Progress on Decisions made by Full Council/The Executive

From Full Council

	ltem		ess/Officer Com	ments	
Who	ole Essex Community Budget (Minute 223/12)	Red	Amber	Green	
Resolved				X	
(1)	That the principles behind the Whole Essex Community Budget submission to Central Government and contained in the individual business cases be supported.	Partnerships.			
(2)	That the Council's commitment to work with the County Council and other partners in progressing the delivery of the business cases, with any detailed resource implications specifically related to this Council being reported back for consideration and approval by the Council prior to implementation, be confirmed.				
(3)	That this Council work with Essex County Council and other Essex partners on the pursuit and negotiation with Government of a 'Deal' for economic growth, with any finalised draft agreement being reported back for consideration and approval by the Council prior to any formal commitment being given to entering into any such agreement. (CE)				

	Item	Progre	ess/Officer Com	ments
	don Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan –	Red	Amber	Green
Pre-	Submission Plan (Minute 274(2)/12)		Х	
Reso	olved			
(1)	That the London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) be published for public consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, and that, following consultation, the plan be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, prior to Examination in Public, under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.	Pre-submission consultation completed and plan now being prepared for submission.		
(2)	That the inclusion of any minor amendments, which may result from <i>inter alia</i> analysis of the representations from public consultation and any additional evidence considered, be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation. (HPT)			

	Item	Progr	ess/Officer Com	ments
Dive	rsion of Footpath 36 at London Southend Airport (Minute 279/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Resc	vived			X
the c	subject to London Southend Airport Limited agreeing to undertake and bear ost of al necessary accommodation works, together with the Council's costs aking the order:-			
(1)	An Order be made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, diverting footpath no. 36 in the Parish of Rochford, as shown on plan no. PROW-12-013, attached to the report, on the grounds that it is expedient to do so in the interests of the owner and occupiers of the land concerned.	representations to be reported to next Counci		
(2)	That in the event of there being no objections outstanding upon the expiry of the notice period or such longer period that may be afforded to resolve any objections received, the Order be confirmed by the Council; or			
(3)	In the event that there are objections to the Order outstanding at the expiry of the notice period or such longer period that may be afforded to resolve any objections received, the Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services be authorised to determine whether to submit the Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation. (HLEMS)	es		

	Item	Progress/Officer Comments			
Roc	chford Area Action Plan – Submission Document (Minute 126/13)	Red	Amber	Green	
Decision				X	
(2)	That the draft Rochford area action plan submission document be accepted for pre-submission consultation, followed by formal submission to the Secretary of State. That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Heritage, to make minor amendments to the document prior to submission to the Secretary of State, excluding those that would materially alter policy, having regard to the results of pre-submission consultation, in order to ensure	August and the plan is now being readied for submission to the Secretary of State. It is anticipated the plan will be submitted before the end of 2013.			
Opt	soundness of the submission document. (HPT)	Red Amber Greer			
-	nute 127/13)				
Res	solved				
Cro	at a response to the consultation on Options for a New Lower Thames ssing be made, as set out in appendix 1 of the officer report, with support for option C variant. (HPT)	Response sent.			

Item		Progr	ess/Officer Com	ments
Regu	lation of Investigative Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) (Minute 149(1)/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resc	plved			
(1)	That the proposed changes to the Council's 'Covert Surveillance Policy and Procedure Manual' (RIPA Policy), be approved.	Implemented.		
(2)	That investigating officers and managers be appointed to make applications for judicial approval in accordance with section 223(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to their inclusion in Annex 2 of the policy by the RIPA Monitoring Officer.			
(3)	That the RIPA Monitoring Officer be authorised to appoint as many investigating officers and managers to make applications for judicial approval as he thinks fit, subject to their inclusion in Annex 2 of the policy and any additions or deletions from that list must be notified to the Review Committee as part of the regular reporting protocols. (HLEMS)			
Appo	ointment of Chief Executive (Minute 155/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resc	blved			
	the position of Chief Executive be offered to Mr Amar Dave on the basis set the exempt appendix to this minute. (CE)	Mr Amar Dave w commencing 14	rill now take up the October 2013.	e post the week

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From The Executive

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Shared Service Working (Minute 171/10)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved		X	
(1) That, subject to the facility to be able to withdraw from discussions if at some point that becomes an appropriate course of action to protect this Council's interests, the potential merger of the service area identified in the exempt report be investigated. (HCS)	The shared service project remains on hold due further clarity still being required on the impact o local authorities of the many potential changes to the administration of the Benefits system, and in particular, Universal Credit.		
Proposal to Dispose of Rochford Police Station (Minute 26/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved			X
That the Essex Police proposal to dispose of Rochford Police Station be noted. The Police to be made aware of the Council's position regarding their proposal based on the information included in section 3 of the report, including an exploration of the possibility of the Police utilising facilities operated by the Council to maintain a presence. (HCS)	Council's comments conveyed to Essex Police who have still to make a decision regarding how and when the site is to be disposed of. Local Police Officers are now utilising the Council's Community Safety office as an "ad-hoc" base, which in turn is facilitating regular liaison with the Council's Community Safety team.		

Item	Progress/Officer Comments			
Town Centre Plans – Hockley, Rochford and Rayleigh Area Action Plans	Red	Amber	Green	
(Minute 47/12)	X			
Resolved				
That arrangements be made to progress the Town Centre Area Action Plans for Hockley, Rochford and Rayleigh, as set out in the report, with the aim being for the Hockley plan to be formally adopted by September 2013 and Rayleigh and Rochford by March 2014. (HPT)	The anticipated adoption date for the Hockley AAP is December 2013 following public examination in September 2013, though the adoption date is dependent on the timely receipt of the Inspector's report.			
	The adoption date for the Rochford AAP is estimated at March 2014. See Minute 126/13 for update.			
	The adoption date for the Rayleigh AAP is now estimated at June 2014 to allow for additional community consultation.			
Open Spaces Refurbishment Programme 2012/13 (Minute 125/12)	Red	Amber	Green	
Resolved				
That this year's budget allocation is used to match fund a BMX track at Grove Woods, to resurface damaged footpaths and to top up match funding for the Canewdon Skateboard Park. (HES)	Completed. A report to the Portfolio Holder on proposals for the BMX track is in preparation. The external funding application for the skateboard park in Canewdon will not now proceed and any unspent capital will be rolled forward.			

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	Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Pet N	lemorial Area, Cherry Orchard Country Park (Minute 128/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved				X
with o	subject to noting that the Portfolio Holder for Environment, in consultation other Members, will be giving detailed consideration to the precise nature of orial arrangements, a pet memorial area be constructed within Cherry ard Country Park as detailed in the report. (HES)	·		
Asse	t Review 2012 (Minute 261/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Reso	lved			X
(1)	That, with the exceptions of sites 4 (area A), 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12, the sites detailed in the appendix to the officer's report be brought forward for consideration for development and disposal, subject to legal process, negotiations and planning approval on a phased basis with target phasing as follows:-	This is proceeding according to the programme.		
	2013/14: Site 2 2014/15: Sites 1 and 5 2015/16: Sites 3 and 6 2016/17 and beyond: Sites 4 (area B only) and 8			
(2)	That options for site 7 be considered as part of the Rochford Town Centre Study.	Included in Towr	n Centre Study.	

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(3)	That site 12 be offered to Hockley Parish Council to be incorporated as part of Plumberow Mount Public Open Space on the same terms as the current lease with the Parish. (HLEMS)	Parish agree in principle subject to confirmation of arrangements and terms of transfer.		
Report of the Review Committee on how Voluntary and Community Groups		Red	Amber	Green
Fun	ction in the District (Minute 22/13)			X
Res	olved			
•	That the Council's website includes a page dedicated to information on voluntary organisations in Rochford District, with all future Rochford District Council grant aid forms, and to include a section providing the opportunity for groups to have their details in the maps section.	The web page has been designed, including a mapping section, and details are now being finalised with the Council's web team.		
•	That the Council reviews the use of the accommodation provided in Rochford and Rayleigh with the CAB to ensure the best use of space. (CE/HLEMS)	Review underway.		
The	Management of Pavilions and Football Pitches (Minute 114/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Res	olved			
(1)	That, from the 2014/15 football season, clubs be required to make their own setting up arrangements on match days and that staffing resources provided by the Council be reduced to emergency call-out cover.	Completed. A new flexible arrangement has been put in place for the new football season providing savings of £16,000 for 2013/14.		
(2)	That a savings target of £25,000 be identified for the service for 2014/15 within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.			

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(3)	That stock condition surveys and pitch surveys be undertaken where appropriate in order that a strategy for improvements can be determined. The outcome to be reported for consideration as part of the 2014/15 budget process.			
(4)	That approval be given to capital expenditure of £56,700 for the subdivision of the pavilions at Fairview and Ashingdon to enable the play groups and sports users to operate independently. Subsequently, leases or market rental arrangements to be agreed in accordance with the Council's normal policy.			
(5)	That no further action be taken at the current time on offers made by the Town and Parish Councils to take over the management of facilities. (HES)			
Con	tract for the sale of Recyclable Materials (Minute 115/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Res	olved			X
(1)	That the Council enters into a contract with UPM for the sale of recyclable materials for a term of seven years at the fixed price identified in the exempt report commencing on 15 May 2015.		notified of the dec n UPM on the term	9
(2)	That the decision in (1) above be taken as a matter of urgency and not subject to call in/referral because there is only a limited time period within which to accept the offer. The offer would be of significant benefit to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy. (HES)			

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	Item	Progress/Officer Comments
Med	lium Term Financial Strategy 2012/13 – Update (Minute 134/13)	Red Amber Green
Res	olved	X
(1)	That the current position of the Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.	Completed.
(2)	That the outline timetable for the 2014/15 budget process, as set out in the report, be agreed.	Completed.
(3)	That the latest position on the forecasts for local government financing be noted.	Completed.
(4)	That public consultation in preparation for the budget process be conducted.	Consultation is currently underway.
(5)	That work on developing a county wide pool be supervised through the Essex Strategic Leaders Finance Group.	Work is still underway.
(6)	That the Grants to Voluntary Organisations be set by Full Council on 17 December 2013.	Not due until 17 December.
(7)	That the Council Tax discounts and exemptions, as set out in the report, be recommended to Council.	Report due to go to Council in October.
(8)	That Option 1 on page 6.16 of the report be the preferred option for the funding of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme. (HF)	Consultation on 2014/15 scheme underway.

	ltem	Progress/Officer Comments		
ICT	Security Policy and Practice (Minute 135/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Res	olved			X
(1)	That the updated Corporate Information Security Policy and Personal Commitment Statement, as attached to the report, be approved. That a standard approach to the use of IT by Members, as set out in paragraph 3.14 of the report, be implemented.	The standard approach to the use of IT by Members is in the process of being implemented; a questionnaire has been issued to Members to identify any individual requirements prior to the issue of iPads.		
(3)	That the Portfolio Holder for Service Development, Improvement and Performance Management be authorised to approve a specific procedure note around Members' use of IT, as set out in paragraph 3.15 of the report.			
(4)	That the Head of Information and Customer Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Service Development, Improvement and Performance Management, be authorised to implement a system of remote access to IT systems by officers should this be necessary once the Council's IT security submission has been assessed by the Cabinet Office. (HICS)			
Aca	cia House (Minute 187/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Resolved				X
That, given associated financial considerations, Acacia House now be marketed for disposal with planning permission for residential in the most advantageous way. (HLEMS)		Agents instructed	d.	

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Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Overall Strategy and Policy Direction

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer (31/05/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
That the post of Domestic Abuse Reduction Officer is given permanent status. (HCS)	Completed.		

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Council Tax Collection, Benefits and Strategic Housing Functions

	Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Ηοι	using Allocation Policy (03/06/13)	Red Amber Green		Green
Dec	cision			
(1)	To agree the amendments being proposed to the Council's Allocation Policy for Social Housing, subject to consultation with Private Registered Providers.	Amendments have been made and the revised Allocations Policy is now in place.		
(2)	That the revised criteria for establishing a local connection through residence be applied to new applicants only. Existing applicants with a housing need and a local connection will retain that connection. (HCS)			

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Local Scheme Income Disregard For Housing Benefit (17/06/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
That there is a 100% income disregard of War Pensions, War Widow's Pensions, War Widower's Pensions, Armed Forces Compensation Payments or any other successor scheme in the calculation of Housing Benefit. (HCS)	Implemented.		
Tenancy Strategy (17/06/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
Agreement to the implementation of the Tenancy Strategy included as Appendix A to the officers report. (HCS)	Implemented.		
Discretionary Housing Payment Policy (17/06/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
Approval of the revised Housing Benefit Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) Policy. (HCS)	Implemented.		

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Environment, Leisure, Arts and Culture

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Columbarium in the Cemeteries (29/01/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
To pave the traffic island at Rayleigh Cemetery, construct a memorial wall and install a columbarium for the interment of cremated remains.	Implemented.		
To allow the spreading of cremated remains under the turf at Rayleigh Cemetery to be commemorated with memorial plaques on the memorial wall.			
To release up to £30,000 from the Rochford Cemetery capital to fund this development. (HLEMS)			
Health and Safety Service Plan 2013/14 (17/07/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
That the Health and Safety Service Plan for 2013/14 is approved, as appended to the officers report. (HES)	Implemented.		
Delegation of Petrol Vapour Recovery Inspections (17/07/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
That delegated authority be given to named Essex County Council Trading Standards Officers on a rolling 12-month basis for the regulation of petrol stations with regard to petrol vapour recovery. (HES)	Implemented.		

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Completed projects "greyed out" in reports.

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Playspaces Refurbishment Programme 2013/14 (01/08/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			X
That £18,700 of this year's capital allocation is used to replace the play surface and refurbish the fire damaged play equipment at Sweyne Park. (HES)	Order placed. Works are likely to be completed i September.		

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Sale of Land Fronting 65 Brocksford Avenue, Rayleigh (12/06/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			X
To dispose of land fronting 65 Brocksford Avenue, Rayleigh for vehicular access. (HLEMS)	Terms agreed.		

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Environment, Leisure, Arts and Culture

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Proposal to enhance quality and speed of Broadband (17/04/12)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			X
To work with Southend Borough Council to submit a bid for a proportion of the funding allocated to Essex County Council by Broadband UK (BDUK) for provision of an improved broadband service throughout the District. (HPT)	Continuing.		

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Heritage

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
The Approach Car Park, Rayleigh – Adjustment To Daily Charge (05/02/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
That the day charge for using The Approach car park, Rayleigh be reduced from £5 to £4 for a temporary period of 3 months commencing on 11 March 2013 (or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the completion of a notice of variation to the car parking order), with a review after the second month to determine if the trial should continue or the change to the tariff be made permanent. (HPT)	modest but promincome; the trial	review of progrestising improvement to continue until to pring of progress.	nts in usage and

Progress on Decisions by Portfolio Holder for Service Development, Improvement and Performance Management

Item	Progress/Officer Comments		
Family Mosaic 'Drop In' Sessions at Rochford Reception (02/07/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
To approve staff from Family Mosaic holding monthly drop in sessions in the interview room in the reception area at Rochford on the first Tuesday of every month starting on 6 August 2013. (HICS)	Implemented, the drop in sessions take place on the first Tuesday of the month.		
Re-Prioritisation of ICT Strategy 2013/14 (10/08/13)	Red	Amber	Green
Decision			
To approve the re-prioritisation of the ICT Strategy 2013/14 to enable the upgrade of the network switches in 2013/14. (HICS)	Implemented.		