



ITEM 4: LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS

1 ADDENDUM

1.1 Paragraph 5.5 of the substantive report states:

'At the time of publication of this report the final board membership had not been confirmed, but an addendum will be presented to Members at or before the meeting.'

1.2 Supplementary guidance issued by the Government on 14 May 2024 states that *'appointing the Town Board is the responsibility of the local authority in consultation with the prospective Chair of the Town Board.'*

1.3 The Council has approached Mike Taylor, the Managing Director of the Entertainers, and a well known business on Canvey Island, to be the prospective Chair of the Town Board. The role of the Chair is set out in Appendix 2 to the Terms of Reference appended to the substantive report.

1.4 Meetings have been held with the Chair including to discuss with the Board members. In addition, discussions have been held with the incumbent MP.

1.5 The Board members listed in paragraph 1.8 below are key figures who have extensive daily involvement in the Canvey community either through their organisations or community leadership. Most are key partners who work not only closely with the Council and attend local partnership meetings, but also have extensive outreach into the local community. Their organisations are key investors in the local community.

1.6 They have the knowledge, capacity and shared ambition for Canvey Island and this project, as demonstrated at the 'launch' of the Long-Term Plan for Towns on 9 May 2024, when the interim Chair of the Government's Towns Task Force, Adam Hawksbee, visited Canvey Island.

1.7 The Government is clear in its guidance that the district and county local authorities, the Member of Parliament and the Police or Police Fire and Crime Commissioner must be represented on the Board and that councils *'need to*

ensure appropriate representation (on the Board) from local community groups.’ The Board members listed below provide that representation as per the guidance.

1.8 The Board members are (all have accepted):

Name	Organisation	Representing
Mike Taylor	The Entertainers	Chair
Cllr David Blackwell	Castle Point Borough Council	Local authorities
Cllr Lee Scott	Essex County Council	Local authorities
Subject to the General Election	Member of Parliament	Member of Parliament
Roger Hirst	PFCC	PFCC / Police
Elaine De Can	Canvey Island Town Council	Local authorities
Joel Friedman	Canvey Jewish Trust	Faith groups
Reverend Marion Walford	Parish of Canvey Island	Faith groups
Alex Hawkins	Yellow Door	Youth community groups
Janis Gibson	CAVS	Voluntary sector
Steve Bish	Essex Schools Sports Development Officer	Youth and sport
Thea Behrman	Thames Estuary Festival	Arts and Culture
Peter Burkin	Head of caste View School	Anchor institutions (schools)
Caroline McCarron	NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board	Anchor institutions (health)
Trudy Norman	International House	Business
Peter Tassell	PYT Restaurants	Business

Name	Organisation	Representing
Ray Howard MBE	Freeman	Community

- 1.9 These names, together with the draft Terms of Reference, were submitted to the Government on 31 May 2024.
- 1.10 Since then, the Chair has requested that other Board members be appointed from the business sector on Canvey Island. He has been advised that the Board, as listed above, has been submitted to the Government as required before 1 June 2024. The persons that he has requested are mainly from the business sector on Canvey Island and advised that should the Board wish to invite new members that is a matter for the Board and should be taken at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.11 Officers have contacted Government officials who have advised that the submission of Board members has been made and if the Board wishes to include new members for details to be submitted to the Government, upon which they will be subject to a moderation process.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is proposed that Cabinet **RESOLVES**
- (2) To note the appointment of the Canvey Island Town Board Chair and the appointment of the Board, including the Leader of the Council, to represent the Council.

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