

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Community Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 1 September 2004:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Issues arising from Overview & Scrutiny (Minute 373/04)	That the Health and Safety Service Action Plan be approved. (HHHCC)
Intermediate Care Facility (Minute 374/04)	(1) That a further progress report be presented to this Committee in six months' time. (2) That officers write to the Primary Care Trust expressing dissatisfaction with the slow progress of the intermediate care facility, and asking them to ensure that a suitable representative is in attendance at the meeting of the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 20 October 2004. (HRHM)
Conversion of Studio Apartment to Warden's office – Britton Court (Minute 375/04)	That flat 100 Britton Court be removed from the Housing Revenue Account and be converted to office accommodation. (HRHM)
Exemption from the Right to Buy of dwellings that are particularly suitable for occupation by elderly persons (Minute 376/04)	That the officer response, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be forwarded as this Council's response to the consultation issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, together with the following amendments:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question 2 – replace the word 'elderly' with specific age guidelines• Question 4 – these issues do not need to be taken into account if the accommodation is suitable in every respect apart from aids/adaptations

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Decision

Proposals for improving the effectiveness of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 – Consultation
(Minute 378/04)

- Question 11 – the word ‘regular’ should be replaced with the definition of 7 days a week, perhaps with a reduced service at weekends, although the District’s own transport facilities such as the taxi voucher scheme and community transport service should be taken into account. (HRHM)
- (1) That the amendment to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 be agreed, as set out in Option E in the report, but with the following provisos:-
- (a) Inspections should continue to be made by Veterinary Surgeons, unless DEFRA provides a list of suitably qualified and experienced specialists which is made available to all local authorities.
 - (b) The proposal to extend the licence period for 12 to 18 months is not supported.
 - (c) Guidance should be provided to those involved in hearing appeals against seizure of an animal to ensure that the reasons for seizure are rigorously examined.
 - (d) The Council requests an additional safeguard, namely, that there be a legal requirement for the provision of written care guidance at the time of sale.
- (2) That a request be made that adequate resources be provided for Local Authorities to support effective enforcement. (HHHCC)

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Unfit House
(Minute 379/04)

- (1) That a further Deferred Action Notice be served on the property referred to in the exempt report.
- (2) That in the event of representations from the owner following serving of the 'Minded To Take Action' notice a further report be made to this Committee.
- (3) That in the event of no representations, the Council serves a further Deferred Action Notice under the provisions of the Housing Grants, Construction & Regeneration Act 1996, section 81.
- (4) That the situation be monitored and a further report be made to this Committee in twelve months' time if satisfactory progress has not been made with demolition of the property. (HHHCC)

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 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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