

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy & Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 12 October 2005:-

Item

Decision

**Revenue & Benefits –
Capacity Building and
Service Enhancement**
(Minute 383/05)

That a bid for £10,000 be included in the 2006/07 budget to enable the dedicated call centre service to continue on the basis set out in the report. (HRHM)

**Comprehensive
Performance Assessment
– Lessons Learnt and a
Framework for District
Councils from 2006**
(Minute 384/05)

That the Council's response to the Audit Commission Consultation Paper be on the basis of paragraphs 4.1 to 4.9 of the Chief Executive's report. (CE)

**Future Vision – Key
Actions for Rochford
District Council**
(Minute 385/05)

(1) That, subject to the addition of the following, the 'wish list' set out at Appendix 1 of the report be endorsed as the first part of the visioning process:-

Under the Healthy Living/Quality of Life heading, expand to include:-

- More youth facilities in Rayleigh, specifically in the parts of the town not close to the warehouse centre.

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- Revision of the suggestion relating to doctors and dentists to read ‘encourage the provision of more general practitioners and dentists in the District as a priority, together with a satellite clinic to serve Rayleigh, Hullbridge and Hockley’.

Under the Community Development heading:-

- Revision of the first suggestion to read ‘increase young people’s and persons under 50 involvement in local decision making process’.

Under the Service Development heading:-

- Revision of the second suggestion to read ‘continue holding Council meetings in the purpose designed, air-conditioned Civic Suite in Rayleigh’.

Include under the Environment heading a new ‘wish list’ item:-

- Adoption of the Canewdon target of 1.68 hectares (or 4.16 acres) of sports pitches per 1,000 residents for the whole of the District.

- (2) That the ‘wish list’ be subject to further consultation via the Joint Citizens Panel so that the communities’ thoughts on priorities/non-priorities can then be fed into the process prior to further decisions on the way forward. (CE)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Local Area Agreement for Essex (Minute 386/05)	(1) That the progress on the Local Area Agreement process to date, the emerging priorities as outlined in the appendix to the report and the timescales involved for agreement be noted. (2) That the Leader of the Council and the Council's representatives on the various Partnership forums be authorised to contribute to the Local Area Agreement process to secure maximum potential benefits for the residents of the District. (3) That the Chief Executive report back over the period until March 2006 on progress on the Local Area Agreement process. (CE)
Key Plans and Actions for 2005/06: Performance Update (Minute 387/05)	That the progress made to date be noted. (CE)
Essex Police Authority and Police Best Value Review – Policing and Force Structure (Minute 388/05)	(1) That, subject to the inclusion of an indication that the District Council strongly opposes all three options, the officer comments set out in the report form this Council's response to the structural review by Essex Police. (2) That both local Members of Parliament be notified of and asked to support this Council's views on the proposals. A copy of the views to also be sent to County Councillor Mrs E M Hart in her capacity as a Member of the Policy Authority. (3) That Castle Point Borough Council be requested to formally support this Council in its comments on the proposals. (CE)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Contractors Access to Rayleigh Pavilion (Minute 389/05)	That the request from Rayleigh Town Council to allow contractors' vehicles to access the pavilion building through Websters Way car park be not agreed. (HPS)
Council Tax Improvement Action Plan – Best Practice Proposals (Minute 390/05)	(1) That the upgraded plan and progress towards achievement be endorsed, the plan to be reviewed again in April 2006. (2) That a bid in the sum of £1,500 be included in the 2006/07 budget for the purpose of applying for Charter Mark accreditation for the Revenue and Benefits Service. (HRHM)
Revenue and Benefits Service – Partnership Working (Minute 391/05)	That the current progress on collaborative working be noted and the proposals for further work with partners, as detailed in the report, be endorsed. (HRHM)
Log of Constituents Issues (Minute 392/05)	That a log of constituents' issues be not introduced. (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

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