

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive made the following decisions at its meeting on 15 April 2009:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Report of Review Committee on the operation of the political decision making structure (Minute 87/09)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) That, given likely work activity associated within the highways localism agenda, the current frequency of Area Committee meetings be retained.(2) That the possibility of using additional microphones for the Members of the Area Committee and the introduction of a hearing loop be explored, costs to be identified prior to a final decision.(3) That alternative room layouts be explored for Area Committee venues to ensure that members of the public are able to see, hear and follow proceedings.(4) That, in view of the expectations already associated with the role of Councillor, there is no need to pursue report recommendations (4) and (5).(5) That, following appointment, the Area Committee Chairmen meet with the Lead Officers for the Area Committees and their deputies in order to promote a consistency of approach and plan what topics they would like to be presented to the meetings, and that an aide memoire be provided for each meeting.(6) That, subject to recognising the value of a consistent approach across the areas, existing arrangements in respect of Area Committee agendas and public questions be retained (report recommendations 8 and 9 refer).

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- (7) That answers provided to members of the public at Area Committees should be in plain English and free from technical jargon.
- (8) That, given the Review Committee is itself able to initiate work on the areas identified as considered appropriate, there is no need to pursue report recommendations 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 and 19. The existence of legislation meaning that it will be appropriate for the Constitution to identify that the Review Committee picks up review/scrutiny activity in respect of Crime and Disorder matters in the next Municipal Year is acknowledged.
- (9) That report recommendation 13 is noted, Portfolio Holders being able to utilise Advisory Groups for policy development as considered appropriate.
- (10) That, in the context of the size of the Authority, available resources and existing practices relating to cover, there is no need to pursue report recommendation 14 (Executive Support Members).
- (11) That a summary, in plain English, of the decision to be made be included in the Key Decision column of the Forward Plan.
- (12) That, notwithstanding that the importance of the role of Members serving on the Review Committee should be recognised, there be no change to the number of appointees or the term of office relating to appointments to the Committee. The Review Committee has the facility to co-opt non Committee Members to Project Teams as considered appropriate (report recommendations 20 and 21 refer). (HICS)

**Performance Report on
Key Projects for the period
January to March 2009**
(Minute 89/09)

That the progress against Key Projects for the fourth quarter of 2008/09 be noted. (HFAPM)

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Performance Report on Key Indicators for the period January to March 2009. (Minute 90/09)	That the progress against Key Performance Indicators for the fourth quarter of 2008/09 be noted. (HFAPM)
Inter Authority Agreement between Rochford District Council and Essex County Council to support the delivery of the Essex Waste Strategy (Forward Plan ref 20/08) (Minute 90/09)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the Service Delivery Plan for Refuse and Recycling Services in Rochford for 2009/10 – 2014/15, as shown at Appendix A of the report, be approved. (2) That the Council enter into the Inter Authority Agreement with Essex County Council on the basis detailed in the report, the timing to be determined by the Portfolio Holder for the Environment in consultation with the Head of Environmental Services. (3) That authority be delegated to the Executive Portfolio Holder for the Environment to agree minor amendments to the Inter Authority Agreement with the aim of finalising it once it has been taken through all District and Borough Councils' governance processes for consideration and approval. (HES)
Draft Strategic Plan for NHS South East Essex 2009-2014 (Minute 91/09)	That the officer comments outlined in the report be this Council's formal response to the draft Strategic Plan. (CE)
EERA; What future for Regional Local Government arrangements in the East of England? (Minute 92/09)	That, given the undemocratic nature of the proposals, the East of England Regional Assembly be advised that this Authority cannot support any part of the consultation document. (CE)

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**Timetable of Meetings
2009/10**
(Minute 94/09)

That the timetable for meetings for 2009/10, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.
(HICS)

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.

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Head of Information and Customer Services

Dated

17 April 2009
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Note: The item relating to the employer supported volunteer programme was deferred pending a further report on possibilities in the context of being able to assist voluntary organisations against resource considerations.

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