

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the equipment be concealed within a fully operational lamp standard. (HRHM) 	<p>Installed and now operational</p>
<p>CCTV Evaluation (Minute 308/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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>Detailed brief still being finalised. Appropriate Parishes/chambers have now been written to and asked whether they would be prepared to contribute. Aiming to send out brief for tender by end of month.</p>
<p>Community Transport - Request for Additional Funding (Minute 433(1)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Members canvassed as to visits to successful Community Transport Schemes and visits made to Basildon CT and Chelmsford CT early in January. Chairman has requested report for consideration of long-term funding to go to 17 March 2005 meeting.</p>

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<p>Equalities And Diversity Policy (Minute 480/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Equalities and Diversity Policy, as appended to the report, be adopted. (CD(LPA))</p>	Implemented
<p>Essex Rural Strategy (Minute 481/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Officer comments set out in the report be this Council's response to the revised draft Essex Rural Strategy. (CE)</p>	Implemented
<p>Housing And Planning In The Regions – Consultation (Minute 482/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, given the result of the Regional Assembly Referendum in the NE of England last Friday, this Council write to the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, demanding that he completely reviews the role and function of the "so called" Regional Assemblies that currently exist. We also demand that the East of England Regional Assembly be dismantled and that the strategic planning powers and responsibilities be devolved back to County, Unitary and District and Borough Councils in a form agreeable to County, Unitary and District and Borough Councils.</p> <p>This Council further calls upon the Deputy Prime Minister to re-appraise the work of the Regional Development Agencies and ensure that they work at an appropriately local level and that they are accountable to local councils. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented. Response has been made available to Members.</p>

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<p>Taxi Voucher Scheme (Minute 483/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the current number and value of vouchers issued be maintained.</p> <p>(2) That budgetary provision of £106,000 (including an estimated contribution from Essex County Council of £21,000) be considered as part of the budgetary process for the 2005/06 financial year.</p> <p>(3) That, as part of the Environmental Services Committee's overall responsibility for the Taxi Voucher Scheme, a further report be prepared after the completion of 3 full years operation of the scheme. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>In draft budget for consideration on 27 January 2005</p> <p>Third year of operation ends in March 2005. Information on voucher usage being gathered for analysis. Report anticipated in May 2005.</p>
<p>Revision of Contract Procedure Rules (Minute 484/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Rochford District Council become a member of Construction Line Services which is currently free to users of the service. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Construction Line making a presentation to Staff in Contracted Services on 26 January.</p>
<p>Council Tax 2005/06 - Update On Government Announcements (Minute 522/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That officers provide full budget projections and options for priorities for the Members' Away Day on 15 January 2005. (HFS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Workforce Development (Minute 523/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That reports be received in due course around work-life balance and recruitment and retention in accordance with the timescales outlined in the Plan. (CD(LP&A))</p>	<p>The Workforce Development Plan 2004 – 2009 is being progressed to timetable across its five key areas. Specific reports are due on recruitment & retention (Sept. 2005) and work-life balance (Dec. 2005).</p>
<p>Implementing Electronic Government (IEG4) Statement (Minute 524/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, subject to the inclusion of any changes from the County Council, the IEG4 Statement be approved for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>Changes To The System Of Planning Fees In England (Minute 526/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That, subject to an additional comment that planning fees should be set at a level that is self-financing, the officer observations set out in the report form the basis of the Council's response to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. (HPS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

Item	Progress
<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 on the agenda for this meeting.</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. Report on current position to February meeting.</p>

Item	Progress
<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>Implemented</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. Further round of interviews being held late January.</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 because of the work on implementing Decriminalised Parking Enforcement. Report being considered by Sub-Committee on 1 February.</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) 	
<p>Licensing act 2003 – Nomination of Members for Training Purposes (Minute 457(2)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the nomination of nine additional Members to serve on the Appeals and Licensing Committee for the purpose of Member training on the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 be endorsed.(HAMS)</p>	Implemented
<p>Closure of Accounts 2003/04 (Minute 457(8)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the budget amendments identified in the report be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That the amendments to the accounts identified within the report be agreed. (HFS)</p>	Implemented

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<p>Capital Strategy (Minute 457(8)(b)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Strategy be agreed. (HFS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>Museums in Essex Service (Minute 457(12)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Councillor Mrs M J Webster be nominated as this Council's appointee to join the board of the Museums in Essex Service. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>Rochford Sports Council (Minute 457(12)(b)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Councillor R A Amner be nominated as this Council's appointee to Rochford Sports Council. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Special Interest Group for Fourth Option Authorities (Minute 457(14)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That this Council supports the proposal to set up a fourth option special interest group within the Local Government Association and write to Wear Valley District Council requesting that they prepare a written proposal for consideration and subsequent submission to the Local Government Association.</p> <p>(2) That the Leader of the Council be nominated to act as this Council's representative on the Fourth Option Special Interest Group if and when such a body is formed. (CE)</p>	<p>Comments forwarded to Wear Valley District Council. Update awaited.</p> <p>See above</p>
<p>Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Minute 457(14)(b)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Scheme of Delegation to Officers be amended in accordance with the report submitted to the Committee, subject to:-</p> <p>(1) Removal of the word “materially” from the fourth category in Appendix 1 relating to shop fronts.</p> <p>(2) Adoption of the suggested proposal for dealing with controversial issues or matters of significant community concern. (CD(LPA))</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Motion On Notice From Councillors Mrs M J Webster and C A Hungate (Minute 458(1)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a Sub-Committee of 5 Members (3 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Non-Group Member) be established to make recommendations on ways to celebrate St. George's Day in 2005. (HAMS)</p> <p>Motion On Notice From Councillors C I Black, R A Oatham and Mrs M S Vince (Minute 458(2)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That this Council presses for improved bus services along Rawreth Lane in view of the expected house building, leisure centre, new school building, new medical facilities and new shops. (HPS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Will be taken up at every occasion and pursued through the Local Transport Plan.</p>
<p>Strategic And Financial Planning (Minute 459/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Officers provide updated information when available and make the information within the report available at the Member Budget Strategy Away Day on 13 November 2004. (HFS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

Item	Progress
<p>London 2012 Olympic Bid (Minute 460/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That at this stage the Council supports in principle the London 2012 Olympic bid. (CE)</p>	<p>The outcome of London's Olympic bid is now awaited.</p>
<p>Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) - Improvement Plan (Minute 500/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, subject to inclusion of the words "Rochford District" in the action on page 3.10, the Improvement Plan attached as Appendix A to the report be agreed as the basis for sustained improvement.</p> <p>(2) That the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee have principal responsibility for the monitoring, review and development of the Improvement Plan to ensure that the Council's progress in addressing the areas highlighted for improvement is maintained. (CE)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Underway. First update will be to the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 March.</p>
<p>Revision of Contract Procedure Rules (Minute 555(4)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the proposals for revision to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules be deferred to the Finance & Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee for detailed review. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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<p>Consultation on Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Minute 555(10)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Statement of Licensing Policy, as revised and attached at Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care be authorised to incorporate any inconsequential changes on an ongoing basis. (HHHCC)</p>	Implemented						
<p>Licensing Act 2003 - Changes required to the Council's Constitution (Minute 555(10)(b)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the current Appeals and Licensing Committee be replaced with two Committees - a Licensing Committee and an Appeals Committee. The terms of reference of these Committees to be included in the Constitution on the basis set out at Appendix 1 of the report and membership for the remainder of the Municipal Year to be as follows:-</p> <table data-bbox="96 1029 1070 1294"> <tr> <td>Appeals Committee</td><td>Licensing Committee</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chairman: Councillor Mrs B J Wilkins</td><td>Chairman: Councillor Mrs B J Wilkins</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice-Chairman: Councillor G A Mockford</td><td>Vice-Chairman: Councillor G A Mockford</td></tr> </table>	Appeals Committee	Licensing Committee	Chairman: Councillor Mrs B J Wilkins	Chairman: Councillor Mrs B J Wilkins	Vice-Chairman: Councillor G A Mockford	Vice-Chairman: Councillor G A Mockford	Implemented
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<p>Councillors: K A Gibbs, K H Hudson, T Livings, R A Oatham</p> <p>Councillors: Mrs R Brown, T G Cutmore, K A Gibbs, Mrs H L A Glynn, Mrs S A Harper, K H Hudson, A J Humphries, T Livings, C J Lumley, R A Oatham, D G Stansby, Mrs M A Starke, M G B Starke</p>	
<p>(2) That the words 'and an Appeals and Licensing Committee' in the final line of the third paragraph on page 1.2 of the Constitution be replaced with 'a Licensing Committee and an Appeals Committee' and the words 'Licensing Policy Statement' be included in item (g) on page 3.1 of the Constitution.</p>	Implemented
<p>(3) That the timetable of meetings for the period March to April 2005 be adjusted to include provision for daytime licensing hearings on Tuesdays (am and pm). The draft timetable for the 2005/06 Municipal Year to also include such provision.</p>	Implemented
<p>(4) That authority be delegated to the Head of Administrative and Member Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, to appoint three Members to serve on a Licensing Sub-Committee and a Reserve Member. (HAMS)</p>	Implemented

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<p>Members Allowances (Minute 555(12)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Members' Allowance Scheme comprise:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Basic Allowance of £3,000. • The existing cascade system and percentage allocations of Special Responsibility Allowances. • The maintenance of a co-optees' allowance at £300 per annum. • The payment of travel and subsistence at the same rate as for officers as at 1 April 2005, subject to a maximum of 40p per mile and a passenger allowance of 5p per passenger per mile being introduced. In addition, new allowances of 24p per mile for a motorcycle and 20p per mile for a bicycle. • That Allowances should not be pensionable. • That Index-Linking should not be applicable. 	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>London Southend Airport Consultative Committee – Membership (Minute 555(12)(b)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That membership of the London Southend Airport Consultative Committee be increased from one to three Members, the additional two appointees to be Councillors K H Hudson and D G Stansby for the remainder of this Municipal Year. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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<p>Draft Animal Welfare Charter (Minute 555(13)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, subject to the re-ordering and re-wording of recommendations 2 and 3 under the 'Angling' section of the Charter, where appropriate, and any amendments associated with resolution (2) below, the draft Animal Welfare Charter be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the alteration of Council policy on the keeping of pets in sheltered housing schemes be deferred for a period of no more than six months to allow officers to identify specific suitable accommodation and report back to the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>(3) That a letter be sent to the County Council requesting that emergency planning arrangements should include farm livestock at risk from flooding and that contingency arrangements in rest centre planning take account of domestic pets.</p> <p>(4) That a letter be sent to the local branch of the National Farmers' Union urging them to identify measures that could be taken to avoid animals drowning in the event of flooding, so as to avoid health risks from carcasses.</p> <p>(5) That literature be made available on the safety of animals in emergency situations.</p>	<p>Amendments being made to the section on angling. Charter will be publicised following these changes and following resolution of the policy on pets in sheltered schemes on 1 March.</p> <p>Report considered by Community Overview and scrutiny committee on 18 January. Recommendations made to Policy Committee.</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>Best practice examples being sought.</p>

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<p>(6) That Members of Parliament be lobbied on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The range of animals listed on the schedule of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 should not be reduced. · Large snakes over eight feet long should also be licensed. · The potential hazards to wildlife from the development of wind farms needs to be properly taken into account in the evaluation of proposals. · The development of alternative methods of research not involving animals. · That animal cruelty and wildlife crime be made recordable for Police forces because of strong linkages with other crime and the Home Office lobbied on this. · That stronger controls be introduced on the tethering of horses. 	<p>To be implemented following conclusion of amendments in (1) above, when a copy of the Charter and background papers will also be sent to the local MPs.</p>
<p>(7) That an article appear in Rochford District Matters advising residents that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Work is identified within the Local Plan on wildlife and conservation issues, together with guidance relating to the sensitive treatment of tree felling associated with planning applications. · The felling of trees, hedges and ditch clearance and associated works should be discouraged during bird nesting times. 	<p>To be included in Spring 2005 edition</p>
<p>(8) That other Local Authorities be advised of the value of appointing an ecologist, both in terms of arboricultural, as well as planning issues and particularly where the introduction of an animal welfare charter was under consideration.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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<p>(9) That consideration be given to the possibility of extending the Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park and of developing wildlife walks at Foulness with observation posts in order to encourage greater appreciation of wildlife, particularly given aspirations to develop Rochford as a centre of leisure and tourism within the Thames Gateway South Essex.</p> <p>(10) That the Minutes of all Animal Welfare Charter Sub-Committee meetings be attached to all distributed copies of the Animal Welfare Charter, to include all those organisations that gave evidence to the Sub-Committee and to all other animal welfare agencies, MPs, Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, libraries, primary schools and veterinary surgeries.</p> <p>(11) That the Animal Welfare Charter be reviewed in 12 months' time. (HHHCC)</p>	<p>Extension of Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park is included within the Council's corporate policy framework.</p> <p>To be implemented following conclusion of amendments in (1) above.</p>
<p>Highways Local Service Agreement (Minute 555(15)(a)/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That Rochford District Council sign up to the Highways Local Service Agreement for a period of 12 months.</p> <p>(2) That the Area Manager, County Highways should provide the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee with reviews on the Highways Local Service Agreement every three months. (HPS)</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Setting The Council Tax Base 2005/2006 (Minute 556/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the method of calculation of the Council's Tax Base for the year 2005/2006 be agreed.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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<p>(2) That pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 the amount calculated by the Rochford District Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2005/2006 shall be in the following parts:-</p> <table> <tr><td>ASHINGDON</td><td>1204.17</td></tr> <tr><td>BARLING MAGNA</td><td>628.22</td></tr> <tr><td>CANEWDON</td><td>546.40</td></tr> <tr><td>FOULNESS ISLAND</td><td>66.89</td></tr> <tr><td>GREAT WAKERING</td><td>1956.06</td></tr> <tr><td>HAWKWELL</td><td>4510.57</td></tr> <tr><td>HOCKLEY</td><td>3794.27</td></tr> <tr><td>HULLBRIDGE</td><td>2336.09</td></tr> <tr><td>PAGLESHAM</td><td>104.63</td></tr> <tr><td>RAWRETH</td><td>425.87</td></tr> <tr><td>RAYLEIGH</td><td>11953.37</td></tr> <tr><td>ROCHFORD</td><td>2779.53</td></tr> <tr><td>STAMBRIDGE</td><td>232.48</td></tr> <tr><td>SUTTON</td><td>53.27</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td><hr/></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>30591.82</td></tr> </table>	ASHINGDON	1204.17	BARLING MAGNA	628.22	CANEWDON	546.40	FOULNESS ISLAND	66.89	GREAT WAKERING	1956.06	HAWKWELL	4510.57	HOCKLEY	3794.27	HULLBRIDGE	2336.09	PAGLESHAM	104.63	RAWRETH	425.87	RAYLEIGH	11953.37	ROCHFORD	2779.53	STAMBRIDGE	232.48	SUTTON	53.27		<hr/>		30591.82	Implemented
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