

Minutes of the meeting of the **Partnership Sub-Committee** held on **18 October 2001** when there were present:

Cllr R S Allen – Chairman

Cllr T G Cutmore
Cllr G A Mockford

Cllr Mrs M J Webster

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs T Chapman (Essex County Council), Cllr D Collins (Hockley Parish Council), Great Wakering Parish Council, Cllr Mrs J Hall (Rochford District Council), Cllr Mrs S Merton (Rawreth Parish Council), Cllr Mrs M Morgan (Hawkwell Parish Council), Cllr Mrs P Pearce (Rayleigh Town Council), Cllr Mrs M S Vince (Rochford Parish Council)

SUBSTITUTE

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn

VISITING MEMBERS

Cllr Mrs J M Giles, D R Helson, R E Vingoe

REPRESENTING OTHER COUNCILS

Mrs H Allen	Barling Magna Parish
Mrs M Beckers	Rawreth Parish
P Beckers	Rawreth Parish
K Bobbin	Essex County Council
Mrs L Campbell-Daley	Hullbridge Parish
S C Castle	Essex County Council
T G Cutmore	Ashingdon Parish
A Dobson	Sutton Parish
M J Ewers	Rochford Parish
Mrs B Larken	Rayleigh Town
I Puzey	Paglesham Parish
Mrs J Rigby	Stambridge Parish
I Rooke	Hawkwell Parish
Mrs J Smith	Canewdon Parish
B Summerfield	Sutton Parish & Barling Parish
Mrs L Vingoe	Hockley Parish

OFFICERS ATTENDING

P Warren	Chief Executive
S Scrutton	Head of Planning Services
G Woolhouse	Head of Housing, Health & Community Care
Mrs M Martin	Committee Administrator
K Blackburn	UK Funding Manager, Essex County Council

ALSO PRESENT

Roger Campbell	Airport Director, London Southend Airport
Janet Mills	Health Improvement Manager, Rochford Primary Care Organisation

113 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr D R Helson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the presentation by the Rochford Primary Care Organisation due to his involvement with the Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services.

114 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2001 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising**Minute 108 – Minutes**

In response to a question from a Parish representative relating to rural speed limits, the Chief Executive confirmed that the County Council are currently undertaking a County wide study and once this has been completed a report will be made to the appropriate forum.

115 ROCHFORD PRIMARY CARE ORGANISATION – PRESENTATION

Members welcomed Janet Mills, Health Improvement Manager from the Rochford Primary Care Group , who had been invited to attend the meeting to provide a brief presentation on the Local Health Plan 2001-2004. With the aid of viewfoils , the following key elements in the health plan were explained

Key Elements

- Older People
- Young People
- Voluntary Sector
- Transport
- Coronary Heart Disease
- Reducing Inequalities
- Carers
- Children & Families
- Information

Partnerships

- Rochford District Council
- Social Services
- Crime & Disorder Reduction Agencies
- Drugs Reference Group
- Star Partnership
- Health For All 2000
- Older Peoples Focus Group
- Health Improvement Sub-Committee (PCG)
- Older People Joint Investment Plan – Development and Implementation Group
- Supporting People

What we have achieved/commenced January 2001 to October 2001

- Toy Library
- Farmers Market
- Litter Clean Up
- Adult Carers Workshops
- Young Carers Workshops
- Theatre Active – Domestic Violence
- Scoping the needs/gaps of Community Transport
- Substance misuse worker in Rochford
- Exercise Scheme
- Handyman Scheme
- Joint Appointment Older People – Health & Social Care assessment and care management – make sure people in difficulties get access
- Nurse for looked after children
- Carers link working in general practice
- Ophthalmology in general practices
- Echocardiogram in general practice
- Phlebotomy in community clinics
- Dermatology – Teledermatology and clinics at General Practice sites
- Primary Care Access – Primary Care Collaborative
- Booked Admissions – 4th Wave
- Toe-nail cutting service (further sites to be identified).

In response to Member questions, the following was noted:-

- Ophthalmology and Echocardiogram are currently available at three practices within the District. Practices are able to inter-refer patients.
- The Primary Care Collaborative exists for good practice to be shared between practices. A pilot scheme operates, comprising two practices in Rochford District, one in Castle Point and two in Southend. Currently they are investigating increasing the flow of patients through practices and

introducing a system whereby doctors can book hospital appointments from their practice.

- The Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services (RAVS) is currently addressing the issue of Community Transport and investigating all that is currently available. A report should be available at the end of the year.
- General Practitioners within the Rochford District had voted unanimously to move to Primary Care Trust status.

116 LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT STRATEGY

Members welcomed Roger Campbell, Airport Director of London Southend Airport, who had been invited to attend the meeting to provide a presentation on the Strategy. Members noted that alterations to the runway are required to improve the safety areas at each end and to comply with the Civil Aviation Authority's requirements on safety. This would provide enhanced safety areas at each end of the runway to allow more passenger flights to be operated again.

The Airport's Objectives were outlined as:-

- Economic and environmental sustainability.
- To maintain a safe environment for both the local community and operators.
- To act as a catalyst for investment and employment.
- To become a regional airport to serve the community.

During the presentation and subsequent discussion, Members noted that:-

- The solution currently being investigated would involve moving the Parish church of St Laurence, Eastwood, 100 metres in a northwesterly direction. This would still be within the existing church boundary.
- The mini roundabout at the junction of Eastwoodbury Lane and Aviation Way would need to be re-shaped and adjustments made to that road.
- Planning permission exists for a new integrated passenger terminal and new railway station.
- Fast public transport access to and from the airport is seen as vital to avoid congestion and provide a door to door service.
- The Airport authority is confident of raising finance for these alterations from public private enterprise.
- There are no plans to increase the size of aircraft operating from the airport or to make changes to the flight path.
- There would continue to be a restriction relating to night flights between 2300 hours and 0600 hours.
- Freight traffic would increase only slightly.
- Flights would be by the newer, quieter and cleaner types of aircraft.

- The consultation process, including local authorities and the Diocese of Chelmsford is underway.
- Following detailed investigations, a consultation document would be produced. This would be widely circulated.
- Open days, public statements and local meetings are to follow.
- If the Diocese of Chelmsford rejects the request to move the Church, the proposals cannot be implemented
- Without the changes to the runway proposed, the airport was unlikely to survive as an airport.

117 PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING WORKSHOPS

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which outlined arrangements for an annual Planning Workshop for Parish/Town Councils. Members views were sought on the arrangements for the first Workshop and the matters to be discussed.

At the meeting of the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee on 3 October 2001, Members had agreed to the principles of holding a Workshop for Parish/Town Council to discuss planning matters. The first one would be held early in 2002.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- The County Council is the responsible authority for matters concerning the Highways. Any relevant highway issues arising from these workshops would be referred to them.
- The intention is for the Workshops to focus on how the general planning processes work rather than on the detail of individual planning applications.
- The Best Value Review of the Development Control and Building Control Services would be the focus of the first event.
- The Workshops would need to be limited to one Parish Member plus the Parish Clerk in order to achieve a workable number.
- A bigger event might be considered in the future.
- Whilst guidance leaflets are currently available on the Council's Internet site, further written information could be produced to accompany the Workshop.
- There is a need to determine whether the Workshop should be held during an evening or weekend time.

Recommended

That the comments listed above be incorporated into the preparation of the Agenda for the first session. (HPS)

118 PROPOSED NEW POLITICAL STRUCTURES – ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Sub-Committee received the report of the Chief Executive which updated Members of the County Council and Members of the Parish/Town Councils in respect of the District Council's proposed new political structure and the timetable for implementation.

Members of these Councils noted that, unlike larger Councils, the Rochford District with a population of less than 85,000 had four possible options to consider in arriving at a new political structure.

As a result of consultation carried out, there had been a majority response in favour of developing a revised Committee Structure. This was thought to represent the most appropriate structure for a District as diverse as Rochford with a variety of urban and rural communities.

The Council's proposals, as appended to this report, were submitted to Central Government at the beginning of August. They would be fully operational from May 2002.

During discussion Members noted that:-

- One Parish Member would be appointed to the Standards Committee, although the detailed regulations regarding his/her appointment were still awaited.
- The Overview and Scrutiny Committees would be able to invite elected Parish Members to attend appropriate meetings. This would provide the opportunity for Parishes to play an active role.
- The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees would include policy and project development .
- A focus for further partnership working between the District, the County and the Parishes was likely to be the development of the Community Strategy.
- Task and finish groups could be appointed on an ad-hoc basis.
- The revised Committee structure should produce a more open, transparent and thorough process for decision making.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

Date