

## **The Executive – 27 January 2010**

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Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **27 January 2010** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Mrs M J Webster

Cllr Mrs L A Butcher  
Cllr Mrs T J Capon  
Cllr K J Gordon

Cllr K H Hudson  
Cllr M G B Starke  
Cllr P F A Webster

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

P Warren - Chief Executive  
G Woolhouse - Corporate Director (External Services)  
A Bugeja - Head of Legal Services  
Y Woodward - Head of Finance, Audit and Performance Management  
R Evans - Head of Environmental Services  
J Bostock - Committee Services Manager

### **24 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **25 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY HALLS AND ASSOCIATED ASSETS**

The Executive considered the report of the Review Committee on its review of the Council's community halls and associated assets.

It was agreed that recommendations 6 and 7 of the report be accepted and that the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources appoint an Advisory Group for the purpose of considering the other aspects of the report.

#### **Resolved**

That recommendations 6 and 7 set out in the report of the Review Committee be accepted, the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources to appoint an Advisory Group for the purpose of considering the other aspects of the report. The Portfolio Holder to report back to the Executive with recommendations from that work as soon as practicable. (HLS).

### **26 PERFORMANCE REPORT ON KEY PROJECTS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2009**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Finance, Audit and Performance Management on progress against key policies and actions for 2009/10 up to 31 December 2009.

Reference was made to the value of cross referencing subjects on which there is commentary in both the key projects and the progress on decisions schedules. Where target completion dates for projects are shown as having changed, it would be useful to identify the reason.

### **Resolved**

That the progress against key projects for the third quarter of 2009/10 be noted. (HFAPM)

## **27 CAPITAL PROGRAMME – MONITORING REPORT QUARTER 3 - 2009/10**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Finance Audit and Performance Management on financial progress as at the end of Quarter 3 in completing the General Fund Capital Programme for 2009/10.

It was noted that the type of teen shelters acquired reflected the outcome of consultation with young people.

### **Resolved**

That the financial progress as at the end of Quarter 3 in completing the General Fund Capital Programme for 2009/10 be noted. (HFAPM)

## **28 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 3 – 2009/10**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Finance Audit & Performance Management on current year end forecasts for the revenue budgets and current financial performance on key financial indicators.

It was noted that the variance figure for the first item on Appendix 1 of the report needed adjustment.

### **Resolved**

That, subject to revision of the variance figure for the first item on Appendix 1 to £955, the current year end forecasts for the revenue budgets and current financial performance on key financial indicators be noted. (HFAPM)

## **29 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN WEST RAYLEIGH**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services on approving, in principle, the proposed Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) for Rawreth Industrial Estate, West Rayleigh.

Responding to questions, the Head of Environmental Services advised that:-

- Whilst the results of air quality monitoring of the industrial estate were on the cusp of the level associated with designating an AQMA, the technical formula that has to be applied reflects the worst case scenario.

- If an Authority does not declare an AQMA, the Government Office can decide to make such a designation in any event.
- A positive aspect of designation can be that residents know their Authority is tackling the subject. Designation brings no additional liability to an Authority.
- Whilst designation does not bring enhanced power for an Authority to intervene with the activity of a business, it can encourage changes to planning policies. Some short term measures will be introduced via the proposed action plan.
- Issues of dust are associated with a few of the premises, not all.
- Nitrogen oxide monitoring associated with vehicle pollution in the vicinity of Eastwood Road, Rayleigh is on going. Notwithstanding that these issues are also marginal, there is some concern about the readings in the context of national standards. Information on the detail of current readings would be included in the Members' Bulletin. Whether vehicles are travelling at either 50 or 70 miles per hour should not be significant in terms of emission levels. The stopping and starting of vehicles is more significant.

The Executive concurred with the observation of a Member that it would be appropriate for strong representations to be made to the County Council on the need for the County to consider how it can help to address concerns associated with the air quality monitoring in Eastwood Road.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the proposed Air Quality Management Area for Rawreth Industrial Estate, in line with the Council's statutory local air quality management duties, be approved in principle.
- (2) That the Head of Environmental Services be authorised to undertake a public consultation exercise regarding the extent of the proposed Air Quality Management Area.
- (3) That strong representations are made to Essex County Council on the need for the County to consider how it can help to address concerns associated with the results of air quality monitoring being undertaken in Eastwood Road, Rayleigh. (HES)

## **30 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2010/11**

The Executive considered the report of the Head of Information and Customer Services on the timetable of meetings for the 2010/11 municipal year.

**Resolved**

That the timetable of meetings for the 2010/11 municipal year, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved. (HICS)

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved**

That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

**31      TRANSFER OF ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL LAND TO ROCHFORD HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

The Executive considered the exempt report of the Head of Community Services on the transfer of five plots of land to Rochford Housing Association for the specific purpose of providing new social rented/affordable housing.

During discussion reference was made to programmes being delivered by other Housing Associations within the District. Reference was also made to the poor state of the market in terms of land values.

It was observed that the plots of land in question were relatively small and not best suited to housing, currently providing useful amenity areas. It was also observed that potential sites for social rented/affordable housing are identified through the planning process.

**Resolved**

That no further action be taken with regard to the transfer of five plots of land to Rochford Housing Association. (HLS)

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....

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