

## **NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS**

The Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 13 July 2006:-

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Decision</u></b>
<b>Proposed Merger of Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire Police Areas: Consultation</b> (Minute 233/06)	That, whilst acknowledging the Home Office's latest decision to withdraw the merger proposals, this Council maintains its support for the case put forward by Essex Police Authority that Essex remains as a 'stand alone' Police Force. (CEx)
<b>Performance Management System – Quarterly Performance Report</b> (Minute 234/06)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That the format of the Quarterly Performance Report be approved, and including the Planning and Social Housing Management key information.</li><li>(2) That the arrangement be continued whereby the Quarterly Performance Report is the only report made available on a routine basis to Members in the month following the completion of each quarter. (CD(ES))</li></ol>
<b>Evaluation of CCTV Provision</b> (Minute 235/06)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That the analogue cameras be removed and replaced (plus additional cameras where necessary) and that VCRs be replaced with digital equipment at the local shopping parades at an estimated cost of £20,000.</li><li>(2) That the older digitised cameras be replaced at a cost of approximately £9,000.</li></ol>

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	(3) That early discussions be agreed around the further management and maintenance of the CCTV system involving Holmes Place, the local Chambers where they are the providers and those Town and Parish Councils who have installed their own systems, with a view to determining whether a common approach can be developed. (CEx)
<b>Proposed Partnership Guidance</b> (Minute 236/06)	(1) That the Partnership Guidance document, as set out in the appendix to the officer's report, be approved.  (2) That the Guidance document be used to aid the review of Partnerships, as already agreed by Council. (CEx)
<b>Asset Management Plan 2006/07</b> (Minute 237/06)	That the Asset Management Plan 2006/07 be endorsed. (CD(IS))
<b>Asset Management – Property Performance Indicators</b> (Minute 238/06)	(1) That the changes in performance indicators from 2004/05 to 2005/06 be noted.  (2) That the new suite of local performance indicators for 2006/07 onwards, as outlined in appendix D to the officer's report, be agreed. (CD(IS))
<b>Rayleigh and Rochford Association of Voluntary Services (RRAVS) – Position Update</b> (Minute 239/06)	That the current position and the role of the Local Strategic Partnership in attempting to look at the voluntary sector and the role of RRAVS within the District be noted. (CEx)

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Decision</u></b>
<b>Equalities and Diversity</b> (Minute 240/06)	(1) That the Corporate Equalities Strategy appended to the officer's report be adopted. (2) That its commitment to achieving level 1 of the Equality Standard by 31 March 2007 be confirmed. (3) That further reports on revisions to the Race Equalities Scheme and the development of the Disability Equality Scheme be received on a half yearly basis. (CEX)
<b>Houses in Multiple Occupation – Compulsory Licensing Fee Structure</b> (Minute 241/06)	(1) That the fee for the compulsory licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation will be £300 for an HMO with up to five bedrooms and a further £50 for each additional bedroom. (2) That the licence will last for five years. (3) That the fee for variation will be 50% of the licensing fee. (4) That an HMO owned by a registered charity shall be exempt from licensing fees. (CD(ES))
<b>Proposal to Make Changes to the Method of the Annual Canvass of Electors</b> (Minute 242/06)	That the system of internet registration be introduced as part of the canvass conducted from September – December 2006 in addition to the telephone registration and traditional postal returns and that the practice of direct contact with non-responders be continued during the final stages of the canvass to ensure the continued accuracy of the register. (HAMS)

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**Annual Efficiency  
Statement – Backward  
Look 2005/06**  
(Minute 243/06)

That the Annual Efficiency Statement Backward Look 2005/06, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed. (HFAPM)

**Conservation and Heritage  
Awards 2006**  
(Minute 245/06)

That Cllrs R A Amner, T G Cutmore, T Livings, D G Stansby and Mrs M J Webster be nominated to form a Panel to judge the 2006 Rochford Design, Heritage and Conservation Awards. (HPT)

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 three Members or called in by the Review Committee.

**Signed** .....  
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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