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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 15th June, 2020
Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Councillor A Moring (Chair)
Councillors M Flewitt (Vice-Chair), B Ayling, J Beck, A Bright, K Buck, L Burton, A Chalk, D Cowan, T Cox, M Dent, S George, D Nelson*, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward and P Wexham
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors I Gilbert, C Mulroney, K Robinson, M Terry and R Woodley (Cabinet Members) and K Evans
A Lewis, L Reed, J Williams, N Hoskins, T Row and R Harris

Start/End Time: 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jarvis (Substitute: Councillor Nelson).

50 Declarations of Interest

The following councillors declared interests as indicated:

(a) Councillors I Gilbert, C Mulroney, K Robinson, M Terry and R Woodley (Cabinet Members) - Interest in the called-in items; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011;

(b) Councillor Cox – Minute No. 52 (Southend Central Area Transport Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends are taxi drivers;

(c) Councillor Flewitt – Minute No. 52 (Southend Central Area Transport Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

(d) Councillor Gilbert – Minute No. 52 (Southend Central Area Transport Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Place of work is in the Town Centre area; and

(e) Councillor Wexham – Minute No. 52 (Southend Central Area Transport Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed board member of South Essex Homes Board.

51 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

52 Southend Central Area Transport Scheme

The Committee considered Minute 858 of Cabinet held on 25th February 2020, which had been called-in for Scrutiny, together with the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and the Environment). This provided an update on the progress of the 'Southend Central Area Transport Scheme (S-CATS).

The Committee noted that this matter was originally due to be considered at its meeting on 16th March 2020 which was cancelled due to the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In response to questions regarding the possible provision of additional public conveniences in the Town, the Cabinet Member for Transport, Capital and Inward Investment gave assurances that potential details would be circulated to all Councillors when available.

Resolved:-

1. That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

"1. That the proposed design options for Phase 3 London Road and Victoria Circus be endorsed and that either of the two options may be taken forward to construction.

2. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and the Environment), in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree the final detailed design option based upon Option 1 preliminary design."

(This confirmation will allow the selected option to be taken forward to implementation with a programmed commencement in Spring 2020 as proposed with key stakeholders prior to the production of the report, together with the advertisement of any necessary Traffic Regulation Orders.)

2. That this matter be referred to full Council for consideration in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 39. ||

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

Chair: _____