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Renaissance Southend Ltd

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New Renaissance Southend Vice Chairman looks to fulfil bold vision

Renaissance Southend Ltd has appointed Murray Foster as its new Vice Chairman. With over 20 years' involvement within the town, he recognises its immense potential – and aims to unlock it.

A member of the Board for 12 months, Murray has been hugely supportive of Southend through his involvement in a wide range of unpaid voluntary roles.

These positions include Chair of Southend Business & Tourism Partnership and chairing responsibilities within the Local Strategic Partnership, “Southend Together”, Living East cultural consortium for East of England; and the Essex Chambers of Commerce.

Murray was also previously Leader of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, although he is no longer involved in the political scene. Murray is also on the Board of Circle Anglia Housing Association, the third largest housing association in the UK.

Having been born and bred in Brighton, he understands what makes a successful coastal town. In Southend, he sees the opportunity to transform the town into one of the most successful economic centres in the East of England.

He commented, “I am delighted to be appointed Vice Chairman of an organisation that, alongside like-minded bodies, is playing such a key role in the growth and regeneration of a town that holds such huge promise.

“Southend is in a prime location and has solid foundations on which to build further improvements. It is now our job to fuel the town’s regeneration, to create a pleasurable environment for residents, businesses and visitors.”

Murray takes over the role of Vice Chairman from Stuart Greengrass who has stepped down from the Board after a term of five years, including three years as Chairman.

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Renaissance Southend was incorporated as a not for profit, private limited company on the 18th March 2005.

The Company is run by private and public sector Board of Directors who's Founder Members are Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (SSBC), East of England Development Agency (EEDA), Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), University of Essex (UoE) and South East Essex College (SEEC), supported by Government Office for the East of England and the Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership.

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