

E-Newsletter – 30th April 2021

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1) Information Corner

Tree Planting

The planting of trees is now over for this season and lots of new trees have been planted throughout the town. As the warmer weather should be on its way, if you have had a new tree planted outside your property, we would be grateful if you could give it a daily watering to help it adapt to its new environment. Thank you.

Fish hooks on the beach

We have been contacted by a member as there has been abandoned fish hooks and tackle left on the beach along by Burges Road. A friend of theirs had two fish hooks embedded in her swim socks as she came off the beach.

There will be officers patrolling, so please be aware and be careful.

Protect, respect, enjoy - have fun but please be respectful this bank holiday

With lockdown restrictions having eased and a bank holiday weekend approaching, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council are urging residents and visitors to be respectful whilst having fun.

Led by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and developed with the local stakeholder group that includes traders, Leigh Town Council, Southend BID and Southend Tourism Partnership, plans, Operation Heatwave has been in place since the end of March to ensure the Borough is ready for the summer season and help visitors plan their visit, dispose of litter responsibly, find available parking spaces and stay safe.

Essex Police have also announced a dispersal order will be in place in Old Leigh from 6pm on Friday 30 April to 6pm on Sunday 2 May. This is following numerous reports and incidents of antisocial behaviour over the last two weekends.

The order is in place to the south of, and including, Rectory Grove between the junctions of Elm Road and Harley Street. It also includes High Street, Leigh Hill and New Road. It gives officers powers to move anyone believed to be behaving antisocially from the area. Breaching any direction given under the order is a criminal offence.

Community safety

In addition to our security base at Jubilee Beach, a new frontline security base in Old Leigh is now operational and is located inside the Leigh Heritage Centre. This is being used by our community safety officers (CSOs). Other council departments and partners including the police also use the base to enhance the overall visible presence in the area. An extra officer has been deployed to monitor our CCTV suite at weekends with a particular focus on the seafront.

The community safety team will also be gathering specific seafront data and insights to help prioritise our resources and inform our partnership work with the police.

Litter

Alongside its usual street cleansing programme, the council has introduced the following additional measures to manage waste during peak times:

- Additional larger EuroBins are in place across the Borough including two more in Old Leigh (making four in total), four at East Beach and ten more at City Beach (20 in total).
- Additional litter picking and bin emptying is taking place in our main parks at weekends and during the school holidays, with four staff based at Belfairs Park, Priory Park, Chalkwell Park and Southchurch Park from 11:30am to 7:30pm.
- Additional litter picking and bin emptying is also taking place at Thorpe Bay Gardens, Shoebury Common, Leigh Cliffs and Marine Parade/Belton Hills (in addition to Southend Cliffs, Prittlewell Square, Warrior Square Gardens). Two extra mobile litter pickers will support other areas.

Full bins should be reported via MySouthend, a link to which can be found at the top of the <https://www.southend.gov.uk> homepage.

Other additional resources:

- Extra resources for the peak season include toilet attendants at key locations, additional cleaning staff for open spaces, beach combers and evening cleaning.
- Extra medical support will be in place over the Bank Holiday weekend
- Additional temporary toilets have been installed in Old Leigh, City Beach, Shorefields and Darlows Green
- Additional toilet cleaning is taking place at weekends and school holidays at Belfairs Park, Priory Park and Southchurch Park
- Additional hand sanitizer stations are in place

- Six extra seasonal foreshore staff are in place to accommodate expected higher demand and providing first aid, information, advice and guidance. They will be located at Jubilee Beach (first aid base), Shoebury Common Slipway, Two Tree Island and Old Leigh. The Jubilee Beach office will be open for extended hours.

Parking

For more information on car parks and charges, visit the car parking page on our website.

Visitors can plan ahead for parking by downloading the Southend Parking app before they depart and paying on their phone when they arrive. This also offers the added benefit of enabling you to top up your parking from your phone if you end up staying longer than you thought you would. You can also purchase the Southend Pass via this app, an annual parking pass that offers discounted parking. For more information and to download the Southend Parking app, please visit our website.

The Blue Flag award winning beaches at Shoebury Common, Shoebury East Beach and Thorpe Bay also offer great places to enjoy the seaside and thousands of parking spaces, with many available when central areas are full. Signage is in place to help direct visitors to these beaches.

Beach safety

The Council offers the following advice to help ensure a visit to the beach is remembered for all the right reasons.

- **Supervise children and vulnerable adults** at all times. There is safety in numbers.
- **Wear jelly shoes** or other sensible footwear on the beach and in the sea. Like with all seafronts, hidden dangers such as sharp shells and rocks may be hidden under the sand or water.
- **Don't climb the rocks:** Several areas of our seafront have rocks, including our seafront lagoon at Three Shells Beach. Please do not climb them. Not only could you become injured, but you also risk falling injured into the sea, impeding your chances of swimming to safety.
- **Observe signs and flags:** Be aware of your surroundings and the times of the tides. There is a link to tide timetables on our website: Mooring Application and Tide Tables – Southend-on-Sea Borough Council. Heed warning signs and flags: they could save your life!

Planned May Highways Works

Up to eight roads across the borough are planned for repairs and resurfacing throughout May as the council continues with its planned winter highways works programme.

A full list of roads set for repairs between April 2021 and March 2022 was released in March 2021, as the council's highways contractor, Marlborough, will be repairing and relaying full roads and stretches of roads that require immediate attention.

Works for the following roads are planned throughout May.

Road name	Planned duration of works – days/nights	Length of road i.e full road/part road
Lansdowne Avenue	4 Days	Full Road
Nestuda Way	2 Nights	Part Road – Comet Way Roundabout
Park Road	4 Days	Full Road
Prittlewell Square	2 Days	Full Road
Rampart Terrace	1 Day	Part Road - Georges Street to Dane Street
Richmond Avenue	4 Days	Part Road - St Andrews Road to Caulfield Road
Trafalgar Road	2 Days	Full Road
Walker Drive	2 Days	Part Road - London Road to Olive Avenue

A full list of the 30 roads and 31 pavements set to be resurfaced in 2021/22, can be found on the council's website: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/resurfacing>

All road closures will be clearly signposted two weeks before work takes place. All work is dependent on the weather, as crews are not able to lay roads in adverse weather.

How to report a defect

If you are aware of any road defects or roads that need resurfacing or patch work, please report these online via MySouthend.

How we prioritise, repair and resurfacing works

The areas have gone through a strict quality check in line with the council's procedure, which is based on various risks, and in accordance with the Highways Code of Practice. This procedure considers various items including road condition, bus routes, key routes, claims made, incidents, and flood risk.

Possible Scams

We have been contacted by a member who has been receiving scam calls and texts. Please see his information below:

We seem to get many calls allegedly from Amazon, BT etc and although we block the numbers they always seem to get through - I assume using different numbers, of which they seem to have an endless supply. We just put the phone down each time.

However, a new one to us. My wife received a couple of texts last week allegedly from DHL regarding deliveries and she knew she was not expecting anything. Two different mobile looking numbers and 2 completely different websites to contact

which looked like individual sites not DHL. We deleted them.

Please be aware.

Essex Police Fraud Alert – Fleeceware on the Rise

Fleeceware is a recently coined term that refers to mobile applications that come with excessive subscription fees, and in March over 200 such apps were discovered being advertised on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

The applications attract users with the promise of a free 3-day trial, but once the trial is over, they are charged a recurring subscription fee - even if they have deleted the app - until they cancel the subscription in their device's app subscription settings. One app offers a short free trial followed by a \$66 (£47.73) per week subscription, potentially costing the victim \$3,432 (£2,482.19) per year unless cancelled. These fleeceware applications are actively advertised on major social networks.

How to avoid Fleeceware apps:

- **Be wary of free trials of less than a week** - make sure you understand how much you will be charged and that the app is worth the recurring fee.
- **Be sceptical of viral adverts for apps** - the adverts for fleeceware are likely to have enticing messaging and images to attract users' attention. They likely do not reflect the actual functionality of the application.
- **Read the small print** - a closer look will likely reveal the true price of the app. Pay close attention to the 'In-app purchases' section and be aware that even if it is a free trial, as there may be automatic charges thereafter.
- **Secure your payments** - ensure that your payment methods are secured behind a password or biometric check. This can also prevent accidental subscriptions by children.

CityFibre

Please find below the list of roads where CityFibre are working in next week.

CF Permit Reference	Road Name	Scheduled start	Scheduled End Date
KG027SE-FTTH-PN083-04	Fermoy Road	19/04/2021	16/06/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN015-12	Burges Road (Phase 2)	19/04/2021	07/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN083-11	Station Road	23/04/2021	07/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN015-05	St. James Avenue	27/04/2021	10/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN083-07	Johnstone/St Augustine Roundabout	29/04/2021	03/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN006-12	Bryant Avenue	30/04/2021	05/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH-PN093-02	Dungannon Drive	03/05/2021	06/05/2021

KG027SE-FTTH- PN093-04	Burges Close	03/05/2021	05/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN093-03	Dungannon Chase	06/05/2021	19/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN093-01	Barrowsand	06/05/2021	11/05/2021
KG027SE-FTTH- PN015-14	Marcus Avenue	04/05/2021	03/06/2021

2) Temporary Road Closures

Southchurch Avenue, Southend-on-Sea – 28th April 2021 for 1 week - Emergency Water Main Repairs

To facilitate emergency water main repairs; they have imposed a PROHIBITION OF ENTRY in SOUTHCHURCH AVENUE, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

All vehicles will be prohibited from:

ENTERING AND EXITING SOUTHCHURCH AVENUE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MARINE PARADE, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

These prohibitions or restrictions came into effect on 28th April 2021. It is anticipated that the works will last for 1 week.

Whilst this section of Southchurch Avenue is closed, an alternative route for traffic will be marked on site and resident's access will be maintained where possible.

3) A127 Major Works (A127 & the Bell Junction)

A127 Bell Junction - 26th Apr to 30th Apr

Mon-Fri there will be full-time southbound lane closures on Rochford Road, for the construction of the new bus layby.

Mon-Fri there will be eastbound and westbound off-peak (09:00 to 15:00) lane closures Mon-Fri on the A127 (at the Bell Junction), for new carriageway widening and footway works.

The A127 eastbound right hand turn lane into Hopleythick Lane will also be closed until the end of April, to allow new kerbs to be laid and the realignment of the eastbound central reserve. Traffic will be diverted to the Cuckoo Corner Roundabout Junction during this time.

A127 Essential Major Maintenance - 26th Apr to 30th Apr

No works planned.

A127 The Bell Junction Improvement - Pedestrian Crossing Works

Works are continuing at The Bell junction and next week work will commence on the new pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Rochford Road (Phase 4). These works require a south bound lane closure in Rochford Road and pedestrians will require to be re-routed around the junction.

Once these works are complete, Eurovia will commence works on increasing the pedestrian island between the Shell Garage and Toby Carvery (Phase 2 B). These works require a lane closure in each direction to ensure the safety of pedestrians, vehicles and workforce.

A letter has been provided to local residents, businesses and key stakeholders informing them of the works.

The Public Liaison Officer will monitor the pedestrian signage to ensure routing is clear to pedestrians.

Appeals Bulletin for 1 Jan – 30 April 2021 – Appeals lodged

Application ref . No	20/01694/FULH
Location and proposal	15 Philpott Avenue Southend-On Sea Essex SS2 4RJ Erect single storey outbuilding to rear to form residential annexe for ancillary use to main dwelling (Amended Proposal)
Date lodged	19.02.21
Officer dealing	Julie Ramsey
Comments due date	As this is a Householder appeal, this is not applicable
Ward	Southchurch
Application ref . No	20/01817/FULH
Location and proposal	52 Daines Way Thorpe Bay Essex SS1 3PQ Erect two storey rear and side extensions, erect first floor extension over existing porch to front, roof extension to rear and dormer to side to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace
Date lodged	30.03.21
Officer dealing	Robert Lilburn
Comments due date	As this is a Householder appeal, this is not applicable
Ward	Southchurch
Application ref . No	20/01663/FULH
Location and proposal	Haran 92 Willingale Way Thorpe Bay Essex SS1 3SX Alterations to front elevation comprising of fascia and columns to front, install balustrade to existing first floor veranda with covered canopy and covered storage area to side
Date lodged	22.04.21
Officer dealing	Kara Elliott
Comments due date	As this is a Householder appeal, this is not applicable
Ward	Southchurch

Application ref . No	20/00950/FULH
Location and proposal	6 Philpott Avenue Southend-On-Sea Essex SS2 4RL Erect single storey side extension
Comments due date	Appeal Dismissed 09.03.21
Ward	Southchurch
Application ref . No	20/01040/FULH
Location and proposal	395 Woodgrange Drive Southend On-Sea Essex SS1 3DY - Erect single storey front/side extension
Date lodged	11.01.21
Officer dealing	Scott Davison
Comments due date	As this is a Householder appeal, this is not applicable
Ward	Thorpe
Application ref . No	20/01129/FULH
Location and proposal	175 Maplin Way Thorpe Bay Essex SS1 3NE Erect single storey side and rear extension, install rooflights, alter elevations
Comments due date	Appeal Dismissed 08.01.21
Ward	Thorpe
Application ref . No	20/00782/FULH
Location and proposal	79 Lifstan Way Southend-On-Sea Essex SS1 2XQ Erect single storey rear extension
Comments due date	Appeal Dismissed 08.01.21
Ward	Thorpe
Application ref . No	20/00537/FULH
Location and proposal	472 Woodgrange Drive Southend-On Sea Essex SS1 3ED Erect single storey rear extension (Amended Proposal)
Comments due date	Appeal Dismissed 08.01.21
Ward	Thorpe
Application ref . No	20/00378/FUL
Location and proposal	97-99 And 100 Shaftesbury Avenue Southend-On-Sea Essex SS1 3AN Erect single storey building and part change of use of domestic garden at 101 Shaftesbury Avenue for use as tea/coffee shop (Class A3) and ancillary refuse and cycle storage, and external seating area with boundary treatments
Comments due date	Appeal Dismissed 25.03.21
Ward	Thorpe
Application ref . No	20/01040/FULH
Location and proposal	395 Woodgrange Drive Southend-On-Sea Essex SS1 3DY Erect single storey front/side extension
Comments due date	Appeal Dismissed 09.03.21
Ward	Thorpe

Application ref . No	20/01146/FUL
Location and proposal	15 Aylesbeare Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea Essex SS3 8AE Erect dwellinghouse adjacent to existing dwellinghouse, install two vehicular accesses onto Aylesbeare, associated layout parking to front and rear (Amended Proposal)
Date lodged	04.02.21
Officer dealing	Scott Davison
Comments due date	11.03.21
Ward	West Shoebury
Application ref . No	20/01441/FULH
Location and proposal	31 Waterford Road Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea Essex SS3 9HJ Erect part single/part two storey rear extension, first floor side extension, extend front to form pitched roof and install rooflights to front
Date lodged	12.02.21
Officer dealing	Oliver Hart
Comments due date	As this is a Householder appeal, this is not applicable
Ward	West Shoebury
Application ref . No	20/01019/FULH
Location and proposal	67 Thorpedene Gardens Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea Essex SS3 9JE Erect hipped to gable roof extension and dormer to rear to form habitable accommodation in the roofspace, erect single storey extensions to side and rear with roof lantern to rear
Comments due date	Appeal Allowed 19.01.21
Ward	West Shoebury

4) Weekly Work

Address 1	Start	End	Works Reference	L.A.Ref	Traffic Management
RAPHAEL DRIVE	08/03/2021	11/06/2021	AZ007-1001014417	113138 –	Some carriageway incursion – delays unlikely
STORNOWAY ROAD	26/04/2021	26/07/2021	AZ502-1001019945	113542	Road closure – delays likely
GLENMORE STREET	07/04/2021	28/04/2021	AZ502-1001019984	113535-	Give & take – delays possible
DROITWICH AVENUE	12/04/2021	07/05/2021	AZ502-1001020075	113544 –	Some carriageway incursion – delays unlikely
BOSCOMBE ROAD	07/04/2021	27/05/2021	AZ502-1001020099	113546	Multiway signals – delays likely

THE WILLOWS	19/04/2021	07/06/2021	AZ502-1001037159	114493	Some carriageway incursion - delays unlikely
HAMSTEL ROAD	06/04/2021	18/05/2021	AZ502-1001050968	115696	Road closure – delays likely
VAUGHAN AVENUE	06/04/2021	28/07/2021	AZ502-1001051843	115771-	Give & take – delays possible
VANGUARD WAY	26/04/2021	23/05/2021	BC411-SAWC1V9K8L001	113452	Give & take – delays possible
HIGH STREET	14/04/2021	30/04/2021	EC300-32609518	115604 –	Multi-way signals – delays likely
LAUREL CLOSE	19/04/2021 (date change)	06/05/2021 (date change)	EC300-47514574	115605 –	Some carriageway incursion – delays unlikely
WESTERN ESPLANADE	02/04/2020	01/04/2022	JR001-TEMPDIST2825	106534 –	Some carriageway incursion – delays unlikely
YARNACOTT	12/04/2021	14/05/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN030-07	114837 –	Give & take – delays possible
BARNSTAPLE ROAD	18/03/2021	26/04/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN031-03	114740 –	Multi-way signals – delays likely
FERMOY ROAD	19/04/2021	16/06/2021	KG027-SE-FTTH-PN083-04	113212	Road closure – delays likely
RETREAT ROAD	26/04/2021	26/04/2021	KL733-FSS2-35-06-260421	114060	Road closure – delays likely

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 30th April 2021

Application Number: 21/00806/FULH

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

Raise ridge height, erect roof extension to form habitable accommodation in roofspace, erect porch to front, single storey rear extension, convert garage into habitable accommodation, install recessed balcony to rear, alter elevations

12 Daines Way Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00816/FULH

Ward: Southchurch

Officer: Spyros Mouratidis

Erect part two/part single storey side and rear extension with recessed balcony to rear

10 Daines Way Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00844/CLP **Ward: Southchurch**
Officer: Janine Rowley
Single storey rear extension (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed)
6 Branscombe Gardens Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00684/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Hipped to gable roof extension with dormers to front and rear to form habitable accommodation in the loftspace, install balcony to front
166 Eastern Esplanade Southend-On-Sea Essex

Application Number: 21/00804/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**
Officer: Janine Rowley
Erect roof extension, single storey front extension, porch to front, erect single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension, install dormer to rear, balconies to front and rear, convert loftspace into habitable accommodation, alter elevations
81 The Broadway Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 21/00779/CLP **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Janine Rowley
Erect single storey rear extension (certificate of lawful development - proposed)
79 Church Road Shoeburyness Essex

Application Number: 21/00810/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Oliver Hart
Erect single storey rear extension
23 Thorpedene Gardens Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/00817/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Kara Elliott
Erect single storey rear extension, alter elevations
60 Tudor Gardens Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

Application Number: 21/00822/FUL **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Spyros Mouratidis
Replace existing beach hut
Beach Hut 443 Shoebury Common Road Shoeburyness

Application Number: 21/00871/CLP **Ward: West Shoebury**
Officer: Janine Rowley
Hip to gable roof extension with dormer to rear and rooflights to front to convert loft in to habitable accommodation (Lawful Development Certificate-Proposed)
27 Ulster Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-On-Sea

6) List of Decisions Issued **Week Ending 26th April 2021**

APPLN. NO: 21/00272/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Kara Elliott

EXTEND EXISTING VEHICLE CROSSOVER ONTO BARNSTAPLE CLOSE

11 BARNSTAPLE CLOSE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00275/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

33 WILLINGALE WAY THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00328/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION, INSTALL DORMERS TO FRONT,
SIDES AND REAR TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION IN THE
ROOFSPACE

1 BURLESCOOMBE ROAD THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00331/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

27 BRANSCOMBE SQUARE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00463/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Oliver Hart

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ALTER SIDE ELEVATION

265 THORPE HALL AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 21/00421/FULH

Ward. West Shoebury

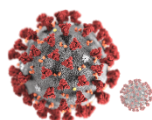
Officer: Kara Elliott

ERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ROOF LANTERNS

5 ELM CLOSE SHOEBURYNNESS SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

7) Coronavirus Information



**Weekly Briefing on Local Decisions & Actions re Coronavirus outbreak 30th
April 2021**

Key updates/actions

* **Vaccination:**

UK secures extra 60 million Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines. The doses will be used alongside other vaccines to support preparations for a booster programme from the autumn. Read more on GOV.UK.<<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-secures-extra-60-million-pfizerbiontech-covid-19-vaccines>>

One dose of COVID-19 vaccine can cut household transmission by up to half. A new study by Public Health England (PHE) has shown that one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reduces household transmission by up to half. Read more on GOV.UK.<<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/one-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine-can-cut-household-transmission-by-up-to-half>>.

If you are aged 40 or above you can now receive your Covid-19 vaccine. Book an appointment online, call 119 or contact your GP.

With the vaccination roll-out underway, regular information is being updated on the EPUT<<https://eput.nhs.uk/news-events/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccine/>> website and the dedicated Essex COVID vaccine website<<https://www.essexcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/>>. Figures are now also being reported by the national programme on a STP/ICS footprint – the latest weekly figures can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>.

* **COVID-19 testing:**

General: Testing options includes four rapid testing LFD sites available across the Borough. From Saturday 1 May, this will become three sites, with the University Square site closing as it returns to its original University of Essex use. Central Southend will be served by the site at Unit Twenty-One which has sufficient capacity for demand.

Full details of all the booking and walk-up options are available at www.southend.gov.uk/gettested<<http://www.southend.gov.uk/gettested>>

Testing is key to stop the spread and identify cases.

Reminder on Community Collect: Rapid Covid-19 self-test kits are being offered to everyone living and working in Southend-on-Sea under the Community Collect initiative to support the government's roadmap out of lockdown. Read the media release on our website<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2233/community-collect-home-covid-19-testing-programme-launches-in-southend>>.

* **Elections and #VoteSafeSouthend:**

If voting in person on Thursday 6 May for the local Borough and PFCC elections, voters can expect to see some changes, with polling stations being made COVID-secure.

* **Business grants:**

Business grants in place from November lockdown: 7,100 grant payments totalling £15.82m

Restart Grants: 522 grant payments totalling £4.1m

Discretionary grants: Paid £1.941m to 611 businesses

Small business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grants: Paid c. £37.5m to 3,086 businesses

*** Phase 2 of Additional Restriction Group (ARG):**

Applications are now being welcomed for phase 2 of the ARG allocation for the Borough, which is open to businesses that can demonstrate business related costs and a reduction in their income of at least 25% as a result of COVID-19, from 5 November 2020, as well as taxi drivers licenced by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council. This includes both businesses that appear on the MHCLG Business Rates Rating List and those that do not. Read our media release<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2246/new-grant-funding-now-available-for-eligible-businesses-in-southend>>.

*** Virtual meetings:**

The Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government, wrote to council leaders<<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-remote-meetings-high-court-judgment-letter-to-council-leaders>> about yesterday's High Court judgment confirming that the Local Government Act 1972 does not permit councils to hold meetings remotely.<<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2021/1093.html>> The letter confirmed that regulations which have allowed councils to meet remotely during COVID-19, do not apply to meetings after 6 May.

*** Protect, Respect, Enjoy:**

With lockdown restrictions having eased and a bank holiday weekend approaching, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council are urging residents and visitors to be respectful whilst having fun. Read our media release<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/2244/protect-respect-enjoy-have-fun-but-please-be-respectful-this-bank-holiday>>.

*** Coronavirus case data:**

This is published on our website<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/test-trace/6?documentId=1014&categoryId=200233>> and now also includes the daily 7 day rate of positive cases per 100,000.

7-day rate of positive cases as of 30 April 2021 is 12.6 per 100,000 (the same as 23 April). The rate in the 60 and over age bracket is 11 per 100,000 (up from 8.8 on 23 April).

• ONS death data:

Southend-on-Sea residents' deaths registered inside and outside of Southend-on-Sea with any mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate that occurred up to 16 April but were registered up to 24 April 2021: 672 (+2).

- **National and local data:**

A link to the national NHS Digital<<https://digital.nhs.uk/dashboards/progression>> information shows information by time intervals (for example, 3-days, 7-days, 30-days, etc), as well as the total numbers and requests or referrals to NHS 111.

Other

- Members of the public who need to self-isolate but are stuck and have no local support from friends and family can call the helpline on 01702 212497. A full list of support contact numbers is available on the corporate website<<https://www.southend.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/coronavirus/10>>

- **Out of hours**

Urgent issues arising out of hours should be reported to the out of hours service in accordance with standard practice. The phone number is 01702 215000.

The out of hours service will then contact the relevant Council officer who is on-call or the relevant contractor such as Veolia. They also have access to the town link radio and CCTV.

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