

## **CABINET**

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 46**

The following action taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 46 is reported. In consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member(s):-

#### **1. The Executive Director (Finance & Resources) authorised:**

##### **1.1 Action following cancellation of Council 8th September 2022**

Following the cancellation of Council on 8th September, Group Leaders agreed to progress relevant matters that were due for debate by way of a Standing Order 46 and that subsequently all four matters would then be for due debate on the following scheduled Council meeting of 20th October 2022. The four matters were:

**BLACK-LINED & TABLED MINUTES – Council 8th September 2022**

- Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 1st September 2022  
Minute 262 (Corporate Plan)  
Minute 265 (Fees & Charges Update)
- Appointments & Disciplinary Committee – 5th September 2022

**RESERVED MINUTES – Council 8th September 2022**

- Place Scrutiny Committee – 30th August 2022  
Minute 238 – (City Culture Bid)

This Standing Order 46 is to allow the enactment of the first two items for the Corporate Plan and Fees and Charges update recommendations, as the other two items were the noting of minutes and a reserved minute for the City Culture Bid.

In respect of the Fees & Charges update and following debate at Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet Member for Asset Management & Inward Investment has agreed the following amendment to the recommendations of that report as follows:

“The Cabinet has listened to the scrutiny process for this item. In particular, in relation to the proposed increases for admission to the council's Planetarium. We agree that it is not the right time to bring these

admission fees increase into place, and we therefore propose that this part of the report is suspended until 31st March 2023

## **2. The Interim Executive Director (Growth & Housing) authorised:**

### **2.1 Investment Zones – Submission of Expression of Interest.**

The submission of an expression of interest to the Government before the prescribed deadline for a Southend City Centre Investment Zone. It is proposed that the entire city centre should be classed as an Investment Zone to help with the implementation and delivery of the new City Centre Strategy and Investment Plan.

A submission has also been made for an Airport Business Park Investment Zone. As all site infrastructure is already in place it is hope that Investment Zone status will help to secure occupiers for each of the plots. As the Airport Business Park site within Rochford, this is going forward as part of the Essex County Council submission and officers have worked closely with them on this.

Under this scheme, the Government envisages that Investment Zones will be one or more specific sites within Mayoral Combined Authority areas or Upper Tier Local Authority areas where a variety of tax, regulatory interventions and flexibilities, and planning simplifications will apply within those site boundaries.