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PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress/Officer
Public Regulation, Inspection and Protection Best Value Review – Interim Report (Minute 18/03)	
Resolved	
That informal discussions be held with contractors to determine the level of interest in contracted service provision, with a further report, if appropriate to this Committee on soft market testing. (HHHCC)	Final report to be considered at Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 3 December 2003.
Report of the Housing Best Value Sub-Committee (Minute 270/03)	
Resolved	
That Essex County Council and the South Essex Partnership NHS Trust be advised of this Council's concern at the difficulties being experienced in obtaining information on the quantification of supported housing needs for people with mental health problems. (HHHCC)	Information has now been received from the joint mental health team about the type of supported housing required.
Substance Misuse and Needs of Young People across Rochford District (Minute 346/03)	
Resolved	
 That statistical validity be requested for the various claims made and that detailed analysis of needs be identified. (CE) 	The Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership has agreed to provide statistical and other information to the Council but this has not yet been provided, despite several requests. There is a Partnership meeting on 8 January 2004, after which officers will formally report back.

	That a futher report be brought to this Committee following discussion of the study by the Rochford & District Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership at its meeting in September 2003. (CE)	A report will be brought to this Committee once a reply has been received from the researchers
	ner Play Space At Tylney Avenue, Rochford/Housing Development On ncil Owned Land By Swan Housing Group (Minute 410/03)	
Resc	blved	
(1)	 That the items on Former Play Space At Tylney Avenue, Rochford and Housing Development On Council Owned Land by Swan Housing Group be referred for detailed consideration to the Housing Best Value Sub-Committee. That the following additional terms of reference be agreed for the Housing Best Value Sub-Committee. to examine the 6 proposed housing developments referred from theCommunity Services Committee on 2 September 2003 to conduct consultations with residents in the locality of each proposed development. to report back to this Committee. (HHHCC) 	 Public meetings about four sites have been held and the Sub-Committee will meet during December to consider recommendations on each scheme. Public meetings for the two remaining sites have been postponed until there is more clarity about revenue funding – likely to be early in the New Year unless alternatives to Supporting People funding can be identified.
	space Rolling Programme 2003/04 (Minute 412/03)	
Resc	blved	
(1)	That a Playspace Sub-Committee be established to recommend a policy, in partnership with the Town/Parish Councils, in respect of public playspaces and to report back to this Committee with its recommendations.	Implemented

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(2) That the Sub-Committee comprise Cllrs T Livings, Mrs J R Lumley, D G Stansby, Mrs M S Vince and P F A Webster. (CD(F&ES))	The first meeting of this Sub-Committee was held on 20 November 2003.
Housing Strategy And Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (Minute 469/03)	
Resolved That external partners and groups be consulted on the draft documents. (HHHCC)	Not yet actioned due to staff vacancies and delay in receiving initial feedback from Go East. Consultation to go to partners by early December. Draft HRA Business Plan being discussed at Tenants' Forum meetings on 3 December 2003 and 7 January 2004.
Older Persons Housing Study (Minute 470/03)	
Resolved	
(1) That the phase 2 report on the development of an older persons' accommodation and support strategy be noted, subject to the comments above.	Drafting of a Strategy for older persons' housing and support will commence in the New Year.
(2) That no action be taken with respect to Spa Court during this year. (HHHCC/HRHM)	
Housing Best Value Sub-Committee (Minute 471/03)	
Resolved	

(1)	That the terms of reference of the Housing Best Value Sub-Committee be extended as follows:	Sub-Committee meetings being arranged.
		Bid included in draft estimates.
	"To investigate the issues identified in this report and to report its	
	conclusions".	Specification being drafted for consideration at the 10 February 2004 meeting of this Committee.
(2)	That it be requested that a provision of £30,000 be made in the draft 2004/05 revenue estimates, for a housing needs study.	
(3)	That the specification for the next housing needs study should be brought to this Committee for approval. (HHHCC)	