



**Jubilee Beach: Our local beach has made it to the top 50 in a vote showing country's best beaches.**



## **MP strides in on Landlord licensing**

[James Duddridge voiced his opinion on Landlord Licensing](#)

Southend Consultation results have been compiled and while the idea of licensing landlords has proved favourable amongst both tenants and resident homeowners, landlords are not so keen. The council will vote on whether to introduce licensing on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 full council meeting.

## **The future of The Kursaal**

Concrete Culture [release their finding](#) after an extensive consultation with the people of Southend regarding the possible future of the Kursaal.

They also featured in the [Echo](#), urging the Council to take back the lease on our Kursaal.

## **Tricia Cowdrey**

Tricia Cowdrey raises two questions to full Council relating to [Slum landlord petition and Article 4](#) introduction.

## **Southend Council News - to 20th Feb to 05<sup>th</sup> Mar**

### **[Free and active support sessions for unpaid carers](#)**

Unpaid carers will get free physical activity sessions after Southend-on-Sea Borough Council teamed up with Sport for Confidence to provide support.

### **[Council responds to Government's four-part plan to lift coronavirus lockdown](#)**

On Monday (22 February 2021), the government announced its four-part plan to lift the COVID-19 lockdown in England.

### **[Seafront car parks to reopen on 29 March](#)**

Following the Government's announcement of its roadmap out of lockdown, the council plans to reopen all seafront car parks and parking bays from Monday 29 March.

### **[Big thanks to the council's parks and waste and street cleansing teams](#)**

Our cabinet member for environment & planning has given her appreciation and thanks to hardworking frontline staff for their continued dedication in providing key services throughout the pandemic.

### **[A budget to help us 'recover and thrive' is approved](#)**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has agreed a budget for 2021/2022 that will help the Borough deliver its shared ambition for the future, protect frontline services and ensure investments into major projects that will 'help the Borough recover from the pandemic and thrive into the future'.

### **[Southend Pass available to all](#)**

The Southend Pass will be offered to those outside the Borough as well as residents following agreement at Full Council last night (Thursday 25 February).

### **[Official annual rough sleeper count announced](#)**

The number of people sleeping on the streets of Southend-on-Sea is down to single figures according to statistics from the annual rough sleeper count.

## **[Story Telling adventure for World Book Day](#)**

Southend-on-Sea Libraries have joined forces with master storyteller John Kirk bringing Southend families a storytelling scavenger hunt, in celebration of World Book Day 2021.

## **[Emergency fund available to support vulnerable residents](#)**

We are encouraging local charities and groups to apply to the Southend Emergency Fund (SEF) – which is aiding local charities and organisations who support extremely vulnerable people in Southend.

## **[Befriending scheme launched for former homeless people](#)**

A new befriending scheme designed to help former rough sleepers successfully adapt to life in their new homes has been launched by Southend Churches Community Support and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

## **[Town Centre improvements taking shape](#)**

Plans to improve the town-centre end of London Road and Victoria Circus have taken another step forward as the majority of the London Road work has now been completed as part of the project to improve the town centre.

## **[Return to school and testing](#)**

Southend's Director of Public Health is encouraging parents and carers to get their children tested to support the safe return of all school pupils from Monday 8 March 2021.

## **[The Council and SAVS are recruiting diverse 'community champions' to distribute £1.5m funding](#)**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and the Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS) are working together to recruit local community champions to help distribute £1.5m of funding for local communities and help deliver the ambitions of Southend 2050.

[View and Comment on Planning Applications Online – Southend-on-Sea Borough Council](#)

