

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive made the following decisions at its meeting on 11 September 2013:-

Item

Decision

**Waste Management and
Street Cleansing Contracts**
(Minute 173/13)

- (1) That the option to extend the Waste Management and Street Cleansing contracts is taken up with SITA UK Ltd on the terms detailed in paragraphs 4.1 and 5.1 of the exempt report.
- (2) That the renewal of the contracts be agreed as soon as possible to maximise possible savings.
- (3) That Rochford District Council purchase the vehicle fleet by way of borrowing.
- (4) That responsibility for bin replacements be transferred from SITA UK Ltd to the Council.
- (5) That whether to introduce a rewards scheme to encourage an increase in dry recycling, based upon the Bracknell Forest Council model, be reviewed in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Leisure, Arts and Culture.
- (6) That the revised Rectification and Default Procedure, as set out in the exempt report, be adopted.
- (7) That a new clause be added to the contract to ensure that future efficiency savings are shared. (HES)

**Performance Report on Key
Performance Indicators for
the Period April to June 2013**
(Minute 174/13)

That the progress against key performance indicators for the first quarter of 2013/14, as set out in the report, be received, subject to Rochford Housing Association being requested to provide a timeline regarding the introduction of the additional units of affordable housing currently in development. (HCS)

**Performance Report on Key
Projects for the Period April
to June 2013**
(Minute 175/13)

That the progress against key projects for the first quarter of 2013/14, as set out in the report, be received. (HF)

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Progress on Decisions made by Full Council/The Executive (Minute 176/13)	That the progress on decisions made by Full Council/The Executive, as set out in the schedule, be received.
Disabled Facilities Grants Update (Minute 177/13)	<p>That the content of the report providing a further update on the Council's performance in relation to the processing of Disabled Facility Grant applications and associated works be received subject to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting that the Portfolio Holder for Council Tax Collection, Benefits and Strategic Housing Functions is to ascertain from Essex County Council whether there are cases requiring occupational therapist assessment relating to the Rochford District that should be progressed and the extent of any broader pan Essex delays in cases. The Portfolio Holder to report back to the Executive on this subject, including the possibility of the District Council engaging an occupational therapist to address case backlogs should this be appropriate. • A review of the conditions provided to contractors appointed to install equipment to ensure such conditions are clear where a contractor is expected to acquire equipment in advance of their own remuneration. (HCS)
Voluntary Sector Grants 2014/15 (Minute 178/13)	(1) That the procedure set out in the report for allocating the 2014/15 Voluntary Sector Grants Fund be put in place on the basis that is fair, transparent and compliant with Best Value Statutory Guidance.

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New Telephony System
(Minute 180/13)

- (2) That applications be open to all voluntary groups operating in the District except for the Rochford and Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau and the Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service who will receive top-sliced funding from the same pot based on the previous year's performance in relation to their Service Level Agreement.
- (3) That the specified timeline outlined in the report, which is in line with Best Value Guidance, be followed. (CE)

Land Adjacent to Hockley Woods (Minute 181/13)

That a Mitel 3300 phone system be purchased from Daisy Communications via the Daisy Udata Communications Contract tendered by Essex County Council. (HICS)

- (1) That an agent be appointed to approach the current owner to ascertain whether they are prepared to sell the area of land adjacent to Hockley Woods identified in the exempt report.
- (2) That a further report be submitted setting out the agent's conclusions on the best terms available to purchase the area of land.
- (3) That agent fees of up to £5,000 be funded on the basis set out in paragraph 8.3 of the exempt report. (HES)

Policy for Car Allowances
(Minute 182/13)

- (1) That to promote the green travel agenda the following changes to the Council's Car Mileage Scheme be introduced:-
 - Change the essential user lump sum payments to reflect CO₂ bandings rather than engine size, with a higher sum paid for cars with a lower emission rating;
 - Pay mileage rates for both essential and casual users at one single rate rather than different amounts, again based on CO₂ bandings rather than the engine size of the vehicle;

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- Introduce a 1500 mileage threshold for authorised business journeys, with car users above this threshold to be designated essential users;
- Those that are currently designated as essential users regardless of actual annual mileage to retain this designation until such time that they leave the Council or change roles.

(2) That the new scheme be implemented with effect from 1 January 2014. (CE)

Matter Arising – Acacia House, Rochford
(Minute 183/13)

That Acacia House, Rochford be disposed of via auction. (HLEMS)

Note – Consideration of the item on the Rayleigh Sports and Social Club was deferred to enable consultation with the Leader, the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Heritage, the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources and the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Leisure, Arts and Culture on the detail.

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 three Members or called in by the Review Committee.

Signed Mr John Bostock
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Dated 13 September 2013

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