

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 19 September 2006:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Progress on Decisions – Rayleigh and Rochford Association of Voluntary Services (Minute 291/06)	That Cllr J M Pullen be appointed a Trustee of the Rayleigh and Rochford Association of Voluntary Services. (CE)
Members' Performance Report – 2006/07 Quarter 1 (Minute 292/06)	<p>That the performance achieved in Quarter 1 of 2006/07 be noted subject to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The undertaking of a value for money review of the Handy Person/Gardening Service (to include service delivery options). Outcomes to be reported to the Community Services Committee for consideration.• The delegation of authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee (who is also the Council's Benefits Champion), to express further concern on the Council's behalf if responses received from the Department for Work and Pensions on the problems that that Department has in processing housing benefit schemes are unsatisfactory. (CE)
Race Equality Scheme (Minute 293/06)	That, subject to document contents being laid out to give early emphasis to the positive aspects, the Race Equality Scheme, as attached to the report, be adopted. (CE)

Item**Retirement Policy and Procedure**

(Minute 294/06)

Single Non-Emergency Number – 101

(Minute 295/06)

Strip of Land at Betts Wood, Hockley

(Minute 296/06)

Future Development of Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park

(Minute 297/06)

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That, subject to the letter sent to individuals approaching their 65th birthday containing requisite points in a personalised/sensitive manner, the new procedure for considering requests to continue working after the age of 65, as outlined in the appendix to the report, be agreed. The normal retirement age of 65 to be retained. (CE)

That this Council be part of the Essex 101 Partnership wave 2 bid to operate the Single Non-Emergency Number Service in Essex, subject to the Council's costs being fully identified and covered by Home Office funding. (HAMS)

That, subject to verification of the position with regard to that part of the land identified as including and extending beyond Westminster Drive, the Head of Legal Services be authorised to complete the purchase of the strip of land at Betts Wood, Hockley identified on the plan attached to the report for a nominal sum and on such other terms and conditions as he considers appropriate. (HLS)

- (1) That the purchase of areas A and D, as identified at Appendix 1 of the exempt report, be agreed. If this is not possible through negotiation with the landowners by December 2006, then a Compulsory Purchase Order process commence on both sites.
- (2) That officers submit applications for planning consent for the change of use of areas A and D as identified at Appendix 1 of the exempt report from agriculture to public open space, together with the preparation and submission of the necessary supporting information.

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- (3) That officers continue to research and make applications for possible external grants (including any that might be available from the European Economic Union relating to improved habitat for wildlife) but that, if not successful, a bid be made in the budget setting process 2008/09 for the provision of additional supporting facilities to underpin any successful purchase.
- (4) That the future purchase of areas B and C, as identified at Appendix 1 of the exempt report, be reviewed on an annual basis and brought forward for funding as appropriate when the future of areas A and D is resolved. (CD(ES))

Office Cleaning Contract
(Minute 298/06)

That the lowest tender from Mayfield Cleaning Contractors for Office Cleaning for the fixed price sum identified in the exempt report for the four year period 2 October 2006 to 30 September 2010 be accepted. (HAMS)

**Commercial Premises –
124, 126 and 128 High
Street, Great Woking**
(Minute 299/06)

That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to proceed with the disposal of the shop units at 124, 126 and 128 High Street, Great Woking at market value, and to grant a new lease for number 124 High Street, Great Woking on such other terms and conditions as he considers appropriate. (HLS)

**Land Adjoining 130 High
Street, Great Woking**
(Minute 300/06)

That the land adjacent to the garages at Old Hall Court, Great Woking, shown hatched black on the plan attached to the exempt report, be sold at market value to the applicants identified in the report subject to the applicants agreeing to meet the Council's legal fees, costs and valuation expenses and on such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate. (HLS)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Rochford Fire Station – Renewal of Lease for Car Parking (Minute 301/06)	That a new lease be granted to the Fire Service for the car parking spaces identified in the exempt report at market value on such terms and conditions that the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate. (HLS)
Dutch Cottage, Crown Hill, Rayleigh (Minute 302/06)	That the views of Rayleigh Town Council, Rayleigh Civic Society, the National Trust and the Management Committee of the Dutch Cottage be sought on the possible options for the future management of the Cottage. (HLS)
Depot Staffing – Additional Resources (Minute 303/06)	That Post 37461 be increased to full-time and that the core budget be increased by £8,543 to facilitate this change. (CD(ES))

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
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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