

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy, Finance and Strategic Performance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 19 April 2007:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Access to Services – Service Inspection Report (Minute 130/07)	That the four recommendations set out on pages 11 – 13 of the Audit Commission’s report ,together with the proposal to re-title the post of ‘Head of Administrative and Member Services’ to ‘Head of Information and Customer Services’ be agreed, quarterly reports to be received on progress in implementing the recommendations. (CE)
2006/07 Quarter 4 Performance Report to Members (Minute 131/07)	(1) That the performance achieved in the fourth quarter of 2006/07 be noted. (2) That the proposed content of the Performance Report to Members for 2007/08 be approved. (HFAPM)
Rayleigh Grange Community Centre – Lease (Minute 132/07)	(1) That a structural condition survey be undertaken of the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre property and the results reported to Members. (2) That officers consider and report on the possibilities for aligning provisions associated with the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre lease with the type of lease in place for the Council building in Back Lane, Rochford in the context of an objective of an even approach to letting, rental income and responsibilities for repair across the District. (3) That, to facilitate (1) and (2) above, the lease relating to the Rayleigh Grange Community Centre be extended for a 12-month period. (CD(ES))

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Economic Development Strategy 2007-11 (Minute 133/07)	<p>(1) That the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan 2007-11 be adopted subject to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A check that the percentage figure in paragraph 3.5 associated with the resident population that cannot afford private rental is correct. • Indication of the effects that can be related to an ageing population and inclusion of reference to the skills base and opportunity associated with the emerging City Regions Agenda under 'key issues for the area'. <p>(2) That progress on the Action Plan be reviewed in 12 months time. (CE)</p>
Grants to Outside Organisations (Minute 134/07)	<p>(1) That, given timing and the fact that the organisation delivers a number of services related to the Council's own objectives, a grant of £79,000 be made to the Citizens Advice Bureau.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to a Sub-Committee of five Members (Councillors T G Cutmore, Mrs H L A Glynn, K J Gordon, Mrs M J Webster and one Liberal Democrat appointee) to consider the remaining applications for financial assistance. (HFAPM)</p>
Homelessness and Housing Advice Officer Post (Minute 135/07)	<p>(1) That the post of Homelessness and Housing Advice Officer (number 35211) be made permanent.</p> <p>(2) That the 2007/08 salary costs for this post be funded from the Homelessness Grant and future means of funding be considered through the budget-setting process. (HCS)</p>

Item**Decision**

Gender Equality Scheme
(Minute 136/07)

That the proposed Gender Equality Scheme, as attached to the report, be adopted. (CE)

**Age of Opportunity
Strategy**
(Minute 137/07)

That the County Council be advised that the draft strategy and proposed actions are supported in principle, but that more detailed information as to implementation, outcomes and resource requirements would be welcomed. (CE)

**Local Authority Business
Growth Incentive (LAGBI)
Award** (Minute 138/07)

That £160,000 of the Year 2 LAGBI Grant be allocated to the following:-

- Contribution to the recently agreed Joint West Rochford Study with Southend to kick-start the process.
- Funding of a Master Planning exercise for Rochford Town Centre and adjoining area – to feed into the Local Development Framework process.
- Funding of a Master Planning exercise for Hockley Town Centre and the adjoining area – to feed into the Local Development Framework process. (CE)

Staffing Matters
(Minute 139/07)

That the current level of vacancies, long-term sickness and maternity absence be noted. (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 three Members or called in by the Review Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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