

**PROGRESS ON DECISIONS**

Item	Progress/Officer
<p><b>Housing Strategy and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan – Update (Minute 69/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the revised documents be considered at a future meeting of the Community Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee. <b>(HHHCC/HRHM)</b></p>	<p>Strategy submitted to GO-East but HRA Business Plan still under development with Independent Financial Advisers.</p>
<p><b>Review of Policies and Services for Young People within the District (Minute 103/04)</b></p> <p>(1) That a report be brought back to this Committee detailing the outcome of the initial meeting of the PACT Network being organised by the STAR Partnership.</p> <p>(2) That details of the 200 organisations across the District involved in young people's work be widely publicised, to include the issue of a press release, details to be printed in the Council's newspaper, Rochford District Matters and a list to be sent to all schools and youth organizations. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES))</b></p>	<p>Awaiting further update from the STAR partnership to get an overview of the success of the event.</p> <p>List adapted to take out any duplications with final list to be incorporated into the Youth Provision Directory.</p>
<p><b>Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy/Community Safety – Implementation of Best Value Action Plan (Minute 178/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That officers provide a Crime and Disorder briefing to Members. <b>(CE)</b></p>	<p>The next 6 monthly update will be in March 2005.</p>

<p><b>Emergency Planning Best Value Review Update – The Civil Contingencies Bill (Minute 179/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That the full implications for the District Council of the emerging legislation in respect of the proposed Civil Contingencies Bill be the subject of a further report to this Committee during the autumn cycle of meetings. <b>(CE)</b></p>	<p>Final details of the legislation have yet to emerge. A full report will be prepared as soon as it is available. Much depends on the Parliamentary timetable although at this stage it is hoped to report to the December meeting.</p>
<p><b>Choosing Health? – Consultation On Improving People’s Health (Minute 233/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Head of Housing, Health &amp; Community Care submit a corporate response to the consultation based on the composite view of this Committee.</p> <p>(2) That any individual responses received back from Members of the Committee also be submitted to the Primary Care Trust. <b>(HHHCC)</b></p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p><b>Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny – Non-Urgent Patient Transport (Minute 234/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the District Council liaise with the County Council around the use of the Community transport bus as a patient transport facility. <b>(HRHM)</b></p> <p>(2) That the District Council write to the County Council requesting that the issue of hospital infections be given a high priority as a future study by the health overview and scrutiny panel. <b>(HHHCC)</b></p>	<p>Responsibility for management of volunteer drivers transferred to Community Transport (RAVS) on 1 October 2004. Future use of minibus will be discussed at the next meeting in December.</p> <p>Implemented</p>

<p><b>De-Regulation Of Francis Walk, Crown Hill, Clarence Road And Tendring Avenue, Rayleigh (Minute 235/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That a Housing Management Sub-Committee comprising 5 Members; 3 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat be constituted to consider in more detail the de-regulation of properties identified in the officer's report. <b>(HRHM)</b></p>	<p>Housing management staff still working on extracting financial data from applicants files. The information should be ready for Member consideration in December but this is largely dependent on the co-operation of applicants.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes From The Playspace Sub-Committee (Minute 236/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>That officers produce reports by September 2004 on:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The possibilities for catering franchise arrangements at open spaces where potential exists. <b>(CD(F&amp;ES)</b></li> <li>(2) The possibilities of obtaining trust status for the Council's open spaces. <b>(HLS)</b></li> </ol>	<p>Considered by the Community Services Committee on 30 September 2004.</p>
<p><b>Overall Work Programme (Minute 320/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Council's appointed consultants be asked to include details of consultation undertaken with residents in the draft Elderly Housing and Support Strategy, for Members' consideration.</li> </ul>	<p>The Council's consultant is making good progress, but is still awaiting some information from Essex County Council and a housing association before finalising the draft strategy. Anticipated that the draft strategy will be presented to the next meeting of this Committee on 8 December.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That a Sub-Committee of five Members (three Conservative, one Liberal Democrat and one non-group Member) be appointed to undertake a review of the policy framework and service response in respect of gypsies and other travellers and to report back. <b>(HHHCC)</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Sub-Committee has been appointed. A meeting will be convened when the Government's timetable for issuing new guidance on travellers is clarified and when staffing resources permit.</p>
<p><b>Sheltered Housing - Security, Health And Safety (Minute 322/04)</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the current management arrangements relating to sheltered housing be noted and that the introduction of an annual site inspection survey to be undertaken by Thameside Fire be endorsed, subject to an assurance from Thameside Fire that different inspectors will be used each year and to a mechanism being in place to ensure that Thameside Fire are consulted in the first instance on any proposed changes to a property.</p> <p>(2) That the action of officers in introducing a shrouded lock mechanism at all sheltered housing schemes as soon as practicable be endorsed.</p> <p>(3) That this Committee receive an annual report on sheltered housing management as it relates to benchmarked best practice. <b>(HRHM)</b></p>	<p>Implemented. Contract running during September and October. Written report expected by November with Committee consideration in December 2004.</p> <p>First report due September 2005.</p>