

DECISION LIST

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 January 2007

AGENDA ITEM.	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
4	Olympics Task Group	This item was withdrawn as it would be considered at Full Council		
5	Every Child matters	RESOLVED that the Action plan be endorsed.	To enable the Council to meet the 'every child matters' agenda.	AS
6	Provision of new day centre at Vicarage Mead Thaxted	<p>RECOMMENDED to Operations committee that the Committee</p> <p>1. approve additional expenditure of £100,000 in line with the request from the East Area Panel for the provision of a new day centre in Thaxted as outlined in the report for the following points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) improved build construction to reduce U-Values (£30,000) ii) Environmental measures (wind turbine, heat pump, solar heating) (50,000) - offset against grants by an estimated 50% iii) Consultants fees (£20,000) <p>2. officers actively pursue obtaining the relevant grants.</p>	To include environmental measures in the new building.	DO
7	Minutes of Housing strategy working group	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee approve the recommendations set out in minutes HS2 - Capital and Revenue programme 2006/07 and 2007/08</p> <p>HS3 - Review of HRA business plan</p>	To ensure that Housing issues are fully addressed within the Council	

		<p>In relation to the recommendation on Minute HS4 it was</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to full Council that the Housing Strategy Working Group be renamed the Housing Board and given decision making powers. It should have a minimum of 5 meetings per committee year with additional meetings for rent setting and the housing strategy when required. Officers be asked to prepare a report to Council setting out proposed powers and responsibilities of the Board</p>		
8	Capital Programme 2007/08 - 2009/10	<p>RESOLVED that Members recommend to Operations Committee the proposed revised capital budget for 2006/07 together with the proposed capital budgets for 2007/08, 2008/9 and 2009/10 for the General Fund and 2007/08 and 2008/09 for the Housing Revenue Account, subject to the availability of capital resources and prioritisation of the entire Capital Programme by Operations Committee.</p>	To enable the Council to set the budget for the Capital programme.	PO
9	Housing Revenue account budget and rent setting 2007/08	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. accepts the draft estimates presented for 2007/2008 and confirm that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) the weekly dwelling rents increase by an average of 5%, in line with the Governments proposals. ii) garage rents increase from £7.20 to £7.40 per week (2.8%) and that heating and sewerage charges are increased by 2.5% 	To approve the rent levels for 2007/08	PO

		<p>iii) supporting people charges are increased from April 2007 in accordance with the contract with the Commissioning Body, and that protection be increased against the warden service charge for all those tenants at 31st March 2003 who are ineligible for supporting people grant assistance.</p> <p>2. officers urgently review action that can be taken to make the appointment of an HRA accountant,</p> <p>3. Representation be made on behalf of the Full Council to express strong disapproval of the negative subsidy scheme.</p>		
10	General Fund budget 2007/08	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee approves and submits to the Operations Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the revised base budget for 2006/07 and the draft base budget for 2007/08 2. The spending pressures put forward, including one-offs 3. the proposed savings identified in the report 4. the 5 areas of budget devolution to the Area Panels. 	As part of the budget making process	PO
11	Housing policy update	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. progress is noted by the 	To agree action in respect of council owned sites.	SC

		<p>committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. the site plan for Broomfields, Hatfield Heath is agreed and planning permission is sought. 3. no further action be taken in respect of development at Broadfield, High Roding, officers to investigate other uses for the land. 4. officers be asked to pursue the provision of an area of open space, at the corner of the Waldgrooms/Estuary site in association with Estuary Housing 5. The proposed works to upgrade Reynolds Court be agreed. 		
12	Choice Based Lettings	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Council Procedure rule 12.1 be suspended to enable the committee to rescind a decision made within the last 6 months. 2 Officers be authorised to rejoin the consortium and implement Choice Based Lettings in the distract before the Government deadline of 2010 	To implement Choice Based Letting in the district.	SC
13	Tenant Forum minutes	<p>RESOLVED that officers write to County Councillor Bass expressing concern that tenants were not consulted on the proposal to turn off street lights during night time hours</p>		LP
14	Homelessness temporary accommodation	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee agrees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to convert a limited number of units of temporary accommodation into permanent tenancies within the Council's own stock 	To reduce the number of people in temporary accommodation.	JS

		2 To consult with the involved RSL to convert a number of their current temporary tenancies (Assured short hold tenancies) to Permanent Assured Tenancies		
15	Homelessness - half year report	The figures for 1 April 2000 to 30 September 2006 were noted		JS
16	Heritage bus route	RESOLVED that the Committee support, in principle, the proposal for the Heritage Bus route and officers assist in seeking external funding.	To enable the provision of a tourist bus route in the district.	Cllr Gregory
17	Community Achievement Awards	RESOLVED that the Committee endorse the nominations for the community achievement awards.		