RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

(a) MINUTE 277 – SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL – OUTER BYPASS

Minute 277 reads as follows:-

"The Chairman admitted the following item of urgent business on the grounds that Members should be made aware of new information which could affect this District.

At a recent meeting of regional Highway Authorities, to which this Council had not been invited, comments had been made by Southendon-Sea Borough Council in respect of the provision of an outer bypass. Members were in general agreement that it would be useful to take this opportunity to reiterate the Council's opposition to the provision of an outer bypass.

On a Motion moved by Cllr D R Helson and seconded by Cllr V H Leach it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That a letter be sent to Lord Whitty of Camberwell expressing concern about any proposal from Southend in respect of the provision of an outer bypass which might affect District boundaries.
- (2) That this item be referred to the next meeting of Council, allowing time for Officers to gain more information about the proposals. (HCPI)"

Note: Officers will report verbally on the latest position at the meeting.

(b) MINUTE 286 – ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOWN CENTRES/ADVISERS TO WORKING GROUPS

The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Standing Order 18(6), a requisition has been received in the names of Councillors D A Weir, Mrs J E Ford and D M Ford requiring that Minute 286 be referred to Full Council for decision.

A copy of Committee Minute 286 is set out below. To assist Members, a copy of the report to the Committee is set out at Appendix 1.

286 ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOWN CENTRES/ADVISERS TO WORKING GROUPS

Note:- Cllrs D M Ford and Mrs J E Ford both declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item by virtue of Cllr Ford's employment on Foulness Island.

The Committee considered the joint report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Initiatives and Head of Administrative and Member Services which outlined for Members the proposed work programme and reporting arrangements for the Rochford, Rayleigh and Hockley Working Groups and the project arrangements for Hullbridge. It also asked Members to consider whether to appoint advisers to the Working Groups.

Members were informed that there was no time limit on the capital budget allocation for Rochford, Hockley and Hullbridge; being funded from capital receipts allowed the items to be carried forward.

On a Motion moved by Cllr P F A Webster and seconded by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn, it was agreed that a Hullbridge Town Centre Working group be formed to comprise eight District Council Members; 3 from the Conservative Group, 2 from the Labour Group, 2 from the Liberal Democrat Group and one from the Independent Group.

On a Motion moved by Cllr D R Helson and seconded by Cllr V H Leach it was agreed that the number of advisers to the Working Groups be limited to one per Parish Council and one per other organisation. Members agreed to a subsequent amendment to increase the number of Parish representatives to two per Parish Council.

Advisers to this Committee's Working Groups were agreed as follows:-

Foulness Working Group Foulness Parish (2)

Hockley Town Centre Working Group Hockley Parish (2) Hockley Chamber of Trade (1) Hockley Residents' Association (1)

Rayleigh Town Centre Working Group Rayleigh Town Council (2) Rayleigh Chamber of Trade (1) Mr D Barnes Rochford Town Centre Working Group Rochford Parish Council (2) Rochford Chamber of Trade Rochford Amenities Society

Members agreed that, where appropriate, the County Councillor and a representative from County Highways would also be invited to meetings of the Working Groups.

Resolved

- (1) That a Hullbridge Town Centre Working Group be formed.
- (2) That the number of advisers to this Committee's Working Groups be limited to two per Parish Council and one per other organisations. (HCPI/HAMS)

Andrew Smith

Head of Administrative & Member Services