ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL



Policy & Finance Committee

agenda

Chairman's callover – 6.30pm in the Chairman's Briefing Room

Date

10 September 2002

Time

7.30pm

Place

Council Chamber Civic Suite Rayleigh

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Terms of Reference

To exercise the Council's functions in relation to all matters not otherwise reserved to Full Council or the responsibility of another Committee with particular reference to:

- Finance
- Council Budget
- **Support Services**

Including the formulation and implementation of the policy framework and management of the budget in respect of these functions.

Corporate Objectives

To provide quality cost effective services To work towards a safer and more caring community To promote a green and sustainable environment To encourage a thriving local economy

To improve the quality of life for people in our District

To maintain and enhance our local heritage and culture

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4	Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 July 2002
5	To Receive Declarations of Interest
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7	Motions on Notice
8	Issues arising from Overview and Scrutiny
9	Rochford Local Strategic Partnership & Community Strategy
	To consider the report of the Chief Executive which provides Members with a proposal for the development of a local strategic partnership for Rochford and outlines a method and timetable for progressing the Community strategy.

The report will follow.

11 Council Buildings – Access for the Disabled

To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services which details a full access audit which has been carried out on Council buildings, in order to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

The report will follow

12 Fee Waivers for Public Entertainments

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To consider the report of the Head of Housing, Health & Community Care which invites Members to consider delegating the waiver of some public entertainment licence fees to Officers.

13 NNDR - Application for Discretionary Rate Relief

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To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) on an application for Discretionary Rate Relief from the Foulness Island Village Hall Management Committee.

14 Consultation Response – Local Government Finance

To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which invites Members to comment on a proposed response to this consultation.

The report will follow.

15 Best Value and Performance Improvement – A Consultation Paper

To consider the report of the Chief Executive which invites Members to comment on a proposed response to this consultation

The report will follow.

16 **Best Value and Performance Improvement for Best** 16.1 **Value Town and Parish Councils – A Consultation Paper** To consider the report of the Chief Executive which invites Members to comment on a proposed response to this consultation. 17 **Investor in People Standard** 17.1 To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Law. Planning & Administration) which explains the Investor In People (IIP) standard, its aims and objectives, and seeks the support of Members in achieving the IIP standard for the Council. 18 **Exclusion of the Press and Public** To agree that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed. 19 **Village Shop Rate Relief for Businesses in Rural** 19.1 Areas To consider the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on two applications for Rate Relief in accordance with the Local Government and Rating Act 1997. **Contractors Approved List Update** 20 20.1 To consider the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which provides an update on the Approved List of Contractors for construction works and services, and proposes the introduction of a higher value list. 21 **Early Retirement** 21.1 To consider the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which examines the current Council policy in respect of early retirement in

order to determine whether or not it may be better tailored to meet the requirements of succession management.

22 Staffing Recommendations from Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee

To consider the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management setting out proposals.

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Paul Warren Chief Executive