



Spring is in full bloom and various photographers have been posting beautiful pictures in and around our wonderful town. How lovely it would be to see more flowers and trees in the Kursaal Ward along streets and greens spaces that are open to view as we go about our daily lives.



Local Councillor Elections

They candidates within our ward local elections

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Tricia Cowdrey

🌟 Elected 🌟

Labour and Co-operative Party

Philip Mark Edey

Liberal Democrats

Thomas Love

Green Party

Judith McMahon

Conservative and Unionist Party

The race is on for a councillor within our ward. Four parties have candidates standing within our ward. The independents have no candidate this election. Main promises made in leaflets that dropped on editors doormat.

Labour

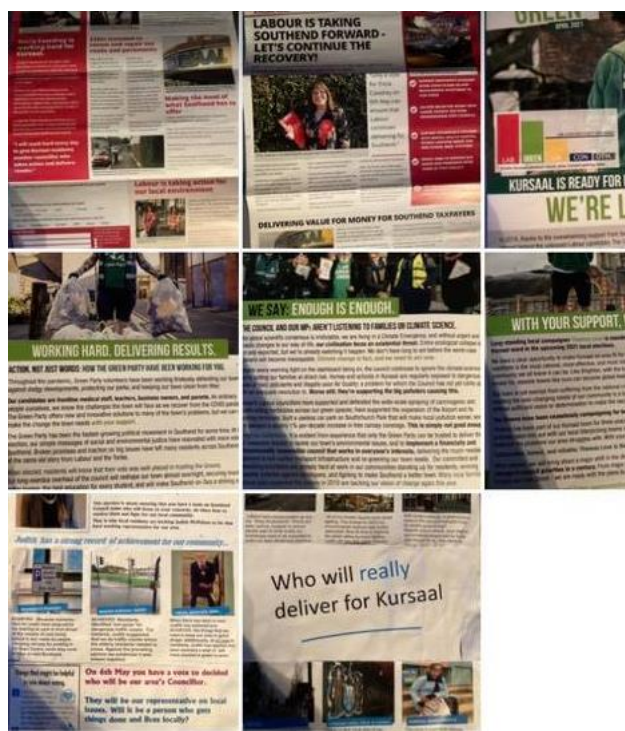
Support Southend's economy after Covid-19 and deliver much-needed investment in our town. Deliver value for money with lower council tax than neighbouring Tory councils. Support vulnerable children with mental health funding, school uniform grant and free school meal vouchers. Invest £50M to improve our roads and pavements after years of Tory neglect. Deliver a better environment for Southend with net zero carbon emissions by 2050

C.onservative

Keep the Queensway Underpass open. Reverse the 550% parking charges hike. Stop charging to use toilets. Take measure to stop the constant traveller incursions. Recruit 34 special constables and provide 4 extra police officers dedicated to Southend. Reduce money wasted on introducing things like gender neutral language. Stopping all residential road being 20mph. Increase green space in carpark.

Greens

Fight climate change. Stop supporting big polluters. Defend against dodgy developments. Protecting our parks. Keeping the town free from litter. Secure more job, better home and best education for every student. Increase tree canopy. Reduce spraying of carcinogenic weed killers. Investment in low carbon transport



SOUTHEND COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE LEAVING FOR NEW JOB



It has been today announced that Alison Griffin, chief executive of the Council, is to take up a new job as chief executive of London Councils this summer.

Alison has done an excellent job running the Council in very-difficult circumstances, and whilst I am sorry to see her go, I wish her every success in the future.

Alison Griffin joined Southend-on-Sea Borough Council in July 2017, having been director of finance and corporate services at the London Borough of Bexley. Alison was instrumental in developing Southend 2050, the resident and stakeholder led ambition for the Borough, which was approved in December 2018.

Alison Griffin says: "I will be very sorry to leave Southend-on-Sea as it has become my home over the past four years and I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of leading an organisation that is full of people passionate, committed and dedicated to doing the best for the local area."

"Ultimately this was too good an opportunity not to apply for, and although I will be very sad to leave Southend-on-Sea, I am excited about my new role and this new challenge."

"Southend-on-Sea will always remain close to my heart, and I know that the organisation is in a good place to deliver its ambitions for the future, which are grounded in the values of Southenders."

A recruitment process will start shortly to identify a new chief executive.

Southend Council News – 17th April to 30th April

Positive start for the HAF programme

The Council is recognising and thanking our local organisations, charities, and schools for delivering the Holiday activities and food programme (HAF) for Southend's children and young people.

Council initiative sees rapid coronavirus test kits delivered to Southend mosques

A new Council initiative is underway to ensure diverse communities across the Borough have equal access to coronavirus testing facilities.

UK Community Renewal Fund open for bids

Local organisations in Southend-on-Sea can apply for a share of £3m which has been made available by the UK Government to support recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Pier investment continues as work starts on pier head and new trains take shape

Southend Pier is set for a new look and feel this summer, with £2.5m of capital investment starting on the pier head and the new pier trains set for a summer unveiling.

Parents and headteacher welcome their new 'School Street'

Parents and teachers of West Leigh Primary School have welcomed the introduction of an innovative scheme aimed at promoting active travel and improving air quality and safety near our schools.

Council chief executive to take up new job at London Councils

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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.

Help make a difference to youngsters this summer holiday

Charities, schools and local businesses are being asked to come forward and help provide a summer of fun for children and young people in Southend-on-Sea.

New grant funding now available for eligible businesses in Southend

Businesses based in Southend which have so far missed out on previous grant streams are now able to apply for grant funding, regardless of whether they pay business rates or not.

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 highways works programme.

