

RAYLEIGH AND CIVIC SOCIETY: PLANNING SERVICES MINUTES (Minute232 (6)/00)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Members' views upon a request for a reduction in the Annual Charge by the Council for the supply of Planning Services Agenda, Minutes and Schedule of Planning Applications to the Rayleigh Civic Society.

The availability of Agenda for inspection by the Public and Press for Meetings of the Council, its Committees and Sub Committees is a statutory requirement, but the Council is entitled to Charge for providing copies.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the meeting of this Sub Committee in July last year, Members considered a request from Rayleigh Civic Society for a reduced subscription for copies of the Planning Services Agenda, Minutes and Schedule of Planning Applications. At that meeting members resolved to reduce the annual subscription to £40 per annum.
- 2.2 Officers have received a further request from the Civic Society, seeking a reduced subscription of £25, the reasons for which are stated in the letter from the Civic Society, attached at Appendix 1
- 2.3 Members are invited to consider this request

3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Refusing the request, with the consequent possibility that Rayleigh Civic Society may no longer choose to receive Planning Services Agenda/Minutes could reduce their contribution to the environmental preservation and enhancement of Rayleigh and its surroundings. The Society are consulted on a number of Planning Applications throughout the year as a local interest Group, however they are not Statutory Consultees.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Agreement to the Society's request would result in an additional loss of income to the Council of £15.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee considers

the request by Rayleigh Civic Society to reduce the cost of Planning
Services Committee Agendas and Minutes. (HAMS)

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Background Papers:

Letter dated 10 May 2001 from the Chairman of Rayleigh Civic Society.

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