

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy and Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 1 October 2003:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Issues arising from Overview and Scrutiny (Minute 431/03)	That the Business Representative Protocol be approved as a framework for consultation with the business community. (CE)
Risk Management Approach to the Budget Strategy (Minute 432/03)	That the items to be reported and the frequency of reports, as set out at appendices A and B of the report, be agreed. (HFS)
Electronic Communication Links (Minute 433/03)	<p>(1) That the upgrading of the Council's electronic communication links, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8 of the report, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the upgrading of the link to the internet, as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report, be approved.</p> <p>(3) That the upgrading of the Council's website, as set out in paragraphs 4.10 and 4.11 of the report, be approved. (HAMS)</p>
Police Community Support Officers (Minute 434/03)	<p>That the taking of any decision on providing funding support for this initiative be deferred pending:-</p> <p>(1) A decision from the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership as to whether it would be prepared to provide matched funding for the years 2004/05 and 2005/06 and at what level.</p> <p>(2) Feedback from discussions with the Parishes and the Town Council around the budget process and an indication from them as to whether they, individually or collectively, would be prepared to support financially such an initiative. (CE)</p>

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The Cycle of Local Government Elections in England - Consultation Paper (Minute 435/03)	That the Council's previous position whereby the status-quo is maintained be endorsed. (HAMS)
The Minimum Age of Voting and Candidacy in UK Elections - Consultation Paper (Minute 436/03)	That the views set out in the report form the basis of this Council's response to the Consultation Paper. (HAMS)
Land at Bradley Way, Rochford (Minute 437/03)	<p>That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration), in consultation with the Committee Chairman, to accept the highest offer available for sale of the site freehold, subject to:-</p> <p>(1) The receipt of acceptable references/detail pertaining to the purchaser.</p> <p>(2) The retention of appropriate terminology associated with property use and provision for car parking as outlined in the report (CD(L,P&A)</p>
Reduction or Remission of Business Rate Liability (Minute 438/03)	That no further rate relief be granted to the applicant as set out in the exempt report. (HRHM)
Staffing Matters (Minute 439/03)	That the current level of vacancies and long term sickness absence, as set out in the exempt report, 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 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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