

SOUTHEND CIVIC AMENITY SITE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members of the current situation regarding the Civic Amenity Site in Stock Road, Southend.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 As Members are already aware, the Civic Amenity Site at Stock Road, operated by Southend Borough Council, levies a charge of £3 per visit to all members of the public who do not reside in the Southend Borough.
- 2.2 Although Essex County Council have agreed to refund non-residents the £3 charge, it is still seen as a considerable inconvenience to those Rochford District residents, to whom this site is by far and away the closest Civic Amenity Facility.

3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 Representations from this Council were made initially last Spring to arrange a meeting with Southend, Castle Point and Essex County Council, to discuss the situation.
- 3.2 In September, Southend confirmed their willingness to meet Rochford District Council after the trial period was over and also sought to introduce a number of other matters into the meeting agenda. This was reported into Member Budget Sub Monitoring Committee on 25 September 2001 (min.146/01), who agreed that Essex County Council and Castle Point should also be included in such a meeting, given the respective interests of all parties.
- 3.3 Arrangements are now being made for the meeting between all four authorities to take place on 12 February 2002, although at the time of writing the report, Essex has yet to formally confirm its attendance. The Member representation will be from the Rochford District Council Group Leaders or their respective nominees and the Chairman of Transportation & Environmental Services Committee.
- 3.4 It is understood Southend Borough Council is to be represented by its entire Cabinet. As yet the exact Member representation from Essex County Council and Castle Point is not known.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 An effective solution to the charging of Rochford District residents for the use of this Civic Amenity Site would have considerable effect on these residents ability to dispose of their excess refuse and in some cases, may avoid potential cases of fly-tipping.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That Members note the progress now being made towards a joint Member meeting.

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Background Papers:

None

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