

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Item	Progress/Officer
<p>FRAIL ELDERLY HOUSING NEEDS STUDY (Minute 112/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a copy of the Consultants’ report on the findings of the Frail Elderly Needs Survey be widely distributed and that dialogue be opened with Essex County Council and the Primary Care Trust, with a view to this Committee working on and producing a strategy for tailored, improved supported housing services specific to frail elderly needs prior to the summer recess.</p> <p>That the Policy and Finance Committee be requested to consider the retention of the Housing and Support Partnership as consultants on this project with officers reporting into that Committee on the possible sources of funding for this. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Reports Distributed. Essex Social Services and the Primary Care Trust made presentations to the last Committee meeting.</p> <p>£700 funding agreed from underspend on Frail Elderly Needs Report</p>
<p>BEST VALUE – EMERGENCY PLANNING (Minute 113/03)</p> <p>Members considered the following areas needed more work or should be included in the Best Value Review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pets • Children • Untested Assessments • Psychological Effects – Bereavement • Member Involvement • Risk <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the points outlined above be taken as the initial views of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee with regard to the Best Value Review for Emergency Planning. (CEX)</p>	<p>These have been taken on board as part of the review process</p>

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<p>RENT ARREARS RECOVERY – WATER CHARGES (Minute 114/02)</p> <p>Resolved to RECOMMEND to the Community Services Committee, a change of policy in as much as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that ceasing to collect water and sewerage charges on behalf of Water Authorities from April 2003 be supported in principle and that preliminary notice be given to the Essex and Suffolk Water Company. (ii) that Tenants’ views are sought in accordance with the Council’s statutory duty to consult on any proposed changes to their Tenancy Agreement. <p>that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee after the consultation period. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Consultation exercise now completed. Report to Community Services Committee 2 July where Members confirmed decision. Negotiations now opened with Water Services Companies to ensure smooth handover.</p>
<p>DECORATING ALLOWANCES (Minute 115/02)</p> <p>Resolved to RECOMMEND to the Community Services Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the Decorating Allowance Scheme stop, with the proviso that the Housing Manager can award an exceptional decorating allowance of £40.00 per room (to a maximum of £200) if the property is refused twice or in other exceptional circumstances. (2) That exceptional decorating allowances be paid half in advance and the remainder is claimed within 6 months of accepting the tenancy following an inspection and proof of expenditure. Payments to be made directly into the rent account. (HRHM) 	<p>New Scheme now Implemented</p>

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<p>ROCHFORD TOWN SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (Minute 166/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Officers take the points outlined above back to the Rochford Sports and Social Club and seek a Business Plan from the Club as originally requested. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Rochford Town Sports and Social Club will submit Business Plan after Planning Application has been decided.</p>
<p>SWEYNE PARK DESIGN UPDATE (Minute 167/02)</p> <p>It was agreed that the footpath should be of an informal nature, constructed from type-one limestone with the edges of the footpath raised. The footpath layout was agreed subject to Footpath D being extended by approximately 160m. It was further agreed that, should finances permit, £5,000 should be set aside for the provision of Interest Tables in the area. Further, it was agreed that additional wild flower planting should take place around the area at Footpath A with an improved sign being provided explaining the reasons why the area is not regularly cut.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the above way forward be agreed for the improvements to Sweyne Park open space. (CD(F&ES)).</p>	<p>Item on this Agenda for Consideration</p>

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<p>OVERALL WORK PROGRAMME (Minute 240/02)</p> <p>Resolved That the revised work programme, as set out below, be agreed: -</p> <p>Prior to the Summer Recess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frail Elderly Study • Best value Review – Emergency Planning • Extension of Star Partnership • Feasibility of employing Tenant Liaison Officer • Memorial for Councillor Mrs. S. J. Lemon <p>Items to be considered largely after the Summer Recess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Value Review – Community Safety • Best Value review – Public Regulation, Inspection and Protection <p>Items to be brought twice yearly to September/October and February/March Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime & disorder Reduction Strategy • Leisure Contract <p>Items to be brought before June/July and November/December Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds Maintenance Contract <p>Ongoing Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Management Issues • Matters arising from the agreed Action Plans covering the Best Value Reviews on Housing Strategy and Housing Management (CEX) 	<p>Reports will now be produced in line with the Work Programme Delete</p>

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<p>FRAIL ELDERLY HOUSING (Minute 241/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1)That The Housing and Support Partnership, The Mental Health Trust, Crossroads and Age Concern be invited to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide input into the Frail Elderly Needs Study (HHHCC)</p> <p>(2)That additional publicity be given to The Handyman Service and similar schemes in future editions of Rochford District Matters. (CPM)</p>	<p>Crossroads and Age Concern Attending this meeting. Other Organisations to attend future meetings</p> <p>Publicity being arranged for Autumn Edition</p>
<p>COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK (Minute 242/02)</p> <p>Recommended to the Community Services Committee</p> <p>That the One-bedroom Aged Person designated flats set out below be released for General Occupation: -</p> <p>Shoebury Road, Great Wakering - 4 one-bedroom flats (2 ground floor and 2 first floor) Evergreens, Barling - 8 one-bedroom flats (4 ground-floor and 4 first-floor) Rodwells, Little Wakering - 8 one-bedroom flats (4 ground-floor and 4 first-floor) Sutton Road, Rochford 4 one-bedroom flats (2 ground-floor and 2 first-floor) Warwick Drive, Rochford 2 one-bedroom flats (1 ground-floor and 1 first-floor) Boulevard, Rochford 7 one-bedroom flats (4 ground-floor and 3 first-floor) Harris Court, Hockley 7 one-bedroom flats (5 ground-floor and 2 first-floor) Shepheards Court, Hockley 6 one-bedroom flats (4 ground-floor and 2 first-floor) Bardfield Way, Rayleigh 11 one-bedroom flats (6 ground floor and 5 first-floor) Sudbury Close, Hawkwell 15 one-bedroom flats (7 ground-floor and 8 first-floor)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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<p>AUDIT REPORT (Minute 243/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the updated information on the audit recommendations for the audit of Housing Rents be agreed. (C Ex)</p>	<p>Delete</p>