

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet

Date: Monday, 18th October, 2021

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor I Gilbert (Chair)
Councillors R Woodley (Vice-Chair), L Burton, P Collins, A Jones,
C Mulroney, C Nevin and M Terry

In Attendance: A Lewis, A Eastgate, T Saunders, T Forster, M Marks, J Williams,
A Lewis, J Chesterton, C Gamble and A Richards

Start/End Time: 2.00 pm /

406 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

407 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

408 Conservation Area Appraisals

The Cabinet considered a report of the Interim Executive Director (Growth and Housing) presenting the Conservation Area Appraisals produced by independent heritage experts, Purcell, for seven of the Borough's fourteen existing Conservation Areas, following recent public consultation.

Resolved:

That the updated and new Conservation Area Appraisal documents, set out at Appendices 1 to 7 of the submitted report, for the established Conservation Areas at Chapmanslord, Eastern Esplanade, Leigh Old Town, Prittlewell, Shorefields, The Kursaal and Warrior Square, be adopted.

Reason for decision:

The Conservation Area Appraisals produced provide up to date evidence on each Conservation Area. They also provide a new management plan to help guide appropriate and sympathetic change within the area and highlight opportunities to enhance the character and appearance of these important heritage areas.

Other options:

Not to adopt the Conservation Area Appraisals for Chapmanslord, Eastern Esplanade, Leigh Old Town, Prittlewell, Shorefields, The Kursaal and Warrior Square. However, this would mean that each of these Conservation Areas does not have an up-to-date Appraisal and Management Plan in place. The new Conservation Area Appraisals are intended to assist in planning decisions and to

help ensure that the character and appearance of these Conservation Areas are conserved and enhanced.

Note: This is an Executive Function
Referred direct to: Special Place Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet Member: Cllr Mulroney

409 Bus Service Improvement Plan

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) presenting the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for approval and the draft Enhanced Partnership (EP) document for public consultation.

Resolved:

1. That the Bus Service Improvement Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, in order to meet the Department for Transport requirement for an adopted plan by 31 October 2021, be approved.

2. That the draft Enhanced Partnership (EP) document set out at Appendix 2 to the report, in order to progress the work required on the EP for a final version to be adopted by 31 March 2022, be approved for public consultation.

2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Asset Management and Inward Investment, to:

- make amendments to the draft Enhanced Partnership document prior to consultation; and
- take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the relevant statutory processes and procedures to undertake the consultation.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure that the Council has an adopted Bus Service Improvement Plan in place as required by Government, and that public consultation be undertaken on the draft Enhanced Partnership document in order that the deadline for a final approved EP is achieved by 31 March 2022.

Other Options

The Council could choose not to have either an BSIP or EP, however this will affect future funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) on any major highway schemes that the Council bids for. This will also affect any funding that DfT allocate to Bus Operators in the Borough and will see a reduction in bus services supplied by the operators.

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Cabinet Member: Cllr Woodley

Chairman: _____

