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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 13th July, 2023
Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor S Habermel (Chair)
Councillors S Aylen, B Beggs, M Borton, H Boyd, K Buck, S Buckley, L Burton, C Campbell, O Cartey, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, T Cowdrey, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, N Folkard, D Garston, S George, I Gilbert, J Harland, L Hyde, D Jarvis, A Jones, D Jones, J Lamb, G Leroy, A Line, R Longstaff, R McMullan, D Nelson, C Nevin, M O'Connor, D Richardson, K Robinson, M Sadza, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren, P Wexham and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 10.05 pm

25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry, Moyies, Mulroney, Murphy, Stafford and Terry.

26 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

(a) Cllr Buck – Minute 37 (Notice of Motion: Sheltered Housing) – Council appointed member to the South Essex Homes Board.

(b) Cllr Line – Minute 36 (Notice of Motion: Proportional Representation) – He is a member and involved in the Labour for a New Democracy, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform, Make Votes matter and the Electoral Reform Society.

27 Communications

(a) Mayor's Introduction

Prior to the consideration of the matters set out in the agenda, the Mayor outlined his expectations of the standard of conduct and behaviour to be shown at the meeting.

(b) Minute Silence

The Council remained silent for one minute as a mark of respect to Mr Grant Littler, former Councillor, who sadly passed away recently.

(c) Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor

The Mayor presented the badge of office to the new Youth Mayor, Jocelyn Ayo and the Deputy Youth Mayor, Josh Hosking.

The Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor provided a short presentation on the Youth Council work programme for the next six months.

28 Questions from Members of the Public

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

29 Questions from Members of the Council

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

30 Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held Thursday, 11 May 2023

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 11 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

31 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held Thursday, 18 May 2023

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 18 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

32 Minutes of the Appointments Council held Thursday, 18 May 2023

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

33 Leader of the Council - Update

The Leader of the Council addressed the Council and provided a brief overview of the work of the Cabinet. The Group Leaders and Councillors Aylen and Longstaff responded.

34 Petition - Zebra Crossing for Temple Sutton Primary School

Councillor Beggs presented a petition signed by 193 residents calling on the Council to install a zebra crossing on Royston Avenue by the gates of Temple Sutton Primary School.

Resolved:

That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.7 the petition be referred to the Cabinet Committee for consideration.

35 Notice of Motion - Transition Planning for Children and Young People

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning transition planning for children and young people be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

36 Notice of Motion - Proportional Representation

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning proportional representation be not adopted.

37 Notice of Motion - Sheltered Housing

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning sheltered housing, be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

38 Notice of Motion - Idling around schools

Resolved:

That the Notice of Motion concerning idling of vehicles around schools, be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

39 Review of the Constitution and associated matters

The Council considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) seeking approval for some amendments to the Constitution.

Resolved:

1. That the update to the Constitution which deletes the words "*although no individual Cabinet Member shall have executive powers*" from Part 3, Paragraph 3.2, be approved.

2. That the update to the Constitution, under Part 3, Schedule 2, paragraph 6.5.3, which updates senior officer job titles and the added words '*Power to approve Ex Gratia Payments, including retirement and business efficiency, with respect to the Head of Paid Service, Executive Directors and Directors*', be approved.

3. That an amendment to the Pay Policy Statement at Section 7 to include a new paragraph d. '*Ex Gratia Payments. Ex Gratia Payments must be agreed in advance by the Council's Appointments and Disciplinary Committee*', be approved.

40 Air Quality Action Plan 2023-2027 - Referred to Council

The Leader of the Council reported that this matter would be dealt with at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

41 Appointments to Committees, etc

There were no changes to Committees, etc to report at this meeting.

Chair: _____