

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL



Policy & Finance Committee

agenda

Date

8 July 2004

Time

7.30pm

Place

Council Chamber
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Rayleigh

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Cllr C J Lumley

Terms of Reference

To exercise the Council's functions in relation to all matters not otherwise reserved to Full Council or the responsibility of another Committee with particular reference to:

- Finance
- Council Budget
- Support Services

Including the formulation and implementation of the policy framework and management of the budget in respect of these functions.

Corporate Objectives

To provide quality cost effective services
To work towards a safer and more caring community
To promote a green and sustainable environment
To encourage a thriving local economy
To improve the quality of life for people in our District
To maintain and enhance our local heritage and culture

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2 | Substitutes | |
| 3 | Non-Members attending | |
| 4 | Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 May 2004 | |
| 5 | To Receive Declarations of Interest | |
| 6 | Questions on Notice | |
| 7 | Motions on Notice | |
| 8 | Issues arising from Overview and Scrutiny | 8.1 |
| 9 | Progress on Decisions | 9.1 |
| | Schedule attached. | |
| 10 | Draft Regional Economic Strategy for the East of England | 10.1 |
| | To consider the report of the Head of Planning Services on a draft Regional Economic Strategy published by the East of England Development Agency. | |

11	Business Rate Collection – Preferred Partner	11.1
	To consider the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on the identification of a ‘preferred partner’ for the delivery of the business rate collection service.	
12	Council Tax Payment Methods	12.1
	To consider the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on current council tax payment methods and a proposed customer consultation exercise.	
13	Specialist Advice Services for Planning	13.1
	To consider the report of the Head of Planning Services on the arrangements for the delivery of specialist advice to the Planning Division by the County Council from 2005/06.	
14	Community Transport – Request for Additional Funding	14.1
	To consider the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on a request for additional funding from Rayleigh and Rochford Association for Voluntary Services in order to continue to run the Community Transport facility.	
15	StAR Partnership – Further Funding	15.1
	To consider the report of the Chief Executive on whether the StAR project should continue to be funded for a further two year period.	
16	CCTV Evaluation	16.1
	To consider the report of the Chief Executive seeking agreement to an evaluation of various CCTV systems that are currently being used throughout the District.	
17	Asset Management Property Performance Indicators	17.1
	To receive the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) on the need to collect property performance indicators, the issues around best value indicators and the provision of information for local performance indicators to assist the Council in developing the Asset Management Plan.	

18 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To agree that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

19 National Non Domestic Rating – Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Relief

19.1

To consider the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on three applications for mandatory rate relief and four applications for discretionary rate relief.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Warren', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Paul Warren
Chief Executive