

## **ISSUES ARISING FROM ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2002**

### **(1) REVIEW OF HOCKLEY, HULLBRIDGE AND ROCHFORD CENTRE SCHEMES (Min. 267/02)**

The Committee considered a report from the Area Manager, County Highways updating Members on the Hockley, Hullbridge and Rochford centre schemes, expenditure to date and update of scheme progress, programme and estimates.

Noting the revised cost estimates for the Hullbridge and Hockley schemes, Members recommended:-

That work continue on the Hockley scheme in the order prioritised by the former Hockley Town Centre Working Group. (CD(F&ES))

### **(2) DEVELOPMENT CONTROL/BUILDING CONTROL BEST VALUE REVIEW – INTERIM FINDINGS (Min. 271/02)**

The Committee considered an exempt report from the Head of Planning Services which provided Members with a preview of the findings of the Audit Commission's review of the development control and building control services. Members' views were sought on the initial findings to feed into the final version of the report.

Noting that the Council would not lose the 2 star rating for development control and building control services should it retain its Planning Services Committee of 39 Members, but that Members would be asked to make decisions relating to the recommendations of the Audit Commission's final report, Members recommended:-

- (1) That the interim findings of the Audit Commission on this Council's development control and building control services be noted.
- (2) That the Head of Planning Services and his team be congratulated for their diligence in attaining a 2 star rating. (HPS)

**(3) FLAGS ON TAXIS (Min. 272/02)**

The Chairman admitted this item to the agenda as a late item of business.

Noting that Officers had recently granted taxi operators permission to fly on their taxis union jack or St. George cross flags in honour of the Golden Jubilee and the World Cup Football Championship, Members recommended:-

That this Council extends permission indefinitely to the taxi operators to fly union jack and St. George cross flags on taxis. (HRHM)

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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