

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL



Finance & General Purposes Committee

agenda

Chairman's callover – 6.30pm in the
Chairman's Briefing Room

Date

13 July 2000

Time

7.30pm

Place

Council Chamber
Civic Suite
Rayleigh

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Independent Members Group

Cllr R S Allen

Corporate Objectives

To provide quality cost effective services
To work towards a safer and more caring community
To promote a green and sustainable environment
To encourage a thriving local economy
To improve the quality of life for people in our District
To maintain and enhance our local heritage and culture

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2 | Substitutes | |
| 3 | Non-Members attending | |
| 4 | To Receive Declarations of Interest | |
| 5 | Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2000 | |
| 6 | Terms of Reference | |
| | To note the Committee's Terms of Reference as agreed at Annual Council. | 6.1 |
| 7 | Public Question Time | |
| 8 | Outstanding Issues | 8.1 |
| 9 | Recommendations of Parent Committees | |
| | (1) Transportation & Environmental Services - 22 June 2000 | None |
| | (2) Community Services - 27 June 2000 | To follow |
| | (3) Audit Services - 6 July 2000 | To follow |
| 10 | Minutes of Sub-Committees | |
| | (1) Urgency Sub-Committee - 7 April 2000
Note: the exempt appendix to these minutes has been distributed under separate cover | 10.1.1 |
| | (2) Local Review Board - 4 April 2000 | 10.2.1 |
| | (3) Urgency Sub-Committee - 25 April 2000 | 10.3.1 |
| | (4) Contracts Panel - 16 June 2000 | 10.4.1 |
| | (5) Structural & Procedural Review Working Group - 20 June 2000 | 10.5.1 |
| | (6) Corporate Resources Sub-Committee - 4 July 2000 | To follow |
| | (7) Member Budget Monitoring Working Group - 5 July 2000 | To follow |

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| 11 | Electoral Review Working Group | |
| | To consider the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on the outcome of the Working Group's Review of Local Government Commission draft recommendations. | 11.1 |
| | The report is to follow as the Group's meeting is on 4 July 2000. | |
| 12 | The Beacon Council Scheme | |
| | To consider the report of the Chief Executive which brings attention to Round Two of the Beacon Council initiative and seeks Members' views as to whether to apply. | 12.1 |
| 13 | The Local Government Bill – Consultative Draft of Guidance on Community Planning | |
| | To consider the report of the Chief Executive which brings attention to draft guidance recently published by Central Government and asks for comments thereon. | 13.1 |
| 14 | Review of the Public Sector Ombudsmen in England – Consultation | |
| | To consider the report of the Chief Executive which brings attention to a public consultation exercise into the future organisation and operation of the Public Sector Ombudsmen in England and seeks Members' comments thereon. | 14.1 |
| 15 | Customer Complaints | |
| | To consider the report of the Head of Administrative & Member Services which recommends revision to the Council's complaints procedure. | 15.1 |
| 16 | National Non-Domestic Rating – Discretionary Rate Relief | |
| | To consider the report of the Head of Revenues & Housing Management on three applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief in accordance with Section 47 Local Government Finance Act 1988. | 16.1 |
| 17 | UK Youth Parliament | |
| | To consider the report of the Head of Administrative & Member Services asking the Committee to consider whether a grant should be made towards the formation of a Youth Parliament or one or more delegates should be sponsored. | 17.1 |

- 18 Projection Equipment for the Council Chamber**
- To consider the report of the Head of Administrative & Member Services which invites the Committee to consider acquiring new projection equipment for the Council Chamber. 18.1
- 19 The Essex Gallery**
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) on whether support should be given, in principle, to a proposal to build a public art gallery in Essex. 19.1
- 20 Meals on Wheels**
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) on whether or not to respond to the current consultation exercise being carried out by Essex County Council in respect of providing frozen meals. 20.1
- 21 Benefit, Council Tax, Business Rates and Sundry Debtors – write-offs.** 21.1
- To consider the report of the Head of Revenues and Housing Management on items written off under delegated authority and items which need to be written off.
- 22 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies.** 22.1
- To consider the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on the nomination of representatives to serve on outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2000/2001 and whether appointments should stand for 2001/2002.
- 23 Exclusion of the Press and Public**
- To agree that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraphs 9 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.
- 24 Park School Working Group**
- To consider the confidential report of the Chief Executive on the outcome of recent meetings. 24.1

The report is to follow as the final meeting is on 4 July 2000.

25 Reduction or Remission of Business Rate Liability

To consider the confidential report of the Head of Revenues & Housing Management on two applications for the remission of Business Rate liability in accordance with Section 49 Local Government Finance Act 1988.

25.1

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Warren', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Paul Warren
Chief Executive