Progress Report

The Committee received 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 causing concern and updated on known Academy developments.

In response to a question about the work being undertaken by ISOS, the Deputy Chief Executive (People) said that the report will be available soon and will be shared with the Committee.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Note: This is an Executive Function.
Cabinet Member: Cllr Jones

570 Thanks to Officers

The Chair advised that this would be the last meeting attended by Simon Leftley, Deputy Chief Executive (People) as he is retiring in the New Year. It is also the last meeting attended by Fiona Abbott, Principal Democratic Services Officer who is also leaving the Council in a few weeks.

The Committee extended their thanks and best wishes to both officers and thanked them for their help and support over many years.

Chair: _____