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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Standards Committee

Date: Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024

Place: Committee Room 2 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors P Collins (Vice-Chair), M Borton*, J Moyies, K Murphy,
M O'Connor and S Wakefield*

*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillor D Cowan
S Zeiss and S Cox

Start/End Time: 2.00 pm - 4.15 pm

20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Courtenay (no substitute), Councillor S Nadeem (substitute: Councillor M Borton) and Councillor M Terry (substitute: Councillor S Wakefield).

21 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

22 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2024

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

23 Constitution Review Stage 4 - Review of amended drafts of Parts 3 and 4 of the Work Programme

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Strategy & Change) that presented the amended drafting for Part 3 (Committees) and Part 4 (The Executive and Joint Arrangements) of the proposed new constitution for Southend-on-Sea City Council. These were attached at Appendices B & C to the submitted report.

The Committee noted the comments from the meeting held on 7 October and reviewed and debated the latest draft. A number of amendments and adjustments were requested to the final draft of Part 3 (Committees) and Part 4 (The Executive and Joint Arrangements).

It was noted that a comparative exercise was being undertaken with statistical neighbours, comparing the Committee sizes of Southend-on-Sea with local authorities of a similar size and demographic. The results of this exercise were expected to be presented at the next meeting on 12 November 2024 for consideration.

Resolved:

1. That the summary of suggested drafting amendments made by Committee (with annotations from our external advisors, Anthony Collins) at its meeting on 7 October and attached as Appendix A, be noted.
2. That, subject to the further comments made at the meeting, the revised and final drafting of Part 3 (Committees) of the proposed constitution as set out in Appendix B of the submitted report be approved.
3. That, subject to the further comments made at the meeting, the revised and final drafting of Part 4 (The Executive and Joint Arrangements) as set out in Appendix C of the submitted report be approved.
4. That officers bring the amended drafts of Parts 5 (Overview and Scrutiny) and 6 (Councillors) of the Work Programme for further consideration and agreement by Committee to its next meeting to be held on 12 November 2024.
5. That officers bring the initial draft of Part 7 (Officers) of the new proposed Constitution for consideration by Committee at its next meeting to be held on 12 November 2024.

Chair: _____