
PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress
<p>Woodland Strategy Resources (Minute 428/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That an Environmental Liaison Officer scale 4 be appointed, pending a successful grant application to English Nature. • That an Arboricultural Officer scale 5/6 be appointed. (CD(F&ES)) 	<p>Funding unavailable, no further progress can be made at this time.</p> <p>Arboricultural Officer commenced 11 July 2005.</p>
<p>Skateboard Facilities – Clements Hall (Minute 500/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council provide a full scale skateboarding facility at Clements Hall playing fields, subject to due processes, such as planning permission, full public consultation and obtaining the required funding. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Report on outcome of consultation on this agenda and, subject to the decision taken, the work will proceed.</p>
<p>Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 (Minute 106/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a report on the service delivery of the housing management function be considered by a future meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Implemented – new staff appointment made.</p>

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<p>Unfit House (Minute 112/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the works specified in the notice served under the provisions of the Housing Act 1985 on the person having control of the property, detailed in the exempt report, be carried out and the costs so incurred recovered, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 193 and 194 of that Act. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Contractors on site carrying out repair work.</p>
<p>Catering Franchises On Open Spaces (Minute 37/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That officers seek public expressions of interest as to the franchise opportunities using the specification as set out by the Environmental Health officers. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Franchises now both in operation.</p>
<p>Sutton Court Playspace, Rochford (Minute 42/05)</p> <p>That the Playspace Sub-Committee be asked to look specifically at the issues emerging at Sutton Court and to devise a plan of action for addressing these issues, with a view to developing a working template which can be applied District-wide, including consideration in detail of the resource implications. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Phase 1 works agreed to split the two playspaces to be carried out in September / October 2005.</p>

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<p>Rochford Town Sports and Social Club – Application for New Lease on the Pavilion at Rochford Recreation Ground, Rochford (Minute 83/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That provisions are included in the lease to address any nuisance arising from the use of the premises.</p> <p>(2) In view of the community service, the rent be set at £900 with effect from December 2001 and £1,000 from December 2004. (HLS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p>
<p>Housing Development Scheme – Tylney Avenue, Rochford (Minute 84/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Council continue to work with Swan Housing Group to develop an acceptable Housing Scheme for the site.</p> <p>(2) That, in consideration of the release of the Covenant on the former Tylney play area, the Council agree to place into Trust with The National Playing Fields Association the Doggetts Play Ground by transfer of the Council's freehold interest and leaseback of the area to be maintained by the Council and on such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate.</p> <p>(3) That, subject to an acceptable scheme being approved by Council and Swan Housing Group securing the necessary funding for the development, the site be transferred to Swan Housing Group at nil cost and on such terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate to secure the provision of the approved housing scheme. (HLS) (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Revised scheme subject of a report to this Committee meeting for consideration.</p> <p>Terms agreed; completion imminent.</p> <p>Terms agreed subject to details being finalised on revised housing scheme.</p>

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<p>Government Plans for Digital Television Switchover</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That no further action be taken until the final outcome of the Stock Option Appraisal exercise is known. (HRHM)</p>	<p>No action will be taken to convert to digital television, given the future transfer of housing stock.</p>
<p>Woodlands (Minute 134/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That 200 oak trees be planted in Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park in commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar.</p> <p>(2) That the provision of 200 English specimen oak trees at a cost of approximately £8,000 be funded through the Cherry Orchard capital works programme. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Press release issued and article in July edition of RDM giving details of how you can sponsor a tree.</p> <p>Being implemented October.</p>
<p>Issues arising from Overview & Scrutiny (Minute 215/05)</p> <p>Lettings Policy</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, for the necessary purpose of identifying key workers for the identified Housing Corporation funded projects, the definition of key worker be as follows:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“a key worker is an individual who works in either the public sector or whose employment is of particular importance to the community”</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">and that a banded approach be adopted to the letting of these units as set out in the report.</p>	<p>Resolutions 1 – 8 implemented.</p>

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(2) That, apart from its specific application to the identified projects, the term 'key worker' be removed from the lettings policy.	
(3) That the financial criteria that will be used to assess a person's affordability to rent privately or purchase a property, as set out in the report and associated update document, be inserted into the lettings policy.	
(4) That the five points for not having a separate garden with children be removed from the lettings policy.	
(5) That the Council reserve the right to deviate from the points system in order to allocate an extensively adapted property for the disabled to someone in need of that adaptation.	
(6) That the Reasonable Preference category of the lettings policy be expanded to read – "people who need to move to a particular locality in the District where failure to move would cause hardship to themselves or others. This may be due to a need to access medical treatment, to give or receive care, or to take up employment, education or training opportunity".	
(7) That there be no alteration to the policy in respect of accommodation provisions where that accommodation has small bedrooms or unusual layout.	
(8) That the policy on shared facilities be altered for clarification to read – "you share with a relative, but are a separate family/household or an extended family". (HRHM)	

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<p>Application by Rayleigh Police Division – Renewal of Dispersal Powers (Minute 216/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That consideration of future requests by the Police in connection with such orders be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of Community Services Committee and the affected local Ward Councillors. • That this Committee continue to receive reports from Essex Police on the success of these powers. (CE) 	<p>As of 16 September 2005 none had been received.</p>
<p>Civil Contingencies Act 2004 – Update on Progress and Implications for this Council</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council participates in contributing to the establishment of an “Essex Core Resilience Team” as outlined in the report, at an annual cost of £15,000. (CE)</p>	<p>Joint Emergency Planning Officer has been employed and will be starting at Rochford District Council on 26 September 2005. ECC and the districts are progressing well toward the November date for elements of the CCA..</p> <p>The Essex Resilience Forum has now been formed and there will be a meeting schedule published in the near future. The district input to various working parties will be discussed in detail at upcoming meetings. There is likely to be an increasing resource implication for RDC as a result.</p>

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<p>Food Safety Service Plan (Minute 259/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Food Safety Service Plan and the plan to complete the production of all food law enforcement documents be approved and that a peer review system be implemented by April 2006. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>
<p>Hardwick House Site – Naming of Developments</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the name Hardwick House be retained for the existing building.</p> <p>(2) That Swan Housing Group be requested to organise a competition amongst the scheme's residents to name the new older person's scheme at Dobson's Close, Rayleigh (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Competition to be organised once residents are in occupation.</p>
<p>Report of the Windmill Sub-Committee (Minute 262/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That it be agreed, in principle, that a partnership with the National Trust be formed, with details of responsibilities, governance, etc, to be reported back to Committee in due course.</p> <p>(2) That the strategy around the opening of the various elements of the project, as detailed in the report, be agreed, subject to the sensory garden being opened in March 2006.</p>	<p>Terms of partnership will be presented to Windmill Sub-Committee in November, along with details of management agreement.</p> <p>Open day held 6 September with approx. 400 people attending. Other events planned and sensory garden on programme.</p>

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(3) That the use of sponsors to provide support for events / equipment financially or in other forms in return for advertising be agreed. (CD(F&ES))	Officers have made presentation to Chamber of Trade (Rayleigh), Rayleigh Rotary Club and written to all nurseries in respect of sensory gardens.
<p>Large Scale Voluntary Transfer of Housing Stock (Minute 263/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That Councillors T G Cutmore, Mrs J R Lumley and S P Smith, together with one representative from non-Group Members, together with substitutes, be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the Joint Transfer Steering Group.</p> <p>(2) That appointment of the non-Group Member be deferred until all 3 non-Group Members could discuss the matter. (HRHM)</p> <p>(Note: Cllrs Mrs H L A Glynn and J R F Mason wished it to be recorded that they had voted against the second decision above).</p>	Implemented. Cllr Mrs M S Vince joins other nominated Members on the Joint Transfer Steering Group.
<p>NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council signs up to the Southend and Castle Point & Rochford LIFT programme at level 1. (HHHCC)</p>	Implemented.

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<p data-bbox="96 268 1238 336">Right to Buy – The Use of Discretionary Powers on Repayment of Discount (Minute 265/05)</p> <p data-bbox="96 379 237 408">Resolved</p> <p data-bbox="96 451 1189 520">(1) That the procedures mentioned in this report be adopted for any future cases.</p> <p data-bbox="96 563 1272 671">(2) That, given the special circumstances outlined in the exempt report, discount repayment be waived in this particular case as demonstrable hardship is proven. (HRHM)</p>	<p data-bbox="1303 451 1498 480">Implemented.</p>