

## **Review Committee – 11 September 2007**

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Review Committee** held on **11 September 2007** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J R Lumley  
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs S A Harper

Cllr Mrs L M Cox  
Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn  
Cllr T Livings

Cllr J R F Mason  
Cllr P R Robinson  
Cllr Mrs C A Weston

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

P Warren – Chief Executive  
R Evans – Head of Environmental Services  
D Timson – Property Maintenance & Highways Manager  
P Gowers – Overview & Scrutiny Officer  
J Bostock – Principal Committee Administrator

### **294 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 July 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **295 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REVIEW**

The Committee considered the final report of the Project Team on the Review of Issues Around Anti-social Behaviour.

With regard to recommendation 4 (establishing affordable facilities) it was recognised that there could be implications in terms of both capital and revenue expenditure and that, given that what is put in place for one age group may not be adopted by the next, it would be of value to be mindful of low cost approaches. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to replace the word 'reduce' with 'better manage' and the word 'certain' with 'inappropriate' in the final two lines of the recommendation.

With regard to recommendation 5 (reporting incidences of anti-social behaviour) it was observed that the public need to be able to feel confident and encouraged in reporting anti-social behaviour and that it would be appropriate to include reference to addressing issues of public confidence and perception in the recommendation.

With regard to recommendation 6 (lobbying the Criminal Justice System) it was noted that the Criminal Justice System would include the Ministry of Justice, the local Justices' Panel, the Courts, the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service. It was agreed that this factor should be included in the recommendation. It was also agreed that the words 'where appropriate' should be removed from the recommendation.

### Resolved

That, subject to the above amendments, the final report and recommendations be agreed and submitted to the Executive Board. (HICS)

### 296 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES/PROVISION, SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EMERGING NEW FACILITY AT ROCHFORD

The Chairman updated the Committee on the latest position with regard to the proposed review of mental health services/provision.

It was noted that:-

- On the 3 July 2007 the County Council's Health Scrutiny Panel had deferred a decision on the District Council's application for delegated powers to their next meeting on 4 September 2007.
- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Overview & Scrutiny Officer had attended a meeting of the County/NHS Joint Health Panel on 24 July 2007 at which there had been various presentations on public consultation being undertaken on aspects of mental health provision in North and South Essex. The results of consultation are due to be reported to the Joint Health Panel in late September 2007. The same meeting had included an item on scrutiny that the County Council would be undertaking to inform its strategy for the provision of child and adolescent mental health services (there currently being no provision in South Essex).

The Committee concurred with the observation of the Chairman that, given that the health service and the County Council were undertaking consultation/reviewing the provision of services that would have fallen under the Committee's original scope, it did not seem appropriate for the Committee to seek delegated powers at the current time. In terms of timescale, it would not be possible to complete a review of the service prior to the end of the municipal year.

### Resolved

That the scoping associated with this review be adjusted to take account of the outcome of work being undertaken by the health service/County Council (once known) and that, given likely timescales and the size of such a review, consideration be given to the review of mental health services (specifically with respect to the emerging new facility at Rochford) being a project for the Review Committee in the next municipal year. (HICS)

### 297 **IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL WARMING AGENDA ON ROCHFORD DISTRICT AND THE ROLE THE DISTRICT COUNCIL AND ITS COMMUNITIES MIGHT PLAY**

The Committee received a presentation from Richard Evans (Head of Environmental Services) and David Timson (Property Maintenance & Highways Manager) which covered:-

- An introduction to global warming.
- The meaning of 'carbon footprint'.
- What the Council has already done.
- How the Council can contribute further.

The officers were thanked for an informative presentation.

Responding to questions, officers advised that:-

- The scope of the review allowed the involvement of the wider community, including residents and businesses.
- Whilst there is no legal obligation on small and medium sized businesses to introduce energy savings, the Council could communicate the advantages of so doing. A key speaker at a recent Council sponsored business breakfast had emphasized aspects of energy conservation for businesses.
- A number of toolkits are available to assist in minimising energy used. These can be made available to the Committee.
- Energy savings made by the Authority have counted towards Gershon savings.
- One way of engaging public interest would be to produce articles that identify how savings can be achieved at little cost in publications such as the Council's newspaper, Rochford District Matters.
- Consideration could include ways in which savings achieved by a Local Authority could benefit individual residents.

It was agreed that, in the first instance, it would be appropriate for officers to liaise with the Chairman with a view to arrangements to be put into place for Members to hear from appropriate external speakers and develop an understanding of the perspective of other Authorities.

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The Meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....

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