

NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS

The Policy and Finance Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 10 September 2002:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Rochford Local Strategic Partnership and Community Strategy	<p>(1) That the structure and membership of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), as proposed in Appendix 2 and Table 1 of the report of the Chief Executive be agreed, subject to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The business representation on the Steering Group comprising an independent business representative in addition to an appointee representing the Chambers of Trade and Commerce.• The appointment of the Chief Executive of Rochford District Council as Steering Group Chairman.• Revision of the proposed appointee numbers relating to four of the Partners so that the final position is:-

<u>Partner</u>	<u>Membership No:</u>
Castle Point and Rochford Primary Care Trust	1
Rayleigh Police Division	1
Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association of Voluntary Services	1
Representatives of the 14 Parish and Town Councils	2

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	<p>(2) That the proposed timetable for development of the Community Strategy, as set out in Table 2 of the report of the Chief Executive, be agreed.</p> <p>(3) That the proposed members of the LSP Steering Group be invited to an initial meeting to identify the key themes for the Community Strategy and develop terms of reference and protocols for the Partnership.</p>
Consultation arrangements relating to the ACAS pay proposals	<p>(1) That the Local Government Employers in the Eastern Region be advised that, in response to the consultation exercise being carried out seeking employers' opinions, this Council rejects the ACAS proposals for the reasons set out in the report of the Chief Executive.</p> <p>(2) That the Chief Executive write to the Deputy Prime Minister expressing this Council's grave concern at the potential effect of this settlement combined with the increase in National Insurance contributions on the Council's budget for 2003/4, with copies to the two local Members of Parliament and the Local Government Association.</p> <p>(3) That Officers examine and report back on possible options to the Authority remaining tied into the national scheme in terms of staff pay and conditions.</p>
Council Buildings – Access for the Disabled	<p>(1) That the outcome of the Disability Discrimination Act Audit and the extent of the works now required to meet the obligations of this Act be acknowledged.</p> <p>(2) That the proposed programme of works involving concentration on the detailed design of the main public reception areas in the first instance, to enable implementation from 2002/03, be agreed.</p>

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	(3) That further reports be produced for associated works to the Council's changing pavilions in 2003/04.
Fee Waivers for Public Entertainment	<p>(1) That authority be delegated to the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care to determine waiver of fees for Public Entertainment Licences.</p> <p>(2) That the delegation be limited to a maximum sum of £1,000, with all decisions taken under delegated authority reported in the Members' Bulletin.</p>
National Non Domestic Rating – Application for Discretionary Rate Relief	That 20% Discretionary "Top-up" Rate Relief be granted to the Foulness Island Village Hall Management Committee with effect from 16 May 2002 until further notice.
Consultation Response – Local Government Finance	<p>(1) That this Council's response to the Consultation document be on the basis of the Officer views set out in the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services).</p> <p>(2) That a copy of the response be forwarded to the two local Members of Parliament, asking that they co-ordinate their response in the manner agreed at the TACFIG meeting held on 10 September 2002. (CF(F&ES))</p>
Best Value and Performance Improvement – A Consultation Paper	That, subject to the inclusion of reference to this Council's concern at being unable to reconcile the statutory mechanisms/procedural frameworks associated with its role as a Planning Authority with the need to be responsive to the needs of citizens, the Officer comments already submitted on a provisional basis to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, be agreed.

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Best Value and Performance Improvement for Best Value Town and Parish Councils – A Consultation Paper	That the Officer comments set out in the report of the Chief Executive be agreed for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.
Investor in People Standards	<p>(1) That the commitment to achieve the Investor in People Standard by 2003/04 be endorsed.</p> <p>(2) That it be noted that the costs of the 3 yearly re-assessment are to be met from the Corporate Training Budget.</p>
Civic Car Replacement	That the Civic Car be replaced with a Rover 75 on the basis set out in the report of the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services).
Village Shop Rate Relief for Businesses in Rural Areas	<p>(1) That 75% Discretionary Rural Rate Relief be granted with effect from 1 April 2000 until 24 July 2002 to the first applicant set out in the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management.</p> <p>(2) That 50% Discretionary Rural Rate Relief be granted with effect from 1 April 2002 until further notice to the second applicant set out in the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management.</p>
Contractors Approved List Update	<p>(1) That the current situation with regard to the Council's Approved List of Contractors be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the new list of contractors up to the value of £500,000, as set out in Appendix A to the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services), be agreed.</p>
Early Retirement	(1) That no further work be carried out in respect of the options set out in Section 3 of the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services).

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**Recommendations from
Taxi Licensing Sub-
Committee**

- (2) That the principle that cases will be considered where pay-back of financial strain can be achieved within 5 years be agreed.
- (3) That the principal that cases will be considered where the benefits to the organisation are assessed as outweighing the costs, be agreed.
- (1) That the transportation functions comprising Taxi Vehicle and Driver Licensing, Car Parking Administration, Community Transport and Decriminalised Parking Enforcement be brought together in one service delivery team.
- (2) That the organisational structure of the Team, as set out at Appendix 2 of the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management, be agreed.
- (3) That the post gradings be as set out at Appendix 4 of the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management.

The above decision/s will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the date of this Notice, unless called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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