

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy & Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 11 November 2004:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Rochford District Economic Development Strategy 2004 - 2007 (Minute 479/04)	That the Economic Development Strategy, as revised, be approved. (CE)
Equalities and Diversity Policy (Minute 480/04)	That the Equalities and Diversity Policy, as appended to the report, be adopted. (CD(LPA))
Essex Rural Strategy (Minute 481/04)	That the Officer comments set out in the report be this Council's response to the revised draft Essex Rural Strategy. (CE)
Housing and Planning in the Regions – Consultation (Minute 482/04)	<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>

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Taxi Voucher Scheme (Minute 483)	<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 set 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>
Revision of Contract Procedure Rules (Minute 484)	<p>(1) That the revised procedure for standing lists be noted.</p> <p>(2) That Rochford District Council become a member of Construction Line Services which is currently free to users of the service. (CD(F&ES))</p>

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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