

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 8 June 2006:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Report from former Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Minute 184/06)	<p>(1) That the following areas for focus arising out of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment Progress Report be endorsed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production of a Corporate Plan.• Review and upgrade of the Performance Management System, with greater transparency and linkages between the various elements.• Development of cost comparison/value for money concepts in service development and the budgeting process.• The Member decision-making process around planning. <p>(2) That the following key projects/service developments be monitored in 2006/07 as part of the revised Performance Management system:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recycling• Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park• Lighting in Alleyways• Clean, Green and Safe Environment Activities• Gardening/Handyman Service• Benefits/Council Tax

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Rochford Local Strategic Partnership – The Way Forward

(Minute 185/06)

- Rochford Cemetery. (CE)
- (1) That the revised structure, membership and terms of reference for the Local Strategic Partnership Executive Board, as set out in Appendices 2, 3, and 4 of the Committee report, be agreed.
- (2) That the Chief Executive write to all existing Rochford Local Strategic Partnership members thanking them for their contribution and outlining the way forward.
- (3) That the Chief Executive make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the Local Strategic Partnership Executive Board structure is operational prior to the summer recess, along with taking the appropriate steps to encourage two new local partnerships around Economic Regeneration and Community Involvement, with the composition of groups being as set out in Appendix 2 of the Committee report. (CE)

Planning Delivery Grant 2006/07

(Minute 186/06)

That the broad programme of initiatives and approximate grant breakdown, as outlined in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the Committee report, be approved. A half-year report on the position with regard to expenditure under each heading to be submitted to the Planning Policy & Transportation Committee. (HPT)

Revenue & Benefits – Housing Benefit Overpayment Recovery Review

(Minute 187/06)

- (1) That debts that are more than two years old that cannot be traced and are not economically viable to pursue be written off, provided that, if the debtor's address becomes available within the 6 year statutory limit, the debt will be raised again.
- (2) That the appointed bailiff be authorised to seek recovery of debts where the Council has exhausted other methods, such work to be on a commission only basis. (CD(ES))

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The Housing Benefit Performance Standards (Minute 188/06)	That the self-assessment score of 3 (Good) be endorsed. (CD(ES))						
Appointment to Remaining Vacancies on Outside Bodies (Minute 189/06)	That appointments be made as follows:- <table> <tr> <th>Outside Body</th><th>Appointee/s</th></tr> <tr> <td>South Essex Environmental Protection Advisory Group</td><td>Cllr D G Stansby</td></tr> <tr> <td>57 South Street Management Committee</td><td>Cllr Mrs L A Butcher Cllr J P Cottis (HAMS)</td></tr> </table>	Outside Body	Appointee/s	South Essex Environmental Protection Advisory Group	Cllr D G Stansby	57 South Street Management Committee	Cllr Mrs L A Butcher Cllr J P Cottis (HAMS)
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Rochford District & Haltern Twinning Association – Membership Invitation (Minute 190/06)	That the invitation for the Council to join the Rochford District & Haltern Twinning Association be declined. (CD(ES))						
Crouch Harbour Authority – Funding Support (Minute 191/06)	<p>(1) That there be communication with Maldon and Chelmsford Councils with a view to obtaining further support for the Crouch Harbour Authority together with standardised financial support.</p> <p>(2) That a meeting be requested with Lord Hanningfield to identify the future policy and commitment of Essex County Council to the Crouch Harbour Authority. This Council to be represented by the Leader of the Council, the Council's representative on the Crouch Harbour Authority and at least one of the Local County Councillors. (CE)</p>						

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**Revenue & Benefit –
Training, Quality
Assurance and Service
Enhancement**
(Minute 192 /06)

That post 33210 be made permanent, the cost to be met by deletion of post 33525 and contributions from Chelmsford and Maldon Councils. (CD(ES))

**Chief Executive's
Appraisal** (Minute 193/06)

That the exempt note of the Chief Executive's Appraisal be received.

The above decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of this Notice, unless referred to Full Council by a minimum of three Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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