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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 17th February, 2022

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor M Borton (Chair)
Councillors B Beggs, M Berry, H Boyd, K Buck, S Buckley, L Burton, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, T Cowdrey, T Cox, M Davidson, 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, J Lamb, A Line, D McGlone, K Mitchell, J Moyies, C Mulrone, D Nelson, C Nevin, K Robinson, L Salter, I Shead, M Stafford, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren, P Wexham and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 10.00 pm

706 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beck, Dear and Moring.

707 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

708 Notice of Motions

The Worshipful the Mayor had agreed to call this Council meeting following a requisition by 10 Councillors, pursuant to Section 3 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, to consider the three matters referred to in the requisition and the associated motions.

The Worshipful the Mayor was satisfied that these matters were legitimate subjects for the Council to debate.

(a) Motion: Waste Contract

The Council had before it a motion calling on the Council to procure a new Waste Contract with making weekly waste collections a mandatory requirement in the tender specification for a new waste contractor.

During consideration of the matter an amendment was proposed and seconded as follows:

Amendment:

'That this Council RESOLVES: To procure a new waste contract.

In doing so the following criteria will form the basis of the procurement process.

- *The requirement for bidders to take into account the Council's preference for a weekly collection service;*
- *The declaration by the Council of a Climate Change Emergency in 2019 and the need to significantly reduce residual waste.*
- *The passing of the Environment Act 2021 and its promulgated requirements for recycling (likely to be 65% by 2035) and other environmental matters and adaptability to further changes in legislation.*

The financial imperatives for the Council to ensure value for money principles are adhered to.'

A requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 on the amended motion, the voting was as follows:

For the amendment:

Cllrs Berry, Burton, Collins, Cowan, Cowdrey, Dent, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Jones, Kelly, Line, Mitchell, Mulroney, Nevin, Robinson, Shead, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Ward, Wexham and Woodley (25)

Against the amendment:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Buck, Buckley, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, F Evans, K Evans, Folkard, Garne, Garston, Habermel, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Walker and Warren (21)

Abstention:

Cllr Borton (Mayor) (1)

Absent:

Cllrs Beck, Dear and Moring (3)

The amended motion was carried.

A requisition for a named vote having been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 to refer the amended motion to Cabinet, the voting was as follows:

For reference to Cabinet:

Cllrs Berry, Burton, Collins, Cowan, Cowdrey, Dent, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Jones, Kelly, Line, Mitchell, Mulroney, Nevin, Robinson, Shead, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Ward, Wexham and Woodley (25)

Against reference to Cabinet:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Buck, Buckley, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, F Evans, K Evans, Folkard, Garne, Garston, Habermel, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Walker and Warren (21)

Abstention:

Cllr Borton (Mayor) (1)

Absent:

Cllrs Beck, Dear and Moring (3)

Accordingly it was resolved:

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

'That this Council RESOLVES: To procure a new waste contract.

In doing so the following criteria will form the basis of the procurement process.

- *The requirement for bidders to take into account the Council's preference for a weekly collection service;*
- *The declaration by the Council of a Climate Change Emergency in 2019 and the need to significantly reduce residual waste.*
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(b) Motion: Vote of No Confidence and Removal of current Leader of the Council

The Council had before it a motion calling on the Council:

- 1. To note that this Council has no confidence in the current Administration;*
- 2. To remove the current Leader of the Council.*
- 3. To elect a new Leader of the Council.'*

The motions set out at 1 and 2 above were voted on by way of a named vote. The voting was as follows:

For the removal of the Leader:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Buckley, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, F Evans, Folkard, Garne, Garston, Habermel, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, Moring, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Walker and Warren (20)

Against removal of the Leader:

Cllrs Berry, Burton, Collins, Cowan, Cowdrey, Dent, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Jones, Kelly, Line, Mitchell, Mulrone, Nevin, Robinson, Shead, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Ward, Wexham, Woodley and Borton (26)

Abstentions:

Cllr K Evans (1)

Absent:

Cllrs Beck, Dear and Moring (3)

The motions set out at 1 and 2 above were not carried. (Therefore it was not necessary to deal with element 3 of the proposals).

Chair: _____