SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 10th September, 2020 Place: Virtual Meeting - MS Teams

Present: Councillor J Lamb (Chair)

Councillors M Flewitt (Deputy Chair), S Aylen, B Ayling, J Beck, M Borton, H Boyd, A Bright, K Buck, L Burton, D Burzotta, A Chalk, P Collins, D Cowan, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, K Evans, N Folkard, D Garne, D Garston, S George, I Gilbert, S Habermel, T Harp, B Hooper, D Jarvis, A Jones, M Kelly, H McDonald, D McGlone, K Mitchell, A Moring, C Mulroney, D Nelson, C Nevin, K Robinson, L Salter, I Shead, M Stafford, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, N Ward, C Walker, P Wexham

and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 10.45 pm

288 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

289 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ayling

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda item 30 (Notice of Motion: Recruit two Special Constables per ward) – Non-pecuniary interest: son is a Special Constable;

Councillor Beck

Development Control Committee – 29th July 2020

Minute 232 (115 Tattersall Gardens, LOS) – Non-pecuniary interest: has received emails from the applicant;

• Councillor Borton:

People Scrutiny Committee - 2nd September 2020

Minute 275 (Care Act Easement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter employed in mental health unit at Basildon Hospital;

Council - 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 27 (Notice of Motion: EasyJet) – Non-pecuniary interest: niece works at Southend Airport;

Councillor Burton

Appeals Committee B - 13th August 2020

Minute 257 (School Transport Appeal – Pupil JM) – Non-pecuniary interest: reference made to King John school;

Councillor Burzotta

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 6 (Public Questions from A. Atkinson) – Non-pecuniary interest: has businesses in the area of Hamlet Court Road;

• Councillor Collins

Cabinet Committee - 27th July 2020

Minute 197 (Traffic Regulation Orders (Junction Protection – Various locations) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in Green Lane, which is named on six of the draft orders and knows personally residents and has canvassed them for their opinion on nine of the proposed restrictions situated in Eastwood Park Ward:

Councillor Cowan

Council - 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 24 (Notice of Motion: Conversion of Twenty One site into Cycle Hub and Café) – Non-pecuniary interest: friends work for Forward Motion; Agenda Item 28 (Notice of Motion: Ekco Park) – Non-pecuniary interest: has had conversations with residents about the matter:

Councillor Cox

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Minute 286 (Notice of Motion: No overnight camping in the Borough) – Non-pecuniary interest: owns a static caravan outside the Borough;

• Councillor Davidson

Audit Committee – 12th August 2020

All minutes in so far as they related to South Essex Homes – Non-pecuniary interest: Non-Executive Director of South Essex Homes;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Minute 284 (Balmoral Estate) – Non-pecuniary interest: Non-Executive Director of South Essex Homes;

Councillor Dear

<u>Development Control Committee – 29th July 2020</u>

Minute 232 (115 Tattersall Gardens, LOS) – Non-pecuniary interest: has received emails from the applicant;

Councillor Dent

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Minute 286 (Notice of Motion: No Overnight Camping in the Borough) – Non-pecuniary interest: Former member of scouting organisations;

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 24 (Notice of Motion: Conversion of Twenty One site into Cycle Hub and Café) – Non-pecuniary interest: friends works for Forward Motion;

Councillor F Evans

Development Control Committee – 29th July 2020

Minute 232 (115 Tattersall Gardens, LOS) – Non-pecuniary interest: has been lobbied in the past on application on this site, but not this application specifically;

Councillor Flewitt

Cabinet Committee - 27th July 2020

Minute 195 (Snakes Lane Waiting Restrictions) – Non-pecuniary interest: has lobbied and been lobbied about the waiting restrictions and lives in the vicinity:

Minute 197 (TRO's – Junction Protection (various locations)) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has lobbied and been lobbied for some of these TRO's; Minute 198 (Bell Junction Improvement Scheme TRO's) – Non-pecuniary interest: has lobbied and been lobbied on aspects of these TRO's:

Cabinet - 28th July 2020

Minute 206 (Parking Policy Statement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Discussions on social media and with residents on this matter;

Minute 209 (Balmoral Estate) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

Minute 210 (Care Act Easement) – Non-pecuniary interest: spoke and secured some amendments on the matter at the People Scrutiny Committee held 2nd September;

Minute 212 (Notice of Motion: Footpath Cycling) – Non-pecuniary interest: Named supporter of the Motion;

Minute 213 (Notice of Motion: No overnight camping the Borough) – Non-pecuniary interest: Named supporter of the Motion and has commented in social media about the matter;

Minute 214 (Safeguarding Annual Report (Adults and Children) – Non-pecuniary interest: Spoke and secured refreshed training on the matter at People Scrutiny Committee held 2nd September;

Standards Committee – 28th July 2020

Minute 219 (Draft Model Code of Conduct) – Non-pecuniary interest: Taking part in a webinar and completed the on-line consultation;

<u>Development Control Committee – 29th July 2020</u>

Minute 235 (59 The Bentleys, Eastwood, LOS) – Disqualifying Non-pecuniary interest: Has had email correspondence with the objector to the application;

Place Scrutiny Committee - 1st September 2020

Minute 267 (Parking Policy Statement) – Non-pecuniary interest: discussed the matter on social media and with residents;

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Minute 275 (Care Act Easement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member employed at an NHS Trust outside the Borough;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Minute 284 (Balmoral Estate) – Non-pecuniary interest: friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

Minute 285 (Notice of Motion: Footpath Cycling) and Minute 286 (Notice of Motion – No overnight camping in the Borough) – Non-pecuniary interest: has discussed the matters on social media and with residents;

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 6 (Public Questions from A Atkinson) – Non-pecuniary interest: has commented on and written about Hamlet Court Road heritage/conservation;

Councillor Folkard

People Scrutiny Committee - 2nd September 2020

Minute 275 (Care Act Easement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ambassador for Fund Raising Team at Southend Hospital; relative works at Broomfield Hospital; on the reading panel at Southend Hospital;

• Councillor Garston

Development Control Committee – 29th July 2020

Minute 232 (115 Tattersall Gardens, LOS) – Non-pecuniary interest: the applicant has phoned him twice regarding this application;

Councillor Gilbert

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Councillor Harp

Cabinet - 28th July 2020

Minute 209 (Balmoral Estate) – Non-pecuniary interest: volunteer with Turning Tides at Balmoral Community Centre and knows some of the residents;

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Minute 272 (Questions from members of the public) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friend and future relative employed by the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust:

Minute 275 (Care Act Easement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Wife is employed in hospital discharge capacity;

Minute 276 (Annual Safeguarding Report (Adults and Children)) – Non-pecuniary interest: Wife is an employee of SAVS;

Councillor Hooper

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Minute 276 (Annual Safeguarding Report (Adults & Children)) – Non-pecuniary interest: son attends Southend High School for Boys and Director of Blade Education;

Councillor Jones

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Councillor Kelly

People Scrutiny Committee - 2nd September 2020

Minute 275 (Care Act Easement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employed by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust;

Councillor McGlone

Cabinet Committee – 27th July 2020

Minute 198 (Bell Junction improvement scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: has been Lobbied by residents;

Cabinet – 29th July 2020

Minute 206 (Parking Policy Statement) – Non-pecuniary interest: has had discussions with residents about the matter;

Minute 212 (Notice of Motion Footpath Cycling) – Non-pecuniary interest: Named supporter of the Motion

Minute 213 (Notice of Motion Overnight Camping) – Non-pecuniary interest: Named supporter of Motion;

Policy and Resource Scrutiny – 3rd September 2020

Minute 286 (Notice of Motion Overnight Camping) – Non-pecuniary interest: has had contact with residents about the Motion;

Councillor Mitchell

People Scrutiny Committee - 2nd September 2020

Minute 275 (Care Act Enablement) – Non-pecuniary interest: family friend is employed as a Finance Officer by the Council;

Minute 276 (Safeguarding Annual Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: employed by Essex County Council;

Council - 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 37 (Changes to the Constitution – ASELA Working Party) – Non-pecuniary interest: employed by Essex County Council;

Councillor Mulroney

Development Control Committee – 29th July 2020

Minute 232 (115 Tattersall Gardens, LOS) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council (non-participant in planning) and Pecuniary interest: applicant is well known to her;

Place Scrutiny Committee - 1st September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 7 (Question 3 from Councillor Dent) – Pecuniary interest (withdrew)

Councillor Nelson

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 9 (Petition: Burges Road traffic calming measures) – Non-pecuniary interest: family are members of BERA; Agenda Item 28 (Notice of Motion: Ekco Park) – Pecuniary interest: lives in Ekco Park estate (withdrew);

Councillor Nevin

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Minute 275 (Care Act Enablement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employed at external NHS Trust; family members employed by Mid and South-Essex Trust hospitals;

Councillor Robinson

Place Scrutiny Committee – 1st September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Councillor Salter

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Minute 275 (Care Act Easement) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is GP in the Borough;

Councillor Stafford

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 9 (Petition: Burges Road traffic calming measures) – Non-pecuniary interest: lives in the vicinity of Burges Road;

Councillor Terry

People Scrutiny Committee – 2nd September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Minute 285 (Notice of Motion: Footpath Cycling) – Non-pecuniary interest: keen cyclist within the Borough;

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 9 (Petition: Burges Road Traffic Calming Measures) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of BERA;

Agenda Item 27 (Notice of Motion: EasyJet) – Non-pecuniary interest: employer has clients at Southend Airport and is the Council appointed representative on the Airport Consultative Committee;

Councillor Thompson

Development Control Committee – 29th July 2020

Minute 232 (115 Tattersall Gardens, LOS) – Non-pecuniary interest: the applicant has contacted him;

Councillor Walker

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 7 (Questions from Coun cillors regarding Garrons Leisure Centre/Fusion Lifestyle) – Non-pecuniary interest: wife is a member of a swim club at Garrons Leisure Centre;

Councillor Ward

Development Control Committee - 29th July 2020

Minute 232 (115 Tattersall Gardens, LOS) – Non-pecuniary interest: the applicant has phoned him and he is an owner of a bed and breakfast;

Councillor Wakefield

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Minute 284 (Balmoral Estate) – Non-pecuniary interest: Sub-contractor for South Essex Homes;

Councillor Wexham

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Minute 284 (Balmoral Estate) – Non-pecuniary interest: Board member of South Essex Homes;

Councillor Woodley

Place Scrutiny Committee - 1st September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 3rd September 2020

Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest 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 (Cabinet Member);

Council – 10th September 2020

Agenda Item 9 (Petition: Burges Road traffic calming measures) – Non-pecuniary interest: Name mentioned in petition and is a member of BERA; Agenda Item 27 (Notice of Motion: EasyJet) – Non-pecuniary interest: daughter is a pilot with EasyJet;

290 Communications

Councillor Willis

On behalf of the Council, The Worshipful the Mayor, extended the Council's thanks and appreciation to Charles Willis, who recently stepped down as a Councillor in the Borough of Southend-on-Sea, representing the Westborough Ward.

Concord Rangers Football Club

On behalf of the Council, the Worshipful the Mayor conveyed his congratulations to Concord Rangers Football Club, based on Canvey Island, in reaching the final of the prestigious FA Trophy. He wished the football club well in the final which will take place at Wembley stadium on Sunday 27th September.

291 Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 16th July 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

292 Minutes of the Special Council held on Thursday 30th July 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 30th July 2020, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

293 Questions from Members of the Public

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written questions received from members of the public.

294 Questions from Members of the Council

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to questions received from Councillors.

295 Petition - Old Leigh Alcohol Free Zones

The Democratic Services Team had received a petition from Mr Sverdloff calling on the Council to introduce alcohol free zones in Old Leigh.

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, the petition stands referred to the Cabinet.

296 Petition - Burgess Road Traffic Calming Measures

The Democratic Services Team had received a petition from Mr Webster and Mr Stobart calling on the Council to introduce traffic calming measures and speed restrictions in Burges Road

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, the petition stands referred to the Cabinet Committee.

297 Minutes of Licensing Sub Committee C held on Thursday 23rd July 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

298	Minutes of Cabinet Committee held Monday, 27 July 2020
	Resolved:
	That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.
299	Minutes of the Cabinet held Tuesday, 28 July 2020
	Resolved:
	That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 207 and 209, be approved.
300	Minutes of the Standards Committee held Tuesday, 28 July 2020
	Resolved:
	That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.
301	Minutes of Development Control Committee held Wednesday, 29 July 2020
	Resolved:
	That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.
302	Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee A held Thursday, 30 July 2020
	Resolved:
	That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.
303	Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee B held Friday, 31 July 2020
	Resolved:
	That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.
304	Minutes of Audit Committee held Wednesday, 12 August 2020
	Resolved:
	That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.
305	Minutes of Appeals Committee B held Thursday, 13 August 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

306 Minutes of Licensing Sub Committee A held Thursday 18th August 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

307 Minutes of Place Scrutiny Committee held Tuesday 1st September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

308 Minutes of People Scrutiny Committee held Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

309 Minutes of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Thursday 3rd September 2020

During consideration of Minute 286 (Notice of Motion: No overnight camping in the Borough) a motion was proposed and seconded to refer the matter back to Cabinet.

The motion for reference back of Minute 286 was not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

Notice of Motion - Ban BBQs in the Borough on beaches, Parks and Open Spaces

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'The use of BBQs on beaches, parks and open spaces

That the Cabinet considers a full ban in the Borough on the use of BBQs on its beaches, parks and open spaces, including the removal of the ones on East Beach.'

Proposed: Cllr Ward Seconded: Cllr Chalk

311 Notice of Motion - Conversion of Twenty One site into Cycle Hub and Cafe

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Conversion of Twenty One Site into Cycle Hub and Cafe

We recognise the importance of cycling in improving the mental and physical wellbeing of residents and for improving the air quality of the town. We also recognise and support the Government's commitment to increase the amount of active travel. We also recognise that currently the organisation designed to increase the uptake of cycling, ForwardMotion, does not have a public base in the town and the importance of 'Coffee Culture' in the culture of amateur cyclists.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

- 1. Convert the Twenty One site along Western Esplanade into a Cycling Hub for Forward Motion to use as a base to include cycle hire facilities as well as bike repairs and sales.
- 2. Incorporate a Coffee shop within the facility to increase the appeal of the facility and encourage cycling along the length of our seafront.'

Proposed: Cllr Nelson Seconded: Cllr Buck

312 Notice of Motion - Covid-19 Local Recognition Scheme

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'COVID-19 Local Recognition Scheme

There have been many stories of those in our communities who have focused on the physical, mental, emotional and financial wellbeing of our residents, and in these extraordinarily challenging times innovated to find new and creative ways to help and support the most vulnerable in our community.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

- 1. Note the efforts of those in our community who have supported the most vulnerable during this challenging time.
- 2. Create a local recognition scheme to honour our local community heroes who went above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic.'

Proposed: Cllr Cox Seconded: Cllr Davidson

313 Notice of Motion - Cycling Strategy

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Cycling Strategy

We recognise the importance of cycling in improving the mental and physical wellbeing of residents and for improving the air quality of the town. We also recognise and support the Government's commitment to increase the amount of active travel. We note that in the recent Council active travel bid to Government that the Council does not have a Cycling Strategy and note that the proposed Transport Policy going through Council at the moment does not include the need for Cycling Strategy.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Generate a comprehensive strategy to increase the uptake of cycling and make cycling safer in our Borough.'

Proposed: Cllr Nelson Seconded: Cllr Buck

314 Notice of Motion - Easyjet

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

Withdrawal of EasyJet Base at Southend Airport

The announcement by EasyJet to withdraw all flights out of Southend Airport is a massive disappointment and setback not only for the many employees of the airline but also for the associated small businesses and trades such as service Companies, logistics operators and retail outlets (hotels and shops) in and around Southend.

For many, the loss of employment will outweigh any enhanced redundancy package offered by EasyJet and for thousands more the loss of a convenient and expeditious transit through an airport which has been voted "best small airport " on many occasions will bring frustration and sadness.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

- 1. Note with regret the announcement by EasyJet
- 2. Engage with EasyJet to explore the possibility of reversing the decision of closing Southend Airport as a base and to reinstate its operations to enable the Airport to realise its commercial vision, to provide essential employment to local

residents and to give South Essex the much needed economic recovery post COVID-19.'

Proposed: Cllr Flewitt Seconded: Cllr McGlone

315 Notice of Motion - Ekco Park Estate

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Ecko Park Estate

Residents on the Ecko Park Estate are continuing to suffer with un-adopted land and highways.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

- 1. Undertake to investigate the un-adopted highway and land at the Ecko Park Estate with a view to bringing all land on that estate to adoptable standards.
- 2. Highlight to all Councillors future planning applications that include any Un-Adopted or unadoptable highway or land for consideration in the planning process.'

Proposed: Cllr Flewitt Seconded: Cllr McGlone

Notice of Motion - Make our Gardens and Open Spaces to RHS Britain in Bloom Standard

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Make our Gardens and Open Spaces to RHS Britain in Bloom Standard

This town has a renowned history with our parks and open spaces and our Parks Department winning numerous awards at the Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows in the past.

To ensure that Southend continues to remain renowned for its floral displays, parks and open spaces, This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Engage with the RHS Britain in Bloom scheme, looking to involve both gardens/open spaces cultivated by community groups as well as public land tended by the Council Parks Department.'

Proposed: Cllr Bright Seconded: Cllr Nelson

317 Notice of Motion - Recruit the 2 Special Constables per Ward

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Recruit the Two Special Constables Per Ward

It is recognised that further Police resource is required in the Borough to help against the rising levels of crime especially the recent high levels of violent crime. To help in providing an increase in uniformed Police presence across the town, Cabinet agreed on 11th June 2019 that the Council would recruit two Special Constables per ward.

As yet no attempt has been made to recruit the Special Constables despite Essex Police having one of the best Special Constable recruitment programmes in the UK.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Take immediate action to recruit two Special Constables for each ward as agreed by Cabinet on 11th June 2019.'

Proposed: Cllr Nelson Seconded: Cllr Cox

318 Notice of Motion - No Driving on Parks and Open Spaces PSPO

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'No Driving on Parks & Public Spaces

We have recently seen well publicised cases of vehicles being driven over our parks and public spaces at Thorpe Bay Gardens and Marine Parade Gardens. Regularly, members receive complaints from residents where motor bikes are being driven on our parks and public open spaces causing widespread nuisance.

To assist Council Officers and our Community Safety Team by giving them powers to take action on this anti-social behaviour, This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Create a Public Spaces Protection Order to prevent the driving of cars, van, lorries and motor bikes in our parks and public open spaces.'

Proposed: Cllr Bright Seconded: Cllr Nelson

319 Notice of Motion - Southend Illuminations Festival of Light

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Southend Illuminations Festival of Light

Many in Southend will remember that Southend Illuminations were a fixture of the events calendar on Southend Seafront. The current light columns on City Beach give a taste of what can be done with lighting illuminations on the seafront. There are many examples across the world where light shows are a popular feature in towns, cities and tourist areas which consist of water features, music and colourful laser lights.

The need to attract visitors back to Southend seafront and high street post COVID-19 has never been more needed.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Resurrect the Southend Illuminations by creating a free to the public modern festival of light event.'

Proposed: Cllr Jarvis Seconded: Cllr Cox

320 Notice of Motion - Speed Camera Eastern Avenue

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet Committee:

'Speed Camera on Eastern Avenue

Along the stretch of dual carriageway on Eastern Avenue there has been a history of accidents along this stretch of road. We have seen residents walls knocked down, cars written off and constant excessive speeding. Urgent action needs to be taken to try and control the excessive speeds on this stretch of dual carriageway and protect those residents whose lives are being put at risk by this antisocial and dangerous behaviour.

Acknowledging that a static speed camera would not be affective along the whole stretch of road, we seek a solution that would be affective and works for all the affected residents.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Install average speed cameras along the stretch of dual carriageway along Eastern Avenue between Hamstel Road and Sutton Road immediately.'

Proposed: Cllr Nelson Seconded: Cllr Buck

321 Notice of Motion - Tyre Pump Stations

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Tyre Pump Stations

We recognise the importance of cycling and walking in improving the mental and physical wellbeing of residents and for improving the air quality of the town and support the Government's commitment to increase the amount of active travel.

To assist active travel, there needs to be improved infrastructure. As part of the infrastructure, there is a need for cyclists and users of wheelchairs and pushchairs on occasions to require the use of a pump to inflate their tyres.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Install communal bike pumps, similar to those seen in cities such as Portsmouth, in areas such as our segregated cycle lanes and high footfall areas to allow for cyclists and users of wheelchairs and pushchairs to inflate their tyres.'

Proposed: Cllr Nelson Seconded: Cllr Buck

322 Notice of Motion - Water Fountains and Water Bottle Refill Points

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 8.4, the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet:

'Water Fountains & Water Bottle Refill Points

Single use plastics cause considerable harm to the environment and contribute to the litter problem on our beaches and open spaces. We also note the damage that plastics cause to our seas and marine life.

To help reduce single use plastics: This Council therefore resolves that it should:

- 1. Promote existing water fountains and water bottle refill points.
- 2. Extend the provision of water fountains and water bottle refill points in public areas.'

Proposed: Cllr Bright Seconded: Cllr Buck

Opposition Business - The Development of the Gas Works, Pitmans Close and Warrior Square Car Parks

This matter was deferred to the next meeting of Council.

324 Changes to the Constitution

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) recommending the establishment of the ASELA and Local Government Reform Working Party.

Resolved:

- 1. That the ASELA and Local Government Reform Working Party be established with the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.
- 2. That Council appoints Councillors to the Working Party on a politically proportional basis 3(Con):2 (Lab):2 (Indep):1(LD).

325 Changes to membership of Committees, Working Parties, etc

Resolved:

That the list of changes and appointments to Committees, Working Parties, etc, be approved as submitted.