

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Monday, 7th November, 2022

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor S Wakefield (Chair)
Councillors P Collins (Vice-Chair) and K Mitchell

In Attendance: Councillors K Buck, D Cowan, T Cox, A Dear, L Hyde, J Moyies,
D Nelson, M Sadza and R Woodley
J Burr, L Delahunty and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm

441 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

442 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:-

(i) Councillor Cox – Minute No. 445 (Annual Parking & Enforcement Report 2021/22) – Daughter attends Richmond Primary School which was mentioned in the report;

(ii) Councillor Nelson – Minute No. 445 (Annual Parking & Enforcement Report 2021/22) – Family are members of the Thorpe Bay Tennis Club in Thorpe Bay Gardens; and

(iii) Councillor Wakefield – Minute No. 445 (Annual Parking & Enforcement Report 2021/22) – Some customers of his business are from Thorpe Bay Gardens.

443 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th January, 2022

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th January 2022 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

444 Thorpe Bay Gardens - Evaluation of Evidence

Further to Minute 653 of its meeting on 4 January 2022, the Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) that provided an evaluation of all the evidence of alleged anti-social behaviour on Thorpe Bay Gardens provided by residents, the Police and the Council's Community Safety team since the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in 2019.

The report also provided a review of the covenant relating to the land bounded by the public highways (but not including the said public highway) of Thorpe Bay Esplanade and Thorpe Bay Gardens.

Having considered the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party, it was:

Resolved:-

1. That the proposed traffic regulation order to amend the restrictions in Thorpe Bay Gardens not be progressed on the basis that there is no justification under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to advertise and implement the proposals and is likely to be unlawful to do so.

2. That on the grounds that the reason for seeking the traffic regulation order was to address anti-social behaviour, the matter be referred to the Council's Public Protection Working Party for consideration with a recommendation that the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (Southend Town Centre, Seafront and Adjoining Areas) No. 1 of 2019 be amended to include the specific prohibition of driving and parking on the green spaces within the designated area or that a new Public Spaces Protection Order be introduced to prohibit this.

Note: This is an Executive function

Eligible for call in to: Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wakefield

445 Annual Parking & Enforcement Report 2021/22

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that provided an overview of the annual parking report and performance for 2021/22 which must be published publicly in accordance with the requirements of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA).

Having considered the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party it was:-

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

Note: This is an Executive function

Called-in to: Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wakefield

446 Highways Update Report

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that provided an annual update on the implementation of the highway asset management approach to managing the City's highway infrastructure.

Having considered the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party it was:-

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.

Note: This is an Executive function.

Called-in to: Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wakefield

447 Traffic (Civil Engineering) Update Report

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Chair: _____