

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Community Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 1 October 2002:-

Item

Decision

Issues arising from Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee -

17 September 2002

(1) Leisure Contract - Holmes Place

That the option for a district wide leisure card scheme, with no addition to the unitary charge, be adopted as follows:-

Residents would pay a lower initial joining fee than non-residents based on a 25% reduction. They would then pay on each visit the current members' rates which would be available to both resident and non-resident members. (CD(F&ES))

(2) Falls Collaborative

That the falls collaborative be supported and that a contribution of £2000 be made from the Housing Revenue Account. (HHHCC)

Food Safety Service Plan

(1) That the Food Safety Service Plan be approved.

(2) That the plan to complete the production of all food law enforcement documents and to implement a peer review system by April 2006 be approved.

Tenants Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

That a Tenants Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be adopted.

Review of Current Allocation Policy

That the following changes to the current Allocation Policy be agreed:-

(1) 10 additional points for every three months that an applicant is living in any accommodation provided by the homeless section.

(2) 10 points if any applicant or member of their household needs to recover from the effects of violence (including racial attacks) or threats of violence or physical, emotional or sexual abuse and the allegations have been investigated and proved on a balance of probabilities. (HRHM)

Letting Policy

That the draft Letting Policy, together with the following recommendations be approved:-

- (1) Consideration be given to the implementation of a choice based letting system, following a detailed report on its costs and benefits to the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) A more user friendly style of policy be distributed with the application form.
- (3) The name 'Housing Register' is retained.
- (4) A 50/50 split of letting properties between transfer applicants and new applicants to continue in order to maintain movement, nomination rights and minimise management problems.
- (5) To point all applicants under one scheme, as set out in the new Letting Policy for Social Housing, in order that new applicants and transfer applicants are treated in the same way.
- (6) To grant 100 local connection points to key workers who:-
 - have permanent or fixed term employment of at least two years in this District for over 25 hours per week
 - live more than 25 miles outside the District
 - have no relocation package available from the employer
 - have insufficient income, saving, or equity in a property to be able to rent privately or purchase a home locally.

A key worker to be defined as an individual or class of employee employed by any of the following, a local authority, Rochford and Castle Point Primary Care Trust, Fire Authority, or Police Authority, where they have written to the Council stating that they have difficulties in recruiting staff within the District due to the high cost of housing accommodation. (HRHM)

Domestic Violence Policy

That the Domestic Violence Policy be adopted.
(CEx)

**Development of Former Essex
County Council Depot Site in
Rayleigh Road, Thundersley**

That the proposed voluntary partnership
arrangements with Castle Point Borough Council
and New Essex Housing Association to develop
the former Essex County Council Depot site in
Rayleigh Road, Thundersley be agreed.
(HHHCC)

Unfit House

- (1) That the Council serves a Repair Notice on
the property identified in the exempt report
under the provisions of the Housing Act
1985, Section 189.
- (2) That in the event of a representation from
the owner following the service of the
"Minded to take Action" Notice, authority be
delegated to the Head of Housing, Health &
Community Care to determine the matter.
(HHHCC)

The above decision/s will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry
of five working days after the date of this Notice, unless called in by an Overview and
Scrutiny Committee or any three members of the Council.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

Dated