

PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress
From Policy and Finance Committee	
Electronic Communication Links (Minute 434/03) Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the upgrading of the Council's website, as set out in paragraphs 4.10 and 4.11 of the report, be approved. (HAMS) 	Software purchased and training provided for staff. New web pages being developed.
Land at Bradley Way, Rochford (Minute 438/03) Resolved That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration), in consultation with the Committee Chairman, to accept the highest offer available for sale of the site freehold, subject to:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The receipt of acceptable references/detail pertaining to the purchaser. The retention of appropriate terminology associated with property use and provision for car parking as outlined in the report (CD(L,P&A)) 	Completed - 1 June 2004

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<p>Telecommunications Installation in Freight House Car Park, Rochford (Minute 62(2)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a small parcel of land in the Freight House Car Park, Rochford be leased for the installation of telecommunications equipment on the terms outlined in the report.</p> <p>(2) That the equipment be concealed within a fully operational lamp standard. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Terms agreed. Lease engrossed for formal completion.</p>
<p>Shaping the Future of Essex - A Community Strategy 2004-2024 (Minute 167/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That signing up to the Strategy as drafted be supported in principle, with the qualification that such support will need to be further assessed in the light of the detail emerging in the Action Plans. (CE)</p>	<p>Comments sent to ECC, as originators of the report</p>
<p>Child Protection Policy (minute 168/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, subject to the programme of training for all affected staff being reported to this Committee, the Child Protection Policy currently used by the Council's Leisure Section be adopted as the Corporate Child Protection Policy for use by all relevant service areas. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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<p>Rochford Reception (Minute 170/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That officers produce an outline tender specification to facilitate expressions of interest from suitable companies. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Tendering exercise completed. Report to be made to this Committee.</p>
<p>Decriminalised Parking Enforcement - Staffing (Minute 171/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the staffing levels and grades outlined at Appendix 1 of the exempt report be implemented with effect from 1 August 2004 (1 October 2004 in the case of the TUPE transferred officer). (HRHM)</p>	<p>Currently in the recruitment stages of this process</p>
<p>Tenant Participation (Minute 172/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the post identified in the exempt report be regraded from Scale 2-4 to Scale 6 with effect from 1 April 2004.</p> <p>(2) That the post be made full-time and the short-term nature of the appointment be deleted. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p>

Item	Progress
From Full Council	
<p>Committee Minutes and Reports (Minute 364/03)</p> <p>Disposal of Old Ship Lane Public Convenience and Car Park - Further Issues (Minute 355)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Old Ship Lane public convenience be demolished and redeveloped for car parking purposes to provide a total of approximately 10 spaces to the rear of the Old Ship public house.</p> <p>(2) That the car park be brought within the Council's Car Parking Order and that the spaces be designated as paying spaces, with a maximum permitted stay of 2 hours.</p> <p>(3) That the above be financed from within the existing Capital programme. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Works begun week commencing 21/6.</p> <p>Alterations to Order will follow redevelopment</p>
<p>Finance Best Value Review (Minute 357/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Head of Financial Services be instructed to report in December with proposals for improvements to the payroll and personnel services. (CD(F&ES)) 	<p>The report being prepared for submission to Committee in mid-2004.</p>

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<p>Development of Council Owned Land (Minute 600(17)/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, subject to additional provisos emanating from public consultation, development now proceed on the proposed housing schemes at Hambro Close, Rayleigh; Warwick Drive, Rochford; Tylney Avenue, Rochford and Hardwick House (and adjacent land), Rayleigh.</p> <p>(2) That the land designated in respect of the four sites in (1) above be transferred to the Swan Housing Group at nil cost, subject to planning permission and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Hardwick House scheme – supporting people revenue funding. For the Tylney Avenue scheme – conclusion of the investigation into a possible covenant and any necessary statutory notice provisions relating to the former playspace. <p>on such terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate in accordance with the general consent and to secure the provision of the approved housing scheme. (HHHCC/HLS)</p>	<p>Implemented save for Hambro Close where planning consent refused.</p> <p>Implemented with exception of Hambro Close and Tylney Avenue.</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>Report to follow on restriction and terms of release.</p>
<p>Budget Strategy 2004/04 - 2008/09 (Minute 46/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That officers prepare a revised long-term Budget Strategy in line with discussions at the Member/Officer Budget Away-day held on 24 January 2004. (HFS) 	<p>Under preparation.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, subject to full funding being available from external sources, officers progress the introduction of a free and independent housing advisory service within the District. (HHHCC) 	<p>Work on the development of options and sources of funding is dependent on appointment to the newly created Housing Service Improvement Officer post. Unable to recruit at first attempt. Post to be re-advertised.</p>
<p>Council Tax Improvement Action Plan (Minute 208(21)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the revised Action Plan for Council Tax Service Improvement be agreed. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Plan now in the early stages of implementation</p>
<p>Fourth Option Authorities Lobby (Minute 208(21)(b)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That in principle support be given to a Fourth Option Forum, operating within the umbrella of the Local Government Association rather than outside it, with a membership confined to those authorities operating the Fourth Option political arrangements in the first instance. (CE)</p>	<p>Council's response sent to Selby Borough Council, the co-ordinating authority.</p>
<p>Revenue & Benefit Team – Staff Retention and Recruitment (Minute 208(21)(c)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the post referred to in the Exempt Report be deleted from the establishment. That the post referred to in the Exempt Report be made redundant. (HRHM) 	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p>

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<p>Kerbside Recycling Expansion/Additional Defra Funding (Minute 210/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Recycling Sub-Committee's recommendations to expand the Kerbside Recycling Scheme District-wide, as detailed in Section 3.3 of the exempt report, be agreed, subject to the wording of the eighth recommendation being amended as follows:-</p> <p>In accordance with existing policy, the lids of bins should be shut.</p> <p>(2) That a letter be sent to the County Council asking that consideration be given to the opening of an additional Civic Amenity Site in the east of Rochford District.</p> <p>(3) That residents be able to request the Authority for an additional grey bin and, in the event of such requests being refused by officers, have the right to have their request considered by the Appeals & Licensing Committee. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Discussions being held with Serviceteam with regard to the implementation process.</p>