

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Community Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 1 December 2005:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Issues arising from Overview & Scrutiny – Review of Partnership Arrangements (Minute 477/05)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) That definitions around ‘partnerships’ be clarified, as opposed to structures such as ‘outside bodies’.(2) That a Council-wide ‘Partnership’ Guidance document be produced to provide a clear framework for determining whether to enter into partnership arrangements and the factors to be taken into account in ensuring effective partnership working. This could include a definition in relation to (1).(3) That terms of reference be requested from each of the partnerships the Council is currently involved with, together with details on governance, funding arrangements and performance management. This information can then be held in a central register.(4) That the register compiled as a result of (3) be used as a basis to formally review the Council’s involvement in partnerships every 3 years, commencing in Spring 2006.(5) That such a review exclude those key Partnerships evaluated as part of this review.(6) That as a matter of standard practice, each Partnership the Council is involved in be asked to remind each of its participants every year of their roles and responsibilities in connection with the Partnership, and to reconfirm their commitment to the Partnership.

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- (7) That the Member Training and Development Programme include a section around 'Partnership working', the Partnerships the Council is involved in, and the roles and responsibilities of Members working in partnership structures.
- (8) That the minutes of the meetings of the key partnerships, the subject of this review, be appended to the Members' Bulletin for information purposes.
- (9) That in the context of the Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership (TGSE), a Rochford Steering Group be re-established, with a view to considering whether it should be combined with the delivery steering group operating in Castle Point, to be determined in conjunction with TGSE and Castle Point Borough Council and operational as soon as practicable.
- (10) That the Local Strategic Partnership be requested to look at its governance, reporting arrangements, membership and performance management in the light of the emerging Local Area Agreement process.
- (11) That the Local Strategic Partnership be asked to maximise an effective working relationship with the Castle Point Local Strategic Partnership, to examine common agenda items, whilst recognising that the growth of any joint partnership needs to be organic rather than enforced.
- (12) That the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership be requested to focus on partner commitment and work sharing and improvements in performance management over the next 12 months and that the Council maintains its attendance and commitment to this key partnership, particularly in the light of the emerging LAA process and the possible restructuring of the Police network.

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- (13) That Member/officer presence be retained on the Joint Health Partnership Board with Castle Point in order to retain the contact with the Primary Care Trust, but on a much reduced scale of 1 Member and 1 officer only, as opposed to the present arrangement of up to 3 Members and 2 officers.
- (14) That the evolving Children and Young Person's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) be asked to provide further information to enable the Council to determine its proper level of commitment to this body; in particular clarification around how the District Youth Strategy Group fits with CYPSP. (CE)

Head and Neck Surgery in Essex – Consultation

(Minute 479/05)

That Essex Strategic Health Authority be advised that this Council wishes to see a specialist head and neck surgery inpatient centre developed at Basildon Hospital, since the majority of cases likely to be treated at the centre originate in the south of the County and that this also reflects the established corridors of movement and transport patterns across the County. It also recognises the potential growth in the south of the County, particularly the Thames Gateway growth area. (HHHCC)

Housing Strategy Action Plan – Progress Report

(Minute 480/05)

That the progress being made in implementing the Housing Strategy 2004-2007 be noted. (HHHCC)

Item**Decision****Essex Supporting People –
Service User Involvement
Strategy**

(Minute 481/05)

That the Council's response to the Essex Supporting People draft strategy be as outlined in the officer's report together with the following additional comments:-

- There needs to be a wider range of Service user representative organisations involved in the development of the Supporting People 5 Year Strategy, with a more balanced coverage across the County.
- There is a lack of reference to health services, which are an integral part of any support mechanism.
- The document focuses on individual needs, and does not include any reference to the requirements of families and carers. (HHHCC)

**Report of the Heritage Sub-
Committee**

(Minute 482/05)

That budget provision of £7,000 be requested to provide for a programme of heritage events in 2006/07. (CD(F&ES))

**Report of the Windmill
Sub-Committee**

(Minute 483/05)

- (1) That the progress of the development of the Windmill project be noted.
- (2) That the principle of management arrangements, as set out in the appendix to the officer's report, be agreed, subject to the amendments listed below and that final negotiations proceed with the other parties involved:-
 - Membership of the Management Group to include two Members of Rochford District Council and one Member of Rayleigh Town Council.

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- Section 4 of the Agreement should be re-titled to reflect that it is a summary of the aspirations of the Management Group with respect to Rayleigh Windmill.
 - In item 4.2, “registered museum” should be replaced by “accredited museum”.
 - In item 4.3, the first sentence of the second paragraph should read: “The National Trust Local Committee will also seek to maintain and enhance its existing Guardianship Scheme and reach other schools by means of a range of activities”.
- (3) That the appointment of a consultant be agreed to design the interior of the Windmill display system, subject to a successful outcome of the bid to Thames Gateway South Essex.
- (4) That the commercial rate for hiring the Windmill should be set initially at £17.00 for 3 hours, doubled as set out in the budget book, per floor of the Windmill and that the Management Group should determine a reduced charging policy for charities and community organisations.
- (5) That a new lease be drawn up for the Historical Society of Rayleigh, at a cost of £500 per annum, to be grant funded each year by Rochford District Council.
- (6) That officers liaise with the Historical Society of Rayleigh to explore the possibility of a temporary museum exhibition being developed, to be placed in the Windmill early in the New Year. (CD(F&ES))

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Police Force Restructuring
(Minute 484/05)

- (1) That the response to the consultation should indicate that this Council, in common with the two local Members of Parliament, believes that the option for Essex Police to remain as a stand-alone force will be the best option for the County as a whole, particularly given the projected increase in the population over the next few years.
- (2) That a press release be issued indicating the Council's strong support for retaining an Essex Police 'stand alone force'. (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 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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