

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Community Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 2 September 2003:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Meeting the Needs of Older People in Essex - Consultation (Minute 383/03)	That, in response to Essex County Council's consultation on its remaining care homes and day care centres, including Sweyne Court, Rayleigh, this Council recommends they only be considered for transfer through leasehold disposal and that the County Council retains the freehold. (HHHCC)
Former Play Space at Tylney Avenue, Rochford (Minute 384/03)	That this item be deferred and referred to the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee for more detailed consideration. (HHHCC)
Housing Development on Council owned land by Swan Housing Group (Minute 385/03)	That this item be deferred and referred to the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee for more detailed consideration. (HHHCC)
Genetically Modified Crops (Minute 386/03)	<p>(1) That the Council believes that GM crops should not be grown, and writes to the appropriate Minister setting out this position.</p> <p>(2) That the Head of Legal Services seeks a voluntary agreement with tenants of agricultural land owned by the Council not to grow any GM crop, and that the leases be amended to prohibit this at the first available opportunity.</p> <p>(3) That the Council's grounds maintenance contractor be advised that GM grass should not be cultivated, should it become available.</p> <p>(4) That tenants of Council houses be advised, by means of the 'Your Home' magazine, of the Council's concern and encouraged not to grow any GM plants which may become available.</p>

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(5) That suppliers be advised that the Council does not intend to purchase any goods containing GM material.

(6) That no GM products be used in the Chairman's Civic Dinner and that free range foods be used where these are available. (HHHCC)

Removal Expenses and Home Loss Payments
(Minute 387/03)

(1) That the sum of £675.00 be paid as a Type "A" removal fee from Hardwick House (permanent move).

(2) That the sum of £861.00 be paid as a Type "B" removal fee from Hardwick House (returning to the Swan Housing Association Complex when completed).

(3) That the Home loss payment of £3100 be paid from the 1st September 2003 to tenants compulsorily moved from Hardwick House.

(4) That the Home loss payment of £1500, together with an ex-gratia payment of £1600, be paid to those tenants who have already vacated, provided that this is not ultra vires. (HRHM)

Museums in Essex Membership
(Minute 388/03)

That this Council join the Museums in Essex service, in order to help develop a quality bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a museum within Rayleigh Windmill. (CD(F&ES))

Qualifying Distance for the Transport to School of Children – Consultation
(Minute 389/03)

That in response to the County's consultation, this Council recommends that the current policies should remain unchanged. (CE)

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 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

Dated 3 September 2003