

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive made the following decisions at its meeting on 3 November 2010:-

Item

Decision

**Quarterly Report on
Performance Indicators**
(Minute 280/10)

That the progress against key performance indicators for the second quarter of 2010/11 be noted subject to:-

- Some adjustment of bullet points 2, 4 and 11 under key priorities to reflect the current position.
- Recognising that arrangements in relation to gardening services and handy person jobs for the elderly are under review given that there will need to be a different supplier with effect from April 2011. (HF)

Disabled Facilities Grants
(Minute 281/10)

That the update on the process involved in administering Disabled Facility Grants, the criteria for approving the Grants and the breakdown of current applications and expenditure be noted subject to:-

- Regular monitoring by the Executive through the quarterly key performance indicator statistics of the times associated with various stages of the Disabled Facilities Grants process, in particular the following periods:-
 - from the Occupational Therapist's recommendation to an application being sent out.
 - from receipt of application to approval of grant.
 - from approval of grant to completion of works.
- The organisation appointed to provide the Home Improvement Agency Service following the current tender exercise being asked whether the contractors utilised to fulfil its role are locally based.

Item**Decision****Review of long-term empty properties and Council Tax second homes Discretionary Discount Policy**

(Minute 282/10)

- Concerns about the bureaucratic and costly nature of the process associated with administering Disabled Facility Grants being raised as part of the Council's input to the South Essex Commission of Enquiry into more effective health, housing and adult social care services and by the Leader of the Council at other forums as appropriate. (HCS)

- (1) That the discretionary discount awarded on long-term empty properties in the District be reduced from 50% to 0% with effect from 1 April 2011.
- (2) That the discretionary discount awarded on second homes in the District be reduced from 50% to 10% with effect from 1 April 2011. (HES)

Rochford Reception and Office Improvements

(Minute 283/10)

- (1) That the decision to replace the current temporary reception facility at Rochford with a more permanent structure, including improved office accommodation, be deferred and reviewed in two years time, when the budget position concerning local government , its role, responsibilities and the delivery of services should be clearer.
- (2) That officers action the submission of a planning application to renew the temporary consent of the current reception building at Rochford, and also action the necessary works to re-roof the temporary structure, on the basis of the estimated provision identified in the exempt report, to be funded from the capital provision set aside for the reception and office improvement project.
- (3) That the replacement of the heating of Nos 3-13 and electrical systems of Nos 5 – 15 South Street, Rochford be approved on the basis of the estimated provision identified in the exempt report, again to be funded from the capital provision set aside for the reception and office improvement project.
- (4) That the possibility of utilising 57 South Street, Rochford for the purpose identified in the exempt report in the short to medium term – 3 to 5 years – be actioned on the basis of the estimated cost identified. (HLEMS)

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 three Members or called in by the Review Committee.

Signed ..Mr J D Bostock.....
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Dated ..5 November 2010.....

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