
REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 APRIL 2006

1 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) FOR THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT

1.1 This Item of business was referred by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 April 2006 to Full Council with recommendations relating to proposed modifications to and the submission to GO-East of the Statement of Community Involvement for the Rochford District. A copy of the report to the Committee is attached at Appendix A.

1.2 The Committee noted that:-

- It was anticipated that the planning delivery grant would enable the Authority to move through the local development framework process over the next two/three years without impacting on the core budget, but the situation would need to be closely monitored.
- The Authority would, where possible, call upon the expertise of specialist County officers rather than employing consultants. It was, however, possible that the development plan document relating to allocations would require detailed consultation with the public and could thus necessitate the input of a specialist consultant.
- Officers were working on a report for Council that would identify the broad expenditure for the 2006/07 planning delivery grant, which would include an element relating to expenditure on public consultation.
- It was standard practice for the lead officer to work with the Leader of the Council on minor amendments to similar planning policy documents. Any amendments, however, that resulted in a change in meaning to the document were always brought back to Committee for consideration.
- The Council was on target to adopt the Statement of Community Involvement within the timescale outlined in the Local Development Scheme.

1.3 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the proposed modifications be made to the Statement of Community Involvement for the Rochford District and that the modified version of the SCI be adopted as the deposit version for submission to GO-East and formal public consultation, to enable the Council to comply with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory

Purchase Act 2004, as set out more particularly in Regulations 28 and 29 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations 2004.

- (2) That the Council carries out the relevant requirements to prepare for the Public Inquiry, including the employment of a programme officer and arranging the appointment of a Planning Inspector.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to carry out minor adjustments to the SCI to ensure consistency and correctness.

2 MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 2.1 This item of business was referred by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 April 2006 to Full Council with the recommendation that changes to the Rochford District Local Development Scheme be agreed and that the document be published and distributed in due course. A copy of the report to the Committee is attached at Appendix B.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES** that the changes made to the Rochford District Local Development Scheme be agreed and that the document be published and distributed in due course.

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Background Papers:-

None

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