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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 14th July, 2022

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors M Borton, B Beggs, M Berry, H Boyd, K Buck, S Buckley, L Burton, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, T Cowdrey, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, K Evans, N Folkard, D Garston, S George, I Gilbert, S Habermel (Vice-Chair), J Harland, B Hooper, L Hyde, D Jarvis, A Jones, D Jones, M Kelly, J Lamb, A Line, R McMullan, K Mitchell, J Moyies, C Mulroney, K Murphy, D Nelson, M O'Connor, M Sadza, 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 - 11.03 pm

125 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hooper, Kelly and Lamb.

126 Declarations of Interest

- **Councillor Berry**

People Scrutiny Committee – 20th April 2022

Minute 907 (Vecteo Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ongoing association with member of Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) around the current provision of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) home to school transport services by Vecteo, Education Health and Care Plans and other related matters;

Council – 14th July 2022

Minute 128 (Public Questions) – one of the public questioners is known to him;

- **Councillor Borton**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and Adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes;

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Minute 155 (Appointments to Committees) – daughter works for EPUT at Basildon and Chelmsford Mental Health Units;

- **Councillor Buck**

Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022

21/02457/FUL (222 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea) – Disqualifying non-pecuniary interest: The architect is well known to him and is the consulting architect for one of his clients (withdrew);

22/00459/BC3 (3 Norfolk Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Traffic Regulations Working Party concerning PVX applications;

- **Councillor Buckey**

Council – 14th July 2022

Minute 134 (Petition – Safer movement of traffic and pedestrians in Walters Close) – Knows two of the residents very well in Walters Close;

- **Councillor Burton**

People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022

Minute 108 (Passenger Transport Services – Performance Monitoring) – employed as a teacher at a school outside Southend-on-Sea;

- **Councillor Cowan**

Development Control Committee – 6th April 2022

Minute 863 (Application Ref. No. 21/02034/OUT – Land adjacent, 1 Smallholdings, Eastwoodbury Lane) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been in extensive correspondence with residents about the application;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – Rental property and place of employment within the area of the PSPO;

- **Councillor Cowdrey**

People Scrutiny Committee – 20th April 2022

Minute 907 (Vecteo Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ongoing association with a number of service users around the current provision of special

educational needs and disabilities (SEND) home to school transport services by Vecteo;

People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022

Minute 99 (Questions from the public) – Known to one of the public questioners;

Minute 106 (Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2021/22) and Minute 107 (Summary of Work 2021/22 & In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2022/23) – Works with families of children with special educational needs and disabilities;

- **Councillor Davidson**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor Dent**

Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022

21/02457/FUL (222 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken to the objectors and applicant regarding the application;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 115 (PSPO Southend City Centre and Seafront area) – Has engaged extensively with residents and Cabinet members on the matter;

- **Councillor Folkard**

People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022

Minute 103 (Integrated Care Partnership) and Minute 105 (Community In-patient beds) – Relative employed at Broomfield Hospital;

- **Councillor D Garston**

Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022

22/00459/BC3 (3 Norfolk Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Traffic Regulations Working Party concerning PVX applications;

- **Councillor George**

Special Cabinet – 1st July 2022

Minute 67 (City Music Festival) – Member of the Town 2 City Partnership;

- **Councillor Gilbert**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – Rental property and place of employment within the area of the PSPO;

- **Councillor Hyde**

People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022

Minute 102 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities) – Colleague ward Councillor (Cllr Cowan) is a governor at Prince Avenue Nursery;

Minute 103 (Integrated Care Partnership) and Minute 105 (Community In-patient beds) – Close family friend employed by Essex Partnership University NHS Trust;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 115 (PSPO Southend City Centre and Seafront) – Rents a property near the vicinity of the PSPO area;

- **Councillor Hooper**

People Scrutiny Committee – 20th April 2022

Minute 907 (Vecteo Update) – Non-pecuniary interest: Director of Blade Education, a not-for-profit company that works with local SEND children;

People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022

Minute 102 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities) - Director of Blade Education, a not-for-profit company that works with local SEND children and MENCAP;

- **Councillor A Jones**

Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022

22/00459/BC3 (3 Norfolk Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Traffic Regulations Working Party concerning PVX applications;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – lives in Hastings Road, which is referred to in the comments section of the report;

Minute 108 (Vecteo) – Family member works in the vehicle manufacturing industry;

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Minute 129 (Questions from Councillors) – Question from Cllr K Evans mentions the Civic Centre employees working from home – her 2 sons employed by the Council work from home;

- **Councillor Line**

Development Control Committee – 6th April 2022

Minute 865 (Application Ref. No. 20/00098UNAU_B) – 369 Westborough Road, Westcliff-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with the applicant about the matter;

- **Councillor Mitchell**

Health and Wellbeing Board

Minute 35 (Adult JSNA) and Minute 36 (LeDeR Annual Report) – Non-pecuniary interest: A close family member with learning disabilities is a resident in supporting living;

Minute 37 (HWB Strategy Implementation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Appointed to the EPUT Board;

Minute 42 (ABSS) – Non-pecuniary interest: Chair of Hamlet Court Road Community Group;

Cabinet – 14th June 2022

Minute 49 (Adult Strategy Action Plans) and Minute 50 (Annual Procurement Plan) – A close family member with learning disabilities is a resident in supporting living; Chair of Hamlet Court Road Community Group and the Milton community builder supports this group;

Minute 52 (Debt Management Position) – A family friend works in the finance department;

People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022

Minute 102 (Delivery of Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities) – Close family member has a learning disability and is a resident in supported living accommodation;

- **Councillor Mulroney**

- **Development Control Committee – 6th April 2022**

- Minute 864 (Application Ref. No. 22/00236/FULH – 11B New Road, Leigh-on-Sea – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Town Council and the Leigh Society, non-participant in planning;

- **Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022**

- 22/00614/FUL (55 Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Leigh Society and Leigh Town Council;

- **Special Cabinet – 1st July 2022**

- Minute 67 (City Music Festival) – Members of the Town 2 City Partnership;

- **Councillor Murphy**

- **People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022**

- Minute 103 (Integrated Care Partnership) and Minute 105 (Community In-patient beds) – Employed by the NHS;

- **Councillor Robinson**

- **Council – 14th July 2022**

- Minute 155 (Appointments to Committees) – EPUT is his employer;

- **Councillor Sadza**

- **Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022**

- Minute 102 (Seaway Leisure) and Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – Councillor for Milton and regular involvement with seafront traders on both issues;

- **Councillor Salter**

- **Health and Wellbeing Board – 8th June 2022**

- Minute 37 (HWB Strategy Implementation Plan) and Minute 39 (Pandemic Updates) – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital and son-in-law is a GP in the city;

People Scrutiny Committee – 6th July 2022

Minutes 102-108 (all minutes) - Husband is a consultant surgeon at Southend Hospital; daughter is a consultant at Basildon Hospital and son-in-law is a GP in the city;

- **Councillor Terry**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – lives within the area of the PSPO;

Special Cabinet – 1st July 2022

Minute 64 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – lives within the area of the PSPO;

Minute 65 (PSPO Dog Friendly Beaches) – Lives near the seafront;

- **Councillor Thompson**

Development Control Committee – 6th April 2022

Minute 864 (Application Ref. No. 22/00236/FULH – 11B New Road, Leigh-on-Sea – Non-pecuniary interest: Had been lobbied by residents;

- **Councillor Ward**

Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022

22/00425/FUL (The Peter Board Inn, 27 High Street) – Non-pecuniary interest: The owner of the application is known to him;

- **Councillor Wakefield**

Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022

Minute 24 (222 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea) – Owns an HMO;

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

Minute 103 (Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – Sub-Contractor for South Essex Homes;

- **Councillor Walker**

Development Control Committee – 1st June 2022

22/00459/BC3 (3 Norfolk Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Traffic Regulations Working Party concerning PVX applications;

- **Councillor Wexham**

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

(Southend City Centre, Seafront and adjoining areas PSPO Extension and variation) – Member of the Board of Directors of South Essex Homes;

Officer Interests

Special Cabinet – 1st July 2022 and Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 7th July 2022

All Senior Managers – Minute 69 and Minute 101 (Minutes of the Senior Managers Pay Panel held 1st July 2022).

127 Communications

There were no communications from the Mayor at this meeting.

128 Questions from Members of the Public

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

129 Questions from Members of the Council

The relevant Cabinet members responded to written and supplementary questions received from Councillors.

130 Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Thursday, 24 March 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 24 March 2022, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

131 Minutes of the meeting of Annual Council held on Thursday, 12 May 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Annual Council held Thursday, 12 May 2022, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

132 Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Thursday, 19 May 2022

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 19 May 2022, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

133 Appointment of Chief Executive

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Strategy, Change and Governance) which sought the Council's approval to the appointment of a new Chief Executive.

Resolved:

1. That the appointment of Rob Polkinghorne to the post of Chief Executive, Head of the Council's Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer in accordance with the recommendation of the Appointments and Disciplinary Committee, subject to the completion of normal pre-employment checks, be approved.

2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Strategy, Change and Governance) in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to deal with the pre-employment checks, finalise the conditions of employment & start date and offer the post to Rob Polkinghorne.

134 Petition - Safe movement of Traffic and Pedestrians in Walters Close

Councillor McMullan presented a petition containing 14 signatures from residents concerning the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians in Walters Close.

Resolved:

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

135 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on Wednesday, 23 March 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

136 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee B held on Tuesday, 29 March 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

137 Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held on Wednesday, 23 March 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

138 Minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held on Wednesday, 23 March 2022

These minutes were dealt with by Council held on 24 March 2022.

139 Minutes of the meeting of Appeals Committee B held on Wednesday, 30 March 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

140 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday, 6 April 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

141 Minutes of the meeting of Special People Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday, 20 April 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

142 Minutes of the meeting of Appointments and Disciplinary Committee held on Tuesday, 26 April 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

143 Minutes of the meeting of Audit Committee held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

144 Minutes of the meeting of Development Control Committee held on Wednesday, 1 June 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

145 Minutes of the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board held on Wednesday, 8 June 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

146 Minutes of the meeting of Appointments and Disciplinary Committee held on Friday, 24 June 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

147 Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 47 (Delivering Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities – Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22), be approved.

148 Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee A held on Monday, 27 June 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

149 Minutes of the meeting of Special Cabinet held on Friday, 1 July 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 68 (Integrated Care Partnership) and Minute 72 (Vecteo), be approved.

150 Minutes of the meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 4 July 2022

During consideration of Minute 79 (Waste Procurement) a motion was proposed and seconded to refer the matter back to Cabinet.

The motion to refer the matter back was not carried.

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

151 Minutes of the meeting of Appointments and Disciplinary Committee held on Tuesday, 5 July 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

152 Minutes of the meeting of People Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday, 6 July 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations in Minute 103 (Integrated Care Partnership), be approved.

153 Minutes of the meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 7 July 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted and the recommendations contained in Minute 113 (Delivering Southend 2050 Outcomes and Priorities: Annual Report and Provisional Resources Outturn 2021/22) and Minute 121 (Vecteo), be approved.

154 Minutes of the meeting of Appointments and Disciplinary Committee held on Wednesday, 13 July 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of this meeting, be noted.

155 Appointments to Committees, Working Parties, etc

Resolved:

That the list of membership changes and appointments to Committees, etc, as appended to the minutes, be approved.

156 Notice of Motion - Environmental Crime and Fly-tipping

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning environmental crime and fly-tipping be referred to the Public Protection Working Party.

157 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business set out below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

158 Minute 121 - Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held Thursday, 7 July 2022

On consideration of Minute 121 of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 7 July 2022, the Council moved into Part 2 to discuss the confidential matters.

Chair: _____