
OUTSTANDING ISSUES

ITEM	PROGRESS / OFFICER
<p><u>Transportation & Environmental Services Committee Resolutions</u></p> <p>Green Business Project (Minute 178/00)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Officers seek further external funding to continue the project on other industrial estates within the District. (HCPI)</p>	<p>This will be considered as part of the Community Strategy Development as identified in the Council's Corporate Plan/Best Value Performance Plan 2002/03. The Recycling Officer is researching the potential for a business recycling project for industrial estates.</p>
<p>Land North Of The Market Square, Rochford (Minute 285/00)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the results of the investigations be reported back to the Council for consideration. (HCPI)</p>	<p>Matter considered at the Environmental Services Committee on 9 April where it was noted that little progress has been made on this issue. This Authority was waiting for the landowners, including the County Council, to reach an agreement to market the site.</p>

<p>Various Roads Hawkwell And Hockley - Proposed Variation To Existing Waiting Restrictions And On-Street Parking Bays (Minute 23/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That investigations be carried out regarding the issue of providing ease of parking for care workers. (County Highways, ECC)</p>	<p>Being addressed during Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement procedure.</p>
<p>Rochford Economic Audit (Minute 229/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Rochford Economic Audit document be considered in the context of the Economic Development Strategy and the Draft Local Plan. (HPS)</p>	<p>The Economic Development Officer is now in post and is using the Economic Audit and other local research to develop the Economic Development Strategy which is expected to be produced in October 2002.</p>
<p>Rochford Town Centre Enhancement Scheme (Minute 237/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Working Group considers bus routes, in consultation with Arriva. (HPS)</p>	<p>Arriva have confirmed (May 2002) their intention to continue to operate the bus route through the Market Square and along West Street.</p>

<p>Brays Lane, Ashingdown/Rochford Proposed Revocation Of Existing Speed Limit De-Restriction Order (Part) (Minute 427/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, notwithstanding the objection received, the Traffic Regulation Order be made as recommended in accordance with the County Council's Standard Order Marking Procedure. (County Highways)</p>	<p>Order sealed – awaiting works on site (relocation of signs etc).</p>
<p>Passenger Transport Infrastructure (Minute 428/01)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Committee supports in principle the proposal to trial a higher level of bus stop maintenance in Rochford District, subject to information about the scheme's costs being provided. (County Highways)</p>	<p>£40k allocated this year for this trial. Bus stop audit complete - remedial works to poles/flags/timetables underway.</p>
<p>Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works – Progress Report (Minute 14/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a letter be sent to the responsible Minister, once all legal avenues have been exhausted, giving details of all the difficulties encountered with respect to the Works, and the lack of co-operation of Anglian Water, and expressing concern that sludge from the Works currently goes to landfill, which is a finite resource. This to be copied to the Members for Parliament for the Rayleigh and Rochford & Southend East constituencies and the Environment Agency. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Matter considered at the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee on 9 April 2002. An extract from the minutes is below for information.</p> <p>Responding to a Member enquiry, Officers confirmed that Anglian Water had not complied with an abatement notice in respect of noise nuisance. A legal issue had arisen relating to whether an abatement notice could actually be served on a sewage works, based on whether a sewage works could be defined as a premises. Legal Officers were actively pursuing this issue.</p> <p>The Chairman moved a motion and it was:-</p>

	<p>Resolved</p> <p>That this Committee delegates authority to the appropriate Officers to proceed with enforcement of the noise abatement notice, subject to positive legal advice, and that a report be brought back to this Committee should enforcement action not be appropriate. (HHHCC/HLS)</p>
<p>Rochford District Replacement Local Plan Draft Policies (Minute 14/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the policies, as revised and set out in the Appendix to these Minutes, be approved for inclusion in the replacement Rochford District Local Plan first deposit draft.</p> <p>(2) That Officers give consideration to framing a policy which recognises a need for ecological value to be placed on land before any development or preparation for development takes place. This to provide for a mechanism so that, when developers are considering an area of high ecological value, an impact study is undertaken. (HPS)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Various policies dealing with the protection of the environment and ecological appraisal considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 19 June 2002 (for inclusion in the replacement Local Plan).</p>
<p>Disabled Parking in Off-Street Car Parks (Minute 14/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That there be new signage for the disabled parking bays in Boots Lagoon designating the bays for wheelchair users only. 	<p>Police confirm that there is no appropriate sign or order for designating bays on the highway for wheelchair users only.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That free parking in pay and display car parks be restricted to severely disabled persons displaying vehicle excise duty exemption discs only. • That the changes be advertised in the car parks and an initial period of grace is exercised by the issuing of warning notices to drivers. (HRHM) 	<p>It was resolved at Council on 26/02/02 that resolutions 3 and 4 not be agreed. These issues have now been referred to the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Issues to be combined with a review of car parking charges scheduled for Autumn 2002 to dovetail into the budget process.</p>
<p>‘Bar-N-Bus’ Vehicle at Websters Way Car Park, Rayleigh (Minute 14/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Officers continue to consult with John Ward and the Police to monitor the effectiveness of this initiative and report back to this Sub-Committee in 6 months’ time. • That a letter be sent to the ‘Bar-N-Bus’ Trust suggesting the success in Websters Way might be built on by extending the initiative to another evening and to other parts of the District. (HRHM) 	<p>A report will be on the agenda for this Committee in September once all responses have been received.</p> <p>Implemented: the Trust vehicle is fully committed in other areas. The Trust is looking to acquire another vehicle in the future.</p>
<p>Notice of Motion from Cllrs P F A Webster and T G Cutmore (Minute 16/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a report reviewing this Council’s scheme of delegation to provide for a mechanism which facilitates appropriate debate should be considered by the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee. (CD(LPA))</p>	<p>This issue was discussed at a meeting of the Finance & Procedures Committee on 27 March 2002 and a revised scheme of delegation was approved at Council on 25 April 2002.</p> <p>Planning delegations has been referred to the Planning Services Committee on 25 July 2002.</p>

<p>High Street and Hockley Road, Rayleigh – Proposed Changes to Existing Traffic Regulation Orders (Minute 17/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the revised proposals set out in the appendices to this report be agreed, subject to the final proposal on page 13.3 of the report being amended to read as follows:-</p> <p>Proposed prohibition of of vehicles (with exemptions for licensed taxis, wheelchair users, motorcycles and pedal cycles. (County Highways)</p>	<p>Order sealed, works on ground complete.</p>
<p>Uplands Park Road, Rayleigh – Proposed Extension to Existing Waiting Restrictions and No Stopping on Existing School Keep Clear Marking (Minute 19/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, notwithstanding the objections which have been received to the proposed extension to existing waiting restrictions and no stopping on existing School Keep Clear markings, the proposals in Uplands Park Road should be implemented. (County Highways)</p>	<p>Considered at the meeting of Environmental Services on 9 April where concern was expressed that this site was dangerous for pedestrians and that there should be enforcement of the restrictions in place in Uplands Park Road.</p> <p>There was a general consensus that the issue of unauthorised parking around schools in the District should be raised with the Police. County Officers confirmed that they would bring this issue to the attention of the Police.</p> <p>On a motion moved by Cllr K A Gibbs and seconded by Cllr P A Capon it was:-</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a letter be sent to Rayleigh Police requesting that the extension to waiting restrictions and no stopping on existing School Keep Clear markings in Uplands Park Road be enforced. (HPS)</p>

	This has been requested by ECC. Traffic wardens have attended recently and no enforcement was necessary.
Draft Community Transport Partnership Agreement (Minute 20/02) Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Head of Revenue & Housing Management be authorised to sign the Agreement under delegation. 	Final draft still awaited from the County Council despite reminders.
Rochford Town Centre Enhancement Further Issues – Taxi Rank and Horse Trough (Minute 21/02) Resolved <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the layout of the Enhancement Scheme be modified by changing car parking spaces 15 and 16 into a taxi rank and that the 3 taxi spaces provided in Back Lane be retained as fee paying spaces. That the Rochford Town horse trough be moved from Hockley Woods to the central reservation in Market Square next to a replica pump, subject to any costs associated with siting in this position being met by Rochford Parish Council. (HPS) 	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Arrangements are in hand.</p>

<p><u>Environmental Services Committee Resolutions</u></p> <p>Rayleigh Town Centre – Outstanding Issues (Minute 94/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a Rayleigh Town Centre actions update be provided to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee in 3 months and that the frequency of updates be reviewed at this time. (HPS/County Highways)</p>	<p>At the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 26 June it was agreed that a Sub-Committee would be set up to address these issues.</p>
<p>Southend Civic Amenity Site (Minute 95/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the progress now being made be noted, with the Council continuing to press the County Council for speedy action on this matter, to ensure that Essex County Council taxpayers do not continue to subsidise those in Southend. (C Ex)</p>	<p>Matter reported to Environmental Services Committee on 6 June 2002 where it was: -</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Essex County Council be advised that this Authority supports the proposals put forward regarding the implementation of a new scheme at Castle Road Civic Amenity Site as detailed below: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs will be erected at Castle Road and local newspaper advertising will advise people in South East Essex that from a date yet to be determined, only residents of the Essex County Council area will be allowed to use Essex civic amenity sites freely. Leaflets will also be distributed at Castle Road. • A charge of £3 per visit will be made to anyone unable to prove residency within the Essex County Council area. If an

	<p>Essex County Council resident cannot provide documentation, a charge will be made but refunded by Essex County Council where proof is subsequently provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme will operate only at Castle Road, although Essex County Council will monitor the use of other sites by non – Essex residents. • Essex County Council will continue to refund charges incurred by Essex residents when using Southend on Sea Borough Council civic amenity sites. (CD(FES))
<p>Planning: Delivering a Fundamental Change – Green Paper (Minute 96/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That subject to the comments above, this report forms the basis of the Rochford District Council's response to the Government Green Paper, "Planning: Delivering a Fundamental Change". (HPS)</p>	<p>This resolution has been called in by some Members of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>Issues Arising From the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 26 March 2002 (Minute 140/02)</p> <p>The following issues arising from the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 26 March 2002 were considered.</p> <p>(1) Planning: Delivering a Fundamental Change – Green Paper (Min. 119/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the wording in the bullet points to Minute 96/02 be</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>

strengthened so that the resolution reads:-

“That this report forms the basis of the Rochford District Council’s response to the Government Green Paper “Planning: Delivering a Fundamental Change”, subject to the following Member comments:-

- Disagreement with the proposal that there should be new business planning zones with relaxed planning controls.
- Support for the proposal that planning consents be limited to three rather than five years, with applications for renewals being considered afresh.
- It is totally contradictory for the Government to say that the process for Local plans should be speeded up, while at the same time seeking more extensive community involvement.
- Disagreement with a local plan system that can change on a day-to-day basis, stability being essential to any planning system.
- A major omission is that there is no indication of whether the District Council or the planning applicant would bear the charge for the responses of statutory consultees.
- It is fundamentally desirable that Parish Councils, Chambers of Trade and other local organisations are not left out of the process.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a specific requirement to fill the gap between the local development framework and the regional tier. • Concern that many of the changes proposed in the Green Paper should not be implemented until a Regional Government has been elected by popular franchise. (HPS) 	
<p>(2) That the Government should also be advised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That more time should have been given for responses to this fundamentally important Green Paper. • This Council would have liked further clarification on what is actually meant by the opportunity for more autonomy in planning at local level with specific examples of how local autonomy could be carried forward. (HPS) 	Implemented.
<p>(2) Public Transport Initiatives – Invitation for Bid Submissions to the Rural and Urban Challenge Funds (Min. 121/02)</p>	
<p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services be approached on the possibilities for joint working to establish the feasibility of submitting Challenge Fund bids aimed at addressing transport in areas of demonstrable need within the District. (C Ex)</p>	<p>The Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services has been approached. An item is scheduled for consideration at the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 18 July.</p>

<p>Latest Review Of Locally Determined Programme 2001/2002 And Presentation Of Locally Determined Programme 2002/2003 (Minute 142/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposed programme outlined in Item 4 of the report be adopted as the Locally Determined Programme for 2002/2003.</p> <p>On a motion moved by the Chairman, it was further:-</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(2) That the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider adopting a three or five year programme for future Locally Determined Programmes. (County Highways)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Will be submitted to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18th July.</p>
<p>Proposal For Provision Of Pedestrian Crossing – Love Lane, Rayleigh (Minute 143/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers whether or not a crossing facility be provided in Love Lane, Rayleigh.</p> <p>(2) That a sum of up to £7,000 be used to enhance the safety of children in Love Lane.</p> <p>(3) That a letter be sent to the Love Lane School about parents' bad road practice in the vicinity of the school and</p>	<p>Will be submitted to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18th July.</p>

<p>urging the school to heed the advice of the County Council Road Safety Officer.</p> <p>(4) That a letter be sent to the Police expressing concern that there is a lack of enforcement around schools with respect to parking, stopping and waiting restrictions and requesting that the Police present a report to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee detailing how they would deal with it. (HPS/County Highways)</p>	
<p>Junction At High Street/Websters Way, Rayleigh (Minute 144/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the consultant's finding on the persistent red light running on the High Street approach be referred to the County Council's safety camera team for appropriate action, with a report back to a future meeting of the Environmental Services Committee.</p> <p>(2) That the peak time congestion in Websters Way be modelled and that the options for improvement be costed and reported to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration. (County Highways)</p>	<p>Safety Cameras Team investigating.</p> <p>Report to be brought to this Committee when complete in the autumn.</p>
<p>Development Control/Building Control Best Value Review – Final Report (Minute 145/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the development control/building control service action plan be considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny</p>	<p>Matter considered at Council on 25 April 2002 where it was: -</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Planning Services Committee continue to comprise all Members of the Council.</p>

<p>Committee on 18 April, with a report to Full Council on 25 April. (HPS)</p>	<p>(2) That the objective to organise a regular focus group on planning be not approved.</p> <p>(3) That the objective to remove the requirement for Ward Member consultation when agreeing minor adjustments to applications first determined by the Planning Committee be not approved.</p> <p>(4) That the objective relating to redesigning Planning reception in Acacia House be deferred pending future Asset Management deliberations.</p> <p>(5) That, subject to referral of the procedure for site visits to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the revised Action Plan, as attached to the report of the Head of Planning Services, be approved. (HPS)</p> <p>Agreed action plan is being implemented. Report on site visits considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 26 June 2002. The interim findings of the Audit Commission's Best Value Inspectors was considered by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 26 June 2002. Final report to be reported to Members when available.</p>
<p>Management Of Radioactive Waste – Consultation Paper (Minute 146/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the responses detailed within this report are made to the consultation paper "Managing Radioactive Waste Safely". (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>

<p>Waste Consortium Secretariat Arrangements (Minute 147/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That this authority does not have the resources to undertake secretariat duties for the Consortium of Essex Waste Collection Authorities.</p> <p>(2) That the current Secretariat be asked to provide costing proposals for the provision of a semi permanent secretariat, to be considered by the Policy & Finance Committee. (CD(F&ES)).</p>	<p>Consortium advised of Council's view. No further information forthcoming from consortium.</p>
<p>Abandoned Vehicles On Strategic Routes (Minute 148/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee examine the processes involved in removing abandoned vehicles on highways.</p> <p>(2) That the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) be authorised to delegate to Essex County Council the powers required to deal with abandoned vehicles on the strategic routes within the District. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Signed datasharing agreement with Essex Police (Rayleigh), who will provide information on registered keepers which would normally come from DVLA, and thus speed up process.</p> <p>Essex County Council advised.</p>
<p>Environmental Statement For Bradwell Nuclear Power Station - Consultation (Minute 226/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a full copy of the Environmental Statement for the</p>	<p>Matter to be considered further, at this meeting, at Item 11</p>

<p>decommissioning of Bradwell Nuclear Power Station be obtained</p> <p>(2) That Magnox Electric be requested to provide further information relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. additional security measures, to minimise risk under Option B, from terrorist attack. b. the possibility of flooding given the 100 year timetable for Option B. <p>(3) That the matter be brought back to the meeting on 4 July for further consideration. (HHHCC)</p>	
<p>Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works Liaison Committee (Minute 227/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Councillors Mrs T J Capon, T G Cutmore and Mrs M J Webster represent the Council on the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works Liaison Committee for the Municipal year, and that attendance at these meetings be regarded as an approved duty. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Implemented. Added to Outside Bodies List for 2002/03</p>

Essex County Council Training Day - Highways Liability And Risk Management (Minute 229/02) Resolved That Councillor J E Grey and an Officer represent the Council at the Highways Liability and Risk Management Training Day, and that this be regarded as an approved duty. (CD(FES))	Training day held on 17 June - awaiting feedback
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