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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 29th October, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Councillor J Lamb (Chair)
Councillors M Flewitt (Deputy Chair), S Ayles, B Ayles, J Beck, M Borton, H Boyd, A Bright, K Buck, L Burton, D Burzotta, A Chalk, P Collins, D Cowan, 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 - 9.44 pm

454 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cox.

455 Declarations of Interest

- **Councillor Ayles**

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

- **Councillor Beck**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 358 (Land Rear of 26-30 Lime Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has received an email from the applicant;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 413 (Beaumont Court and Richmond House – 71 Victoria Avenue) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has been in correspondence with residents for months regarding this application

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Minute 417 (159 Burges Road, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Friend lives close to the application site.

- **Councillor Borton;**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th September 2020

Minute 340 (Covid-19 Pandemic Updates) – Non-pecuniary interest: EPUT mentioned – daughter is a ward manager of one of the mental health units at Basildon Hospital;

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 358 (Land Rear of 26-30 Lime Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has received an email from the applicant;
Minute 359 (8 Richmond Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: has been in correspondence with the objector;
Minute 341 (Airport Parking, Southend Airport, Eastwoodbury Crescent) and Minute 342 (Airport Surface Access Strategy) – Non-pecuniary interest: Niece works at Southend Airport;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 379 (Fire Safety Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: Non-Executive Director South Essex Homes;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 12th October 2020

Minute 427 (SO46 Report) – Pecuniary interest (withdrew);

People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020

Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) – Pecuniary interest: daughter is a ward manager of one of one of the mental health units affected (withdrew);

- **Councillor Boyd**

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 384 (Potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Infant and Chalkwell Junior Schools – Consultation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Knows some of the Governors and former governors at the schools mentioned;

- **Councillor Burzotta**

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 457 (Public Questions: Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area Designation) – Non-pecuniary interest: family has business in the area and is a resident in Hamlet Court Road;

People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020

Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) – Family member works in care home setting - Non-pecuniary interest;

- **Councillor Chalk**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 358 (Land Rear of 26-30 Lime Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has received an email from the applicant;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

- **Councillor Collins**

Council – 29th October 2020

Item 7 – Petition – Non -Pecuniary Interest – Has met with the Petitioners and advised them on the process;

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 353 (Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) – Non-Pecuniary Interest : Applicant is known to him;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 379 (Planning White Paper) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lloyds referred to in discussions which is his place of work;

- **Councillor Cowan**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 361 (Airport Parking, Southend Airport, Eastwoodbury Crescent) – Non-pecuniary interest: Objectors have been in contact with him regarding this application;

Minute 362 (Airport Surface Access Strategy) – Non-pecuniary interest: The supplementary report mentions the Airport Consultancy Committee of which he is a member;

Cabinet Committee – 14th September 2020

Minute 370 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved with the issue for some time and is mentioned in the report;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

- **Councillor Davidson**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th September 2020

Minute 336 (Annual Public Health Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: Volunteer for Southend Food Bank;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 379 (Fire Safety Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: Non-Executive Director South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor Dear**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 358 (Land Rear of 26-30 Lime Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has received an email from the applicant;

Minute 360 (88 Woodside, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been in contact with the objector;

Minute 361 (Airport Parking, Southend Airport, Eastwoodbury Crescent) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has received an email from a colleague concerning the impact the application would have on the air cadets;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 415 (115 Tattersall Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is known to him;

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor and Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary interest: The applicant is a close colleague and friend;

- **Councillor Dent**

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO;

- **Councillor F Evans**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 358 (Land Rear of 26-30 Lime Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved in discussions about this application;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

- **Councillor K Evans**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th October 2020

Minute 450 (ASELA Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: undertakes work for Essex County Council;

- **Councillor Flewitt**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th September 2020

Minute 341 (Improving SEN and Disabilities Progress Update Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has attended presentation by two parents (SEND);

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 353 (Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane), Minute 361 (Airport Parking, Southend Airport, Eastwoodbury Crescent) and 362 (Airport Surface Access Strategy - Airport Surface Access Strategy) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has publicly spoken and written about the applications in the St. Laurence Ward.

Minute 352 (Garages Rear of 187 Saxon Gardens) - Non-Pecuniary Interest: Knows someone who lives on Saxon Gardens;

Minute 356 (200 Priory Crescentk, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has met with management of ALDI;

Cabinet Committee – 14th September 2020

Minute 370 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved with parking issues in St Laurence Ward for some time;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 387 (Housing and Development Pipeline Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Any implication relating to Lundy Close – has written and spoken about this matter;

Minute 389 (HRA Land Review Phase 4 (Lundy Close) Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: has written and spoken on Lundy Close issue;

People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020

Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) and Minute 441 (Annual Public Health Report) - Family member employed at an NHS Trust outside the Borough - Non-pecuniary interest:

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 457 (Public Questions: Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area Designation) – Non-pecuniary interest: has written and spoken on this matter;

Minute 460 – Petition (Wren Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: has a friend who lives in Wren Avenue;

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: friends and family are tenants of South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor Folkard**

People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020

Minute 441 (Annual Public Health Report) - Ambassador for Fund Raising Team at Southend Hospital; relative works at Broomfield Hospital; on the Reading Panel at Southend Hospital - Non-pecuniary interest;

- **Councillor Garston**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 353 (Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Applicant is known to him;

Minute 358 (Land Rear of 26-30 Lime Avenue) and 18 (19/02066/BC4M - Airport Parking, Southend Airport, Eastwoodbury Crescent) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has received emails regarding the application;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Cabinet Committee – 22nd September 2020

Minute 404 (PVX Application Ref No. 20/00181) – Non-pecuniary interest: The applicant's agent is known to him;

- **Councillor George**

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 386 (The Forum 2) – Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed Director of The Forum;

- **Councillor Gilbert**

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 390 (Declaration of Air Quality Management Area) – Non-pecuniary interest: Know residents in the affected area;

- **Councillor Habermel**

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

- **Councillor Harp**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th September 2020

Minute 336 (Annual Public Health Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: friend employed by 'A Better Start Southend'

Minute 339 (Flu Planning and Marketing Campaign) – Non-pecuniary interest: Volunteer with SAVS and wife is an employee of SAVS;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 384 (Potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Infant and Chalkwell Junior Schools – Consultation) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Chair of the Board of Governors is known to him;

Special Cabinet – 6th October 2020

Minute 407 (Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP: Additional 100 homes update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Volunteer with Turning Tides and Youth Clubs in the wider Queensway area;

- **Councillor Hooper**

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 384 (Potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Infant and Chalkwell Junior Schools – Consultation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Director of Blade Education and son attends Southend High School for Boys;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO/RHE and customer of British Gas;

- **Councillor Jarvis**

Cabinet Committee – 22nd September 2020

Minute 404 (PVX Application Ref No. 20/00181) – Non-pecuniary interest: The applicant's agent is known to him;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Minute 417 (159 Burges Road, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is known to him;

- **Councillor Jones**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 352 (Garages Rear of 187 Saxon Gardens) - Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: This is a Council application and Cllr Jones is a Cabinet Member;

Minute 359 (8 Richmond Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: Knows two families that live in close proximity to the application site;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 390 (Declaration of Air Quality Management Area) – Non-pecuniary interest: Know residents in the affected area;

Minute 393 (School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools 2022/23) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has a child still at school age;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: son works for one of the railway companies mentioned during the debate;

- **Councillor Kelly**

- **Place Scrutiny Committee – 12th October 2020**

- Minute 427 (SO46 Report) – Pecuniary interest (withdrew);

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020**

- Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) - Employed by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust - Non-pecuniary personal interest (withdrew);

- **Councillor McDonald**

- **Council – 29th October 2020**

- Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO/ Southend Energy;

- **Councillor McGlone**

- **Cabinet Committee – 14th September 2020**

- Minute 370 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved with parking issues in St Laurence Ward for some time;

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th October 2020**

- Minute 446 (Questions from Members of the Public) – Non-pecuniary interest: Previous involvement with residents of Lundy Close;

- **Councillor Mitchell**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020**

- Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) – Works with adults with complex needs, including mental health issues - Non-pecuniary interest;
Minute 440 (Updated Local Financial Assessment and Illustration of the Potential Impact of Covid-19 on the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2020/21-2024/25) – Family friend is employed as a Finance Officer by the Council - Non-pecuniary interest;

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 15th October 2020**

- Minute 450 (ASELA Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employed by Essex County Council;

- **Council – 29th October 2020**

- Minute 457 (Public Questions: Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area Designation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Chair of Hamlet Court Road in Harmony);

- **Councillor Mulroney**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 352 (Garages Rear of 187 Saxon Gardens) Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: This is a Council application and Cllr Mulroney is a Cabinet Member.

Minute 353 (Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Applicant is known to her;

Minute 357 (20 Berkeley Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea) and 358 (Land Rear of 26-30 Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Is a non-planning member of Leigh Town Council;

Minute 362 (Airport Surface Access Strategy - Airport Surface Access Strategy) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: The item relates to her Cabinet portfolio;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 391 (Mid and South Essex Health and Care Partnership MOU) – Non-pecuniary interest: Niece works for Mid Essex NHS);

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 415 (115 Tattersall Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is known to her;

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO/Southend Energy;

- **Councillor Nevin**

People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020

Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) - Family members employed at Mid and South-Essex NHS Trust hospitals, previous association with the Trust and currently employed at an NHS Trust outside the Borough - Non-pecuniary interest:

Minute 440 (Updated Local Financial Assessment and Illustration of the Potential Impact of Covid-19 on the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2020/21-2024/25) - Previous association with local care homes as an employee;

Minute 441 (Annual Public Health Report) – Friend responsible for delivery of flu immunisation programme outside the Borough - Non-pecuniary interest:

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 457 (Public Questions: Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area Designation) – Non-pecuniary interest: member of Hamlet Court Road in Harmony);

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO/Southend Energy;

- **Councillor Robinson**

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 390 (Declaration of Air Quality Management Area) – Non-pecuniary interest: Know residents in the affected area;

Minute 391 (Mid and South Essex Health and Care Partnership MOU) – Non-pecuniary interest: Employer is mentioned in the MoU;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 12th October 2020

Minute 427 (SO46 Report) – Pecuniary interest (withdrew);

People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020

Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: employer provides mental health beds (withdrew);

- **Councillor Salter**

Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th September 2020

Minute 336 (Annual Public Health Report), Minute 337 (Teenage Pregnancy Implementation Plan), Minute 338 (Mid and South Essex Health and Care Partnership Diabetes Framework), Minute 339 (Flu Planning and Marketing Campaign) and Minute 340 (COVID-19 Pandemic Updates) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is general practitioner in the Borough;

People Scrutiny Committee – 13th October 2020

Minute 439 (Changes to Acute Mental Health Beds in South Essex) and Minute 441 (Annual Public Health Report) - Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital; son-in-law is a general practitioner in the Borough;

- **Councillor Stafford**

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute *** (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO/Southend Energy;

- **Councillor Terry**

Cabinet Committee – 14th September 2020

Minute 370 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: is a member of the Airport Consultative Committee and has been involved with 2 or 3 companies at the airport;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 390 (Declaration of Air Quality Management Area) – Non-pecuniary interest: Season ticket holder, Southend United Football Club;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: customer of British Gas;

- **Councillor Thompson**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 353 (Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Applicant is known to him;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 415 (115 Tattersall Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea (West Leigh Ward) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has been heavily canvassed by supporters and objectors;

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Minute 417 (159 Burges Road, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Is a trustee with the Southend boys' and girls' choir;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non-Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO/Southend Energy and customer of British Gas;

- **Councillor Walker**

Council – 10th September 2020

Correction to the declarations of interest:

Agenda Item 7 (Questions from Councillors regarding Garrons Leisure Centre/Fusion Lifestyle) – Non-pecuniary interest: grand-daughter is member of swimming squad and Elite Swimming Squad;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Minute 417 (159 Burges Road, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: Chair of the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choir Trust;

- **Councillor Ward**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 361 (Airport Parking, Southend Airport, Eastwoodbury Crescent) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: A hotel was mentioned in discussion and he owns a B&B;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 415 (115 Tattersall Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Owner of a B&B;

- **Councillor Wakefield**

Development Control Committee – 9th September 2020

Minute 353 (Cockethurst, Eastwoodbury Lane) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is known to him;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 379 (Fire Safety Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: sub-contractor and carried out work for South Essex Homes;

Development Control Committee 7th October 2020

Minute 416 (1 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The applicant is a fellow Councillor;

- **Councillor Wexham**

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 379 (Fire Safety Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: Non-Executive Director South Essex Homes;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Non Pecuniary Interest: former customer of OVO/Southend Energy;

- **Councillor Woodley**

Cabinet Committee – 14th September 2020

Minute 370 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter is a pilot for EasyJet at the airport;

Cabinet – 15th September 2020

Minute 392 (Planning White Paper) – Non-pecuniary interest: Chairman of Burges Estate Residents Association;

Council – 29th October 2020

Minute 477 (Opposition Business: Collapse of Robin Hood Energy (RHE)) - Pecuniary Interest: customer of OVO/RHE (withdrew);

Officer Interests

Place Scrutiny Committee – 12th October 2020

A Lewis: Minute 426 (Updated Local Financial Assessment and Illustration of the Potential impact of Covid-19 on the Council's medium-term financial strategy 2020/21-2024/25) and Minute 428 (Porters Place LLP – Additional 100 homes) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Porters Place LLP Board;

456 Communications

David Elf – Minutes Silence

The Council held a one minute's silence as a mark of respect to former Southend-on-Sea Borough Councillor, Mr David Elf, who sadly passed away recently.

Simon Leftley MBE

The Worshipful the Mayor informed the Council that Simon Leftley, the Council's former Deputy Chief Executive (People), had received the award of Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours Lists 2020 in recognition of the outstanding services to People with Learning Disabilities in Southend and Essex.

On behalf of the Council the Mayor extended its congratulations to Simon Leftley for his well-deserved award.

457 Questions from Members of the Public

The relevant Executive Councillors responded to written questions received from the public.

458 Questions from Members of the Council

The relevant Executive Councillors responded to questions received from Councillors.

459 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2020

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th September be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

460 Petition - Wren Avenue Lower Speed Limit and introduce one-way

The Democratic Services Team had received a petition from Ms Ventura containing 19 signatures from local residents calling on the Council to lower the speed limit and introduce a one-way system in Wren Road.

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.7, the petition stands referred to the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) for consideration.

461 Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing Sub Committee B held on Monday 20th July 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

462 Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing Sub Committee B held on Friday 4th September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

463 Minutes of the Meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board held on Tuesday 8th September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

464 Minutes of the Meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday 9th September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

465 Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing Sub Committee A held on Monday 14th September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

466 Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Committee held on Monday 14th September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

467 Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday 15th September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations in Minutes 376, 381, 383, 385, 386, 388 and 389, be approved.

468 Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Committee held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

469 Minutes of the Meeting of Special Cabinet Committee held on Tuesday 6th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted and the recommendations in Minute 407, be approved.

470 Minutes of the Meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday 7th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

471 Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing Sub Committee B held on Thursday 8th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

472 Minutes of the Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 12th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

473 Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Committee A held on Tuesday 13th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

474 Minutes of the Meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 13th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

475 Minutes of the Meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 15th October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting be noted.

476 Notice of Motion - Street Prostitution in Southend

Resolved:

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

‘Street Prostitution in Southend-on-Sea

Street prostitution has existed in Southend-on-Sea, especially in the area around York Road and Ambleside Drive for many, many years. Various police operations have succeeded in moving the women selling sex from one road to another and various organisations have tried to support women selling sex but no intervention has had a significant impact on reducing the number of women selling sex or on the numbers of men buying sex.

Women who sell sex are at significant risk of psychological, emotional, physical and sexual harm. The psychological impacts of selling sex are immense and multiply the longer a woman remains in prostitution. Trauma responses make managing everyday life more difficult, so accessing services and agencies is more challenging which, in turn, leads to increased vulnerability and further exploitation. Being in prostitution becomes a cycle that is incredibly difficult to break.

There is also a significant impact on the local community with high levels of anti-social behaviour as a result of the women selling sex and the men in the area who are pimping the women or buying sex, including drug-dealing, hazardous litter and noise nuisance.

Southend-on-Sea needs a long term and coherent approach to street prostitution within the Borough that seeks to end the harms caused by those who purchase sex.

This Council resolves:

- to recognise street prostitution as adult sexual exploitation and a form of violence against women and girls, to acknowledge it as such in the Borough’s violence and vulnerability strategy and to consider the specific needs of women who sell sex on the street in the strategy.
- to recognise the public health risks associated with street prostitution and ensure harm reduction measures are in place for women selling sex on the street, including provision of condoms and sexual health testing in a way that is truly accessible to women.
- to enable departments within the Council to work with local third sector organisations to develop exiting pathways that allow women who wish to stop selling sex to do so, including helping to facilitate a forum for services to fast-track women into trauma-informed support, promoting collaborative working and holding organisations to account for the support they offer.
- that, once exiting pathways are in place that are shown to be appropriate and working to enable women to exit street prostitution, the focus moves to ending street prostitution in the Borough and sending a clear message that this town will not tolerate perpetration of sexual harm.’

Proposed by: Cllr Helen McDonald

Seconded by: Cllr Dan Nelson

477 Opposition Business - Collapse of Robin Hood Energy

By virtue of Standing Order 19 the Conservative Group requested that the collapse of Robin Hood Energy be placed on the agenda for discussion and accordingly the matter was debated.

478 Appointments and Amendments to Committees etc.

Resolved:

That the change to the membership of the Health and Adult Social Care Working Party as set out on page 153 of the Council book, be approved.

Chair: _____

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