

PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress
<p>CCTV Evaluation (Minute 308/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposal to evaluate the existing CCTV systems be agreed, with the evaluation costs of £8,000 being funded from the Crime and Disorder Reserve.</p> <p>(2) That the Town and Parish Councils and Chambers of Trade, where applicable, be approached, with a view to providing a contribution towards the costs of evaluation. (CE)</p>	<p>Returns exceeded the budget provision. Police have now undertaken initial evaluation of CCTV systems. Discussions underway on best way forward and to determine costings involved.</p>
<p>Revenue and Benefits – Capacity Building and Service Enhancement (Minute 383/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a bid for £10,000 be included in the 2006/07 budget to enable the dedicated call centre service to continue on the basis set out in the report. (HRHM)</p>	<p>To be considered at the Member Away Day on 26 November 2005</p>
<p>Comprehensive Performance Assessment – Lessons Learnt and a Framework for District Councils from 2006 (Minute 384/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council's response to the Audit Commission Consultation Paper be on the basis of paragraphs 4.1 to 4.9 of the Chief Executive's report. (CE)</p>	<p>Response submitted</p>

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<p>Future Vision – Key Actions for Rochford District Council (Minute 385/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, subject to the addition of the following, the ‘wish list’ set out at Appendix 1 of the report be endorsed as the first part of the visioning process:-</p> <p>Under the Healthy Living/Quality of Life heading, expand to include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More youth facilities in Rayleigh, specifically in the parts of the town not close to the warehouse centre. • Revision of the suggestion relating to doctors and dentists to read ‘encourage the provision of more general practitioners and dentists in the District as a priority, together with a satellite clinic to serve Rayleigh, Hullbridge and Hockley’. <p>Under the Community Development heading:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of the first suggestion to read ‘increase young people’s and persons under 50 involvement in local decision making process’. <p>Under the Service Development heading:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of the second suggestion to read ‘continue holding Council meetings in the purpose designed, air-conditioned Civic Suite in Rayleigh’. 	<p>Wish List discussed further at Member Awayday on the 26 November.</p>

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<p>Include under the Environment heading, a new 'wish list'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the Canewdon target of 1.68 hectares (or 4.16 acres) of sports pitches per 1,000 residents for the whole of the District. <p>(2) That the 'wish list' be subject to further consultation via the Joint Citizens Panel so that the communities' thoughts on priorities/non-priorities can then be fed into the process prior to further decisions on the way forward. (CE)</p>	<p>Responses from Citizens' Consultation is being fed into the Budget process.</p>
<p>Local Area Agreement for Essex (Minute 386/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the progress on the Local Area Agreement process to date, the emerging priorities as outlined in the appendix to the report and the timescales involves for agreement be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the leader of the Council and the Council's representatives on the various Partnership forums be authorised to contribute to the Local Area Agreement process to secure maximum potential benefits for the residents of the District.</p> <p>(3) That the Chief Executive report back over the period until March 2006 on progress on the Local Area Agreement process. (CE)</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>Further report made to Policy and Finance on the 15 November</p>

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<p>Essex Police Authority and Police Best Value Review – Policing and Force Structure (Minute 388/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That, subject to the inclusion of an indication that the District Council strongly opposes all three options, the officer comments set out in the report form this Council's response to the structural review by Essex Police.</p> <p>(2) That both local Members of Parliament be notified of and asked to support this Council's views on the proposals. A copy of the views to also be sent to County Councillor Mrs E M Hart in her capacity as a Member of the Policy Authority.</p> <p>(3) That Castle Point Borough Council be requested to formally support this District Council in its comments on the proposals. (CE)</p>	<p>Response made</p> <p>Notifications carried out</p> <p>Castle Point borough Council contacted</p>
<p>Council Tax Improvement Action Plan – Best Practice Proposals (Minute 390/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the upgraded plan and progress towards achievement be endorsed, the plan to be reviewed again in April 2006.</p> <p>(2) That a bid in the sum of £1,500 be included in the 2006/07 budget for the purpose of applying for Charter Mark accreditation for the Revenue and Benefits Service. (HRHM)</p>	<p>To be reviewed in April 2006</p> <p>To be considered at the Member Away Day on 26 November</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Revenue and Benefits Service – Partnership Working (Minute 391/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the current progress on collaborative working be noted and the proposals for further work with partners, as detailed in the report, be endorsed. (HRHM)</p>	<p>Further meeting to progress this initiative to be hosted by Rochford DC on 7 December. £35,000 secured from the ODPM / LGA Capacity Building Fund to move this project forward. Consultancy advice offered from Anglian Revenues Partnership (an independent subsidiary of Breckland and Forest Heath District Councils).</p>
<p>From Full Council</p> <p>Development of Council Owned Land (Minute 600(I7)/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the land designated in respect of the four sites be transferred to the Swan Housing Group at nil cost, subject to planning permission and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – For the Tylney Avenue scheme – conclusion of the investigation into a possible covenant and any necessary statutory notice provisions relating to the former playspace. <p>On such terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate in accordance with the general consent and to secure the provision of the approved housing scheme. (HHHCC/HLS)</p>	<p>The three sites other than Tylney Avenue previously implemented. Revised proposals for Tylney Avenue presented to Community Services Committee on 4 October 2005. Release of covenant implemented, terms of transfer agreed subject to the grant of planning consent.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Budget Strategy 2004/04 - 2008/09 (Minute 46/04)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, subject to full funding being available from external sources, officers progress the introduction of a free and independent housing advisory service within the District. (HHHCC) 	<p>Options for the provision of this service are being investigated as part of the work to prepare for the housing stock ballot</p>
<p>The Local Authorities (Indemnity for Members and Officers) Order 2004 (Minute 196(15)(a)/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That a revised Protocol for Outside Bodies taking these decisions into account be considered at a future meeting of the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee. That the Local Government Association be approached to ascertain its views on the adequacy of the insurance provided and the possibility of the Association lobbying for improvements to the indemnity that can be made available to Members. (CD(LPA)). 	<p>Revised protocol to be considered by Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee in tandem with item below (HLS)</p> <p>Local Government Association confirm that indemnity agreed by Council “relates closely to the parameters of the regulations”. There is no proposal to undertake further lobbying and they are unaware of any issue with regard to unincorporated associations. In further correspondence, CD(LPA) has requested LGA to consider whether an indemnity in law for elected members’ representing their authorities on outside bodies generally and regional assemblies in particular should be pursued. Reply awaited.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Motion on Notice from Councillors C I Black, C J Lumley, Mrs J R Lumley and R A Oatham (Minute 225/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That this Council investigates the possibility of creating an all-weather sports pitch at the Rayleigh Leisure Centre site (in a position identified by Councillors C I Black, C J Lumley, Mrs J R Lumley and R A Oatham that would not affect existing residents).</p> <p>That local residents, local schools, Essex County Council, Rayleigh Town Council and Rawreth Parish Council be consulted about this proposal.</p> <p>If found to be feasible, this Council then liaises with all interested bodies in order to achieve this, and to obtain funding. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Site identified by Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group late August.</p> <p>The full consultation exercise required by this minute could prove abortive if the appeal in respect of the Sweyne Park pitch goes against the Council.</p> <p>Statements in respect of the appeal were dispatched in June. It is anticipated that a decision will be received in time to be reported to this Committee.</p>
<p>Sutton Court Drive Playspace, Rochford (Minute 314/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That Phase 1 works be carried out at the Sutton Court Playspace, Rochford as described in the report submitted at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee in the sum of £3,500.</p> <p>(2) That Rochford Parish Council contribute 50% of the above cost, confirmed in writing, in the Financial Year 2006/07. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Confirmation per financial contribution received from Parish Council. Works completed in October.</p>

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<p>Closure of Accounts 2004/05 (Minute 421(9)(a)/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the budget amendments identified in the report be agreed. (HFS)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>
<p>Organisational Review (Minute 422/05)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) To implement the structural changes outlined in the Chief Executive's report to give an organisational structure from April 2006 as outlined in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(2) To agree to move towards the organisational structure as outlined in Appendix 2 by April 2008</p> <p>(3) To implement the results of the Hay Evaluation exercise for management with effect from 1 October 2005</p> <p>(4) To advertise the replacement posts of Corporate Director (External Services) and Head of Finance, Audit and Performance Management.</p> <p>(5) To endorse the use of recruitment consultants to facilitate (4) above, to ensure that the Council maximises the opportunity to fill both key posts.</p> <p>(6) To undertake an annual review of the organisational structure as part of the yearly budgetary process.</p> <p>(7) To consider the additional posts outlined in paragraph 4.9 of the Chief Executive's report as part of the 2006/07 budget making process. (CE)</p>	<p>Implementation of all the recommendations in progress.</p>