# ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Finance & General Purposes Committee

### agenda

Chairman's callover – 6.30pm in the Chairman's Briefing Room

**Date** 

12 April 2001

**Time** 

7.30pm

**Place** 

Council Chamber Civic Suite Rayleigh

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#### Liberal Group

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#### **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

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes Ex-Officio Membership

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Substitutes
- 3 Non-Members attending
- 4 To Receive Declarations of Interest
- 5 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2000 and Special Meeting held on 20 March 2001

Note: The resolution under Minute 70(4) relating to Corporate Resources Minute 387 to be adjusted to read:-

#### "Resolved

That the Chambers of Trade be advised that any residual bids must have been received by the end of June 2001 (i.e. three months from the commencement of the new financial year) (CD(F&ES))"

- 6 Petitions and Deputations
- 7 Public Question Time
- 8 Outstanding Issues
  - (1) Sale of land at Mill Hall, Rayleigh (Minute 70(4)/01)

    Matters Progressing. (HLS)
  - (2) Installation of CCTV at Mill Hall, Rayleigh (Minute 70(4)/01)
    - Costs ascertained. Quotation to be received week commencing 2 April. (CD(F&ES))
  - (3) Websters Way Car Park Proposals Additional Consultations (Minute 88/01)

Arrangements in progress for appointment of external consultant to advise the Council on development options. (HPS)

#### 9 Report of Urgent Action

9.1

(1) European Social Fund: Business Themes and Champions Project.

### 10 Recommendations and References from Parent Committees

| (1) | Transportation and Environmental Services – | None      |
|-----|---|-----------|
|     | 22 March 2001                               |           |
| (2) | Community Services – 27 March 2001          | To follow |
| (3) | Audit Services – 29 March 2001              | To follow |

#### 11 Minutes of Sub-Committees

| (1) | Contracts                | 16 March 2001 | 11.1.1    |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| (2) | Corporate Resources      | 3 April 2001  | To follow |
| (3) | Member Budget Monitoring | 4 April 2001  | To follow |

#### 12 Notice of Motion – Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 12.1

To receive the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services.

#### 13 Recabling

To consider the exempt report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on awarding a contract for the IT and voice cable networks at the Council's offices.

The report is to follow.

Note: The public and press will be excluded for this item as it relates to proposed contract terms.

#### 14 Review of District Council Electoral Arrangements

To consider the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on the Local Government Commission final recommendations for the Rochford District.

The report is to follow.

#### 15 Capital Schemes – Progress Report

15.1

To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) setting out the progress and anticipated timescales of various schemes.

| 16 | Capital Fund for Parish/Town Council Projects  | 16.1 |
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|    | To consider the report of the Chief Executive outlining ways in which this initiative could be progressed.   |      |
| 17 | Essex County Council – The Governance and Management of Partnerships   | 17.1 |
|    | To consider the report of the Chief Executive on a consultation paper received from the County Council.  |      |
| 18 | Document Production – Best Value Review  |      |
|    | To consider the report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on the conclusions of the Document Production Best Value Review.  |      |
|    | The report is to follow.   |      |
| 19 | Civic and Public Relations – Best Value Review   | 19.1 |
|    | To consider the report of the Head of Planning Services on the progress of the Best Value Review of the Civic and Public Relations Service.  |      |
| 20 | National Non-Domestic Rating Discretionary Rate Relief   | 20.1 |
|    | To consider the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on two applications for Relief.   |      |
| 21 | Benefits, Council Tax, Business Rates, former<br>Tenant Arrears and Sundry Debtors – Write-Offs  | 21.1 |
|    | To consider the report of the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) on various cases.   |      |
| 22 | Exclusion of the Public and Press  |      |
|    | 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 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed. |      |
| 23 | Audio-Visual Equipment – Tenders   | 23.1 |
|    | To consider the exempt report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services on tenders received for the installation of new audio-visual equipment at the Civic Suite.   |      |

#### 24 Bellingham Lane/Mill Hall Car Park

To consider the exempt report of the Chief Executive which sets out the main findings of the investigation into the Bellingham Lane/Mill Hall Car Park Project.

The report is to follow.

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Paul Warren Chief Executive