

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Item	Progress/Officer
<p>Fear of Burglary – Provision of door chains and viewers for vulnerable residents (Minute 132(2)/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That subject to sufficient numbers of vulnerable residents wishing to take advantage of the provision of door chains and viewers being identified, 500 sets being purchased at a cost of £1.35 each, this to be funded from monies made available by Essex County Council. (CEx)</p>	<p>Still being installed.</p>
<p>Payment for Tenant Representatives (Minute 132(3)/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the question of payment for tenant representatives be referred to the Independent Remuneration Panel in the first instance. (HRHM)</p>	<p>To be considered by the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee</p>

<p>Housing Allocations – Suspension Policy (Minute 137(2)/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the suspension policy be reviewed after 12 months operation. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Report to come back to Autumn 2002 cycle</p>
<p>Best Value Review – Homelessness And Housing Advice - Service Action Plan (Minute 139/01)</p> <p>That progress be reported twice a year. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Report to be made to Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 16 July 2002.</p>
<p>Implementation Of The Dogs (Fouling Of Land) Act 1996 (Minute 140/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a report be brought to the Autumn Cycle detailing the cost to the Authority in enforcing the Act. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Resource Implications included in Budget Report – but not approved. Report on implementation of the Act on this agenda</p>
<p>Council Housing Stock (Minute 322(2)/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That no change be made to the designated arrangements at the current time and an update report be submitted to the Sub-Committee in six months time. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Report considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 June. Recommendations contained on this agenda.</p>

<p>Skateboarding (Minute 325/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a suitable by-law initiative, targeting specific sites and addressing the particular issue of enforcement be developed for further consideration by Members, prior to submission to the Home Office for preliminary approval. (HLS)</p>	<p>Update report to the July meeting of the Community Services Committee</p>
<p>Investigation Of Pool Leak, Clements Hall Leisure Centre (Minute 323/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the next stage of investigation be agreed and a further report be made to this Committee if any repairs works identified cannot be met within existing budgets. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Work to be implemented by Holmes Place in conjunction with other refurbishment works to reduce closure time of pool</p>
<p>Mill Hall Lift (Minute 382/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the issue of the lift at the Mill Hall be a priority for the new Leisure Contractor upon taking on the contract in the New Year. Possibilities associated with revising accommodation usage arrangements to be included in considerations. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Replacement lift to be installed as part of the refurbishment of Mill Hall by Holmes Place.</p>
<p>Summer Holiday Activities (Minute 127/01)</p> <p>Rochford Residents Leisure Card (Minute 128/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the report be noted and that discussions take place with the preferred contractor on the basis detailed in the report. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Discussions taken place with Holmes Place, who will draw up specific options and proposals for the scheme.</p>

<p>Castle Hall Update Report (Minute 129/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Officers investigate the cost of installing a noise limiter set at a level which ensures that the music level does not cause a nuisance.</p> <p>That the cost of installing an air-conditioning/mechanical ventilating/triple glazing/double porching facility be investigated, or not to hire the hall during warm weather for disco type of events.</p> <p>That any decision on event bookings from May 2002 onwards be deferred until discussions with the new Leisure Contractor about future use of this hall taking into account the issues in this report. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Antisocial Behaviour Order Protocol (Minute 203/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council accept the principles in the Antisocial Behaviour Order protocol, and that the final version of the protocol be circulated to the partnership organisations and Members. (CEx)</p>	<p>ASBO with Police for approval – to be circulated when agreed</p>
<p>Pigeons – Rayleigh High Street, Rayleigh (Minute 415/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a report be brought back to Members on the success of the scheme in Rayleigh, with a view to the Pigeon Proofing Initiative being rolled out across the District as necessary. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Awaiting details from Chamber of Trade about materials required to carry out proofing works.</p>

<p>Caravan Site Licensing (Minute 420/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That progress on Crouch Caravan Park and Hockley Mobile Homes be further monitored with a progress report in 12 months.</p> <p>That the Head of Housing Health and Community Care be given delegated authority to instigate legal proceedings against the licence holders of the Dome Caravan Park for breaches of licence condition 3.1 regarding porches, should significant progress not have been made by June 2002.</p> <p>That the Head of Housing Health and Community Care be given delegated authority to instigate legal proceedings against the licence holders of the Dome Caravan Park for breaches of licence condition 4.1 regarding the condition of the roads and footpaths, if significant progress has not been made by 23 November 2001, or the works are not completed by 1 June 2002. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Report to be made late 2002</p> <p>Six of the 14 outstanding breaches have been remedied, together with a further three deferred cases where the unit has become vacant.</p> <p>Works not completed on time. Evidence being assembled for enforcement action.</p>
<p>FROM HOUSING MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE</p> <p>Tenant Participation Compact Review (Minute 146/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Tenant Involvement Steering Group consider the appointment of a Tenant Participation Officer. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Referred on to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for debate and recommendation and now on that Committee's work programme.</p>

<p>Land At Francis Walk, Rayleigh (Minute 148/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Referred to the Corporate Resources Sub-Committee for consideration. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Decision taken to dispose of this parcel of land. Sale proceeding.</p>
<p>Community Services – 2 April 2002</p>	
<p>Rent Arrears Recovery – Water Charges (Minute 126/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the cessation of the collection of water and sewerage charges on behalf of Water Authorities from April 2003 be supported in principle and that preliminary notice be given to the Essex and Suffolk Water Company. (2) That Tenants' views be sought in accordance with the Council's statutory duty to consult on any proposed changes to their Tenancy Agreement. (3) That a further report be submitted to the Community Services Committee after the consultation period (HRHM) 	<p>Notice given to Water Company</p> <p>Consultation exercise now completed. Very poor response received and now reported elsewhere on this agenda for final decision to be made.</p>
<p>Decorating Allowances (Minute 126/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the Decorating Allowance Scheme stop, with the proviso that the Housing Manager can award an exceptional decorating allowance of £40 per room (to a maximum of £200) if a property is refused twice or in other exceptional circumstances. 	<p>Scheme now implemented and in operation. No problems experienced.</p>

<p>(2) That exceptional decorating allowances be paid half in advance and the remainder be claimed within 6 months of accepting the tenancy following an inspection and proof of expenditure. Payments to be made directly into the rent account. (HRHM)</p>	
<p>Police Report (Minute 128/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That in noting the report, the following information be brought back to this Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) details of where uniformed officers took to the streets in the recent 'Operation Relentless' (2) the progress made by the Police Schools' Liaison Officer (3) detailed breakdown of crime statistics by postcode (4) evidence as to how these crime statistics are used to benefit crime prevention <p>(CEx)</p>	<p>Report to be presented to Community Services on 2 July 2002.</p>
<p>Best Value Report on Leisure Services (Minute 129)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the key recommendations contained in the report be monitored through the Overview and Scrutiny process by way of the regular review of the new Leisure Contract.</p> <p>(CEx)</p>	<p>The new Leisure Contractor will be reporting twice yearly into the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p>

<p>Supporting People – Progress Report (Minute 130/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council's appointment to the Essex Commissioning Body and local Core Strategy Group be the Chairman of the Community Services Committee.</p> <p>That the Supporting People local position statement be presented at a future meeting of this Committee (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Position statement agreed at meeting held on 5 June 2002.</p>
<p>Supporting People Charging – Administrative Arrangements (Minute 131/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a further report is submitted to this Committee when the final charging details are available (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Awaiting final details of scheme.</p>
<p>CCTV Funding in Local Shopping Parades (Minute 132/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the funding be used to provide Closed Circuit Television in Hockley. (CEx)</p>	<p>Discussions are being undertaken with Essex county council and contractors to secure progress with the scheme.</p>

Community Services Committee – 5 June 2002	
<p>Performance Standards for Housing and Council Tax Benefits (Minute 216/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Department for Work and Pensions' New Performance Standard for Council Tax Benefits and Housing Benefits be adopted.</p> <p>(2) That an implementation timetable be incorporated within the Financial Services Best Value Review. (HRHM)</p>	DWP now advised that the Performance Standards have been formally adopted by the Council and incorporated in the Financial Services Best Value Review.
<p>Decent Homes Delivery – Action Plan (Minute 217/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Decent Homes Delivery Action Plan be adopted. (HRHM)</p>	Action Plan now being implemented and a good start made to gathering information about stock standards. Final outcome expected Autumn with report to Committee anticipated around November 2002.
<p>Changes to licensing hours during all future New Years' Eves (Minute 220/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposed all-night relaxation of licensing hours at all future New Years' Eves be supported and that all existing public entertainment licences should be extended automatically in line with the relaxed hours permitting sales of alcohol on all future New Years' Eves.</p> <p>(2) That applications for restrictions orders should be made to licensing justices regardless of the existence of appropriate or timely licensing sessions, and that the proposed arrangements for these orders satisfy the tests of proportionality, fair balance and desirability.</p> <p>(3) That the proposals put forward in the consultation exercise maintain necessary protection for those affected and that they do not prevent any person from continuing to exercise any right or freedom which he might reasonably expect to continue to exercise. (HHHCC)</p>	Response made to Government.

<p>Domestic Violence (DV) – Secondary Schools Programme (Minute 221/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That funding support of £1,400 for the Secondary School Domestic Violence Awareness Programme be agreed. (CEx)</p>	<p>The programme is being commissioned</p>
<p>Crown Hill Art Project (Minute 222/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Crown Hill Art project be supported in kind, at no cost to the Council. (2) That Cllr J M Pullen be nominated to attend the project team meetings and that attendance at these meetings be regarded as an approved duty. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>The artist coordinating the project has been notified of Cllr J M Pullen’s nomination to the project team</p>
<p>Disabled Facilities Grant – Ex-Gratia Payment (Minute 223/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That an ex-gratia payment of £1019.37 be paid to the applicant identified in the exempt report, a copy of which is attached as an exempt appendix to the signed copy of these Minutes (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Ex-gratia payment made.</p>