



## **LANDLORD LICENSING SCHEME LEGAL NOTICE**

Following the decision by Southend Council at its most recent meeting to introduce a mandatory licensing scheme for landlords in parts of the town centre, the legal notice has been published. The scheme will come into force on 1 December and the Council is now undertaking further preparatory work to ensure that the respective teams are ready in time for the commencement of the scheme.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/.../selective-licensing-scheme/1>.

To determine if your property falls under the designation, please enter the property's postcode in the map shown in the following map tool:

<https://southend.maps.arcgis.com/.../webapp.../index.html...>



[Southend 2050](#) lays out a clear vision for Southend to become a leading Smart city. To support this vision, SmartSouthend provides a single point of access for data, intelligence and analysis. This will support Southend to become a more data driven and data intelligent town changing the way that needs are identified and decisions are made. It will further change the way that Southend is able to attract investment and direct resources.

The approach to SmartSouthend is agile and collaborative. We will publish new products according to demand, we encourage your [feedback](#) and input to support the growth and improvement of the platform. This will enable us to ensure that we deliver what SmartSouthend visitors want and ensure that resources are used to have the highest impact in the shortest time.

For more information visit: [SmartSouthend](#)

## [The Echo Newspaper report South Essex area with the worst Covid death rate in the UK - Updated](#)

One area in south Essex now has the worst Covid death rate in the UK - according to the latest figures. Cllr Harp confirms that Southend has a high elderly population and the 13<sup>th</sup> highest numbers of care homes nationally. Coupled with this lessons must be learned with regards to the HMOs that have made social distancing and infection control difficult.

### **Litter Pick**

Thanks to Tina Webb for joining me on my Kursaal litter pick today! What a lovely reception from residents! 6 bags collected including 36 pieces of PPI. Please dispose of your masks and gloves responsibly.





## **BETTER QUEENSWAY GETS PLANNING APPROVAL**

The Development Control Committee voted 13 to 4 to grant planning approval for the Better Queensway regeneration project. This will be the largest, most ambitious regeneration project in a generation, and will see the completed redevelopment of the Queensway Estate, with the provision of 1,760 homes, including sorely needed additional housing.

The plan is to start work on the regeneration work next month.

More details on the plans can be found  
[hhttps://www.betterqueensway.co.uk/](https://www.betterqueensway.co.uk/)



**Southend Council News - to 19th Mar to 02<sup>th</sup> Apr**

## **Shoebury Common North play area opens for bank holiday weekend**

Shoebury Common North play area is welcoming visitors from today following a £300,000 investment to re-landscape the common and improve the offer in the area.

## **New walk-in COVID-19 rapid flow test site opens on seafront**

A new walk-in COVID-19 rapid flow test site has opened ahead of the Easter Weekend, in the heart of Southend seafront, with the full backing of local businesses.

## **Plans announced for reopening of Southend leisure facilities**

Members of Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre can now attend outdoor fitness sessions in groups of six as Fusion Lifestyle begin their reopening plan this week, in line with the Government's roadmap.

## **Please stay safe over the Easter holidays**

Our Director of Public Health has written to all parents and carers in the Borough to thank them for their support in the full return to school and urge them to be cautious over the Easter holidays.

## **Southend getting ready to reopen and welcome back visitors safely**

A multi-faceted plan has been put in place to ensure the Borough is fully prepared and ready to welcome back visitors and keep residents safe as national restrictions ease.

## **Economic crisis and our recovery: a key council priority**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and partner organisations have created a working group to look at how best to tackle the borough's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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