

PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

Item	Progress
From Policy and Finance Committee	
<p>Hockley Community Centre (Minute 330/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That there should be an evening Member meeting with Hockley Parish Council, comprising 3 Members from Hockley Parish Council and the following 3 Members of this Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr K H Hudson • Cllr Mrs L Hungate • Cllr P F A Webster (CD(F&ES)) 	<p>Meeting had been placed on hold pending further correspondence with Hockley Parish Council. Meeting will now be necessary and a mutually convenient date is being sought.</p>
<p>Housing Benefit Performance Standards (Minute 332/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That consideration of the new assessment be deferred until October 2003 to allow Officers time to carry out the necessary work. (HRHM)</p>	<p>New Performance Standards and guidance under consideration with external consultants. Some strategic weaknesses identified. Report being prepared for 9 December 2003 Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Electronic Communication Links (Minute 434/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the upgrading of the Council's electronic communication links, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8 of the report, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the upgrading of the link to the internet, as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report, be approved.</p> <p>(3) That the upgrading of the Council's website, as set out in paragraphs 4.10 and 4.11 of the report, be approved. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Work is underway with the IT contractor, Vivista, and the third party suppliers to implement these three developments.</p>
<p>Police Community Support Officers (Minute 435/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the taking of any decision on providing funding support for this initiative be deferred pending:-</p> <p>(1) A decision from the Rochford Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership as to whether it would be prepared to provide matched funding for the years 2004/05 and 2005/06 and at what level.</p> <p>(2) Feedback from discussions with the Parishes and the Town Council around the budget process and an indication from them as to whether they, individually or collectively, would be prepared to support financially such an initiative. (CE)</p>	<p>The Rochford Crime and Disorder Partnership would support in principle the funding of three additional PCSO's. However, it has said it would be unable to contribute financially from the Home Office funding streams it accesses.</p> <p>Details of the scheme were sent to the Parish and Town Councils giving additional information in relation to the deployment of the PCSO's. Feedback will be received via the consultations being undertaken with Parishes around the budget process and reported into Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>

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<p>The Cycle of Local Government Elections in England – Consultation Paper (Minute 436/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council's previous position whereby the status-quo is maintained be endorsed. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Response submitted.</p>
<p>The Minimum Age of Voting and Candidacy in UK Elections – Consultation Paper (Minute 437/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the views set out in the report form the basis of this Council's response to the Consultation Paper. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Response submitted.</p>
<p>Land at Bradley Way, Rochford (Minute 438/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration), in consultation with the Committee Chairman, to accept the highest offer available for sale of the site freehold, subject to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The receipt of acceptable references/detail pertaining to the purchaser. (2) The retention of appropriate terminology associated with property use and provision for car parking as outlined in the report (CD(L,P&A)) 	<p>Subject to contract.</p>

Item	Progress
From Full Council	
<p>Estimate for new Footpath and Land Drainage – Sweyne Park (Min 376/02)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That additional interest tables and additional wild flower planting should take place around the area with improved signage being provided at footpath explaining the reasons why the area was not regularly mown. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Paths, drainage and seeding completed. New vandal resistant signage received, awaiting contractor installation as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Rochford District Replacement Local Plan - Cherry Orchard Brick Works, Rochford (Minute 294/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That a 6 hectare site comprising the Cherry Orchard Brickworks site and adjacent land be shown on the earliest possible Deposit Rochford District Local Plan proposals map for the provision of a Diagnostic and Treatment Hospital only after the Southend Hospital Trust makes a definite commitment to acquire the site. Then a new policy as outlined in the report of the Head of Planning Services to the Environmental Services Committee be incorporated in Chapter 10 of the Plan. (HPS)</p>	<p>It is understood that the Primary Care Trust preferred site for the Diagnostic and Treatment Hospital is Fossetts Farm in Southend.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Committee Minutes and Reports (Minute 364/03)</p> <p>Disposal of Old Ship Lane Public Convenience and Car Park - Further Issues (Minute 355)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Old Ship Lane public convenience be demolished and redeveloped for car parking purposes to provide a total of approximately 10 spaces to the rear of the Old Ship public house.</p> <p>(2) That the car park be brought within the Council's Car Parking Order and that the spaces be designated as paying spaces, with a maximum permitted stay of 2 hours.</p> <p>(3) That the above be financed from within the existing Capital programme. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Application for planning permission to allow development of the site and conservation area (approval to demolish site) – being prepared.</p>
<p>Finance Best Value Review (Minute 357)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That officers be instructed to initiate negotiations with regard to forming a partnership for the delivery of the national non domestic rates service. • That the Head of Financial Services be instructed to report in December with proposals for improvements to the payroll and personnel services. (CD(F&ES)) 	<p>Discuss with other authorities taking part. Project progressing with Chelmsford Borough Council as they now have same computer software as Rochford District Council. Initial proposal is for system to transfer in 2004/5</p> <p>The report being prepared will be submitted to Committee in 2004.</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Rayleigh Market Review (Minute 361)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That at the present time the market be retained within the Market Car Park, Rayleigh.</p> <p>(2) That the licence be renewed for a period of 7 years within a relevant area which allows for the retention of car parking throughout the week on the western part of the site and subject to a workable scheme being agreed which addresses the pedestrian and health and safety issues. (HLS)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Scheme being finalised.</p>
<p>Motions on Notice (Minute 365/03)</p> <p>Furniture Re-Cycling Scheme</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Motion stands referred to the Community Services Committee to report to Full Council by 31 December 2003. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>Matter resolved at Community Services Committee on 4 November 2003. (Minute 499/03)</p>

Item	Progress
<p>Beacon Council Scheme - Round 5 (Minute 370/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That expressions of interest be submitted in connection with Benefits administration and Crime and Disorder Partnerships under the Beacon Council Scheme Initiative.</p> <p>(2) That, in connection with Benefits Administration, officers complete the assessment work against the revised performance framework criteria before determining whether a bid should then be made.</p> <p>(3) That, in connection with the Crime and Disorder Partnership, the support of other Essex Districts and the County Council be sought in making a joint bid submission. (CE)</p>	<p>Joint bid submitted with Essex County Council and other Districts in respect of Crime and Disorder.</p> <p>A report on Benefits Administration being submitted to Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 9 December 2003. Beacon Council Bid not pursued for Benefit Service as weaknesses identified in certain areas.</p>
<p>Housing Best Value – Inspector’s Report (Minute 407/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That arrangements be made for the Community Housing Task Force to provide a Member teach-in on the subject of Option Appraisal. (CD(F&ES))</p>	<p>CHTF Manager attended Community Services Committee on 2 November 2003.</p>
<p>Committee Minutes and Reports – Anglia Polytechnic University – Appointment of Representative to the Benfleet Consultative Council (Minute 487(a)/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Councillor C A Hungate be appointed as a representative and Councillor P A Capon as a substitute to the Anglia Polytechnic University Benfleet Consultative Council for the remainder of 2003/04. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>

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<p>Comprehensive Performance Assessment (Minute 489/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the draft self-assessment document be approved for the Peer Review process. (CE)</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>
<p>Rochford Community Strategy Consultation (Minute 490/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the Council gives its views on the key priorities which should be addressed through the community strategy when all the responses have been analysed. (CE)</p>	<p>Analysis is taking place (November/December 2003). A report will be made in early 2004</p>
<p>Implementing Electronic Government (Minute 491/03)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That the IEG3 statement, as attached to the report of the Head of Administrative and Members Services, be approved for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. (HAMS)</p>	<p>Statement submitted.</p>