

## **NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS**

The Policy & Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2003:-

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Decision</u></b>
<b>Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Aggregate Credit Limit</b> (Minute 113/03)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That the aggregate credit limit for 2003/2004 be £18M and that the temporary borrowing limit be £6M and that the limit for variable rate loans is £2M.</li><li>(2) That the Treasury Management Strategy be noted. (HFS)</li></ul>
<b>Financial Management Best Value Review</b> (Minute 114/03)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That soft market tests should not proceed.</li><li>(2) That the concept of partnership working be agreed where appropriate.</li><li>(3) That a small number of authorities be sought out for benchmarking purposes. (CD (F&amp;ES))</li></ul>
<b>Housing Benefit Administration – Tax &amp; Pension Credits</b> (Minute 115/03)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That the introduction of the new tax and pension credits regime be noted and that it be included in the Action Plan.</li><li>(2) That the following posts be created from 1 April 2003:-<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 x Benefit Assessors (Scale –4)</li><li>1 x Overpayment Officer (Scale 4-5)</li><li>1 x Liaison Officer (Scale 4-5)</li></ul></li><li>(3) That progress on the Performance Standards be reported in July 2003. (HRHM)</li></ul>

**Licensing Bill 2002** (Minute 116/03)

- (1) That the content of the Licensing Bill and its implications for Rochford District Council be considered.
- (2) That any early observations be made which can be considered within the context of the Best Value Review of Public Regulation, Inspection and Protection.
- (3) That the Local Government Association be supported in seeking changes to the Bill in terms of both its content and implementation and to advise both local MPs accordingly. (HHHCC)

**Review of Document Production and Data Management** (Minute 117/03)

- (1) That the review and re-organisation of the document production service be approved as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.
- (2) That Corporate Management Board keeps the opportunities for revised working practices under review in the light of the Council's move towards electronic service delivery.
- (3) That the post of Temporary Database Assistant be established as a permanent post, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003, as outlined in paragraph 4 of the report. (HAMS)

**Grants to Outside Bodies** (Minute 118/03)

- (1) That the grant proposals for 2003/2004 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be awarded.
- (2) That a grant of £250.00 be awarded to the Canewdon Community Association.

**Hockley Community Centre – Request for Financial Assistance** (Minute 119/03)

That the previous decision that a grant of £3,000.00 be paid to the Hockley Community Centre Association in respect of costs incurred by the Association following the occupation of land by travellers be reaffirmed, subject to Hockley Parish Council agreeing to a contribution of £1,500.00. (CD(F&ES))

**Rayleigh Market Licence**  
(Minute 120/03)

That the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee investigates the feasibility of relocation of the market within the High Street and in the interim the existing licence is extended on the same terms for a period of twelve months pending the completion of the review. (HLS)

**Street Trading Consent  
Fee Waiver Application**  
(Minute 121/03)

- (1) That the fee due in respect of this application be waived.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Housing, Health & Community Care to determine applications for the waiver of licence/consent fees up to £1,000.  
(HHHCC)

**Staffing Matters –  
Corporate Policy Unit**  
(Minute 122/03)

That the replacement of the Corporate Policy Manager as outlined in the report on a short-term basis be agreed. (C Ex)

The above decision/s 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 and Member Services

**Dated**.....