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**OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

ITEM	PROGRESS / OFFICER
<p><b>Planning: Delivering a Fundamental Change – Green Paper (Minute 119/02)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved to recommend to the Environmental Services Committee</b></p> <p>(1) That the wording in the bullet points to Minute 96/02 be strengthened so that the resolution reads:-</p> <p>“That this report forms the basis of the Rochford District Council’s response to the Government Green Paper “Planning: Delivering a Fundamental Change” subject to the following Member comments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disagreement with the proposal that there should be new business planning zones with relaxed planning controls.</li><li>• Support for the proposal that planning consents be limited to three rather than five years, with applications for renewals being considered afresh.</li><li>• It is totally contradictory for the Government to say that the process for Local Plans should be speeded up, while at the same time seeking more extensive</li></ul>	Implemented.

<p>community involvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disagreement with a local plan system that can change on a day-to-day basis, stability being essential to any planning system.</li> <li>• A major omission is that there is no indication of whether the District Council or the planning applicant would bear the charge for the responses of statutory consultees.</li> <li>• It is fundamentally desirable that Parish Councils, Chambers of Trade and other local organisations are not left out of the process.</li> <li>• There is a specific requirement to fill the gap between the local development framework and the regional tier.</li> <li>• Concern that many of the changes proposed in the Green Paper should not be implemented until a Regional Government has been elected by popular franchise. (HPS)</li> </ul> <p>(2) That the Government also be advised :-</p> <p>(i) That more time should have been given for responses to this fundamentally important Green Paper.</p> <p>(ii) This Council would have liked further clarification on what is actually meant by the opportunity for more autonomy in planning at local level with</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>
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specific examples of how local autonomy could be carried forward. <b>(HPS)</b>	
<p><b>Overall Work Programme (Minute 120/02)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the Work Programme set out in the report of the Chief Executive be agreed on the basis of the following specific arrangements:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies on the emerging local plan and rural/urban bus initiatives to be a key early area of work.</li> <li>• That Essex County Council Highways and their contractor be asked to formally report to this Committee on progress in relation to the town centres, other highway matters and any issues arising in July, the frequency of updates to be determined at that meeting.</li> <li>• That twice yearly (the September/October and February/March cycles) the Council's Contractor, ServiceTeam, be asked to formally report on progress and issues relating to the refuse collection and street cleansing contracts.</li> <li>• That issues arising out of problems at the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Plant be brought to this Committee as and when they arise.</li> <li>• That consideration of the Hackney Carriage Licensing arrangements and consultation with both operators and drivers be programmed for completion by the Summer</li> </ul>	Implemented.

<p>recess at the latest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That work on the programming and reporting on the effectiveness of the roll-out of the kerbside recycling initiative and consideration of any amendments to the current scheme and the way forward be timetabled so that it is completed by October/November 2002. <b>(C Ex)</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Public Transport Initiatives – Invitation for Bid Submissions to the Rural and Urban Challenge Funds (Minute 121/02)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved to recommend to the Environmental Services Committee</b></p> <p>That the Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services be approached on the possibilities for joint working to establish the feasibility of submitting Challenge Fund bids aimed at addressing transport problems in areas of demonstrable need within the District. <b>(C Ex)</b></p>	<p>The Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services has been approached.</p>

<p><b>Rochford District Replacement Local Plan – New Sections and Timetable for Deposit (Minute 122/02)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Environmental Services Committee be advised that time and resource pressures are such that it is unlikely the Local Plan First Deposit Draft will be finalised before September 2002.</p> <p>(2) That Members of this Committee submit any specific observations they have on the report appendices to the Head of Planning Services so that these can be compiled and reported for detailed consideration to the next meeting. <b>(HPS)</b></p>	<p>Implemented.</p>
<p><b>Development Control/Building Control Best Value Review – Final Report (Minute 168/02)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the objective to reduce the size of the Planning Committee be referred to Full Council for determination. <b>(HPS)</b></p> <p>(1) That the objective to organise a regular focus group on planning be referred to Full Council with a recommendation that this should not be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the objective to remove the requirement for Ward Member consultation when agreeing minor amendments to applications first determined by the Planning Committee be referred to Full Council with a recommendation that this should not be</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>

<p>approved. <b>(HPS)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved to recommend to Council</b></p> <p>(1) That the objective relating to redesigning Planning Reception in Acacia House be deferred pending future asset management deliberations. <b>(HPS)</b></p> <p>(2) That the revised action plan (appendix 1, attached to the signed copy of these Minutes) be approved. <b>(HPS)</b></p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Implemented.</p>
<p><b>Rochford District Replacement Local Plan – Further Policies and Planning Guidance (Minute 170/02)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That consideration of the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan – Further Policies and Planning Guidance be deferred to the next meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. <b>(HPS)</b></p>	<p>Implemented.</p>