SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 14th April, 2016
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor Flewitt (Chair)

Councillors D Garston (Vice-Chair), Arscott, M Borton, Byford, A Crystall, J Garston, Holland, Kenyon, McMahon, C Nevin, Salter*

and Waterworth

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors Gilbert, Norman MBE and Woodley (Executive

Councillors)

J K Williams, F Abbott, S Holland, I Ambrose and J Lansley

Start/End Time: 6.30 - 6.45 pm

783 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lamb (substitute Councillor Salter), Councillor Walker (no substitute) and Councillor Ayling (no substitute).

784 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:-

Councillor Gilbert, Norman MBE and Woodley (Executive Councillors) – interest in the referred item; attended pursuant to the dispensation agreed at Council on 19th July 2012, under S.33 of the Localism Act 2011.

785 Questions from Members of the Public

The Leader of the Council and Councillor Gilbert responded to the written questions received from Mr Webb. The response from Councillor Norman MBE to the written question from Mr Thomas will be circulated.

786 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 28th January, 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 28th January, 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

787 Monthly Performance Report

The Committee considered Minute 712 of Cabinet held on 15th March 2016, together with the Monthly Performance Report (MPR) covering the period to end February 2016, which had been circulated recently.

In response to a question about CP1.1 (score against BCS crimes), the Executive Councillor for Community & Organisational Development said that he would look into the suggestion that the crime information detailed in this indicator can be separated out, to make it easier to differentiate between the issues.

In response to a question about CP4.4 (% NDR collected), the Council's Group Manager, Financial Management said that he would circulate information on the amount of refunds and how caused (the collection rate at year end has been exceeded and is 97.8%).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Executive Councillor:- As appropriate to the item.

788 Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their contributions over the last Municipal Year.