

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Environmental Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 11 December 2003:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Issues Arising from Overview and Scrutiny (Minute 578/03)	
(1) Assessment of Odour Emissions from the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works	<p>(1) That expenditure of up to £10,000 for the provision of an independent odour survey be made available from virements within the 2003/04 budgets and that 3 quotations be sought.</p> <p>(2) That officers approach the NHS on the possibility of their nominating an appointee to the working group being established by Anglian Water. (HHHCC)</p>
Decriminalised Parking Enforcement – Progress Report (Minute 580/03)	<p>(1) That progress towards the implementation of DPE be noted.</p> <p>(2) That quarterly progress reports be considered between January and October 2004. (HRHM)</p>
Taxi Voucher Scheme (Minute 581/03)	<p>(1) That reimbursement of used vouchers be offered to Operators and Drivers weekly, subject to the use of the Direct Credit system.</p> <p>(2) That the requirement for drivers to give change for fares paid using vouchers be removed from 1 January 2004, and that all users of the scheme be notified with the January 2004 issue of vouchers.</p>

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(3) That the quarterly issue of vouchers be increased to 36 vouchers (£72) for ambulant users, and 54 vouchers (£108) for wheelchair users, effective from 1 January 2004, with future introduction of £1 vouchers when practicable.

(4) That the budget allocation for the Taxi Voucher Scheme be maintained at £90,000. (HRHM)

Draft Local Service Agreement on Highways
(Minute 582/03)

That the status quo be maintained, but that negotiations continue with Essex County Council with respect to establishing a local service agreement on highways at a future date. (CE)

Proposal for Single Tier Flood Defence Committees: Environment Agency Consultation
(Minute 583/03)

(1) That the principle of an option that mirrors as closely as possible the retention of the existing Essex Flood Defence Committee be supported.

(2) That a press release be issued, together with an item in Rochford District Matters, and that the 2 local MPs and other Local Authorities in Essex be informed of this Council's decision. (CE)

Highways Maintenance – Additional Allocation of Funds (Minute 584/03)

That the recommendation of the Area Highways Manager South that the additional funds be used to repair Scotts Hall Road be accepted. (CD(F&ES))

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 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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