

PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

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Unfit House (Minute 112/04) Resolved That the works specified in the notice served under the provisions of the Housing Act 1985 on the person having control of the property, detailed in the exempt report, be carried out and the costs so incurred recovered, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 193 and 194 of that Act. (HHHCC)	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Some additional work was found to be necessary which delayed completion, however, the renovation works are now complete and recovery of costs process will now start.		
Catering Franchises On Open Spaces (Minute 37/05) Resolved That officers seek public expressions of interest as to the franchise opportunities using the specification as set out by the Environmental Health officers. (CD(F&ES))	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implemented.		

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Sutton Court Playspace, Rochford (Minute 42/05) Resolved That the Playspace Sub-Committee be asked to look specifically at the issues emerging at Sutton Court and to devise a plan of action for addressing these issues, with a view to developing a working template which can be applied District-wide, including consideration in detail of the resource implications. (CD(F&ES))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Planned action plan developed. First phase of works complete. All works being funded on 50/50 basis with the Parish Council, which is hoped will be the future method for dealing with issues at playspaces. Second phase work being developed for 2006/7 subject to the Parish being able to fund the works.		
Application by Rayleigh Police Division – Renewal of Dispersal Powers (Minute 216/05) Resolved That this Committee continue to receive reports from Essex Police on the success of these powers. (CE)	Red	Amber	Green
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The Police had indicated they were still unable to provide feedback on the success of these powers locally. Members expressed great concern over the delay and the Chief Executive advised that he would continue to pursue this and keep Members informed. As at 16 January, no feedback yet received.		

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Civil Contingencies Act 2004 – Update on Progress and Implications for this Council Resolved That the Council participates in contributing to the establishment of an “Essex Core Resilience Team” as outlined in the report, at an annual cost of £15,000. (CE)	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implemented.		
Hardwick House Site – Naming of Developments Resolved That Swan Housing Group be requested to organise a competition amongst the scheme’s residents to name the new older person’s scheme at Dobson’s Close, Rayleigh. (HHHCC)	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Competition to be organised once residents are in occupation.		
Report of The Windmill Sub-Committee (Minute 321/05) Resolved That officers investigate ways and means of licensing the Windmill for weddings and seek to negotiate with Holmes Place to achieve a package that will attract brides and grooms. (CD(F&ES))			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	An initial reference is made to this issue within Item 14 of this agenda.		

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Pooles Lane Playspace, Hullbridge – Proposed Extension To Playspace (Minute 322/05) Resolved (1) That the use of additional Rochford District Council land to expand the playspace, with equipment funded through the Parish Council and grants they have secured, be agreed. (2) That a press release be issued highlighting the partnership/joint funding nature of this initiative. (CD(F&ES))			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implemented; all works completed. Corporate Communications Officer is liaising with Parish Council for photo opportunity to accompany press release.		
Playspace Rolling Programme 2005/06 (Minute 323/05) Resolved That the programme of playspace refurbishments, as set out at paragraph 3.2 of the report, be agreed. (CD(F&ES))			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Works completed December 2005.		

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Progress on Decisions – Woodlands (Minute 362/05) Resolved That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services), in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to make arrangements for the introduction of a suitable advertising board at the Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park to facilitate the identification of the sponsors of the trees being planted in commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar. Press releases to be issued as appropriate. (CD(F&ES))	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Design for board received and amendment and now being passed to Chairman of this Committee for approval. Currently over 100 trees have been sponsored.		
Development Of Council Owned Land (Minute 363/05) Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the revised proposal for ten units of social rented housing at Tylney Avenue, Rochford, including two bungalows suitable for wheelchair users, twenty one on site parking spaces and six further neighbourhood parking spaces, be approved. That the land at Twyford Avenue/Mercer Avenue, Great Wakering be transferred to the Swan Housing Group at nil cost subject to the necessary planning permission being obtained and such terms as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate to secure the provision of the approved housing scheme. (HHHCC)/(HLS) 	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Funding bid made by Swan Housing to the Housing Corporation – outcome will not be known until March 2006. Planning application submitted. Transfer in course of preparation. Planning Application submitted.		

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Consultation - Skateboard Half Pipe, Clements Hall Recreation Ground (Minute 366/05) Resolved That, in the light of a limited consultation response, the Council proceed with the replacement of the half pipe skateboard facilities at the Clements Hall Recreation Ground. (CD(F&ES))	Red	Amber	Green
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bid for additional monies for 2006/07 Capital programme and carry this project forward until 2006/07.		
Former Park School Site – Additional Playing Field Land For Essex County Council (Minute 367/05) Resolved That the piece of land identified at Appendix A of the report be transferred to Essex County Council for the purpose of being part of the new school's playing field, subject to the associated restrictive covenant providing that this land will be transferred back to the District Council should it be no longer required for the specific purposes of forming part of the school playing field and to the other terms and conditions identified in the report. (CD(F&ES))	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transfer being implemented.		

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Request For Purchase Of Land – Bullwood Road, Hockley (Minute 368/05) Resolved That the land to the rear of 10-32 Bullwood Road, Hockley be retained as a buffer strip between the properties and the play area and that the necessary action be taken against those who have encroached on to the area. (CD(F&ES))	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The land will now be more robustly managed and action taken to reinstate areas that have been encroached.		
Consultation Paper – “Amending The Definition Of A Caravan” (Minute 430/05) Resolved That the ODPM be advised that the proposed amendment is not welcomed by this Council. Whilst improvements to the insulation of mobile homes will enable owners to maintain reasonable temperatures using less energy and will help reduce fuel poverty and improve energy conservation with the consequent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions that will have environmental benefits, and mindful that under the Council’s Housing Renewal Assistance Policy residents in receipt of a qualifying benefit or on a low income may be eligible for a grant for the costs of insulating their mobile home, it was not acceptable that the Green Belt should be sacrificed in order to accommodate larger units. The definition of caravan, as per the caravan club, appears much smaller. Under these proposals there appears to be no commitment to maintain Model Standards minimum separation distances between caravans. Furthermore, external cladding could, potentially, be unsightly. (HHHCC)	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implemented. Response made to ODPM.		

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Demoted Tenancies (Minute 431/05)	Red	Amber	Green
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Resolved			
That authority be included within the general delegation for the Head of Revenue and Housing Management to seek demotion orders in appropriate cases. (HRHM)	Implemented; article included in ‘Your Home’ magazine.		
Issues Arising From Overview And Scrutiny – Review of Partnership Arrangements (Minute 477)	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolved			
(1) That definitions around ‘partnerships’ be clarified, as opposed to structures such as ‘outside bodies’.	(1) and (2) are limited. Guidance will be put to Committee for approval in April.		
(2) That a Council-wide ‘Partnership’ Guidance document be produced to provide a clear framework for determining whether to enter into partnership arrangements and the factors to be taken into account in ensuring effective partnership working. This could include a definition in relation to (1).			
(3) That terms of reference be requested from each of the partnerships the Council is currently involved with, together with details on governance, funding arrangements and performance management. This information can then be held in a central register.	(3) will be picked up at end of the financial year (March) and used as a basis of (4), (5) and (6).		

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(4) That the register compiled as a result of (3) be used as a basis to formally review the Council's involvement in partnerships every 3 years, commencing in Spring 2006.	
(5) That such a review exclude those key Partnerships evaluated as part of this review.	
(6) That as a matter of standard practice, each Partnership the Council is involved in be asked to remind each of its participants every year of their roles and responsibilities in connection with the Partnership, and to reconfirm their commitment to the Partnership.	
(7) That the Member Training and Development Programme include a section around 'Partnership' working, the Partnerships the Council is involved in, and the roles and responsibilities of Members working in partnership structures.	(7) will be put forward within the 2006/07 Member Training Programme.
(8) That the minutes of the meetings of the key partnerships, the subject of this review, be appended to the Members' Bulletin for information purposes.	(8) is ongoing.
(9) That in the context of the Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership (TGSE), a Rochford Steering Group be re-established, with a view to considering whether it should be combined with the delivery steering group operating in Castle Point, to be determined in conjunction with TGSE and Castle Point Borough Council and operational as soon as practicable.	(9) will be the subject of a report to the Policy and Finance Committee in April once any revised arrangements around Local Strategic Partnerships are clarified.

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(10) That the Local Strategic Partnership be requested to look at its governance, reporting arrangements, membership and performance management in the light of the emerging Local Area Agreement process.	(10) is underway in the Local Strategic Partnership and will be reported through Policy & Finance in April, subject to consideration being finalised.
(11) That the Local Strategic Partnership be asked to maximise an effective working relationship with the Castle Point Local Strategic Partnership, to examine common agenda items, whilst recognising that the growth of any joint partnership needs to be organic rather than enforced.	(11) is being picked up in the context of (10) above.
(12) That the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership be requested to focus on partner commitment and work sharing and improvements in performance management over the next 12 months and that the Council maintains its attendance and commitment to this key partnership, particularly in the light of the emerging LAA process and the possible restructuring of the Police network.	(12) is underway.
(13) That Member/officer presence be retained on the Joint Health Partnership Board with Castle Point in order to retain the contact with the Primary Care Trust, but on a much reduced scale of 1 Member and 1 officer only, as opposed to the present arrangement of up to 3 Members and 2 officers.	(13) - the Primary Care Trust have now advised that in their view they are happy to see the Joint Board Meetings cease. This follows on from the Council's review of the effectiveness of the Joint Board.
(14) That the evolving Children and Young Person's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) be asked to provide further information to enable the Council to determine its proper level of commitment to this body; in particular clarification around how the District Youth Strategy Group fits with CYPSP. (CE)	(14) is underway.

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Head And Neck Surgery In Essex – Consultation (Minute 479/05) Resolved That Essex Strategic Health Authority be advised that this Council wishes to see a specialist head and neck surgery inpatient centre developed at Basildon Hospital, since the majority of cases likely to be treated at the centre originate in the south of the County and that this also reflects the established corridors of movement and transport patterns across the County. It also recognises the potential growth in the south of the County, particularly the Thames Gateway growth area. (HHHCC)	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implemented.		
Essex Supporting People – Service User Involvement Strategy (Minute 481/05) Resolved That the Council's response to the Essex Supporting People draft strategy be as outlined in the officer's report together with the following additional comments:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be a wider range of service user representative organisations involved than was the case in the development of the Supporting People 5 Year Strategy, with a more balanced coverage across the County. • There is a lack of reference to health services, which are an integral part of any support mechanism. 	Red	Amber	Green
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document focuses on individual needs, and does not include any reference to the requirements of families and carers. (HHHCC) 			
Report Of The Heritage Sub-Committee (Minute 482/05) Resolved That budget provision of £7,000 be requested to provide for a programme of heritage events in 2006/07. (CD(F&ES))	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implemented.		
Report Of The Windmill Sub-Committee (Minute 483/05) Resolved That the principle of management arrangements, as set out in the appendix to the officer's report, be agreed, subject to the amendments listed below and that final negotiations proceed with the other parties involved:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That membership of the Management Group include two Members of Rochford District Council and one Member of Rayleigh Town Council. Section 4 of the Agreement should be re-titled to reflect that it is a summary of the aspirations of the Management Group with respect to Rayleigh Windmill. 	Red	Amber	Green
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Report on this agenda. Other parties have been sent the Management Agreement with a view to nominating their members and for the group to convene in February 2006.		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In item 4.2, “registered museum” should be replaced by “accredited museum”. • In item 4.3, the first sentence of the second paragraph should read: “The National Trust Local Committee will also seek to maintain and enhance its existing Guardianship Scheme and reach other schools by means of a range of activities. <p>(1) That the appointment of a consultant be agreed to design the interior of the Windmill display system, subject to a successful outcome of the bid to Thames Gateway South Essex.</p> <p>(2) That the commercial rate for hiring the Windmill should be set initially at £17.00 for 3 hours, doubled as set out in the budget book, per floor of the Windmill and that the Management Group should determine a reduced charging policy for charities and community organisations.</p> <p>(3) That a new lease be drawn up for the Historical Society of Rayleigh, at a cost of £500 per annum, to be grant funded each year by Rochford District Council.</p> <p>(4) That officers liaise with the Historical Society of Rayleigh to explore the possibility of a temporary museum exhibition being developed, to be placed in the Windmill early in the New Year. (CD(F&ES))</p>	

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Police Force Restructuring (Minute 484/05)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>That the response to the consultation should indicate that this Council, in common with the two local Members of Parliament, believes that the option for Essex Police to remain as a stand-alone force will be the best option for the County as a whole, particularly given the projected increase in the population over the next few years.</p> <p>That a press release be issued indicating the Council's strong support for retaining an Essex Police 'stand alone force'. (CE)</p>	Implemented. Essex Police and Police Authority are now awaiting a formal response from the Home Office.		

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