

## **NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS**

The Community Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 3 November 2005:-

### **Item**

### **Decision**

**Consultation Paper –  
“Amending the Definition  
of a Caravan”**  
(Minute 430/05)

That the ODPM be advised that the proposed amendment is not welcomed by this Council. Whilst improvements to the insulation of mobile homes will enable owners to maintain reasonable temperatures using less energy and will help reduce fuel poverty and improve energy conservation with the consequent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions that will have environmental benefits, and mindful that under the Council’s Housing Renewal Assistance Policy residents in receipt of a qualifying benefit or on a low income may be eligible for a grant for the costs of insulating their mobile home, it was not acceptable that the Green Belt should be sacrificed in order to accommodate larger units. The definition of caravan, as per the caravan club, appears much smaller. Under these proposals there appears to be no commitment to maintain Model Standards minimum separation distances between caravans. Furthermore, external cladding could, potentially, be unsightly. (HHHCC)

**Demoted Tenancies**  
(Minute 431/05)

That authority be included within his general delegation, for the Head of Revenue and Housing Management to seek Demotion Orders in appropriate cases. (HRHM)

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**Priorities to Improve the  
Lives of Our Children and  
Young People – Essex  
County Council  
Consultation**  
(Minute 432/05)

- (1) That Cllr T Livings should be this Council's representative on the County Council Strategic Board for Children and Young People.
- (2) That, subject to the following Member comments, the content of the evolving Children and Young Person's Strategy be noted:
  - reducing drug and alcohol abuse and reducing teenage pregnancies were higher priorities than that of reducing obesity in children and young people.
  - The Strategy should also include the priority of reducing smoking among children and young people. (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 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Signed** .....  
Head of Administrative and Member Services

**Dated**.....