

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy & Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 9 March 2006:-

Item

Decision

Revenues & Benefits Partnership

(Minute 91/06)

- (1) That the progress made on collaborative working to date be noted and that:-
 - A further report on the business rate collection initiative be submitted to the meeting of this Committee scheduled for 6 April 2006.
 - A further report on the revenues and benefits initiative be submitted to the first meeting of this Committee's successor in the next Municipal Year.
- (2) That the proposal for further work on the revenues and benefits joint working initiative together with the Communications and Consultation Protocol and Project Plan, as set out in the report, be endorsed.
- (3) That officers work with Chelmsford Borough Council to issue a joint press release on the success of the business rate collection initiative at the appropriate time. (HRHM)

Grants to Outside Organisations

(Minute 92/06)

- (1) That Grants be awarded for 2006/07 as follows:-

Organisation	Grant Award £
Rochford & Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau	76,500
Barling Magna Evergreen Club	110
Essex Racial Equality Council	700
Great Wakering OAP Club	100

Organisation	Grant Award £	
Historical Society of Rayleigh (Windmill)	195	(an interim award pending new management arrangements)
Hockley & Hawkwell Old People's Welfare	3,700	
Hullbridge Pensioners Fellowship	110	
Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council	3,700	
Mayday Mobile	1,220	
Rayleigh Age Concern	3,700	
Rayleigh Good Fellowship	360	
Rayleigh No. 1 Club	300	
Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club	800	
Relate South Essex	900	
Rochford & District Access Committee for the Disabled	350	
Rochford & District Old People's Welfare Committee	3,700	
Rochford Sports Council	3,600	
Royal Association for the Deaf	620	
RRAVS – Funding under Service Level Agreement	1,800	(an interim award pending review of the Service Level Agreement)
Downhall Under Fives	500	(specifically for new shed. An award of £2000 in relation to costs of a new building to be considered separately at a future date on request from the organisation)
Essex Disabled People's Association	800	

- (2) That the awards be publicised via a detailed press release and the inclusion of an article in the Summer edition of the Council's newspaper, Rochford District Matters. Award recipients to be invited to provide comments for the purposes of this publicity.
- (3) That forthcoming general discussions with the Parish/Town Councils include reference to District Council concern on the capacity of the community and voluntary sector which, in part, can be associated with the ability of that sector to attract grants into the District. The potential for increasing community resources through partnership working between the tiers to be raised as part of that discussion. (HFS)

**Proposals for Casinos –
Gambling Act 2005**
(Minute 93/06)

That the Council does not submit a bid for a Casino at this time. (HHHCC)

Gershon Savings – 2006/07
(Minute 95/06)

- (1) That the proposed savings for 2006/07, as detailed in the report, be agreed for inclusion in the Annual Efficiency Statement for 2006/07.
- (2) That the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer sign off the submission.
- (3) That Members be provided with detailed information on the factors associated with the tonnage of street sweeping collected increasing by over 40% in 2005/06. (HFS)

**National Non-Domestic
Rates – Write-off**
(Minute 96/06)

That the debt of £23,077.32, as identified in the report, be written-off against the National Non-Domestic Rate Pool. (CD(F&ES))

**Indemnities for Members –
Correspondence from the
Local Government
Association**

(Minute 97/06)

That, subject to further communication with the Local Government Association asking that outstanding points associated with previous correspondence be addressed, the Association's position on indemnities for Members and Officers be noted. (CD(LP&A))

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 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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