

UPDATE FROM THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

Members, the meeting has already received the Minutes of meetings of the Executive since our last Full Council meeting on 26 July 2022. I am happy to provide an update, for information purposes, on business dealt with by the Executive since then.

At its meeting on 27 September the Executive:-

- Approved the draft Litter Strategy 2022-2025 and delegated authority to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, to oversee the design and layout of the document and make minor changes to the Litter Strategy in advance of publication.
- Noted the Quarter 1 2022/23 revenue budget and capital position as set out in the report and appendices.
- Noted the progress being made to deliver and finalise the draft Sustainability Strategy.

At its meeting on 11 October the Executive:-

- Resolved to investigate if existing staff can be upskilled to take on the outstanding roles within the #OneTeam Transformation Programme and to adopt an appropriate methodology to log and track issues that pose risks for the Council.
- Noted the health check review of the Asset Delivery Programme and the recommendations contained therein.
- Resolved that, going forward with the ADP, consideration of the impact of our carbon footprint be given when buying in services and procuring goods. That a risk register/issues log be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis and that the Executive ensures that the programme continues to be vision-led and forward-thinking.
- Reviewed and noted the current version of the joint Cost of Living Action Plan for Rochford & Brentwood.

Portfolio Holder decisions have been taken that have:-

- Approved a policy for distributing discretionary energy rebate payments using the funding available from Government for this purpose.
- Approved a policy for awarding Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) to rated businesses in the Rochford District Council area.

- Agreed that Rochford District Council enters into an agreement to transfer the freehold interest in the land and to transfer the bus shelters currently within the Council's ownership to Essex County Council. Authority was delegated to the Assistant Director, Assets & Commercial, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Assets & Leisure, to negotiate the final detail of the Collaboration Agreement to enact the transfer of the freehold interest of land and the bus shelters to the County Council.
- Agreed to publish the Modern Slavery Act 2015 Transparency Statement for the year 2022/23.
- Agreed that a grant of up to £5000 be made to the Paglesham Parish Council to fund activities associated with the HMS Beagle anchor to create a permanent monument in the village.
- Agreed that car parking charges in all Council car parks are suspended on the Saturdays during December prior to Christmas – the dates are 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.
- Agreed to sell the Council-owned land to the adjacent landowner at 16 Glencrofts at a value to be determined by an independent and qualified evaluation.
- Approved the Food Safety and Health & Safety Service Plans for 2022/23.