

PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress
<p>Proposed Designation of Public Places in Terms of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2002 (Minute 426/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a report be brought back to this Committee detailing the Police view of orders and identifying why there has been such a delay in the process. (CE)</p>	<p>A report on the evaluation of the Dispersal & Alcohol Exclusion powers since they have been in operation is currently being prepared by the Police. It will be presented into the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity as discussed at the November meeting of this Committee.</p>
<p>Woodland Strategy Resources (Minute 428/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That an Environmental Liaison Officer scale 4 be appointed, pending a successful grant application to English Nature. • That an Arboricultural Officer scale 5/6 be appointed. (CD(F&ES)) 	<p>Research continuing into alternative sources of external grant funding.</p> <p>Outcome awaited of regrade application that has been submitted to encourage greater number of applications and reflect the market value of such a post. Post regraded with advertisement being placed.</p>

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<p>Skateboard Facilities – Clements Hall (Minute 500/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council provide a full scale skateboarding facility at Clements Hall playing fields, subject to due processes, such as planning permission, full public consultation and obtaining the required funding. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Member of the Excel Group, in conjunction with the STAR partnership, still pursuing the project.</p>
<p>Land – Worcester Drive/Warwick Drive, Rayleigh (Minute 504/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the occupier be invited to purchase the land at market value under terms and conditions to be agreed by the Head of Legal Services. (HRHM/HLS)</p>	<p>Awaiting purchaser's solicitor to confirm completion date.</p>
<p>Disposal of Garage (Minute 505/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a valuation of the garage be obtained.</p> <p>(2) That the garage be sold at current market valuation and on terms agreed by the Head of Legal Services. (HRHM/HLS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Rayleigh Windmill Heritage Lottery Bid (Minute 6/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the pre-planning bid, as presented in this report, be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund to provide resources to develop the Council's bid for the Windmill refurbishment and creation of the museum. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Further discussions taking place following response from Heritage Lottery Fund on way forward. Meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund and Mark Francois, MP, held on 8 September 2004.</p> <p>New bid to TGSE Sept. 2004 successful. Outcome £340,000 to refurbish windmill and provide sensory garden. Subject to financial approval from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister start on site anticipated for early December 2004.</p>
<p>Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 (Minute 106/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a report on the service delivery of the housing management function be considered by a future meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Government guidance still awaited. Report now to include staffing implications of Sheltered Management Model and staffing implications of the outcome of Stock Option Appraisal exercise.</p>
<p>Disposal of Commercial Premises – 126 High Street, Great Wakering (Minute 107/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a valuation of the units on the open market be gained.</p> <p>(2) That the Council proceed with the disposal, at open market value, of 124, 126 and 128 High Street, Great Wakering. (HRHM/HLS)</p>	<p>Tenants of Nos. 124 and 128 do not wish to acquire freehold. No. 126 indicated a willingness to do so but matter in abeyance pending availability of finance to proceed with purchase.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Unfit House (Minute 112/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the works specified in the notice served under the provisions of the Housing Act 1985 on the person having control of the property, detailed in the exempt report, be carried out and the costs so incurred recovered, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 193 and 194 of that Act. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>A Surveyor appointed by the Council has inspected the property and prepared a schedule of repairs which are currently out to tender. The contract will then be let with an anticipated start for repair work early January 2005.</p>
<p>Little Wheatleys Estate – Proposed Adoption of Amenity Space (Minute 218/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Head of Legal Services completes the transfer of the amenity area at Little Wheatleys to the Council, subject to the developer funding the required accommodation works, and providing the commuted sum of £1000 for maintenance, and meeting the Council’s reasonable legal costs of the transfer and such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate. (HLS)</p>	<p>Terms agreed, awaiting confirmation of completion date from purchaser’s Solicitors.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 – Group Dispersal Powers (Minute 281/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That this Council supports the introduction of Police Dispersal Powers at the following locations: -</p> <p>Rayleigh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area bounded by High Street, Crown Hill, London Hill, Church Street, Bull Lane, Parklands Avenue, Queens Road, Nursery Close, Bedford Close, Daws Heath Road and Eastwood Road. • Little Wheatley Chase, Bardfield Way and the grounds of Grange Community centre. • Victoria Road (Fairview car park). <p>Hullbridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferry Road (including the Rose Garden) and Pooles Lane (including public car park). <p>Hockley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Road, Spa Road, Station Approach and Plumberow Avenue. <p>Hawkwell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clements Hall Way, Clements Hall Leisure Centre grounds and Sweyne Avenue. <p>Rochford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area bounded by Dalys Road, North Street, Weir Pond Road, East Street, South Street, Bradley Way, West Street, Church Walk and section of Ashingdon Road. (CE) 	<p>Implemented. See page 9.1 regarding progress on reporting back.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Amendments to Tenancy Agreement (Minute 283/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the tenancy agreement be not amended to include glazing becoming the responsibility of tenants, but a clause be introduced which clearly states that if breakages of windows are caused by the tenant, his family or visitors, due to deliberate, wilful or negligent acts, then a re-charge of the repair will be made.</p> <p>(2) That, following full consultation, all other proposed amendments to the tenancy agreement, agreed on 8 January 2004, be accepted. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>Housing Needs Study (Minute 284/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That this Council participates in a joint study with the other South Essex Local Authorities. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Survey work has recently been finished and the report is being compiled with anticipated completion before Christmas</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Hullbridge Sports and Social Club – New Lease (Minute 288/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a new lease be granted to the Hullbridge Sports and Social Club for a term of 28 years at a market rent, and such other terms and conditions that the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate and with the provision that this be reviewed if at any time the actions of the lessee come into conflict with Council's interests. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Draft lease with Club's solicitors for approval.</p>
<p>Issues arising from Overview & Scrutiny (Minute 373/04)</p>	
<p>Intermediate Care Facility (Minute 374/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a further progress report be presented to this Committee in six months' time.</p> <p>(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 and Scrutiny Committee on 20 October 2004. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Report due in March/April 2005 cycle.</p> <p>Representatives attended Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 October 2004.</p>

<p>Conversion Of Studio Apartment To Warden’s Office – Britton Court (Minute 375/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That flat 100 Britton Court be removed from the Housing Revenue Account and be converted to office accommodation. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Conversion works still underway. Anticipated to be fully operational by end of November.</p>
<p>Exemption From The Right To Buy Of Dwellings That Are Particularly Suitable For Occupation By Elderly Persons (Minute 376/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>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:-</p> <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. • 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) 	<p>Implemented – results of consultation exercise yet to be published by Government.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Proposals For Improving The Effectiveness Of The Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 – Consultation (Minute 375/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(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:-</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(b) The proposal to extend the licence period for 12 to 18 months is not supported.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) That a request be made that adequate resources be provided for Local Authorities to support effective enforcement. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Implemented – DEFRA were advised of the Committees response to the consultation.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Unfit House (Minute 379/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a further Deferred Action Notice be served on the property referred to in the exempt report.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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)</p>	<p>No representations received from the owner. Deferred Action Notice Served. Planning permission has now been granted, but a further report will be made in 12 months if there has not been satisfactory progress.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Issues arising from Overview and Scrutiny (Minute 415/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Catering Franchises on Open Spaces</p> <p>(1) That officers seek expressions of interest as to the viability of taking up the franchise opportunities at one or more of the following locations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Wakering • Ashingdon • Fairview • Rawreth • St John Fisher • Grove • Hullbridge. <p>(2) That, initially, any franchises so taken up be trialled for a 12 month period. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Little progress at this stage due to current high workload programme.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Public Open Space Land and Place Space Areas in Rochford District owned by the Council</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the principle of transferring public open space land to one or more appropriate trust bodies be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That, initially, the principle of developing one or more trust bodies focus on the following sites:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Playing Field, Althorne Way, Canewdon Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park Playing Field, High Street, Great Wakering Clements Hall Playing Field Hawkwell Common Hockley Woods Playing Fields, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge Playing Fields, Rawreth Lane, Rawreth Fairview Playing Field, Rayleigh Brooklands Gardens, Hockley Road, Rayleigh Grove Road Public Open Space and Woods, Rayleigh Kingley Wood Public Open Space, Rayleigh St John Fisher Playing Fields, Rayleigh New Public Open Space at the former Park School Site</p> <p>(3) That discussions take place with Parish Councils in respect of the spaces currently leased to them, to investigate whether they would be prepared to include these areas in any trust arrangement. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Consideration of trust arrangements being investigated with a view to further report on way forward</p> <p>Being addressed as part of the above considerations</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Housing Strategy – Update (Minute 417/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, subject to any comments from GO East, the latest draft of the Housing Strategy be approved. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Comments have now been received from GO East and further work is being carried out on the few areas where they have requested changes. Members will be advised of these.</p>
<p>Proposed St John Ambulance Headquarters – Hockley Community Centre (Minute 418/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That investigation continues to see whether an agreement can be achieved between the Hockley Community Centre Association Trustees and St John Ambulance. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Community Association unwilling to pursue the matter further</p>
<p>Rochford Town Sports And Social Club – Application For New Lease On The Pavilion At Rochford Recreation Ground, Rochford (Minute 419/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a lease on the Pavilion at Rochford Recreation Ground be granted to Rochford Town Sports and Social Club to commence retrospectively from 1 December 2001 for a period of 8 years. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Negotiations proceeding following valuation</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Petition For Skateboarding Facility – Great Wakering (Minute 420/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a skateboarding facility at Great Wakering be considered in terms of Council priorities for the future. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>In as budget bid for 2005/06 to be considered.</p>
<p>Funding For Potential Housing Scheme (Minute 423/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, in principle, the funding bid referred to in the report be supported. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Housing Corporation advised of the Council's in principle support. Awaiting decision on funding.</p>