

# ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Policy & Finance Committee

### agenda

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***Date***

**9 March 2006**

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***Time***

**7.30pm**

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***Place***

Council Chamber  
Civic Suite  
Rayleigh

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Cllr C A Hungate

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Cllr M G B Starke

Cllr J Thomass

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Cllr Mrs C A Weston

## **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.

**The Council's vision is to make Rochford the place of choice in the County to live, work and visit.**

**The Council's principal aims are to:-**

- Provide quality, cost effective services
- Work towards a safer and more caring community
- Promote a green and sustainable environment
- Encourage a thriving local economy
- Improve the quality of life for people in our District
- Maintain and enhance our local heritage

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| <b>9</b>  | <b>Revenues and Benefits Partnership</b>  | <b>9.1</b>  |
|           | To consider the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on the revenues and benefits partnership working initiative. |             |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Grants to Outside Organisations</b>  | <b>10.1</b> |
|           | To consider the report of the Head of Financial Services on applications to be considered for support in 2006/07.                 |             |

- 11      Proposals for Casinos – Gambling Act 2005      11.1**
- To consider the report of the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care which introduces the procedure by which proposals from local authorities for the siting of casinos in their area may be considered by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and seeks resolution of the question as to whether or not a bid should be submitted for consideration.
- 12      Review of Rochford District Council’s Constitution      12.1**
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Law, Planning and Administration) which seeks approval to amendments to the Constitution recommended by the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Standards Committee.
- 13      Gershon Savings – 2006/07      13.1**
- To consider the report of the Head of Financial Services on the statement to Government on how the Council proposes to achieve the savings required under the Gershon initiative.
- 14      National Non Domestic Rates - Write-offs      14.1**
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) which seeks approval to the write-off of a national non domestic rate debt in excess of £15,000.
- 15      Indemnities for Members – Correspondence from the Local Government Association      15.1**
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Law, Planning and Administration) on the response received from the Local Government association in reply to a request concerning the adequacy of Members’ indemnity insurance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Warren', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Paul Warren  
Chief Executive