

The Executive – 18 March 2009

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **18 March 2009** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs M J Webster

Cllr Mrs T J Capon
Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr M G B Starke
Cllr P F A Webster

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs L A Butcher and K J Gordon.

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren - Chief Executive
R J Honey - Corporate Director (Internal Services)
G Woolhouse - Corporate Director (External Services)
S Scrutton - Head of Planning and Transportation
J Bostock - Committee Services Manager

69 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70 CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL – TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The Executive heard from the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation, Cllr K H Hudson, on a proposal that Essex County Council should accept responsibility for administering the Adult Concessionary Fares Scheme on behalf of Rochford District Council and the other Transport Concession Authorities for the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11. The associated report was considered.

Members concurred with the observation of the Portfolio Holder that the proposal would bring conformity and improved financial certainty.

It was agreed that the District Council should issue a press release at the appropriate time.

It was observed that some applicants may only utilise the Scheme at particular times, such as for hospital visits.

On a motion, moved by Cllr K H Hudson and seconded by Cllr P F A Webster, it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That Essex County Council should accept responsibility for administering the Adult Concessionary Fares Scheme on behalf of Rochford District Council and the other Transport Concession Authorities for the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11.
- (2) That the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation be authorised to agree the detailed arrangements for the transfer of the Scheme (including the issuing of a press release at the appropriate time).
(HPT)

71 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

The Executive considered the report of the Corporate Policy and Partnerships Manager on the draft Sustainable Communities Strategy.

It was noted that there would be full publicity of the Strategy following sign-up by all the partners. Monitoring of the Strategy would be key.

Recommended to Full Council

That the draft Sustainable Communities Strategy be adopted. (CE)

The meeting closed at 7.38pm.

Chairman

Date

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