

## **Environmental Services Committee – 3 April 2003**

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Environmental Services Committee** held on **3 April 2003** when there were present:

Cllr Mrs L Hungate (Chairman)  
Cllr J E Grey (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Mrs T J Capon  
Cllr R G S Choppen  
Cllr A J Humphries  
Cllr G A Mockford  
Cllr C R Morgan

Cllr R A Oatham  
Cllr C G Seagers  
Cllr M G B Starke  
Cllr Mrs M J Webster

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs H L A Glynn and T E Goodwin.

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Cllr J M Pullen

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

S Scrutton	- Head of Planning Services
S Clarkson	- Head of Revenue and Housing Management
A Bugeja	- Head of Legal Services
J Bourne	- Leisure & Contracts Manager
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

### **171 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **172 ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

#### **(1) Rochford District Replacement Local Plan**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services seeking Members' approval of the inclusion of additional lower case text in the Replacement Local Plan in respect of Rawreth Primary School and Rochford Town Centre.

During debate the Committee recognised that this Council should consult with Rawreth Parish Council in seeking community use for Rawreth Primary School.

### **Resolved**

That the wording of text be approved to be included in the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan in respect of Rochford Town Centre and Rawreth Primary School as outlined in the report. (HPS)

### **(2) Essex and Southend Replacement Structure Plan Review – Consultation on Options**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which provided details of an options consultation document on a replacement for the Essex and Southend Structure Plan, looking ahead to 2021.

On a motion moved by Cllr Mrs L Hungate and seconded by Cllr M G B Starke it was:-

### **Resolved**

- (1) That paragraph 7.1 be reworded as follows:-

“It is proposed that the County Council and Southend Borough Council be informed that Rochford District Council opposes Futures 2, 3 and 4, but supports Future 1. The environmental impact of Futures, 2, 3 and 4 would be very significant indeed. Furthermore, Rochford District should not be the repository for housing for Southend.”

- (2) That, subject to the comments from Members above, this report forms the basis of the Council’s response to the consultation document on the replacement Essex and Southend Structure Plan 2001 – 2021. (HPS)

### **(3) Rochford District Replacement Local Plan – Approval of Work Scrutinised by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services which brought before Members for approval details of parts of the replacement Local Plan that have been examined by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Responding to Member concern about the wording of paragraph 10.4 with respect to the need to ensure that surface water discharges from newly developed sites were properly managed, Officers advised that there had been close consultation with the Environment Agency on this wording. The wording could, however, be adjusted marginally to reflect the need for proper maintenance of sustainable drainage systems.

On a motion moved by Cllr Mrs L Hungate and seconded by Cllr M G B Starke it was:-

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Kingsmans Farm Road riverside settlement area be added to Chapter 3: Policy R2 – Rural Settlement Areas.
- (2) That the proposed parts of the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan, including the Proposals Maps, as outlined in this report, be approved, subject to the inclusion of additional wording in paragraphs 10.4 and 10.5 to clarify the importance of ensuring that new surface water drainage systems can be maintained over a long period of time.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning Services to approve minor amendments to the Replacement Local Plan as may be required to ensure the accuracy of the published plan.  
(HPS)

## **173      PROGRESS ON DECISIONS**

The Committee received the Schedule relating to Progress on Decisions.

### **Town Centre Enhancement Schemes – Funding Arrangements (Minute 469/02)**

Responding to a Member enquiry, Officers confirmed that work on the creation of a new access to the Back Lane car park was in progress.

### **Taxi Ranks – Consideration of Objections (Minute 590/02)**

Officers confirmed that the issue of locating 5 taxi bays proposed for the Back Lane car park to the east of the car park would be resolved once the Transportation Manager took up post at the end of April.

### **Removal of Chewing Gum Update (Minute 110/03)**

Officers confirmed that Rochford Parish Council was the only parish council to confirm that it would contribute 50% of the costs of cleansing on a twice yearly basis.

### **174 ESSEX MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY - UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) updating Members on the current situation in relation to the development of the Joint Waste Management Strategy for Essex and providing details of the proposed framework for developing the final strategy.

Responding to a Member enquiry relating to incineration, Officers confirmed that during the consultation process on the Joint Waste Management Strategy some of the different options for handling waste included incineration. However, this Council, in line with the majority of councils in Essex, was in favour of option 1, which did not include incineration.

In response to a concern raised, Officers agreed to provide Members with details on Council policy with respect to the handling of tyres after 2006 when the landfilling of tyres was due to cease,

During debate Members were cautious that any measures taken with respect to recycling would be limited according to what central funding was available.

On a motion moved by Cllr M G B Starke and seconded by Cllr J E Grey it was:-

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That any measures taken with respect to waste management be dependent on funding provided centrally for recycling.
- (2) That Members agree to adopt the detailed framework that is proposed for developing the final Joint Waste Management Strategy for Essex, subject to (1) above. (CD(F&ES))

### **175 TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management asking Members to consider the appended

Minutes of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 March 2003.

On a motion moved by Cllr Mrs L Hungate and seconded by Cllr M G B Starke it was:-

**Resolved**

That the current suspension of the 2002/03 Hackney Carriage Tariff be lifted as soon as possible but not later than midnight on 31 May 2003.  
(HRHM)

The Meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....