

## The Executive – 11 July 2012

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Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **11 July 2012** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore  
Vice Chairman: Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr K J Gordon	Cllr M Maddocks
Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill	Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr Mrs J E McPherson	Cllr M J Steptoe

### **VISITING**

Cllr J D Griffin

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

P Warren	–	Chief Executive
A Bugeja	–	Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services
Y Woodward	–	Head of Finance
J Bourne	–	Head of Community Services
R Evans	–	Head of Environmental Services
J Bostock	–	Member Services Manager

### **141 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **142 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2012/13**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Finance on the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012/13.

It was noted that, whilst it should be possible to increase planning fees by 15% in the autumn, such an increase would not cover costs. It was also noted that there would be further liaison with the Town/Parish Councils on their circumstances in relation to localising Council Tax support once more precise detail had been published by the Government.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the current position of the Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.
- (2) That the outline timetable for the 2013/14 budget process, as set out in the report, be agreed.
- (3) That the latest position with regard to the changes to local government financing, as set out in the report, be noted.

- (4) That a public consultation in preparation for the budget process, as set out in the report, be conducted.
- (5) That the Grants to Voluntary Organisations be set at Council on 11 December 2012. (HF)

### **143 LOCALISING COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Community Services on a consultation process on draft proposals for a Local Council Tax Support Scheme to be implemented from the 1 April 2013.

#### **Resolved**

That the proposed consultation process on draft proposals for a Local Council Tax Support Scheme to be implemented from 1 April 2013, as detailed in the report, be approved. (HCS)

### **144 WEEKLY COLLECTION SUPPORT**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services on the submission of a bid for funding for the weekly collection of residual waste from the low rise residential properties in the District to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Responding to questions, the Head of Environmental Services confirmed that:-

- The term 'low rise residential properties' related to flats.
- Flexibility aimed at meeting the needs of occupants was applied to bin arrangements for houses in multiple occupation.
- The Environmental Services division was in liaison with Planning Services on policies for the inclusion of appropriate bin storage at new development.

#### **Resolved**

That a bid, as detailed in the report, be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government for funding for a weekly collection of residual waste from the low-rise residential properties (flats) in the District. (HES)

### **145 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN RAYLEIGH TOWN CENTRE**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services on deferral of the public consultation exercise with regard to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Rayleigh to allow joint action by Rochford District and Castle Point Borough Councils.

Responding to questions, the Head of Environmental Services advised that:-

- Should an AQMA be declared and a relationship identified between air quality and the speed of traffic on the A127 then there would be an obligation to negotiate with Essex County Council Highways.
- Air quality issues at Rawreth were associated with particulate matter rather than just vehicle exhaust emissions.

**Resolved**

That the public consultation exercise with regard to an Air Quality Management Area in Rayleigh be deferred to allow joint action by Rochford District and Castle Point Borough Councils. (HES)

**146 WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY**

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive on the adoption of a revised Whistleblowing Policy.

**Recommended** to Council that the revised Whistleblowing Policy, as attached to the report, be adopted. (CE)

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....

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