

## **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: Monday, 25th November, 2019**

**Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor M Flewitt (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)  
Councillors B Ayling, K Buck, L Burton, A Chalk, D Cowan, T Cox,  
M Dent, N Folkard\*, George, D Jarvis, M Kelly\*, S Wakefield, N Ward  
and P Wexham  
(\*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

**In Attendance:** Councillors I Gilbert, C Mulroney, M Terry and R Woodley (Cabinet  
Members) and S Aylen and K Evans  
A Lewis, P Geraghty, G Gilbert, C Robinson, J Martin, S Harrington,  
T Row and N Hunwicks

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 7.40 pm

#### **554 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Councillor Moring (no substitute) and Councillors Beck (substitute: Councillor Dent), Bright (substitute: Councillor Folkard) and Walker (no substitute).

#### **555 Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors Gilbert, Mulroney, Terry and Woodley (Cabinet Members) – 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) Councillors Ayling, Cowan, Folkard, Jarvis, Mulroney, Wakefield and Ward – Agenda Item No. 5 (Parking Review Scope) – Non-pecuniary interest: Appointed as a Member of the Development Control Committee due to consider an application for planning permission for a development on land at Seaway Car Park, which was mentioned in the debate;

(c) Councillors Aylen and K Evans – Agenda Item No. 7 (Notice of Motion – Dog Poo DNA) – Non-pecuniary interest: Dog owners;

(d) Councillor Ayling – Agenda Item No. 5 (Parking Review Scope) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has talked to numerous residents regarding parking and presented two petitions at Council;

(e) Councillor Cox – Agenda Item No. 7 (Notice of Motion – Dog Poo DNA) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employer mentioned in the report but not referred to or debated at the meeting;

(f) Councillor Jarvis – Agenda Item No. 9 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Civic Centre Underground Car Park) – Non-pecuniary interest: User of car park at weekends; and

(g) Mr A Lewis – Agenda Item No. 5 (Parking Review Scope) – Non-pecuniary interest: Director of the Porters Place Southend LLP in respect of the Better Queensway Development which was mentioned in the debate.

#### **556 Questions from Members of the Public**

The Committee noted the responses to two questions that had been submitted by Mr Grubb to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Capital Inward Investment. Copies will be forwarded to him as he was not present at the meeting.

#### **557 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019**

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019, be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

#### **558 Parking Review Scope**

The Committee considered Minute 509 of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, which had been called into Scrutiny, together with a report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place) setting out an approach and timeline to develop a suite of parking policies using service design principles, which once completed will form a comprehensive parking strategy for the Borough.

Resolved:-

1. That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the approach to develop a parking strategy, be endorsed.

2. That the proposed policy objectives, priorities and timetable for introducing policy measures, be approved.”

2. That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the matter be referred to full Council. ||

Note: This is an Executive Function

Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley

#### **559 Notice of Motion - Climate Change and Southend-on-Sea - A Green City**

The Committee considered Minute 512 of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, which had been called into Scrutiny. This related to the Notice of Motion in connection with the Climate Emergency Declaration and the Southend 2050 Green City outcome, presented to Council at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the work that is being undertaken to tackle Climate Change, which will be used to establish the action plan to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030, be noted.

2. That it be noted that adapting to Climate Change to deal with the impacts of embedded emissions will need to take equal priority with Climate Change mitigation, such as achieving net-zero emissions.

3. That the new Low Carbon and Sustainability Strategy which will be brought forward to 2020 to cover the period 2020-2030, be noted.

4. That the Government (via the LGA) be lobbied with other Local Authorities to ensure that funds are made available to increase the work towards achieving carbon neutral status.”

Note: This is an Executive Function  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Mulroney

#### **560 Notice of Motion - Dog Poo DNA**

The Committee considered Minute 513 of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 5th November 2019, which had been called into Scrutiny. This related to the Notice of Motion relating to Dog Waste DNA, presented to Council at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Resolved:-

1. That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the Notice of Motion is rejected based on the evidence that there is a relatively low number of irresponsible dog owners, DNA testing would be cost prohibitive and have a low take up based on the experiences from LBBD and Thanet District Council and would place an undue obligation on responsible dog owners.

2. That the existing powers with additional targeting of hot-spot areas through enforcement, education and communications activity to address the issues with dog fouling continue to be utilised.”

2. That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the matter be referred to full Council. ||

Note: This is an Executive Function  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Mulroney

#### **561 Southend 2050 Outcome Success Measures - Quarter 2 Report 2019/20**

The Committee considered Minute 522 of Cabinet held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, which had been called in for Scrutiny, together with the report of the Chief

Executive outlining the Southend 2050 Outcomes Success Measures for 2019/20 (second quarter).

Resolved:-

That the following decision of Cabinet be noted:-

“That the Quarter 2 performance, be noted.”

Note: This is an Executive Function  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Gilbert

## **562 Requests for Waiting Restrictions**

The Committee considered Minute 504 of Cabinet Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, which had been called in to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place). This related to the proposed introduction of new and the amendment of existing waiting restrictions at various locations in the Borough, including the removal of the Civic Centre Underground Car Park for public use at weekends.

The Cabinet Member for Transport, Capital, Inward Investment undertook to provide a written response to a question whether the parking spaces in the Civic Centre Underground Car Park were included in the overall figure set out in the Southend Central Area Action Plan (SCAAP).

Resolved:-

1. That the following decisions of Cabinet Committee be noted:-

“1. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order(s) for the following requests and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented:

(i) the removal approximately 17 metres of no waiting at any time on the north-east side outside Nos.4 and 5 Runwell Terrace and replace with 3 pay and display bays;

(ii) to provide additional on-street pay and display parking at various locations in Western Esplanade Eastern Esplanade as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report;

(iii) the amendment to the existing waiting restrictions in Ambleside Drive in the vicinity of the Adult Community College (in the meantime, the Interim Group Manager Traffic & Highways undertook to install an “H-bar” marking on the highway at this location to protect the “pram ramp” in the vicinity of 105-107 Ambleside Drive;

(iv) the reduction of the existing junction protection in Leighville Grove, Leigh-on-Sea at its junction with Rectory Grove by 5 metres each side;

(v) the removal of the limited waiting bay outside Nos.151 and 153 Kings Road, Westcliff-on-Sea; and

(vi) the removal of the junction protection waiting restrictions on the north side of Sunningdale Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea that was originally introduced as a temporary basis during construction of the flat development on the corner.

2. That consideration of the review of parking in Clarence Road, Clarence Street and Weston Road, Southend-on-Sea, which forms part of an ongoing town centre review, to create additional parking within this area by the redeployment of some disabled bays, loading facilities and creation of additional spaces, be deferred and that officers be requested to investigate more appropriate locations of the disabled parking bays and investigate the feasibility of introducing some parking bays with a maximum stay of 15 minutes free of charge within the proposed scheme.

3. That the proposed revocation of the current off street parking places Traffic Regulation Order to remove public parking at weekends in the Civic Centre Underground Car Park not be progressed.”

2. That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39, the matter be referred to full Council. ||

Note: This is an Executive Function  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_