
PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress
<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>Post regraded and re-advertised. Appointment made and new officer will be starting 11 July 2005</p>
<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>A budget of £16,000 has been agreed for replacement of the current ramp. To be implemented in 2005/6 subject to consultation, necessary permissions etc. Further funding being sought through grants before final design agreed</p>

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<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. This will be reported into the Policy & Finance Committee in July cycle following the Council's decision regarding Stock Option Appraisal and the latest report from the consultant on the next stages in this exercise.</p>
<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>Contractors on site carrying out repair work.</p>

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<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>Lease completed</p>
<p>Rayleigh Windmill – Outcome Of Thames Gateway South Essex (TGSE) Bid (Minute 505/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, subject to formal approval of funding from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister,</p> <p>(1) work be completed on refurbishing the Rayleigh Windmill as soon as possible.</p> <p>(2) the additional project for a sensory garden proceed on land to the rear of the Windmill, and that any necessary consents be sought.</p>	<p>Refurbishment contract commenced in December 2004 for completion July 2005. Scheme on programme.</p> <p>Design for the Sensory garden to commence in Spring 2005 for construction following completion of the Windmill contract. Potential opening of garden December 2005 as part of the programme of events building up interest in the Windmill project. Planning permission gained in June 2005.</p>

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(3) negotiations be opened up with the leisure contractor on a possible management fee for running the Windmill and sensory garden as part of the Mill Arts and Crafts Centre and that the outcome be reported back. (CD(F&ES))	Once sufficient information is developed relating to the management of the Windmill these negotiations can commence, target date Summer 2005. Management arrangements considered at Windmill Sub Committee in June 2005, progressing well and will be approaching Holmes Place for security role for Windmill and Sensory Garden only.
Sheltered Housing – Fire Safety Audit (Minute 4/05) Resolved (1) That all existing wardens undergo basic training on the use of fire extinguishers. (2) That all new employee wardens undergo similar training within the first month of appointment. (3) That the Housing Manager introduces a ‘fire safety housekeeping’ regime to ensure raised awareness to these issues. (4) That the fire safety audit report be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be implemented. (HRHM)	Implemented. Implemented Implemented. Implemented.
Catering Franchises On Open Spaces (Minute 37/05) Resolved That officers seek public expressions of interest as to the franchise opportunities using the specification as set out by the Environmental Health officers. (CD(F&ES))	Bids received for Hockley Woods, ice cream summer, and for Grove and Ashingdon in May 2005. Licences being set up currently.

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<p>Results Of The Tenants Satisfaction Survey (Minute 40/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the results of the Tenant Satisfaction Survey be publicised via the local press and/or the Council's newspaper. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>St John Ambulance – Hockley Community Centre – Update (Minute 41/05)</p> <p>(1) That local Ward Councillors determine whether there is a consensus of opinion amongst local residents in favour of a public meeting being held, to which representatives of the Hockley Community Centre Association and St John Ambulance would be invited in an attempt to enable further discussion to take place around the siting of the St John Ambulance headquarters on land leased to the Community Centre.</p> <p>(2) That Ward Councillors report back to the next meeting of this Committee on the outcome of (1) above.</p> <p>(3) That consideration is given at Annual Council to two Members being nominated as this Council's representatives to the Hockley Community Centre Association. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Ward Members reported that it was not appropriate to hold a public meeting as the Community Centre were not prepared to enter into dialogue over this matter.</p> <p>Concern was expressed at the poor condition of the fabric and furnishings of the social club.</p> <p>Cllrs R A Amner and Mrs C A Weston have been appointed as Member representatives to the Hockley Community Centre Association for the 2005/06 municipal year.</p>

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<p>Sutton Court Playspace, Rochford (Minute 42/05)</p> <p>(1) That the Playspace Sub-Committee be asked to look specifically at the issues emerging at Sutton Court and to devise a plan of action for addressing these issues, with a view to developing a working template which can be applied District-wide, including consideration in detail of the resource implications. (CD(F&ES))</p> <p>(2) To seek the written views of Rochford Parish Council in specifically addressing the problems of this playspace and seeking their suggestions. (CE)</p>	<p>A further meeting of the Playspace Sub-Committee will be held on 6 July 2005.</p>
<p>Changes to Health and Safety Inspection Programmes (Minute 81/05)</p> <p>That the resources required for the health and safety service are kept under review and that the annual Health & Safety Service Plan be used for this purposed. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Health & Safety Service Plan for 2005/06 reported at item 11 of this agenda.</p>
<p>Park Homes Site Licensing – Proposals for Reform (Minute 82/05)</p> <p>That the responses detailed in the report be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as this Council's response to the consultation, subject to additional observations that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unauthorised gypsy/traveller sites may exist for long periods of time, particularly where these arise through the planning appeal process, but they are not subject to the same standards of amenity, safety and inspection as authorised sites. • Adequate time will be required for local authorities to check whether a new owner is a "fit and proper person" after receipt of a notification of transfer of site ownership. (HHHCC) 	<p>Implemented.</p>

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<p>Rochford Town Sports and Social Club – Application for New Lease on the Pavilion at Rochford Recreation Ground, Rochford (Minute 83/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That provisions are included in the lease to address any nuisance arising from the use of the premises.</p> <p>(2) In view of the community service, the rent be set at £900 with effect from December 2001 and £1,000 from December 2004. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Discussions are currently taking place with the Club Solicitors relating to concerns raised by them about some of the clauses the Council has asked to be included in the new lease.</p>
<p>Housing Development Scheme – Tylney Avenue, Rochford (Minute 84/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Council continue to work with Swan Housing Group to develop an acceptable Housing Scheme for the site.</p> <p>(2) That, in consideration of the release of the Covenant on the former Tylney play area, the Council agree to place into Trust with The National Playing Fields Association the Doggetts Play Ground by transfer of the Council's freehold interest and leaseback of the area to be maintained by the Council and on such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate.</p> <p>(3) That, subject to an acceptable scheme being approved by Council and Swan Housing Group securing the necessary funding for the development, the site be transferred to Swan Housing Group at nil cost and on such terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate to secure the provision of the approved housing scheme. (HLS) (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Swan Housing Group are finalising the details of a revised scheme to be considered by Housing Best Value Sub-Committee before the Summer recess.</p> <p>Terms agreed subject to details being finalised on revised housing scheme.</p>

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<p>Revised Draft East of England Regional Housing Strategy 2005-2010</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the following comments on the Revised Draft East of England Regional Housing Strategy 2005-2010 be forwarded to the Regional Housing Forum:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate funding required for housing and infrastructure, which needs to be in place, to ensure sustainability. • High density housing is not appropriate in some areas of the Thames Gateway South Essex sub region and particularly in rural parts of Essex. • There is a need for high quality design housing. (HHHCC) 	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>Government Plans for Digital Television Switchover</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That no further action be taken until the final outcome of the Stock Option Appraisal exercise is known. (HRHM)</p>	<p>First stage of this process now completed. “Expressions of Interest” advertisement now in professional press.</p>
<p>East of England Children’s Services Member Network</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That this Council participates in the East of England Children’s Services Member Network.</p> <p>(2) That Cllrs R A Amner and S P Smith be nominated to attend the first meeting of the network.</p> <p>(3) That attendance at this meeting will be an approved duty for which travelling and subsistence allowances are payable. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Cllrs R A Amner and S P Smith were appointed as the Council’s Member representatives to this body for the 2005/06 municipal year.</p>

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<p>Woodlands (Minute 134/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That 200 oak trees be planted in Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park in commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar.</p> <p>(2) That the provision of 200 English specimen oak trees at a cost of approximately £8,000 be funded through the Cherry Orchard capital works programme. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Press release issued and article in July edition of RDM giving details of how you can sponsor a tree.</p> <p>Order placed, trees being maintained by the nursery and will be delivered for planting in October.</p>
<p>Tower Caravan Park: Request for Alteration of Site Licence Conditions (Minute 135/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the proposed alteration to the site licence condition referred to in the exempt report be approved, but without the need to move the caravan when sold. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>