

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive Board made the following decisions at its meeting on 26 March 2008:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
<p>Matters referred from Committees/Sub-Committees (Minute 116/08)</p> <p>The adoption of new powers under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005</p>	<p>(1) That notice of the draft orders, attached at report Appendix 2, namely:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Rochford) Order 2008; The Dogs Exclusion (Rochford) Order 2008; The Dogs on leads (Rochford) Order 2008 and The Dogs on a lead by Direction (Rochford) Order 2008;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">be published in the Yellow Advertiser and on the Council's website, to include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identification of the land to which the orders will apply;• a summary of the orders;• if the order will refer to a map, where the map can be inspected;• the address to which, and the date by which, representations must be sent to the authority. The final date for representations will be at least 28 days after publication. <p>(2) That the Dogs (specified maximum) Order not be actioned at this time.</p> <p>(3) That a further report be submitted upon the expiry of the formal consultation period following publication of the draft orders.</p> <p>(4) That the level of penalty for Fixed Penalty Notices be set at £75 with no reductions for early payment. (HES)</p>

Item

Extension to the Car Park at Rawreth Recreation Ground

Decision

That extension to the car park at Rawreth Recreation Ground be included as an item for consideration when the 2009/10 budget is under determination. (HFAPM)

Community Shelter on the Clements Hall Recreation Fields

That the proposals to introduce a community shelter adjacent to the skate park on the Clements Hall Recreation Fields be approved. (HCS)

Note: The Executive Board agreed that this decision was urgent and should not be subject to call-in as the success of a Hawkwell Parish Council bid for grant funding was reliant upon immediate confirmation of the decision.

Review of Planning Appeal Procedures

- (1) That, in the case of appeals, Members should only be used as third party witnesses.
- (2) That a Planning Officer should be used as an expert witness for the majority of planning appeals when the Head of Planning and Transportation does not feel that the use of an outside consultant would be of benefit. (HPT)

Review of Implications of Global Warming Agenda on Rochford District Council and the Role the District Council and its Communities Might Play

- (1) That the Council develops a Sustainable Energy (Climate Change) Strategy in order that resource implications can be considered by the Council as part of the 2009/10 budget process subject to recognition that, in the context of other Council projects and the need for detailed consideration, it may not be possible to have finalised a strategy by as early as September 2008.
- (2) That detailed action plans are developed to ensure that the Sustainable Energy Strategy is delivered. If practicable, these to be developed by September 2008 in order that resource implications can be considered by the Council as part of the 2009/10 budget process.
- (3) That the Council becomes a signatory to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change at the earliest opportunity.

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- (4) That the Council engages with Local Area Agreement partners to reduce the carbon footprint of domestic properties, business and public sector activities.
- (5) That, subject to recognition that the timing needs to align with other aspects of the Council's Waste Strategy, further action be taken to encourage recycling in respect of the business sector.
- (6) That officers explore the implementation of the action plan produced by Carbon Trust. (HES)

Note: The Executive Board endorsed the inclusion of specific targets in the Corporate Plan for recommendation to Full Council.

New Essex Community Strategy and the New Essex Local Area Agreement

(Minute 118/08)

That the officer views outlined in the report be supported and that it be indicated to the County Council that, in terms of the new Local Area Agreement, the targets included under priorities 2, 6, 7, 9 and 10 are those most likely to be supported and actioned by this Authority. (CE)

Transfer of Responsibility for Stray Dogs from the Police to Local Authorities

(Minute 119/08)

- (1) That authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental Services to enter into a contract with Medivet and/or an appropriate kennelling contractor in order to provide an acceptance point and kennelling facility for stray dogs received outside office hours.
- (2) That, in association with (1) above:-
 - An item be included in the Members' Bulletin on the arrangements in place if a dog is not claimed within seven days or retained by the finder.
 - Consideration be given to the possibility of introducing a service whereby re-homed dogs are provided with "identity chips" to minimise the likelihood of future issues.

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- A page on the Council's website providing a service that helps reunite stray and lost dogs with their owners should include a facility for individuals with good homes to come forward.

Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England: Proposed Draft Policy
(Minute 120/08)

- (1) That the proposed provision of 15 pitches for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation to 2011 included in the draft policy H4 prepared by the East of England Regional Assembly for inclusion in due course in the East of England Plan be accepted.
- (2) That the post 2011 provision be informed by an updated Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment.
- (3) That work be progressed and a report prepared on the acceptability or otherwise of any currently unauthorised sites to become authorised to make a contribution to the required pitch provision.
- (4) That details be included in the next version of the Rochford Core Strategy to explain the arrangements for further pitch provision to ensure the total number of authorised pitches in the district reaches 18 by 2011, with references to pitch provision to include a specific definition of the size and nature of any building associated with a pitch. (HPT)

Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service – Update on Performance
(Minute 121/08)

That the progress and achievements to date be noted. (CE)

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Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – The New Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan
(Minute 122/08)

Decision

That the emerging Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan being presented to the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership be endorsed. (CE)

Essex Yeomanry and Essex Regiment Museum Appeal
(Minute 123/08)

That a financial donation of £1,000 from the 2008/09 Heritage Fund be made towards the Essex Yeomanry and Essex Regiment Museum Appeal. (HCS)

Choice Based Lettings – Progress Report
(Minute 124/08)

That the content of the report on the implementation of a choice based lettings scheme be noted and that a further report be submitted in September/October detailing final scheme proposals. (HCS)

Staffing Matters
(Minute 125/08)

That the current level of vacancies, long-term sickness and maternity absences, as set out in exempt report, be noted. (CE)

The above decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of this Notice, unless referred to Full Council by a minimum of three Members or called in by the Review Committee.

Signed
Head of Information and Customer Services

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