Progress on Decisions made by Full Council/The Executive

From Full Council

	Item		ess/Officer Com	ments
Who	Whole Essex Community Budget (Minute 223/12)		Amber	Green
Resolved				X
(1)	That the principles behind the Whole Essex Community Budget submission to Central Government and contained in the individual business cases be supported.	Much work is now focusing on the Local Econom Partnership for Essex, Kent and East Sussex and the resources it will have available.		
(2)	That the Council's commitment to work with the County Council and other partners in progressing the delivery of the business cases, with any detailed resource implications specifically related to this Council being reported back for consideration and approval by the Council prior to implementation, be confirmed.			
(3)	That this Council work with Essex County Council and other Essex partners on the pursuit and negotiation with Government of a 'Deal' for economic growth, with any finalised draft agreement being reported back for consideration and approval by the Council prior to any formal commitment being given to entering into any such agreement. (CE)			

	Item	Progr	ess/Officer Com	ments
l l	don Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan –	Red	Amber	Green
Pre-	Submission Plan (Minute 274(2)/12)		X	
Reso	olved			
(1)	That the London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) be published for public consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and that, following consultation, the plan be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, prior to Examination in Public, under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.	Pre-submission consultation completed and plan now being prepared for submission in December.		
(2)	That the inclusion of any minor amendments, which may result from <i>inter alia</i> analysis of the representations from public consultation and any additional evidence considered, be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation. (HPT)			

	Item	Progr	ess/Officer Com	ments
Dive	rsion of Footpath 36 at London Southend Airport (Minute 279/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Resc	Resolved			Х
the c	subject to London Southend Airport Limited agreeing to undertake and bear ost of all necessary accommodation works, together with the Council's costs aking the order:-			
(1)	An Order be made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, diverting footpath no. 36 in the Parish of Rochford, as shown on plan no. PROW-12-013, attached to the report, on the grounds that it is expedient to do so in the interests of the owner and occupiers of the land concerned.	that the Diversion Order be confirmed and referred		
(2)	That in the event of there being no objections outstanding upon the expiry of the notice period or such longer period that may be afforded to resolve any objections received, the Order be confirmed by the Council; or			
(3)	In the event that there are objections to the Order outstanding at the expiry of the notice period or such longer period that may be afforded to resolve any objections received, the Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services be authorised to determine whether to submit the Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation. (HLEMS)			

	Item		Progress/Officer Comments		
Rochford Area Action Plan – Submission Document (Minute 126/13)		Red	Amber	Green	
Dec	ision			X	
(1)	That the draft Rochford area action plan submission document be accepted for pre-submission consultation, followed by formal submission to the Secretary of State.	It is anticipated the plan will be submitted in November 2013.			
(2)	That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Heritage, to make minor amendments to the document prior to submission to the Secretary of State, excluding those that would materially alter policy, having regard to the results of pre-submission consultation, in order to ensure soundness of the submission document. (HPT)				

From The Executive

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Shared Service Working (Minute 171/10)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved		X	
(1) That, subject to the facility to be able to withdraw from discussions if at some point that becomes an appropriate course of action to protect this Council's interests, the potential merger of the service area identified in the exempt report be investigated. (HCS)	The shared service project remains on hold dufurther clarity still being required on the impact local authorities of the many potential changes the administration of the Benefits system, and particular, Universal Credit.		

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Proposal to Dispose of Rochford Police Station (Minute 26/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved			
That the Essex Police proposal to dispose of Rochford Police Station be noted. The Police to be made aware of the Council's position regarding their proposal based on the information included in section 3 of the report, including an exploration of the possibility of the Police utilising facilities operated by the Council to maintain a presence. (HCS)	Completed.		
Town Centre Plans – Hockley, Rochford and Rayleigh Area Action Plans	Red	Amber	Green
(Minute 47/12)	X		
Resolved			
That arrangements be made to progress the Town Centre Area Action Plans for Hockley, Rochford and Rayleigh, as set out in the report, with the aim being for the Hockley plan to be formally adopted by September 2013 and Rayleigh and Rochford by March 2014. (HPT)	The inspector's report on the Hockley AAP was received on 18 October and arrangements are in hand for a further 6 week consultation on minor amendments to the plan. Thereafter, the inspecto will complete his report. Given the additional period of consultation, adoption of the plan is likely to be in early 2014.		
	The adoption date estimated at Mare Hockley AAP, if a is required post redate of adoption in	ch 2014. However n additional perio eceiving the inspe	d of consultation ctor's report, the

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	The adoption date for the Rayleigh AAP is now estimated at June 2014 to allow for additional community consultation, though as for the other town centre plans, it is anticipated the adoption date may be slightly later.		r additional s for the other
Pet Memorial Area, Cherry Orchard Country Park (Minute 128/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved			X
That, subject to noting that the Portfolio Holder for Environment, in consultation with other Members, will be giving detailed consideration to the precise nature of memorial arrangements, a pet memorial area be constructed within Cherry Orchard Country Park as detailed in the report. (HES) The Pet Memorial Area has been provention to the precise nature of over the final design. All works will November.		Friends Group	
Asset Review 2012 (Minute 261/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved			X
(1) That, with the exceptions of sites 4 (area A), 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12, the sites detailed in the appendix to the officer's report be brought forward for consideration for development and disposal, subject to legal process, negotiations and planning approval on a phased basis with target phasing as follows:- 2013/14: Site 2 2014/15: Sites 1 and 5 2015/16: Sites 3 and 6			amme.
2016/17 and beyond: Sites 4 (area B only) and 8			

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(2)	That options for site 7 be considered as part of the Rochford Town Centre Study.	Included in Town Centre Study.		
(3)	That site 12 be offered to Hockley Parish Council to be incorporated as part of Plumberow Mount Public Open Space on the same terms as the current lease with the Parish. (HLEMS)	Parish Council accepted the arrangement.		
Report of the Review Committee on how Voluntary and Community Groups		Red Amber Green		
run	ction in the District (Minute 22/13)			
Resolved				
•	That the Council's website includes a page dedicated to information on voluntary organisations in Rochford District, with all future Rochford District Council grant aid forms, and to include a section providing the opportunity for groups to have their details in the maps section.	There is a live page on the website.		
•	That the Council reviews the use of the accommodation provided in Rochford and Rayleigh with the CAB to ensure the best use of space. (CE/HLEMS)	Review underway.		

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Con	tract for the sale of Recyclable Materials (Minute 115/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Res	Resolved			
(1)	That the Council enters into a contract with UPM for the sale of recyclable materials for a term of seven years at the fixed price identified in the exempt report commencing on 15 May 2015. That the decision in (1) above be taken as a matter of urgency and not subject to call in/referral because there is only a limited time period within which to accept the offer. The offer would be of significant benefit to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy. (HES)	•		
Med	lium Term Financial Strategy 2012/13 – Update (Minute 134/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Res	olved			
(1)	That the current position of the Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.			
(2)	That the outline timetable for the 2014/15 budget process, as set out in the report, be agreed.			
(3)	That the latest position on the forecasts for local government financing be noted.			
(4)	That public consultation in preparation for the budget process be conducted.	Consultation is c	urrently underway	

	Item Progress/Officer Comments			
(5)	That work on developing a county wide pool be supervised through the Essex Strategic Leaders Finance Group.	The October's Executive agreed the key principles for an Essex-wide pool and the application to Government has to be made by 31 October 2013.		
(6)	That the Grants to Voluntary Organisations be set by Full Council on 17 December 2013.	Not due until 17 December.		
(7)	That the Council Tax discounts and exemptions, as set out in the report, be recommended to Council.	Report presented to Council on 22 October 2013		
(8)	That Option 1 on page 6.16 of the report be the preferred option for the funding of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme. (HF)	Consultation on the LCTS scheme for 2014/15 finished on 29 September 2013 with a report to agree the final scheme due to go to Council in December.		
ICT	Security Policy and Practice (Minute 135/13)	Red Amber Green		
Res	olved	X		
(1)	That the updated Corporate Information Security Policy and Personal Commitment Statement, as attached to the report, be approved.	The standard approach to the use of IT by Members is in the process of being implemented. A programme of training to meet individual Member		
(2)	That a standard approach to the use of IT by Members, as set out in paragraph 3.14 of the report, be implemented.	needs has been drawn up with a view to all IT equipment being issued by mid-November 2013. The Code of Connection IT security inspection has been submitted to the Cabinet Office and the Council has received notification that our submission has been approved.		
(3)	That the Portfolio Holder for Service Development, Improvement and Performance Management be authorised to approve a specific procedure note around Members' use of IT, as set out in paragraph 3.15 of the report.			

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(4)	That the Head of Information and Customer Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Service Development, Improvement and Performance Management, be authorised to implement a system of remote access to IT systems by officers should this be necessary once the Council's IT security submission has been assessed by the Cabinet Office. (HICS)			
Was	te Management and Street Cleansing Contracts (Minute 173/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Res	olved			X
(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.	company regarding drafting an addendum to t		ation with the
(2)	That the renewal of the contracts be agreed as soon as possible to maximise possible savings.	existing contract.		
(3)	That Rochford District Council purchase the vehicle fleet by way of borrowing.	Options are being explored with the Portfolio Holder for alternative uses of the DCLG grant, in addition to a rewards scheme.		
(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.			

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(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)			
	ormance Report on Key Performance Indicators for the Period April to 2013 (Minute 174/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resc	plved			
2013 Asso	the progress against key performance indicators for the first quarter of /14, as set out in the report, be received, subject to Rochford Housing ciation being requested to provide a timeline regarding the introduction of dditional units of affordable housing currently in development. (HCS)	Timeline being maintained and updated on an ongoing basis for the completion of all additional affordable housing units currently being develop		all additional
Disa	bled Facilities Grants (Minute 177/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resc	plved			X
perfo	the content of the report providing a further update on the Council's rmance in relation to the processing of disabled facility grant applications associated works be received, subject to:-			
	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	Meetings have taken place at Portfolio Holder and officer level to highlight the need for O.T. assessments to be carried out promptly to avoid backlogs of cases. Awaiting confirmation of the number of cases in the system requiring an O.T. assessment.		

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•	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)	Clarification is being provided by the Papworth Trust to contractors as part of the conditions of the contract to carry out works.		
Volu	Voluntary Sector Grants 2014/15 (Minute 178/13) Red Amber G			
Resolved				
(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.	Procedure put in place. Applications for the small grants scheme opened on 23 September. Closing date is 22 November.		
(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 upon the previous year's performance in relation to their service level agreement.	RRAVS and the CAB have been asked to provide supporting evidence in relation to their grant allocation for 2014/15. Closing date for receipt is 22 November.		
(3)	That the specified timeline outlined in the report, which is in line with best value guidance, be followed. (CE)	Timeline is being for	ollowed.	

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New	Telephony System (Minute 180/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resc	olved			X
That a Mitel 3300 phone system be purchased from Daisy Communications via the Daisy Updata Communications Contract tendered by Essex County Council. (HICS)		The order for the phone system has been placed and a project plan for implementation is being drawn up.		
Lanc	Adjacent to Hockley Woods (Minute 181/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Reso	blved			X
(1) (2) (3)	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. That a further report be submitted setting out the agent's conclusions on the best terms available to purchase the area of land. That agent fees of up to £5,000 be funded on the basis set out in paragraph 8.3 of the exempt report. (HES)	Communication se support for the pro of Justice.	posal being sent	to the Ministry
Polic	cy for Car Allowances (Minute 182/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved				X
(1)	That to promote the green travel agenda the following changes to the Council's car mileage scheme be introduced:-	Staff have now received their 90 days notice of the changes and implementation will take place on 1 January 2014.		

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	 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; 			
	 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)			
Matte	er Arising – Acacia House, Rochford (Minute 183/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved				X
That Acacia House, Rochford be disposed of via auction. (HLEMS)		Acacia House will following a joint mandair & Sons include Estates Gazette.	arketing by Ayres	& Cruiks and

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Environment, Leisure, Arts and Culture

ltem	Progress/Officer Comments		
Proposal to enhance quality and speed of Broadband (17/04/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			X
To work with Southend Borough Council to submit a bid for a proportion of the funding allocated to Essex County Council by Broadband UK (BDUK) for provision of an improved broadband service throughout the District. (HPT)	Continuing.		
Play Spaces Refurbishment Programme 2013/14 (01/08/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			X
That £18,700 of this year's capital allocation is used to replace the play surface and refurbish the fire damaged play equipment at Sweyne Park. (HES)	Order placed. Works should be completed by the date of this meeting.		
Climate Change Commitment (03/10/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
That the Climate Change Commitment 'ClimateCO₂de' is adopted in place of the	The Commitmen Website.	t has now been pu	ublished on our
former Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy 2008-13. (HES)			

Item	Progress/Officer Comments			
Rochford Recreation Ground (03/10/13)	Red	Amber	Green	
Decision				
That the siting of a storage container at Rochford Recreation Ground for use by the football club be permitted in principle on the basis of an annual licence. (HES)	Completed. Decision confirmed. The club are now applying for planning permission.			
Play Space Refurbishment Programme 2013/14 (03/10/13)	Red	Amber	Green	
Decision				
That capital expenditure of £28,000 is approved for the replacement of the existing woodchip surfacing in the play area at Rochford Recreation Ground with a new safety surface. (HES)	Contract awarded and work will be completed by January 2014.			

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Sale of Land Fronting 65 Brocksford Avenue, Rayleigh (12/06/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			X
To dispose of land fronting 65 Brocksford Avenue, Rayleigh for vehicular access. (HLEMS)	In progress.		
Renewal of Lease of ATC Hut and Surrounding Land at Connaught Road,	Red	Amber	Green
Rayleigh (22/08/13)			X
Decision			
To grant a new lease of the ATC Hut and surrounding land at Connaught Road, Rayleigh to the East Anglia Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, for a term of seven years on a full repairing basis, at a rental of £603 increasing annually by the greater of RPI or 2%. (HLEMS)	In progress.		

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Heritage

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Hackney Carriage Licence Conditions Relating to Wheelchair Accessible	Red Amber Green		
Vehicles (27/09/13)			X
Decision			
The hackney carriage vehicle licence conditions are amended to remove condition 1.12 that requires proprietors with multiple vehicle licences to provide a wheelchair accessible vehicle for every third licence held. (HPT)	This will be completed in November.		