



Minutes

Extraordinary Council Wednesday, 22nd July, 2020

Attendance

Cllr Aspinell	Cllr Laplain
Cllr Barrett	Cllr Lewis
Cllr Dr Barrett	Cllr McCheyne
Cllr Bridge	Cllr McLaren
Cllr Chilvers	Cllr Morrissey
Cllr Clarke	Cllr Mynott
Cllr S Cloke	Cllr Naylor
Cllr Mrs Davies	Cllr Nolan
Cllr Fryd	Cllr Mrs Pearson
Cllr Mrs Fulcher	Cllr Poppy
Cllr Haigh	Cllr Mrs Pound
Cllr Hossack	Cllr Reed
Cllr Jakobsson	Cllr Tanner
Cllr Keeble	Cllr Tierney
Cllr Kendall	Cllr Tumbridge
Cllr Kerlake	

Apologies

Cllr Ms Sanders (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr Mrs Hones
Cllr J Cloke	Cllr Mrs McKinlay
Cllr Hirst	

Officers Present

Zoey Foakes	-	Governance & Member Support Officer
Amanda Julian	-	Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Claire Mayhew	-	Corporate and Democratic Services Manager
Jean Sharp	-	Governance and Member Support Officer
Jonathan Stephenson	-	Chief Executive
Steve Summers	-	Chief Operating Officer
Jacqueline Van Mellaerts	-	Director of Corporate Resources

465. To appoint a Member to preside at the meeting if the Deputy Mayor is not present and able to preside

Cllr Hossack **MOVED** and Cllr McLaren **SECONDED** that Cllr Parker should chair the meeting in the absence of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Miss Sanders. A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** accordingly.

466. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Cloke, Hirst, Mrs Hones, Mrs McKinlay and Miss Sanders.

467. Declaration of Interest from Members and Officers

No declarations of interest were made at this stage of the meeting.

468. Update report from the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA)

Members were reminded that in early 2018 the Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together with other local authorities in South Essex through a partnership collectively known as the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA).

The work of ASELA had been overseen by ongoing governance that had included monthly meetings of the Leaders and Chief Executives of the Partner Authorities.

The purpose of the report before Members was to present an update report from ASELA which was attached as Appendix A and included three enclosures.

The update report recommended that the Partner Authorities:

- I. Note ASELA's intention to immediately engage with Central Government ahead of the autumn Spending Review regarding the economic agenda for the South Essex region, how it could deliver new jobs, new transport infrastructure, new homes, and the future governance arrangements to deliver better outcomes for its existing, and new, residents and businesses as set out in the 'Growth and Recovery Prospectus 2020' at Enclosure No. 2;
- II. Note the work commenced by ASELA to begin to consider and explore the most appropriate and effective future governance arrangements to realise South Essex's full economic and social potential and shared ambitions as set out in the independent Review of Governance in South Essex at Enclosure No. 3. This report does not seek approval or endorsement of any specific governance proposals; and

- III. Note that a further report would be presented to Councils later in the calendar year to provide an update on the outcome of the discussions with Central Government and any proposals for more formal interim governance arrangements for ASELA to ensure transparency and accountability.

Cllr Hossack introduced the report and made a presentation for Members' information.

Members expressed their views regarding the report from ASELA and noted the contents.

469. Revised Calendar of Meetings

Members were reminded that in light of the announcement by the Prime Minister on the 23rd March 2020, the Constitution had been reviewed to ensure that the Council was able to continue to operate and make the decisions needed.

The normal committee cycle was agreed at the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29th April 2020 with the proposal to start in October at the earliest.

Due to recent Government guidance this decision had been reviewed and a revised Calendar of Meetings had been prepared to replace that previously agreed at Council with the proposal to hold an Ordinary Council together with a Policy, Resource and Economic Development meeting in September. The proposed revised calendar was attached to the report as Appendix A.

Cllr Hossack **MOVED** and Cllr Bridge **SECONDED** the recommendation in the report, a vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the revised Calendar of Meetings attached as Appendix A for 2020/21 be approved (*Appended to these minutes for information*).

470. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business but Cllr Hossack provided an update for Members on the situation regarding the temporary partial closure of the High Street to traffic.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm

471. Appended - Revised Calendar of Meetings

APPENDIX A – REVISED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020/21

Notice of Meetings 2020/2021
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following meetings, open to the Public and Press, will be held remotely this will be reviewed on a monthly basis:

	Day	Time	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
Emergency Committee	TBC	19:00		TBC	5th	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Annual Council	Wednesday	19:00														19th
Ordinary Council/Extra Ordinary Council (1st Wed of Month)	Wednesday	19:00	29 th (EOC)			22 nd (EOC)		16th	7 th (if required)		2nd	13th	24 th (Budget)	10th		
Audit and Scrutiny Committee (Last Tues in Month)	Tuesday	19:00				28th			27 th			26th		23rd		

Environment, Enforcement and Housing Committee (2nd Tues in Month)	Tuesday	19:00							13 th		8 th			9 th		
Community and Health Committee (3rd Tues in Month)	Tuesday	19:00							20 th		15 th			16 th		
Planning and Licensing Committee (2 nd Wed of Month)	Wednesday	19:00		13 th	10 th	8 th		2 nd	14 th	11 th	9 th	6 th	10 th	3 rd		
Policy, Resources and Economic Development Committee (3 rd Wed in month)	Wednesday	19:00						9 th	21 st	18 th	16 th	20 th (Budget)	17 th	17 th		

Dated this 22nd July 2020

J. STEPHENSON
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE
 (Proper Officer for the purposes of Part VA of the Act)

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