

REPORT OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 15 MARCH 2007

1 BYELAW TO REGULATE BALL GAMES WITHIN SOUTHEND ROAD CAR PARK, HOCKLEY

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Policy, Finance and Strategic Performance Committee on 15 March 2007 to Full Council with recommendations that the Authority proceed with the statutory process to introduce a byelaw to regulate ball games within Southend Road Car Park, Hockley. A copy of the officer's report is appended.
- 1.2 It was noted that, where the report referred to Council car parks, this should have been specifically to the Southend Road Car Park, Hockley.
- 1.3 It was observed that it was of particular concern that disturbance and nuisance associated with ball games at this location was occurring in the middle of the night.
- 1.4 It was also noted that:-
- It would be possible in the future to consider adding additional areas to the byelaw schedule if evidence for so doing is available. Proposals had been developed on the basis of advice from the Police that there is no existing statutory provision to address the problem. If there is such provision it would not be possible to introduce a byelaw.
 - Opinions can vary on the fine levels that are appropriate to act as a deterrent and that the information gathering that the Police would undertake in association with enforcing such a byelaw could prove of value to the various agencies seeking to target and address anti-social behaviour.
- 1.5 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES**
- (1) To proceed with the statutory process for the introduction of the proposed District of Rochford (Byelaw for Good Rule and Government) as attached to the officer's report and that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to effect such amendments thereto as may be necessary, and any amendment to the model form of byelaws.
 - (2) That, subject to no objections being received to the Notice of Intention to apply for confirmation of the proposed byelaw, confirmation of the proposed byelaw be sought from the Secretary of State. (CD(ES))

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Background Papers:-

None

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