

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 1st September, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

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

In Attendance: Councillors C Mulroney, K Robinson and R Woodley (Cabinet
Members)
Councillor K Evans
L Reed, C Robinson, G Gilbert, T Row, S Harrington, R Harris,
N Hoskins, A Smyth and E Cook

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm

261 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bright (substitute: Councillor Folkard), Flewitt (substitute: Councillor Dear) and Wakefield (no substitute).

262 Declarations of Interest

Councillors C Mulroney, K Robinson and R Woodley (Cabinet Members) declared interests in the called-in items but attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.

263 Questions from Members of the Public

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

264 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, 15th June 2020

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the special meeting held on Monday, 15th June, 2020 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

265 Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2020

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the special meeting held on Wednesday, 24th June, 2020 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

266 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6th July, 2020

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th July, 2020 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

267 Parking Policy Statement

The Committee considered Minute 206 of Cabinet held on 28th July, 2020, which had been called-in for Scrutiny, together with the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and the Environment) setting out the short-term aspirations for the service through a Traffic and Parking Policy Statement. This report follows the Parking Review 2020 report approved by Cabinet in June 2020.

Resolved:

1. That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That the adoption of the Traffic & Parking Policy Statement as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved and that Officers be directed to implement the commitments as described.

2. That the Traffic Regulation Working Party undertakes a review of the decision making processes and takes on the project board role in respect of the Parking Review.”

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

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

268 Highway Restructure Funding

The Committee considered Minute 207 of Cabinet held on 28th July 2020, which had been called-in for Scrutiny, together with the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and the Environment) requesting the additional funding required to support the new Traffic and Highways Team service restructure.

Resolved:

That the following recommendations of Cabinet be noted:

1. That the increased budget to fund the new service in line with the Council’s Vision and Aspirations, be approved. This investment will ensure that the views and needs of our customers, residents and businesses are at the heart of the service.

2. That it be noted that the additional request for funding to support the new structure in 2020/21 will be met from the business transformation reserve with future year's expenditure being incorporated as part of the budget setting for 2021/22 onwards.

Note: This is a Council Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr Woodley

269 In-depth Scrutiny Project - Update

The Committee noted an oral update on the progress that had been made in respect of the in-depth Scrutiny study, entitled "To review the level of domestic waste recycling in the Borough, in order to examine what influences residents in terms of their recycling habits and the barriers to achieving a higher rate of recycling and to consider ways of working with residents to improve domestic waste recycling".

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Note: This is a Scrutiny function.

Chair: _____