



Agenda

Tuesday, February 7th 2023
Camelia Hotel: 6.30pm to 9.30pm

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Agreed new policies for the 2023 manifesto Leader update
4. Election of Parliamentary candidates for Southend West and Rochford and Southend East
5. Local Elections 2023
 - Candidate selections
 - Candidate progress
 - Election strategy
6. Manifesto 2023 Debate:
 - a. Do you support the introduction of a local residents discount card for parking, shops and leisure activities?
 - b. Do you support investment in libraries as an urgent priority?
 - c. Do you support raising awareness of business rate relief for small businesses?
 - d. Do you support the new jet-ski restrictions?
 - e. Do you support sections of the beach for dog walking?
 - f. Do you support the majority of grammar schools places going to local people, with *local* defined by a set criteria?
 - g. Do you support a review of the seafront cycle lanes to make them safer and more appealing to use?
 - h. Are you against the Council's budget proposals to increase council tax by 4.99%?
 - i. Are you against the Council's budget proposals to increase seafront parking by 10%?
 - j. Are you against the Council's budget proposals to expand parking charges to include 6pm to 9pm?
 - k. Do you support Southend Council having more accountability over Southend Hospital?

The following are questions that were put to the party during the last election regarding women's rights. I have invited those who sent these to the next meeting, so I would expect them to specify exactly what they mean:

- l. Do you support retaining the concept of sex where it matters in language, communications, data collection, and policy development?
- m. Do you support protecting women's single-sex spaces and services, both in direct provision, and where you have regulatory / partnership influence;
- n. Do you support prioritising safeguarding the vulnerable, especially children, in the provision of all spaces and services where sex matters?
- o. Do support protecting single-sex services in our local community?
- p. Do you support the Equality Act 2010 that allows for single-sex services and sports?

7. AOB