

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy & Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 11 June 2002:-

Item

Decision

Government White Paper on the Regions – “Your Region, Your Choice – Revitalising the English Regions”

That, subject to the following Member comments, the Officer comments in the report form the basis of the Council’s response to the Government White Paper:-

- It is a matter of some concern that the proposals could result in residents being less well represented at a local level.
- There are many disparities between the counties of the proposed Eastern Region.
- It appears likely that the proposals would not devolve power from the centre to the regions, but that power would be transferred upwards.
- The White Paper appears to address the needs of the north and northeast of the country rather than other areas. (CEx)

Essex County Council Consultation Paper – “Shaping the Future of Essex: Challenges and Vision”

That the County’s vision document be noted and that the Officer comments as contained in the report be sent to the County. (CEx)

Proposed Environmental Centre – Feedback from Rayleigh Town Council

That the Council publicly records its continuing concern over the Town Council’s lack of progress on this project. (CEx)

Local Government Services 2002 Pay Claim

That the actions already taken by the Chief Executive in the context of the possible strike action be endorsed and, should industrial action proceed, that the Chief Executive keeps the Council updated on a regular basis. (CEx)

**National Non Domestic Rating –
Applications for Discretionary
Rate Relief**

- (1) That 20% Discretionary 'top-up' Rate Relief be granted to the St. Michael's Playgroup and Fairview Under-5's Playgroup with effect from 1 April 2001.
- (2) That 25% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted to the Hullbridge Sports & Social Club with effect from 1 April 2002.
- (3) That 50% Discretionary Rate Relief be granted to the Kent Elms Tennis Club with effect from 1 April 2002. (HRHM)

**Village Shop Rate Relief for
Businesses in Rural Areas**

- (1) That 50% Discretionary Rural Relief be granted to the Thymes Nursery, The Cottages Guest House, Davesave Stores with effect from 1 April 2001.
- (2) That it be noted that 50% Mandatory Rural Rate Relief has been granted to Davesave Stores with effect from 1 April 2001.
- (3) That the application from Kaz Studio be refused as detailed in this report. (HRHM)

Chief Executive's Appraisal

That the following dates be agreed for the next Chief Executive's Appraisal Interviews:

- 23 October 2002
- 9 April 2003 (CEx)

The above decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the date of this Notice, unless called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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