

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Environmental Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 3 March 2005:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Issues Arising from Overview and Scrutiny	
1 A Local Development Scheme for the Rochford District (Minute 88/05)	(1) That the Local Development Scheme for the Rochford District be agreed for submission to GO-East, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning Services to carry out minor amendments to the LDS to ensure consistency and correctness. (HPS)
Proposed Limited Waiting Restriction 1 Hour, No Return in 2 Hours Lay-By Adjacent to 509-519 Ashingdon Road (Minute 90/05)	That the proposed 1 hour limited waiting restriction no return in 2 hours be varied to 2 hours limited waiting no return in 2 hours, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, and that a Traffic Regulation Order be made to that effect. (Area Manager, County Highways)
Report of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee – 1 February 2005 (Minute 91/05)	(1) That the 2005/06 charges for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles be as set out in the schedule appended to the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management (these having been previously agreed by Council, subject to this consultation process). (2) That a regulated regime for taxi fares be retained. (HRHM)

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East of England Plan (Minute 92/05)

That the East of England Regional Assembly be advised that the Council:

- (1) Supports the planning framework for the Thames Gateway/South Essex sub-region, but that this support is conditional on the provision of new infrastructure to assist employment generation and as a prerequisite to housing development and notes the suspension of support for the Plan by the Regional Assembly.
- (2) Is concerned about the realism of the overall housing and employment totals for the region and for Essex and that the Regional Economic Strategy does not correspond with the employment figures proposed in the East of England Plan; the Council supports the County Council's submission on these matters.
- (3) Broadly supports the Plan's core strategy, but is concerned about the inappropriate pressure that will be put on the Metropolitan Green Belt.
- (4) Is concerned about the proposed level of affordable housing provision, particularly given the need to ensure all new development makes a contribution to infrastructure.
- (5) Is convinced that without substantial investment in new infrastructure, including transport, health and education, the East of England Plan will not be capable of delivery. (HPS)

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Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Sites – Consultation (Minute 93/05)

That the Council’s response on the Gypsy and Traveller sites consultation document be that Rochford District Council considers that the implementation of Government Circular 1/94 “Gypsy Sites and Planning” will almost certainly result in ever more gypsies and travellers coming to Rochford District. This Council believes that the great majority of established residents will not welcome this influx and certainly will not approve of Council providing permanent or temporary sites. Consequently, only when Central Government uses planning law or other legislation will this Authority provide sites – but not otherwise. (HPS)

Websters Way Environmental Enhancement Scheme (Minute 94/05)

That the principles of the enhancement scheme and the arrangements for implementation, as set out in the report, be agreed. (HPS)

Proposed Diversion of Footpath 21, Canewdon (Minute 95/05)

- (1) That, subject to the grant of planning consent for the construction of the new sea wall and the wetland area and the Applicants bearing the cost of any necessary accommodation works and all the Council’s expenses recoverable under Local Government (Recovery of Costs for Public Path Orders) Regulations 1993 as amended, the proposal to divert footpath 21, as shown on the plan attached to the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to take all necessary steps to secure the making and confirmation of a Public Path Diversion Order under the terms of Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (HLS)

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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