

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive made the following decisions at its meeting on 17 October 2012:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Progress on Decisions made by Full Council/The Executive (Minute 210/12)	<p>That the progress on decisions schedule be received, subject to noting that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Rochford Police Station building was located in a Conservation Area and the project would be factored into the Rochford Area Action Plan.• The Friends of Cherry Orchard Country Park were included in the consultation process on the draft proposals for a BMX track at Grove Woods.• Following a detailed review/risk analysis of submissions received it had been concluded that it would be appropriate to re-run the pre-qualification questionnaire stage in relation to the new grounds maintenance contract. This re-run could delay the proposed 1 April contract commencement date.• The report to the Portfolio Holder associated with the decision to grant a lease of the playing field and car park to the Hockley Community Centre included the reason why a 7 year lease would have been insufficient and associated Council policy.
Sustainable Commissioning and Procurement Strategy 2012-2017 (Minute 211/12)	<p>That a revised and updated commissioning and procurement strategy and action plan for the Council, attached as appendices A and B to the report, be agreed. (HF)</p>

Item

**Community Re-Use Scheme
for Furniture and Electrical
Goods**

(Minute 213/12)

Decision

- (1) That the Council actively promotes the environmental and community benefits of the Hopeworx Community Re-Use Project, but declines to enter into a formal agreement for the diversion of all furniture and electrical appliances collected through the bulky waste service.
- (2) That the following charges be agreed:-
 - An administration fee of 10%, in respect of any “Re-use Credit” claimed by the District Council from Essex County Council on behalf of Hopeworx.
 - A charge of £5 per item of furniture or electrical goods collected from Hopeworx depot by the Council’s contractor. (HES)

**Business Rates and Overpaid
Housing Benefit Write-Offs**

(Minute 214/12)

- (1) That the outstanding business rates with regard to premises in Rochford and Rayleigh, which have ceased trading, as detailed in the exempt report, be written off.
- (2) That the outstanding housing benefit overpayments deemed to be unrecoverable, as detailed in section 3.3 of the exempt report, be written off.
- (3) That, in relation to housing benefit overpayments, the following activity be endorsed:-
 - Investigation as to whether it would be possible to pursue the seizure of, or the introduction of a charge against, assets through the courts.
 - Appropriate publicity being given to action taken by the Council in relation to cases. (HCS)
 - Raising the profile of arrears in general and the likelihood of collecting debts in the end of year account documentation. (HF)

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.

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Dated 19 October 2012

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