

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy & Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 3 October 2002:-

Item

Decision

Issues arising from Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 17 September 2002

Frail Elderly Housing (Minute 426/02)

That additional funding of £10,000 be provided in order that the Consultants carry out the following work:-

- (1) Map the supply of specialist accommodation against needs at a local level.
- (2) Establish the voids and lettings of Registered Social Landlords with Sheltered Housing in the District along with their own plans for tackling difficult to let stock and re-modelling services for older people or developing different or additional provision.
- (3) Undertake an option appraisal of the Council's Sheltered Schemes. (HHHCC)

Issues arising from Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 24 September 2002

(1) Capital Programme Update

- (1) That the revised Capital Programme be agreed,
- (2) That £100,000 be allocated to Local Authority Social Housing Grants and £67,000 to Private Sector Renewal Grants. (HFS)

(2) Closure of Account & Revenue Account

That the budget amendments identified in the report be agreed. (HFS)

Housing Benefit, Council Tax, Business Rates, Former Tenant Arrears and Sundry Debtors – Write-Offs

- (1) That items written off under the Corporate Director's delegated authority be noted.
- (2) That items shown in Appendix B be now written off in the accounts of the authority. (HRHM/HFS)

Housing Benefit Performance Framework – Adoption of Vision Statement, Policy Objectives and Service Improvement Plan

- (1) That the Vision Statement and Policy Objectives for delivering the HBPF be adopted.
- (2) That the Service Improvement Plan be adopted and reviewed annually by this Committee, along with any resource issues arising so that these can be considered as part of the budget making process.
- (3) That subject to Government support being received, appropriate resources be devoted to ensuring the plan remains on target.
- (4) That the Head of Revenue and Housing Management bids for Government finance to advance the plan.
- (5) That an annual customer survey be undertaken to ensure the plan is delivering customer demands. (HRHM)

Housing Benefit Overpayment Recovery Policy

That the Housing Benefit Overpayment Recovery Policy, as specified in the Appendix, be adopted. (HRHM)

Tenant Participation Officer

That a part-time specialist Tenant Liaison Officer be appointed for 25 hours per week, on a fixed term contract of three years on a pro-rata salary on scale 2/4 and this to be met fully by the Housing Revenue Account. (HRHM)

Corporate Governance Assessment

That the internal assessment carried out by officers be agreed. (CD(F&ES))

Rochford District Council Consultation Strategy

That the approach being taken to develop a consortium approach to involving Castle Point Borough Council and the Local Primary Care Trust, with a view to operation from 2003/2004 be endorsed. (CEX)

County Periodic Electoral Review

That it be recommended to the Boundary Committee that, in its consideration of the new electoral arrangements for Essex County Council in the District of Rochford, the Committee should have regard, not

only to electoral equality but also to coterminosity with the District ward boundaries. (HAMS)

Local Democracy Week

That the motion be supported as outlined and that the Chief Executive write to the two local Members of Parliament accordingly. (CEX)

The above decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the date of this Notice, unless called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any three Members of the Council.

Signed
Head of Administrative & Member Services

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