

Progress on Decisions made by the Executive/Full Council

From Full Council

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<p>Report of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee – 18 September 2007 (Minute 363(1)/07)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the conservation area boundaries be amended, as recommended. (HPT)</p>	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There will be a report to Council on 19 February 2009.		
<p>Rayleigh Grange Community Centre (Minute 363(3)/07)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre lease be extended on the present terms and conditions for an initial six months to ensure and enable repair works of an urgent nature to be carried out and completed and appropriate safety certification with respect to fabric and services of the building to be presented to the Council.</p>	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The Community Association has confirmed that all those items identified by the Property Maintenance and Highways Manager as more urgent following the general survey and more detailed specialist surveys have been completed. It is understood that some of the less urgent/longer term repairs, such as replacement of the main hall flooring, have not yet been completed. The floor replacement has been the subject of a successful £15,000 Community Initiatives Fund bid.		

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<p>(2) That, on satisfactory completion of the works identified in (1) above, the lease be extended on the present terms and conditions for an additional six months to enable less urgent repair works to fabric of the building, after which time the Council will expect the building to have been brought up to such a condition as is reasonable to expect under the terms of a “full repairing lease”.</p> <p>(3) That at the end of this twelve-month period of grace the Council enter into negotiations with the leaseholders in order to agree a new lease. In addition, the Council to take the opportunity presented by this period to review its entire lease arrangements with a view to bringing them in line with one another to ensure that a fair and equitable arrangement for all leases shall exist right across the District. (CD(ES))/(HLS)</p>	<p>The lease has been extended until July 2009, new lease arrangements will be subject to the outcome of the Review Committee’s review of the Council’s Community Halls and associated assets.</p>

From The Executive

Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy (Minute 314/08)	Red	Amber	Green
<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy be adopted.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment to approve the resultant action plan. (HES)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Internal consultation of the Action Plan is currently in progress. This will be submitted for approval by the Portfolio Holder in January 2009.</p>			

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Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park – Phase 2 Development (Minute 339/08)	Red	Amber	Green
<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, given timing and financial factors, the tree planting and ground work activity directly related to forestry grants from the Essex Community Foundation and the Forestry Commission be continued and the supplementary capital budget of £36,300 for 2008/09 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the Portfolio Holder for the Environment appoint an Advisory Group (including a local Ward Member) for the purpose of reviewing the proposals relating to other aspects of the Country Park in the context of the current financial climate and questions that have been raised on matters such as site access, bridle path arrangements and tenancy arrangements. The Group to report back to the Executive with recommendations as soon as practicable. (HES)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Proposed Local Highways Panel (Minute 356/08)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That consultation with the County Council be on the basis that the proposed Local Highways Panel be integrated into existing District Council Area Committee arrangements. (HPT)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Tree planting subject to Essex County Foundation funding has been completed. The planting subject to Forestry Commission funding is in progress using external contractors.</p> <p>The Advisory Group has been meeting. There is a report on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Discussions underway – meeting between the County Portfolio Holder for Transportation and Rochford’s Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation on 23 January 2009 to consider arrangements.</p>		

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<p>Access to Services Strategy – Update (Minute 357/08)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, subject to the trial relating to the extension of switchboard and reception hours being for a period of three months, the proposed projects outlined in paragraph 3.7 of the report be agreed in principle, the detail to be taken forward in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>(2) That a further report be submitted to the Executive once the detailed access to services business case has been assessed by officers. (HICS)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>All projects are under way with a report to be made to the Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>Officers are in the course of assessing the business case and a report will be submitted when this work is complete.</p>		
<p>Local Authority Business Grant Incentive Allocation (Minute 359/08)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Local Authority Business Grant Incentive Award for 2008 be allocated as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £84,000 to fund a full time Business Support Officer post for a period of 3 years, which also includes the cost of all relevant equipment needed including telephone, computer etc. £15,000 (£5,000 per year) for expenditure by the Chambers and local businesses on small scale initiatives, to replace the £5,000 per annum budget currently in the Council's Revenue budget. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Meeting arranged for 13 January 2009 to agree how the various programmes of work are to be taken forward. More information will be available in due course.</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50,000 to undertake a master planning exercise for Rayleigh Town Centre and a further £30,000 to enable the Council to progress this to an Area Action Plan if deemed worthwhile. • £50,000 to fund the completion of the work around the Joint Area Action Plan covering London Southend Airport and its environs. • £25,000 to commission a feasibility study/business case around the establishment of an Eco Enterprise Centre within Rochford District. (CE) 	

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Introduction Of Dog Control Orders (14/07/08) Forward Plan Reference No: 01/08 Decision That the Council adopt the following Dog Control Orders at the earliest opportunity:- The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Rochford) Order 2008 The Dogs Exclusion (Rochford) Order 2008 The Dogs on Leads (Rochford) Order 2008 The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Rochford) Order 2008 (HES)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	All Dog Control Orders came into effect on 11 August 2008.		
Air Quality Review And Assessment (Third Round) – Third Update (13/08/08) Decision To not accept the decision of the Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) regarding the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Rayleigh High Street for the exceedance of the nitrogen dioxide (NO2) annual mean. To commission a 12-month period of continuous monitoring of NO2 in High Street, Rayleigh with a subsequent modelling report. To write to Defra with the Council's intended actions in lieu of declaring an AQMA.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Quotes obtained. Letter sent to DEFRA on 27 August 2008, together with 2008 Progress Report. Response still awaited.		

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<p>To accept Defra’s decision regarding the necessity of carrying out PM10 (particulate matter) modelling and apportionment work in the area of Rawreth Industrial Estate.</p> <p>To write to Defra regarding the Council’s progress with the modelling survey, as requested. (HES)</p>			
<p>National Enforcement Priorities For Local Authorities Regulatory Services And The Implementation Of The Hampton Principles (13/08/08)</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To endorse the National Priorities as detailed within this report and recognise the requirements this places on the Council’s regulatory services.</p> <p>To approve the local emphasis proposed for these national priorities.</p> <p>To endorse the local priorities and non priorities as detailed within this report and recognise the requirements this places on the Council’s regulatory services.</p> <p>To recognise the potential influence of the newly established Local Better Regulation Office (LBRO) in directing the Council’s regulatory activity.</p> <p>That a further report be made to seek approval of revised and updated Enforcement Policies relevant to Environmental Services.</p> <p>That the National enforcement priorities are incorporated into the Environmental and Community Services Divisional Plans. (HES)</p>	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>The Priorities were used to inform the recent restructuring of Environmental Services.</p> <p>A draft Enforcement Policy has been prepared and is being consulted upon internally. Consultation will be undertaken with the local Chamber of Commerce before it is submitted to the Portfolio Holder for approval in March 2009.</p>		

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Sponsorship Of Roundabouts And Other Area On And Off Highway (22/08/08)	Red	Amber	Green
<p>Decision</p> <p>That the option to participate in further sponsorship of roundabouts and potentially other highway sites be agreed.</p> <p>That the contract arrangement set up by Essex County Council with a private company to obtain sponsorship also be agreed. (HLS)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Contract arrangements formally agreed.</p>			

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<p>Heritage Development Funding (25/07/08) Forward Plan Reference No: 4/08</p> <p>Decision Utilising the budget made available for development of the District’s “Heritage Offer” to produce a ‘Rochford Heritage Guide’ detailing areas of historic interest in the District, including information with regard to where they are located and if access is available. (HCS)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>All Parish/Town Councils were contacted for information to be included in the guide, other additional information is currently being collated and a photographer is producing and collecting pictures for the guide.</p>			
<p>Chamber Of Trade Funding Proposals (10/10/08)</p> <p>Decision To reject the proposals reference Bid 002 and 003. To agree to fund the proposals reference Bid 001, 004, 005, 006. Where proposals are successful only make offers that are subject to the Chambers of Trade submitting more detailed and evidenced costings for each of the activities outlined. (CE)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Chambers of Trade have now provided RDC with relevant quotes for two of the agreed applications. RDC are in process of agreeing the quotes and issuing cheque payment. Further detail on other successful applications expected over the next few months.</p>			
<p>Open Spaces Refurbishment Programme 2008/09 (24/10/08) Forward Plan Reference No: 11/08</p> <p>Decision That this year’s budget allocation is used to address health and safety concerns at the Rochford Reservoir, providing new surfacing for footpaths and embankment steps together with a contingency sum to deal with other urgent issues. (HES)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Tenders are being sought for the works concerned by the Property Maintenance & Highways Section of Legal Services. It is anticipated that a Works Order will be placed within this financial year.</p>			

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Progress on Decisions of Former Executive Board assimilated by Portfolio for Planning and Transportation

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<p>Wyvern Community Transport Grant (Minute 327/07)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Wyvern Community Transport be requested to give consideration to arrangements for greater levels of engagement with the Council and to consider options for the operation and funding of the service in 2009. (HCS)</p>	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Officers meet with WCT every 6-8 weeks, to offer advice and guidance and attend Trustee meetings. The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation has visited WCT and discussed service delivery with the WCT's manager.</p> <p>It is understood that Essex County Council is undertaking a review of community transport grants with a view to requiring a specified minimum level of service delivery in every district from 2011, when the current grant arrangements are due for renewal. The services delivered in Rochford are considered by the County Council to be extremely good, but there may be changes arising from the grant review.</p>		

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Residents Parking Schemes (Minute 384/07)	Red	Amber	Green
<p>Resolved</p> <p>That the options for amendments to Traffic Regulation Orders or the introduction of new Traffic Regulation Orders in the areas identified in appendix 1 to the report be discussed with the Essex County Council Highways Section. (HPT)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Resolved</p> <p>That a legal agreement be prepared to enable the transfer of responsibility for managing the CCTV cameras in Websters Way car park to Rayleigh Town Council, to include maintenance and repair as required. (HPT)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>It is understood that from the County Council that funding is not likely to be forthcoming for amendments to the TROs listed in the appendix.</p> <p>It is though possible that proposals could be put forward for consideration through the next locally determined budget; the proposals for more local control over the decisions about highway works and projects (localism) to be delivered in Rochford through the Area Committees provides an opportunity for consideration to be given to appropriate changes to existing TROs or the provision of new TROs.</p>		
	<p>The legal agreement was signed on 21 August 2008.</p>		

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Progress on Portfolio Holder Decisions

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Car Parks Customer Survey 2008 (15/12/08)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
That the results of the 2008 survey be published, including a summary leaflet, and that a further survey be carried out in Spring 2010. (HPS)	The results of the 2008 survey have been published and a summary leaflet is available on the Council's website.		

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Great Wakering Youth Provision Update (Minute 8/08)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>That further consultation be carried out to determine longer term options for youth facilities in Great Wakering. The consultation to distinguish between facilities that could be provided and facilities that are aspirational. (HCS)</p>	<p>Extensive consultation has been carried out and, in addition, a Member level meeting has taken place involving the District and County Councils to consider options for broader facility development in that part of the District.</p>		

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<p>Allocation Of Additional Youth Facilities Capital Budget – Teen Shelter Provision (25/07/08) Forward Plan Reference No: 7/08</p>	Red	Amber	Green
<p>Decision</p> <p>That the allocation of the £20,000 budget for additional youth facilities be on the basis of £18,000 being spread equally between seven Parish/Town Councils who expressed an interest in the project (subject to appropriate sites being identified) and that the remaining £2,000 be utilised for the installation and transportation of an existing teen shelter at various sites for a trial period. (HCS)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Hockley, Ashingdon, Hullbridge, Rochford, Canewdon Parish Councils & Rayleigh Town Council all expressed an interest in the project and funding. Hullbridge Parish Council have received additional funding from CIF, Canewdon & Rochford were granted funding from Awards for All. Orders for shelters in those areas will be made in late January 09. Rayleigh Town Council received CIF funding for their project and as a result an additional shelter may now be placed in St John Fisher (TBC), the temporary shelter in King Georges will be removed once the larger project has begun and will be utilised by Hockley & Ashingdon for trials.</p>		

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