

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 10th November, 2022

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor J Courtenay (Chair)
Councillors J Warren (Vice-Chair), M Berry, M Borton, S Buckley,
D Cowan*, M Davidson, L Hyde, D Jarvis, A Jones, R McMullan*,
J Moyies, A Thompson and R Woodley
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillors I Gilbert and C Mulroney
E Lindsell and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 6.45 pm

472 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Buck (no substitute), Dent (substitute: Councillor Cowan), Thompson (substitute: Councillor McMullan), Ward (no substitute) and Wexham (no substitute).

473 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillors George & Mulroney (Cabinet Members) - Interest in Minute No. 475; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19 July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.

474 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

475 Minutes of the meeting of the Shareholder Board held on Tuesday, 8th November 2022

The Committee considered Minute 469 of Cabinet held on 8 November, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny for consideration. This related to the recommendations of the Shareholder Board from its meeting held on Tuesday, 8th November 2022.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery, Regeneration and Housing gave assurance that an update report on the scheme would be submitted to Councillors via Cabinet as soon as practical after the agreement between Swan and Sanctuary had been completed.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That consent, under the Porters Place Southend-on-Sea LLP Agreement, to a change of control of Swan BQ Limited to reflect the proposed acquisition of Swan Housing Association, together with its subsidiaries, by Sanctuary Housing Association, be approved.

2. That the Executive Director of Finance & Resources be authorised to finalise and authorise the execution of any legal documentation (if required) with Sanctuary, and any relevant other party, to comply with the terms of the legal suite and to effect the approval of the change of control.

3. That as per the recommendations of Shareholder Board on 23 August 2022 and the subsequent decision at Cabinet 24 August 2022 (minute 227), that the deadline for receipt of the revised Business Plan remains the end of December 2023.”

Note: This is an Executive Function
Cabinet Member: Cllr Gilbert

Chair: _____