

PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress
<p>From Policy and Finance Committee</p> <p>Telecommunications Installation in Freight House Car Park, Rochford (Minute 62(2)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a small parcel of land in the Freight House Car Park, Rochford be leased for the installation of telecommunications equipment on the terms outlined in the report.</p> <p>(2) That the equipment be concealed within a fully operational lamp standard. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Groundwork nearing completion. Lamp to be installed by January 2005</p>
<p>CCTV Evaluation (Minute 308/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposal to evaluate the existing CCTV systems be agreed, with the evaluation costs of £8,000 being funded from the Crime and Disorder Reserve.</p> <p>(2) That the Town and Parish Councils and Chambers of Trade, where applicable, be approached, with a view to providing a contribution towards the costs of evaluation. (CE)</p>	<p>Detailed brief being drawn up with partners. Appropriate parishes/chambers will then be asked to contribute. Still aiming to complete early next year.</p>

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<p>Community Transport - Request for Additional Funding (Minute 433(1)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That funding of up to £15,500 be made available during this financial year to the Community Transport Scheme from the Essex County Council community transport grant.</p> <p>(2) That a detailed examination of community transport provision be conducted over the next six months by the Finance and Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee, to be concluded by March 2005. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Members canvassed as to visits to successful Community Transport Schemes. Arrangements in hand to visit Basildon CT and Chelmsford CT, but date to be finalised.</p>
<p>Procurement Strategy (Minute 435/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Procurement Strategy be agreed, subject to the inclusion of further detail on the Gershon review and the achievements associated with the leisure and other contracts.</p> <p>(2) That the Procurement Champion be the Chairman of the Finance and Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee or his nominee. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Impemented</p> <p>Implemented</p>

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<p>From Full Council</p> <p>Finance Best Value Review (Minute 357/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Head of Financial Services be instructed to report in December with proposals for improvements to the payroll and personnel services. (HFS) 	<p>Report being prepared for submission to Committee in January 2005.</p>
<p>Development of Council Owned Land (Minute 600(I7)/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the land designated in respect of the four sites be transferred to the Swan Housing Group at nil cost, subject to planning permission and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – For the Hardwick House scheme – supporting people revenue funding. – For the Tylney Avenue scheme – conclusion of the investigation into a possible covenant and any necessary statutory notice provisions relating to the former playspace. <p>On such terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate in accordance with the general consent and to secure the provision of the approved housing scheme. (HHHCC/HLS)</p>	<p>Implemented with the exception of Tylney Avenue where negotiations are continuing to secure the release of the covenant</p>

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<p>Budget Strategy 2004/04 - 2008/09 (Minute 46/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That officers prepare a revised long-term Budget Strategy in line with discussions at the Member/Officer Budget Away-day held on 24 January 2004. (HFS) That, subject to full funding being available from external sources, officers progress the introduction of a free and independent housing advisory service within the District. (HHHCC) 	<p>First awayday took place on the 13th November. Awaiting information about Government policy on Council Tax and Financial support.</p> <p>Work on the development of options and sources of funding is dependent on appointment to the newly created Housing Service Improvement Officer post Unable to recruit at first attempt. Post currently being re-advertised.</p>
<p>Taxi Tariff Review (Minute 358/(7)(b)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That officers provide a detailed paper on the deregulation of an authorised fare tariff by the end of October 2004. The paper to include information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The advantages and disadvantages of deregulation for drivers and circuit owners. The implications for Rochford District Council staff (including financial). The impact on the present Taxi Voucher Scheme. 	<p>Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Chairman agreed to accept a delay in receipt of this report until December 2004 because of the work on implementing Decriminalised Parking Enforcement. Report being considered by Environmental Services Committee on 2 December 2004</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details on the approach of other Essex authorities to deregulation and the views of other Essex authorities on the advantages/disadvantages of deregulation, together with any other comments that they may wish to make.• The potential impact deregulation could have on District residents that use the taxi service (shoppers, commuters, week-end users and so on). (HRHM)	