

**PROGRESS ON DECISIONS**

Item	Progress
<p><b>Unfit House (Minute 112/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the works specified in the notice served under the provisions of the Housing Act 1985 on the person having control of the property, detailed in the exempt report, be carried out and the costs so incurred recovered, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 193 and 194 of that Act. <b>(HHHCC)</b></p>	<p>Contractors on site carrying out repairs. Some additional work has been found to be necessary which has delayed completion. This is now anticipated to be mid December.</p>
<p><b>Catering Franchises On Open Spaces (Minute 37/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That officers seek public expressions of interest as to the franchise opportunities using the specification as set out by the Environmental Health officers. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Franchisee at Ashingdon has now stopped operating due to lack of sales.</p>
<p><b>Sutton Court Playspace, Rochford (Minute 42/05)</b></p> <p>That the Playspace Sub-Committee be asked to look specifically at the issues emerging at Sutton Court and to devise a plan of action for addressing these issues, with a view to developing a working template which can be applied District-wide, including consideration in detail of the resource implications. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Phase 1 works commenced end of October 2005 for completion by 16 November.</p>

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<p><b>Housing Development Scheme – Tylney Avenue, Rochford (Minute 84/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That, in consideration of the release of the Covenant on the former Tylney play area, the Council agree to place into Trust with The National Playing Fields Association the Doggetts Play Ground by transfer of the Council's freehold interest and leaseback of the area to be maintained by the Council and on such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES)HLS)</b></p>	<p>Implemented.</p>
<p><b>Application by Rayleigh Police Division – Renewal of Dispersal Powers (Minute 216/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That this Committee continue to receive reports from Essex Police on the success of these powers. <b>(CE)</b></p>	<p>As of 9 November 2005 no feedback received.</p>
<p><b>Civil Contingencies Act 2004 – Update on Progress and Implications for this Council</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the Council participates in contributing to the establishment of an "Essex Core Resilience Team" as outlined in the report, at an annual cost of £15,000. <b>(CE)</b></p>	<p>Joint Emergency Planning Officer has been employed and started at Rochford District Council on 26 September 2005. ECC and the districts are working in a co-ordinated manner and met the November date for elements of the CCA.</p>

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<p><b>Hardwick House Site – Naming of Developments</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That Swan Housing Group be requested to organise a competition amongst the scheme's residents to name the new older person's scheme at Dobson's Close, Rayleigh. <b>(HHHCC)</b></p>	<p>Competition to be organised once residents are in occupation.</p>
<p><b>Report of the Windmill Sub-Committee (Minute 262/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That it be agreed, in principle, that a partnership with the National Trust be formed, with details of responsibilities, governance, etc, to be reported back to Committee in due course.</li> <li>• That the use of sponsors to provide support for events / equipment financially or in other forms in return for advertising be agreed. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></li> </ul>	<p>Terms of partnership will be presented to Windmill Sub-Committee in November, along with details of management agreement.</p> <p>Officers have made presentations to Chamber of Trade (Rayleigh), Rayleigh Rotary Club and written to all nurseries in respect of sensory gardens. One negative response has been received.</p>
<p><b>Consultation On Smoking Ban Proposals (Minute 320/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the following comments be submitted to the Department of Health:-</p> <p>(1) That all cigarettes and tobacco products, including herbal cigarettes, are included in the definition. This will reduce the burden of proof on the enforcing authority.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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(2) That the exemptions for permitting smoking in non-food pubs be removed. This is an unworkable exemption and does not protect the health of employees in these environments.	
(3) Rochford District Council supports the principle of allowing those licensed premises that do not serve food to determine for themselves whether to allow smoking, but the Council would wish to see it made a requirement that employees are made aware of the smoking status of the premises before starting employment. The proposals in respect of other enclosed public places and workplaces are supported.	
(4) That the forcing of licensed premises to choose between providing food or permitting smoking may lead to the unintentional creation of a less family friendly atmosphere and more binge-drinking.	
(5) That the second defence be qualified that where smoking continues, despite the manager having previously asked the smoker to stop, he is required by law to ask the smoker to leave the premises. This would then act as a defence of “due diligence”; that the manager had done everything within his power to prevent smoking in the premises.	
(6) That the level of fines is unlikely to be a sufficient deterrent and that measures should be introduced within the proposals for higher fines for repeat offences.	
(7) Support is given to the New Burdens Doctrine, welcoming the reimbursement to local authorities for any extra costs that they face as a result of this policy, and that it is essential for all enforcing authorities to be fully funded for the new duties.	

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(8) The Council is concerned that managers and enforcement staff will be very vulnerable to violence when attempting to investigate or enforce against offences, particularly in issuing fixed penalty notices against those smoking in non-smoking licensed premises. <b>(HHHCC)</b>	
<p><b>Report Of The Windmill Sub-Committee (Minute 321/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the District Council develop proposals for the formal Civic opening of the Windmill in December and include the hosting of a musical event, such as the singing of Christmas Carols.</p> <p>(2) That a bid for additional funding of £100,000 be submitted to Thames Gateway.</p> <p>(3) That, subject to detailed terms of reference/reporting lines being considered by the Windmill Sub-Committee, arrangements be made for the setting up of a Management Group that would have overall control of events and bookings, with the Arts Developments officer or other appointed Council Officer acting as facilitator. The Group should include a representative of Rochford District Council, Rayleigh Town Council, the National Trust, the Rayleigh Historical Society and Holmes Place. The Group should meet on a quarterly basis to provide overall management control.</p> <p>(4) That officers investigate ways and means of licensing the Windmill for weddings and seek to negotiate with Holmes Place to achieve a package that will attract brides and grooms. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>An event to turn on the floodlights has been arranged for 19 November, unfortunately no musical event was possible due to close proximity to Christmas.</p> <p>Bid submitted in October 2004.</p> <p>To be reported to Windmill Sub-Committee on 22 November 2005.</p> <p>Legal Services investigating Wedding Licence.</p>

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<p><b>Pooles Lane Playspace, Hullbridge – Proposed Extension To Playspace (Minute 322/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the use of additional Rochford District Council land to expand the playspace, with equipment funded through the Parish Council and grants they have secured, be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That the additional maintenance costs, as set out in the report, be accepted for inclusion in future budget estimates.</p> <p>(3) That a press release be issued highlighting the partnership/joint funding nature of this initiative. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Work commenced early October. Hullbridge Parish Council advise that new equipment will be installed during week commencing 5 December 2005.</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>Waiting for photo opportunity to accompany press release.</p>
<p><b>Playspace Rolling Programme 2005/06 (Minute 323/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the programme of playspace refurbishments, as set out at paragraph 3.2 of the report, be agreed. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Tenders received from 6 contractors late October 2005. Order to be placed week commencing 16 November, and works to be implemented January / February 2006.</p>

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<p><b>Public Health Report 2004/05 (Minute 361/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That, whilst recognising that there are matters of description/definition worthy of further clarification within the 2004/05 report, the continuation and development of current cross organisational working should be endorsed. <b>(HHHCC)</b></p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p><b>Progress On Decisions - Woodland Strategy Resources (Minute 362/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That a bid for funding for the post of Environmental Liaison Officer be included in forthcoming budget strategy considerations. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Being implemented in the budget process.</p>
<p><b>Progress On Decisions - Woodlands (Minute 362/05)</b></p> <p>That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Finance &amp; External Services), in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to make arrangements for the introduction of a suitable advertising board at the Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park to facilitate the identification of the sponsors of the trees being planted in commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar. Press releases to be issued as appropriate. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Signage board being designed at present.</p>

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<p><b>Development Of Council Owned Land (Minute 363/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the revised proposal for ten units of social rented housing at Tylney Avenue, Rochford, including two bungalows suitable for wheelchair users, twenty one on site parking spaces and six further neighbourhood parking spaces, be approved.</p> <p>That the land at Twyford Avenue/Mercer Avenue, Great Wakering be transferred to the Swan Housing Group at nil cost subject to the necessary planning permission being obtained and such terms as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate to secure the provision of the approved housing scheme. <b>(HHHCC)(HLS)</b></p>	<p>Funding bid made by Swan Housing to the Housing Corporation – outcome will not be known until March 2006. Planning application to be submitted by end of November 2005.</p> <p>Transfer in course of preparation.</p>
<p><b>Response To “Youth Matters” Green Paper (Minute 365)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That, subject to inclusion of the following additional comments, the suggested responses set out at Appendix B of the report be endorsed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment with training should be identified as one of the issues facing young people.</li> <li>• There should be more emphasis on the role of young people, parents and carers.</li> <li>• Any reward cards should be significant and valuable.</li> <li>• Support should only be offered by trained professionals.</li> </ul>	<p>Implemented.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals need to be adequately resourced.</li> <li>It is hoped that young people can be fully involved as consultees wherever possible.</li> </ul> <p>(2) That officers utilise the Members Bulletin to consult all Members of the Council on the proposed final response in case any Member wishes to make any further comment. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	Implemented.
<p><b>Consultation - Skateboard Half Pipe, Clements Hall Recreation Ground (Minute 366/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That, in the light of a limited consultation response, the Council proceed with the replacement of the half pipe skateboard facilities at the Clements Hall Recreation Ground. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	Additional ground works required mean that the sum included in the Capital budget not sufficient. Unable to obtain grant funding at this stage. Bid for additional monies for 2006/07 Capital programme and carry this project forward until 2006/07.
<p><b>Former Park School Site – Additional Playing Field Land For Essex County Council (Minute 367/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the piece of land identified at Appendix A of the report be transferred to Essex County Council for the purpose of being part of the new school's playing field, subject to the associated restrictive covenant providing that this land will be transferred back to the District Council should it be no longer required for the specific purposes of forming part of the school playing field and to the other terms and conditions identified in the report. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	Transfer being implemented.

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<p><b>Request For Purchase Of Land – Bullwood Road, Hockley (Minute 368/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the land to the rear of 10-32 Bullwood Road, Hockley be retained as a buffer strip between the properties and the play area and that the necessary action be taken against those who have encroached on to the area. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>To be progressed in December 2005</p>
<p><b>Request To Use The Beacon At The Mill, Rayleigh For Christmas Lights (Minute 369/05)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That Rayleigh Town Council be allowed to use the Beacon as part of their Christmas Lighting celebrations this year at no charge on the basis that the actual costs associated with safety checks would be just under £300 and subject to any future similar use by the Town Council being charged at cost. The District Council to give consideration to any other requests for beacon usage on a case by case basis. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Rayleigh Town Council informed.</p>