

## **NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS**

The Planning Policy & Transportation Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 3 April 2007:-

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Decision</u></b>
<b>Issues Arising from Review Committee</b>  <b>1 Review of Bus Services</b> (Minute 104/07)	(1) That County Highways be asked to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Explore with the local residents ways in which the transport link between the Dome and Hullbridge could be improved.</li><li>- Explore ways of improving evening services generally.</li><li>- Explore the possibility of reinstating the No. 8 service from Hawkwell to Rayleigh during the week.</li><li>- Explore with the local residents ways in which the local bus services could be expanded to cater for people wishing to visit places of recreation from the Rochford District. (HPT)</li></ul>
<b>2 Review of the Operation of the Planning Enforcement Service</b> (Minute 104/07)	(1) That the Head of Planning and Transportation conducts an annual review of outstanding enforcement cases, with the Development Control Committee to confirm those cases to be closed.

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- (2) That the Head of Planning and Transportation reviews the provision of duty cover in order that those members of the enforcement team that have study leave do not spend a material part of their week as part of the duty rota and for him to give further consideration to his staffing levels as a result.
- (3) That the Head of Planning and Transportation records the date of the last action on the 'live case' list report.
- (4) That the Head of Planning and Transportation regularly submits the number of outstanding cases, together with details of enforcement notices issued and appeals lodged, to the Development Control Committee.
- (5) That the Head of Planning and Transportation implements the following changes to the public documentation relating to planning enforcement:-

### Enforcement Policy

- 'Pursuing any breach of planning control to its resolution so far as it is reasonable and expedient to do so' should be amended to 'pursuing any breach of planning control to a satisfactory conclusion'.

### Complete Guide to the Enforcement Service

- Reference should be made, on page 2, to how people should register complaints and in what form.
- Page 10 should include details of how to access the website and other ways of contacting Rochford District Council.

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- Page 17 should include details of the location of the Council offices and of provision for writing in to the Council.
- (6) That the Head of Planning and Transportation investigates the possibility of submitting the public documentation relating to planning enforcement for the 'crystal mark'.
- (7) That the Head of Planning and Transportation continues the dialogue with other Authorities regarding best practice relating to enforcement and regularly reports back to Members.
- (8) That, in those cases where an impasse has been reached and court action has failed to resolve the breach of planning rules, the Head of Planning and Transportation reports the case to the Development Control Committee for direct action to be considered to remedy the breach.
- (9) That the Head of Planning and Transportation publishes a quarterly planning enforcement report in *Rochford District Matters*, stating the number of new cases and cases closed in the quarter.
- (10) That the Head of Planning and Transportation commissions an aerial survey of the district bi-annually, with a link on the Council's website, to enable residents to acquire aerial photographs of their homes and neighbourhood. (HPT)

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**Report of the Planning Policy Sub-Committee**  
(Minute 108/07)

- (1) That the draft Regulation 26 Core Strategy, as appended to the report, be approved for consultation in line with the requirements of the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement, subject to the level of affordable housing included in paragraph 4.7.11 being set at 30% on all developments of 25 or more units.
- (2) That consultation be undertaken in line with the above and the results of this reported to Members.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to carry out minor amendments to the draft Regulation 26 Core Strategy to ensure consistency and correctness following public consultation in line with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. (HPT)

**Rochford Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan** (Minute 109/07)

- (1) That, subject to the following amendments to the officer's report, the changes outlined in the report be agreed and the Rochford Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be adopted and included as part of the evidence base for the Rochford District Local Development Framework:-
  - Paragraph 4.4, replace "may" with "will".
  - Paragraph 4.5, replace "should" with "will".
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to carry out minor amendments to the Rochford Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan to ensure consistency and correctness. Any such amendments, if required, will be reported to Committee. (HPT)

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**Heritage Protection for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** (Minute 110/07)

That, subject to strengthening the wording of paragraph 2.9 of the report relating to demolition, the report should form the basis of the Council's response to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport on the White Paper, Heritage Protection for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. (HPT)

**Biological Records Initiative for Essex** (Minute 111/07)

That Essex County Council be advised that Rochford District Council does not wish to contribute to the Biological Records Initiative at this point in time. (HPT)

**Review of Locally Determined Programme 2006/07 and Presentation of Locally Determined Programme 2007/08** (Minute 112/07)

- (1) That the programme of locally determined schemes, as detailed in section 4 of the report, be approved for the current financial year.
- (2) That the rolling programme of reserve schemes, listed in section 5 of the report, be approved. (County Highways)

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

**Dated**.....

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