

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive made the following decisions at its meeting on 11 June 2014:-

Item

Decision

Performance Report on Key Performance Indicators for the Period January to March 2014
(Minute 121/14)

That, subject to noting the comments set out in the letter issued by the Head of Finance and the following specific points, the progress against Key Performance Indicators for the Period January to March 2014, be received:-

- The majority of households in self contained temporary accommodation are within the District and the number of households in bed and breakfast is now in single figures (LP1739).
- The target figure in relation to the number for planning control cases closed should be 250 (LP1074).
- The possibility of setting a target in relation to chargeable building control services was under review (LP1743).
- If building control applications are not determined within the statutory periods, applicants are entitled to a refund of application monies. (HF)

Performance Report on Key Projects for the Period January to March 2014
(Minute 122/14)

That, subject to noting the amendments set out in the letter issued by the Head of Finance and the following specific points, the progress against Key Projects for the Period January to March 2014, be received:-

- The target completion date in relation to maximising income from the materials recycling contract should show as May 2015.

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- Consideration is being given to portraying the objective of increasing the number of houses and affordable housing units in the District in graphical form.
- The RAG status in relation to supporting the development of rural businesses through the Local Development Framework should be showing as amber. (HF)

Progress on Decisions made by Full Council/The Executive (Minute 123/14)

That, subject to noting the amendments set out in the letter issued by the Head of Finance and the following specific points, the progress on decisions made by Full Council/The Executive, as set out in the schedule, be received:-

- The Advisory Group on surface water flooding issues had yet to convene.
- The item on the Annual Open Spaces Programme 2013/14 should be cross referenced with report item 10 on the agenda.

Customer Feedback Update and Freedom of Information Statistics 2013/14 (Minute 124/14)

That, subject to noting the following, the customer feedback and Freedom of Information statistics for 2013/14 be received:-

- Notwithstanding that an officer is dedicated to Freedom of Information enquires, the assembly of information is very time consuming.
- All eight of the outstanding complaint cases showing in relation to Community Services had now been resolved. They had involved detailed investigations.
- Freedom of Information requests came from a spread of sources, including business that could be looking to utilise the information for marketing purposes.(HF)

Item

Open Spaces Refurbishment Programme 2014/15
(Minute 125/14)

Decision

- (1) That, subject to noting the following, this year's budget is allocated for minor improvements to open spaces and the development of a permanent concession at Hockley Woods:-
 - The works proposed under paragraph 4.1 of the report totalled £30,000 in value.
 - A doubling of current income could be realised once a container facility was in place at Hockley Woods. Whilst revenue implications could be associated with container ownership, it was anticipated that these would be fully offset by income.
- (2) That no further action is taken in respect of the installation of bollards at Canewdon Green which formed part of last year's Programme. (HES)

Provision of Public Toilets
(Minute 126/14)

- (1) That reduced operating hours be introduced for the toilets in Back Lane, Rochford as detailed in the report. Public consultation to be undertaken on whether these facilities are required in the longer term and/or whether they should be relocated.
- (2) That an 'exit' survey be undertaken to ascertain the usage by the public of the facilities in Hockley and Great Wakering. A public consultation exercise to be undertaken to inform a final decision on the future of the toilets.
- (3) That market testing be undertaken of the facilities in Hullbridge and Rayleigh, together with the adjacent land, to ascertain whether there is any business potential in developing the sites for alternative uses on the basis of an obligation to keep the facilities available to the public.
- (4) That a further report be submitted to the Executive once the various options have been explored so that the results can be considered as part of the budget process. (HES)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Development of Events in the Rochford District (Minute 127/14)	That, subject to the inclusion of information on the progress of this subject in the Members' Bulletin, the content of the report on the development of events in the Rochford District be noted. (HCS)
Buildings within the Leisure Contract (Minute 128/14)	<p>(1) That early consideration be given to the possible future use of the Mill Arts and Events Centre once the leisure contract comes to an end.</p> <p>(2) That closer monitoring of the Leisure Contract be undertaken with immediate effect on a regular basis by both the Leisure contractor and Council officers. (HCS)</p>
Chief Executive's Appraisal (Minute 129/14)	That the exempt report on the Chief Executive's appraisal and key objectives determined for the financial year 2014/15 be noted. (CE)

The above decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of this Notice, unless referred to Full Council by a minimum of three Members or called in by the Review Committee.

Signed Mr John Bostock
Member Services Manager

Dated 13 June 2014

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