

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 10th December, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Councillor J Lamb (Chair)
Councillors M Flewitt (Deputy Chair), S Ayles, 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 - 10.55 pm

614 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

615 Declarations of Interest

- **Councillor Ayling**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them.

Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has been in contact with the applicant regarding this matter;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minutes 588 and 590 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved in meetings with local residents with regard to the development at Fossetts Farm;

- **Councillor Beck**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them.

Minute 537 (20/01294/FUL - 271 Southbourne Grove, Westcliff-on-Sea) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has been in contact with the neighbour regarding the application;

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) – A close friend lives near the application site;

Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: Many seafront traders are good friends with him;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Member of Development Control Committee and has been involved with the Community Steering Committee in respect of the Better Queensway scheme and has attended several Q&A sessions with Queensway residents;

- **Councillor Borton;**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them.

- **Councillor Boyd**

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 582 (In-depth Scrutiny Project 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: family member works in a care home setting;

Special People Scrutiny Committee – 7th December 2020

Minute 607 (Outcomes of the informal consultation Stage One of a potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School) – Non-pecuniary interest: Is known to one of the individuals that have submitted a public question for the meeting and has connections with a former governor of Chalkwell Hall Infants School;

- **Councillor Buck**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 504 (Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Notice of Motion to Council was signed by the Councillors in the Conservative Group;

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542

(19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them.

- **Councillor Chalk**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Minute 535 (20/00823/BC3M - Land South of Campfield Road) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has been involved in an application on this site previously;

Minute 540 (20/01368/FUL - Second and Third Floors, 23 High Street) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Lives in close proximity to the application site;

- **Councillor Collins**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 499 (Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction) in the Maze) – Non-pecuniary interest: two residents of The Maze have spoken to him regarding the restrictions;

Minute 500 (Traffic Regulation Orders – objections (Junction Protection) – Non-pecuniary interest in items listed below: Lives in the vicinity and residents have spoken to him about the proposals: Green Lane/Parkway Close, Green Lane/Roach Vale, Green Lane/Byfield, Green Lane/Wren Avenue, Green Lane/Nobles Green Road, Green Lane/Dandies Drive, Hudson Road/Hudson Crescent/Lambeth Road, Hudson Road/Pinewood Avenue and Eastwood Rise/Springwater Road;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointee to South Essex Homes Board and has attended several Q&A sessions with residents of Queensway;

- **Councillor Cowan**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 499 (Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction) in The Maze – Non-pecuniary interest: Worked with residents regarding the adoption of the roads in the Ekco Estate which was mentioned in the debate;

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 596 (Notice of Motions (Appendix E – EasyJet) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved in meetings with Southend Airport and local residents with regard to EasyJet And other carriers;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor Cox**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 504 (Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Notice of Motion to Council was signed by the Councillors in the Conservative Group;

- **Councillor Dear**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 536 (20/01276/FUL - Elmsleigh Hall, Elmsleigh Drive) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Has had several conversations with the neighbour to the application site;

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor Dent**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 23rd November 2020

Minute 567 (Hamlet Court Road Conservation Area Designation) – Non-pecuniary interest: lives in a Conservation area;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 588 and 590 (Roots and Fossetts Farm) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Development Control Committee;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor K Evans**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 596 (Notices of Motion – Appendix E – EasyJet) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council and has been involved in meetings with Southend Airport and local residents with regard to EasyJet;

- **Councillor Flewitt**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 499 (Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction) in The Maze – Non-pecuniary interest: has signed motions regarding this matter;

Minute 504 (Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Notice of Motion to Council was signed by the Councillors in the Conservative Group;

Cabinet – 3rd November 2020

Minute 513 (Community Investment Fund) – Non-pecuniary interest: husband is a Trustee of Southend Citizen Advice;

Minute 515 (Annual Comments, Compliments and Complaints Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: discussed the care homes aspects at People Scrutiny Committee;

Minute 519 (Beecroft Trust) – Non-pecuniary interest: signed a motion about the Trust building;

Minute 521 (Hamlet Court Road Conservation) – Non-pecuniary interest: has written and spoken on the issue and signed a motion;

Minute 523 (Census) – Non-pecuniary interest: friends in process of employment for Census work;

Minute 526 (Notices of Motion) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has signed most of the Notices of Motion to Council as a member of the Conservative Group;

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

General Purposes Committee – 19th November 2020

Minute 559 (Beecroft Trust) – Non-pecuniary interest: has written and spoken on the matter with local residents;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 23rd November 2020

Minute 564 (Annual Comments, Compliments and Complaints Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: discussed the care homes aspects at People Scrutiny Committee;

Minute 566 (Beecroft Trust) – Non-pecuniary interest: has written and spoken on the matter with local residents;

Minute 567 (Beecroft Trust) – Non-pecuniary interest: signed a motion about the Trust building;

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Non-pecuniary interest: Attended informal meetings as to principles with no pre-determination;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 587 (Councillor/Officer Relationship Protocol) – Non-pecuniary interest: spoke on this matter at the Standards Committee;

Minute 588 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) Non-pecuniary interest: Attended informal meetings as to principles with no pre-determination;

Minute 592 (Annual Comments, Compliments and Complaints Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: discussed the care homes aspects at People Scrutiny Committee;

Minute 594 (Census) – Non-pecuniary interest: friends in process of employment for Census work;

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 581 (Annual Comments, Compliments and Complaints Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has assisted in the procurement of a presentation on care homes;

- **Councillor Folkard**

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 582 (In-depth Scrutiny Project 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: Is ambassador for Fund Raising Team at Southend Hospital; relative works at Broomfield Hospital and is on the Reading Panel at Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor Garston**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 502 (Traffic Regulation Orders (Waiting Restrictions – Safety Schemes) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents in respect of the proposals in Earls Hall Avenue;

Minute 504 (Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Notice of Motion to Council was signed by the Councillors in the Conservative Group;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 588 and 590 (Roots and Fossetts Farm) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor Habermel**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Special Cabinet – 2nd December 2020

Minute 601 (Outcomes of the informal consultation Stage One of a potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been directly lobbied with regard to the report to be considered by the Committee

Special People Scrutiny Committee – 7th December 2020

Minute 607 (Outcomes of the informal consultation Stage One of a potential amalgamation of Chalkwell Hall Infants School and Chalkwell Hall Junior School) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been directly lobbied with regard to the report to be considered by the Committee;

Councillor Harp

Cabinet – 3rd November 2020

Minute 513 (Community Investment Fund) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary interest: wife works for SAVS (withdrew);

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 and 576 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Disqualifying Interest: Season ticket holder at Southend United Football Club (withdrew);

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 582 (In-depth Scrutiny Project 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: Volunteer with SAVS and wife is an employee of SAVS;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minutes 588 and 590 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Disqualifying interest (withdrew);

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place LLP Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interest: Volunteer with Turning Tides and knows families and children in the Better Queensway area;

Council – 10th December 2020

Minute 637 (Roots and Fossetts Farm Trust Matters) – Disqualifying interest: season ticket holder (withdrew);

- **Councillor Hooper**

Cabinet – 3rd November 2020

Minute 518 (Southend Pier) – Non-pecuniary interest: has worked directly with Southend Pier staff;

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 582 (In-depth Scrutiny Project 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: Director of Blade Education (a not-for-profit company) and parent of child attending secondary school in Borough;

- **Councillor Jarvis**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 504 (Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Notice of Motion to Council was signed by the Councillors in the Conservative Group;

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;
Minute 535 (20/00823/BC3M - Land South of Campfield Road) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Lives close to the application site;

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 and 576 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Disqualifying Interest: Season ticket holder (withdrew);

Council – 10th December 2020

Minute 637 (Roots and Fossetts Farm Trust Matters) – Disqualifying interest: season ticket holder (withdrew);

- **Councillor Jones**

Cabinet – 3rd November 2020

Minute 520 (Future Governance of Southend Adult Community College) – Non-pecuniary interest: Appointed to the Governing Body;

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them.

Minute 535 (20/00823/BC3M - Land South of Campfield Road) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: This is a Council application and Cllr Jones is a Cabinet Member of the Council;

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 and 576 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Member of Development Control Committee;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor Lamb**

Cabinet – 3rd November 2020

Minute 520 (Future Governance of Southend Adult Community College) – Non-pecuniary interest: Is a patron of the College;

- **Councillor Mitchell**

Cabinet – 3rd November 2020

Minute 521 (Hamlet Court Road Conservation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Chair of the Hamlet Court Road in Harmony Committee;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 23rd November 2020

Minute 567 (Hamlet Court Road Conservation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Chair of the Hamlet Court Road in Harmony Committee;

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Non-pecuniary interest: lives close to Roots Hall;

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 581 (Annual Comments, Compliments and Complaints Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: Links to local health services through employment as a family worker;

Minute 582 (In-depth Scrutiny Project 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: family member lives in supported living accommodation;

- **Councillor Moring**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 504 (Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Notice of Motion to Council was signed by the Councillors in the Conservative Group;

- **Councillor Mulroney**

Cabinet – 3rd November 2020

Minute 516 (Destination Southend) and Minute 517 (Culture Vision) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council and Trustee of the Leigh Heritage Centre;

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Minute 535 (20/00823/BC3M - Land South of Campfield Road) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: This is a Council application and Cllr Mulroney is a Cabinet Member of the Council.

Minute 536 (20/01276/FUL - Elmsleigh Hall, Elmsleigh Drive), Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 541 (20/01395/FUL - 1335 London Road) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Non-Planning Member of Leigh Town Council;

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 and 576 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: Member of Development Control Committee;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 588 and 590 (Roots and Fossetts Farm) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Development Control Committee;
Minute 593 (Petition – Old Leigh Alcohol Free Zones) – Non-pecuniary interest: Trustee of Leigh Heritage Centre;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor Nevin**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 500 (Traffic Regulation Orders – Objections (Junction Protection) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents of her ward regarding the proposals in Hermitage Road and Cavendish Gardens/Holyrood Drive;
Minute 502 (Traffic Regulation Orders (Waiting Restrictions – Safety Schemes) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents regarding the proposals in Clifton Road, Manor Road and Seaforth Road;

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 541 (1335 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: objector is known to her;

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 582 (In-depth Scrutiny Project 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has previously been employed at Southend Hospital and previous association with local care homes as an employee;

- **Councillor Shead**

Audit Committee – 21st October 2020

Minute 483 (Deloitte: Update on Statement of Accounts Audit 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: In receipt of Pension from Essex County Council;

- **Councillor Salter**

People Scrutiny Committee – 24th November 2020

Minute 582 (In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2019/20) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital;

- **Councillor Stafford**

Appeals Committee A – 17th November 2020

Minute 552 (School Transport Appeal – Pupil AD) – Disqualifying Non-Pecuniary Interest: Knows the family (withdrew);

- **Councillor Terry**

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 and 576 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Disqualifying Interest: Season ticket holder at Southend United Football Club (withdrew);

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minutes 588 and 590 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Disqualifying interest (withdrew);

Council – 10th December 2020

Minute 637 (Roots and Fossetts Farm Trust Matters) – Disqualifying interest: season ticket holder (withdrew);

- **Councillor Walker**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: A friend lives close to the application site;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor Ward**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The company he works for has done some work on these addresses in the past;

Place Scrutiny Committee – 23rd November 2020

Minute 565 (Destination Southend) – Non-pecuniary interest: Owner of a B&B;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

- **Councillor Wakefield**

Development Control Committee – 4th November 2020

Minute 538 (20/01309/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square), Minute 539 (20/01324/FUL - Development Land Underwood Square) and Minute 542 (19/00207/BRCN-B - Britannia Public House, Eastern Esplanade) – Non-Pecuniary Interest: The architect is known to them;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 588 and 590 (Roots and Fossetts Farm) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Development Control Committee;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interests: Members of Development Control Committee;

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan) – Non-pecuniary interest: Sub-contractor for maintenance of existing South Essex Homes properties;

- **Councillor Woodley**

Cabinet Committee – 2nd November 2020

Minute 505 (Petition – Burges Road Traffic Calming Measures) – Non-pecuniary interest: Presented the petition at Council on behalf of residents;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 26th November 2020

Minute 596 (Notice of Motions – Appendix E – EasyJet) – Non-pecuniary interest: family member employed by EasyJet;

Special Cabinet – 24th November 2020

Minute 574 and 576 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm) – Disqualifying Interest: shareholder of SUFC (withdrew);

Council – 10th December 2020

Minute 637 (Roots and Fossetts Farm Trust Matters) – Disqualifying interest: Shareholder of SUFC (withdrew);

Officer Interests:

Special Cabinet – 2nd December 2020

Mr A Lewis – Minutes 600 and 603 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan)– Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed representatives on the Porters Place LLP Board.

Special Place Scrutiny Committee – 8th December 2020

Mr A Lewis - Minutes 611 and 613 (Porters Place Southend on Sea LLP: Business Plan)– Non-pecuniary interest: Council appointed representatives on the Porters Place LLP Board.

616 Communications

Brian Houssart and Mike Dolby – Minutes silence

The Council remained silent for one minute as a mark of respect to former Southend-on-Sea Borough Councillors, Mr Brian Houssart and Mr Mike Dolby, who sadly passed away recently.

Youth Council

The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed the Youth Mayor, Madi Faulkner-Hatt and Deputy Youth Mayor, Nizle Biju to the meeting and on behalf of the Council congratulated them on their appointments.

The Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor addressed the Council and spoke about their plans for their term of office.

Presentation of Yule Log

Councillor Aylen had presented the Worshipful the Mayor with the Yule Log which was delivered by the Council's Parks team to Porters.

617 Questions from Members of the Public

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

618 Questions from Members of the Council

The relevant Cabinet Members responded to written questions received from Councillors.

619 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29th October 2020

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 29th October 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

620 Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held on Wednesday, 21 October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

621 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee B held on Thursday 22nd October 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

622 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on Monday, 2 November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

623 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 3 November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minutes 512 (Resourcing Better Outcomes – Period 6) and 518 (Southend Pier), be approved.

624 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday, 4 November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

625 Minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held on Wednesday 11th November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 546 (Refresh of Protocol on Councillor/Officer Relations) be approved, subject to the refinements made at Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 26th November 2020 as set out in Minute 631 below.

626 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee A held on Tuesday 17th November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

627 Minutes of the meeting of General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 19th November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting and the recommendations contained in Minute 559 (Report to the Trustees of the Beecroft Trust), be noted. See Minute 628 below for the Council's formal decision as sole Trustee of the Beecroft Trust.

628 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 23 November 2020

During consideration of Minute 566 (Beecroft Council Options) the Leader agreed to provide all Councillors with further details about why the scheme for artist studios was unviable.

During consideration of Minute 567 (Hamlet Court Road Conservation Designation) the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning confirmed that the consultation would relate to the whole of Hamlet Court Road.

During consideration of Minute 567 (Hamlet Court Road Conservation Designation) a motion was moved and seconded to refer the matter back to Cabinet.

The motion for reference back was not carried.

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of this meeting, be noted, including the extended consultation area in Minute 567 (Hamlet Court Road Conservation Designation).

Beecroft Trust Matters:

2. That the Council acting as the sole Trustee of the Beecroft Trust approves the recommendations contained in Minute 571 (Report to the Trustees of the Beecroft Trust), as set out below:

"1. That it be noted that the scheme to provide affordable artist studios in the Former Gallery was unachievable and unviable.

2. That the Council as Trustee of the Beecroft Art Trust be recommended to sell the Former Gallery and the Council should be offered first refusal to purchase at full market value, subject to charity law requirements.

3. That the Council as Trustee of the Beecroft Art Trust be recommended to retain the Beecroft art collection in the former library building on an ad hoc basis,

pending a more permanent solution which should be possible once the proceeds of sale from the Former Gallery have been received.

4. That the Council as Trustee agrees that all reasonable and proper costs expended by the Council on behalf of the Trust, associated with the sale of the Former Gallery and the acquisition of an alternative property, will be met from the proceeds of sale of the Former Gallery, subject to the Charity Commission's consent.

5. That the Council as Trustee seeks to amend the Commission Scheme dated 18th February 1980 to remove the Former Gallery from the Commission Scheme and ensure the Trust continues to adhere to the Objects of the Trust.”

629 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

630 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

631 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 26 November 2020

During consideration of Minute 588 (Roots Hall/Fossetts Farm) the Leader agreed to provide all Councillors with further details about the company referred to in the report.

Resolved:

1. That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained Minute 591 (Resourcing Better Outcomes - Financial Performance Report - Period 6), be approved.

2. That the recommendations contained in Minute 587 (Refresh of Protocol on Councillor/Officer Relations) as set out below and that Part 5(d) of the Constitution be amended accordingly:

“1. That the report be noted and that the following recommendations of the Standards Committee to the full Council arising from its meeting held on 11 November 2020 (Minute 546 refers), be endorsed:

1. That the new Protocol on Councillor/Officer Relations set out at Appendix 1 and the associated Action Plan to support implementation at Appendix 2 to the submitted report be referred to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 26th November 2020, prior to consideration of the new Protocol at Council on 10th December 2020, with the following amendment to Section 9.1 of the Protocol:

- To change the wording 'enquiries' to 'queries' and add the contact email address for the relevant team.

2. That the approach described in section 6 of the submitted report, be adopted and the Committee uses its role to champion the actions and key messages in order to promote this work, subject to an adjustment of the action proposed in the final bullet point of section 6.3 of the report so that it reads:

'Political groups and Leaders to explore ways to support Officers and Councillors in resolving low level inappropriate and unprofessional behaviour, before it escalates to a formal complaint.'

3. That the words 'or officer' be inserted after the words 'the Councillor' in the third bullet point of Section 10.1.5 (Relations with the Media) of the new Protocol.

2. That the Standards Committee be requested to consider the addition of references to appropriate appeals procedures in Section 12.2 (Submitting a formal complaint alleging a breach of this Protocol) of the new Protocol."

632 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

633 Minutes of the meeting of Special People Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 7th December 2020

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

634 Minutes of the meeting of Special Place Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 8th December 2020

During consideration of Minute 634 (Porters Place LLP) the Leader agreed that there will be an inquiry into the decision made to bring the road up to grade with a focus on the Cabinet decision of early 2019.

During consideration of Minute 611 (Porters Place LLP Business Plan) a motion to refer the matter back to Cabinet was proposed and seconded.

The motion to refer the matter back was not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

635 Notice of Motion - Food Justice

Resolved:

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

‘FOOD JUSTICE CHAMPION MOTION

Trussell Trust research shows that three million children are at risk of hunger during the school holidays. Here in Southend, we know that our foodbanks issue thousands of emergency food packages every year and 1 in 5 children live in poverty.

Foodbank use has dramatically increased, and the Independent Food Aid Network recorded a 59% increase in demand for emergency food support between February and March.

The government has also committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which have an international and domestic commitment to ending hunger by 2030.

This council believes:

No-one in Southend or the UK should go hungry, not least children. Food justice is about taking action on the causes of hunger such as affordability and availability of good nutritious food.

Local councils and communities played a key role during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to do so and that should be recognised.

The council resolves to:

Appoint a food justice champion, who will lead on tackling food poverty locally and support / set up a food partnership to bring together partners to develop a good action plan to address the causes of food poverty.’

Proposed: Cllr Daniel Cowan

Seconded: Cllr Matt Dent

636 Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2021/22.

Resolved:

That the current Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20 be readopted for 2021/22.

637 Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm - Trust Matters

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) setting out the Trust matters relating to Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm.

During consideration of this matter the Mayor drew Councillors attention to an email from the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) dated the 10th December 2020 relating to the duties of Councillors when dealing with Trust matters. In answer to a question the Executive Director agreed to arrange a further briefing on this same matter, if required.

During consideration of Minute 637 (Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm Trust Matters) and in accordance with Standing Order 1.7, the hour of 10.00pm having been reached the Council resolved to continue for one further hour until 11.00pm.

Resolved:

1. That, in the Council's capacity as the Trustee, the Cabinet Report and associated minutes of Cabinet and Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, be noted.

2. That, in the Council's capacity as the Trustee, the following decisions, subject to any Consent or Order of the Charity Commission in respect of each Trust (as may be required), be approved:

(a) On behalf of the Jones Memorial Recreation Ground Trust, the grant of an easement along the northern section of the Jones Memorial Recreation Ground on the terms, and as shown on the plan set out at section 3 of the submitted report and note that the existing car park serving the recreation ground will be replaced on like terms.

(b) On behalf of the Victory Sports Ground Trust, the appropriation and/or sale of a small section of land adjacent to Sutton Road/Eastern Avenue roundabout to public highway use to enable the road capacity to be increased on the terms, and as shown on the plan set out at section 4 of the report.

(c) On behalf of the Youth Commemoration Ground Trust, grant a shared use agreement with the Loxford Trust to ensure that the land can be used to support the physical education needs of local school children and in turn to enable the release of the former Cecil Jones Junior School playing field land for development (if required and subject also to the Secretary of State's Consent), on the terms set out in section 5 of this report.

638 Appointments and Amendments to Committees etc

Resolved:

That the minor change to the membership of the Fostering Panel to replace Councillor Jones with Councillor Mitchell, be noted.

639 Calendar of meetings 2020/21 - Revised Date for March Council meeting

2021

The Mayor informed Councillors that the last Council meeting of the current Municipal Year scheduled for 25th March 2021 now falls within the pre-election purdah period *as the Notices of Election for both the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and the Local Elections will be published on 19th March 2021.*

Resolved:

That the last Council meeting of the current municipal year be rearranged for 18th March 2021.

Chair: _____