

PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

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| <p>CCTV Evaluation (Minute 308/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposal to evaluate the existing CCTV systems be agreed, with the evaluation costs of £8,000 being funded from the Crime and Disorder Reserve.</p> <p>(2) That the Town and Parish Councils and Chambers of Trade, where applicable, be approached, with a view to providing a contribution towards the costs of evaluation. (CE)</p> | <p>Returns exceeded the budget provision. Police have now undertaken initial evaluation of CCTV systems. Discussions underway on best way forward.</p> |
| <p>Community Transport – Longer Term Funding (Minute 145(1)/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, for the present time, the taxi voucher scheme be retained and expanded, although, where necessary, an alternative provision be considered in six months time. (HRHM) | <p>Community Transport Trust have not yet indicated whether they wish to accept Taxi Voucher on the Community bus so this issue need not be considered until such a request is received.</p> |
| <p>Rochford Market Town Funding (Minute 277/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the following main project be put forward for further discussion with the Parish Council, the Regeneration Project Group and Essex County Council, with a view to ensuring that the £50,000 allocated by the County Council is spent by August 2006:-</p> | <p>District Council's views put forward to County Council. Discussions now in hand between Essex County Council, the District Council and Rochford Regeneration to take the project forward.</p> |

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| Improvements to the town's main gateways – South Street junction; West Street junction; North Street/Weir Pond Road and Weir Pond Road/East Street (with particular reference to the railings and area around Bradley Way/Station Road down to the railway bridge). (CE) | |
| Asset Management Plan 2005 (Minute 278/05) Resolved That, subject to the inclusion of reference to the work of the Playspace Sub - Committee on public play spaces and to 'September 2005' being indicated in the timescale against items 2 and 3 on page 11.19 of the report, the Asset Management Plan 2005 be endorsed. (CD(LP&A)) | Plan amended accordingly. |
| Asset Management – Property Performance Indicators (Minute 279/05) Resolved That, subject to review of the space utilisation figures identified at Appendix C of the report to ensure that all locations are captured, the changes in performance indicators from 2003/04 to 2004/05 be noted. (CD(F&ES)) | Implemented |
| Implementing Electronic Government (Minute 280/05) Resolved (1) That the IEG 4.5 Mid Term Return for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister be approved. (2) That the work to implement the 'Government Connect' programme through a partnership approach with the Essex Online Partnership be approved. (HAMS) | Implemented. The Government Connect Team will be making a presentation to the Essex Association of Chief Executives on 29 September 2005 about a partnership approach. |

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| <p>Housing Management - Staffing (Minute 284/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a Housing Finance Officer post be created on Scale SO1 with effect from 1 August 2005 on the basis set out in the exempt report. (HRHM)</p> | <p>Implemented.</p> |
| <p>From Full Council</p> <p>Development of Council Owned Land (Minute 600(I7)/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the land designated in respect of the four sites be transferred to the Swan Housing Group at nil cost, subject to planning permission and: <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 with the exception of Tylney Avenue. Revised proposals presented to Community Services Committee on 4 October 2005.</p> |

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| <p>Budget Strategy 2004/04 - 2008/09 (Minute 46/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <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>Options for the provision of this service are being investigated as part of the work to prepare for the housing stock ballot</p> |
| <p>Draft Animal Welfare Charter (Minute 555(13)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That literature be made available on the safety of animals in emergency situations. That an article appear in Rochford District Matters advising residents that work is identified within the Local Plan on wildlife and conservation issues, together with guidance relating to the sensitive treatment of tree felling associated with planning applications. That consideration be given to the possibility of extending the Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park and of developing wildlife walks at Foulness with observation posts in order to encourage greater appreciation of wildlife, particularly given aspirations to develop Rochford as a centre of leisure and tourism within the Thames Gateway South Essex. That the Animal Welfare Charter be reviewed in 12 months' time. (HHHCC) | <p>Implemented.</p> <p>Implemented - article included in autumn 2005 edition.</p> <p>Extension of Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park is included within the Council's corporate policy framework.</p> <p>The Council has now received the Inspector's Report into the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan – the proposed allocation for the Country Park has been confirmed, including the land fronting Cherry Orchard Way.</p> <p>To be reviewed December 2005.</p> |

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| <p>The Local Authorities (Indemnity for Members and Officers) Order 2004 (Minute 196(15)(a)/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That a revised Protocol for Outside Bodies taking these decisions into account be considered at a future meeting of the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee. That the Local Government Association be approached to ascertain its views on the adequacy of the insurance provided and the possibility of the Association lobbying for improvements to the indemnity that can be made available to Members. (CD(LPA)). | <p>Revised protocol to be considered by Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee in tandem with item below (HLS)</p> <p>The matter is under consideration by the LGA information Office who are seeking wider views from officers within that organisation</p> |
| <p>Development and Access to Land at 5 Weir Pond Road, Rochford (Minute 196(15)(c)/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the land at the end of Oast Way, Rochford be sold to the Applicant at market value subject to the Applicant agreeing to meet the Council's legal fees, costs and valuation expenses and such other conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate. (HLS)</p> | <p>Implemented.</p> |

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| <p>Motion on Notice from Councillors C I Black, C J Lumley, Mrs J R Lumley and R A Oatham (Minute 225/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That this Council investigates the possibility of creating an all-weather sports pitch at the Rayleigh Leisure Centre site (in a position identified by Councillors C I Black, C J Lumley, Mrs J R Lumley and R A Oatham that would not affect existing residents).</p> <p>That local residents, local schools, Essex County Council, Rayleigh Town Council and Rawreth Parish Council be consulted about this proposal.</p> <p>If found to be feasible, this Council then liaises with all interested bodies in order to achieve this, and to obtain funding. (CD(F&ES))</p> | <p>Site identified by Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group late August.</p> <p>The full consultation exercise required by this minute could prove abortive if the appeal in respect of the Sweyne Park pitch goes against the Council.</p> <p>Statements in respect of the appeal were dispatched in June. A site visit by the Inspector is scheduled for 18 October. It is anticipated that a decision will be received relatively quickly after this date.</p> |
| <p>Parking Charges (Minute 226/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposed parking charges and tariff structure, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be implemented.</p> <p>(2) That a season ticket charge structure be introduced over a three-year period equating to 80% of the annual equivalent of the daily charge.</p> <p>(3) That the Council's strategy on charging Blue Badge holders, as identified in the report, be agreed. (HRHM)</p> | <p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p> |

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| <p>Performance Plan (Minute 227/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Performance Plan 2005 be approved, with authority delegated to the Chief Executive to correct any factual errors identified during a final check. (CE)</p> | <p>Implemented. Plan produced.</p> |
| <p>Annual Efficiency Statement – Backward Look 2004/05 (Minute 228/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Annual Efficiency Statement – Backward Look 2004/05, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, be agreed. (CD(F&ES))</p> | <p>Implemented</p> |
| <p>Review of Corporate Governance Policy (Minute 308(19)(a)/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the annual assessment of the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance be agreed. (CD(F&ES))</p> | <p>Implemented</p> |
| <p>Motion on Notice (Minute 309/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That this Council increases the number of days that it flies flags other than the Council's own flag. It has already been agreed to fly the St George's Cross on St George's Day and appropriate flags should now be flown on the following days:-</p> | <p>Implemented</p> |

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| <p>St George's Day - 23 April (previously agreed)</p> <p>VE Day - 8 May</p> <p>VJ Day - 14 August</p> <p>Battle of Britain - 15 September</p> <p>Trafalgar Day - 21 October</p> <p>This means that, apart from the statutory days, the Council will fly appropriate flags on five other days.</p> <p>(2) That the St George's Day Sub-Committee has both its name and sphere of work amended as follows to take into account the additional days when we will be remembering both our District's history and those brave men and women who served in the services, as well as civilians, and in some cases paid the ultimate price:-</p> <p>(a) The Sub-Committee to be renamed the Heritage Sub-Committee and to report into the Community Services Committee. Its terms of reference to be amended to include responsibility for co-ordinating events and celebrations throughout the District on the days identified in resolution (1) above falling in the current Municipal Year.</p> <p>(b) The Community Services Committee, having delegated responsibility for heritage issues, to be asked to consider arrangements and budget provision for celebration of these days in future years. (CD(F&ES))</p> | <p>Implemented. First meeting of Sub Committee in the process of being arranged.</p> |
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| <p>Draft Financial Statements (Minute 312/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Financial Statements 2004/05 be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>(2) That the Statements be agreed for submission to the external auditors. (HFS)</p> | <p>The external auditors are currently auditing the accounts with a view to them being signed off in accordance with Audit Commission guidelines.</p> |
| <p>Report of Waste Management and Recycling Sub-Committee (Minute 313/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the following recycling initiatives be implemented:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of smaller recycling collection vehicle. • Collection of old green bins for recycling. • Purchase of blue boxes and red, re-usable bags. • Continue with emptying of plastic recycling banks on a weekly frequency. (CD(F&ES)) | <p>Vehicle on order</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>Part of re-cycling evaluation. Report to Waste Management Sub Committee, 11/10.</p> <p>Implemented.</p> |
| <p>Sutton Court Drive Playspace, Rochford (Minute 314/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That Phase 1 works be carried out at the Sutton Court Playspace, Rochford as described in the report submitted at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee in the sum of £3,500.</p> | <p>Confirmation per financial contribution received from Parish Council. Works held until end of school holiday.</p> |

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| <p>(2) That Rochford Parish Council contribute 50% of the above cost, confirmed in writing, in the Financial Year 2006/07. (CD(F&ES))</p> | |
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