

Committee: COMMUNITY AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item

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Title: LEAD OFFICER'S REPORT

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Item for information

Summary

1. This report updates Members on matters arising from the minutes that are not otherwise on this Agenda and provides information items.

Recommendations

2. That the report is noted.

Background Papers

3. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report.
 - Minutes of Community Committee 20 November 2008.

Situation/Update

- 4 There are updates from the November 2008 meeting followed by items for information.

BT payphone rationalization

- 5 The final decision of BTs proposal to realign payphone provision to meet consumer demand has been received. They have closed the process and agreed our objections to removal of 17 payphones. They are processing 5 Adopt a Kiosk applications from Parish Councils and 1 Sponsor a Kiosk. The remaining 22 payphones are in the process of removal to complete by the end of March 2009. The full list follows this report.

Thaxted Day Centre

- 6 The redeveloped day centre has been open for business since December; Members will have the opportunity to view this facility themselves as it is the venue for this meeting of Community Committee. An official opening of the Day Centre is yet to be established. A celebrity opening is being sought and we need to be flexible to fit around his commitments.

Community Toilet Scheme

- 7 The Scrutiny Committee have been carrying out a review of public conveniences managed and maintained by this Council. It is anticipated that Officers will be bringing forward details of a pilot Community Toilet Scheme to a future meeting of this Committee. A Community Toilet Scheme would replace Council facilities and involve inviting appropriate local businesses to open their facilities to the general public in return for an annual fee from the Council. Such schemes have proven successful in other areas, particularly where the Council's own public conveniences need renovating.

Local Strategic Partnership

- 8 During the Community Housing audit inspection it was raised with officers that housing should be represented on the LSP as the Audit Commission would like to see an increased focus on the role of housing in place shaping. This was also raised by IDeA at a recent member workshop on strategic housing. Facilitators suggested that there should be the link between the HITG, Community and Housing Committee and the LSP. This will need to be investigated further, particularly as it is central Government's expectation that, in future, local authority homelessness strategies and housing strategies should be incorporated within the Sustainable Community Strategy where possible. There is also a possibility that in future Supported People funding will be channeled through the LSP.

BT payphone rationalisation

Members will recall earlier emails advising Members (and Parish Councils) of BT's proposal to remove 45 payphones and the consultation process that followed.

That process was completed and where we were able to respond with objections in line with the criteria provided by Ofcom the number of removals were reduced to 17 as identified in the following table.

	Telephone number	Location	Decision
1	01245 231217	Pco1, Ongar Rd, Margaret Roding, Dunmow CM6 1QR	To be removed
2	01245 231401	Pco1, The Street, High Easter. Chelmsford CM1 4QS	To remain
3	01245 361466	Pco1, Evelyn Rd, Great Leighs, Chelmsford CM3 1QQ	To be removed
4	01279 508660	Pco1, George Green, Little Hallingbury, Bishops Stortford CM22 7PP	To be removed
5	01279 718211	Pco1, Hammond Rd, Hatfield Broad Oak, Bishops Stortford CM22 7JW	To be removed
6	01279 718221	Pco1, High St, Hatfield Broad Oak, Bishops Stortford CM22 7HQ	To be removed
7	01279 730324	Pco1, Broomfields, Hatfield Heath, Bishops Stortford	To be removed
8	01279 771311	Pco1, Chatter End, Farnham, Bishops Stortford	Being adopted
9	01279 771391	Pco1, Rectory Lane, Farnham, Bishops Stortford	To remain
10	01279 777242	Pco1, The Street, Berden, Bishops Stortford CM23 1AS	Being adopted
11	01279 777395	Pco777395, Langley Lower Green, Saffron Walden	To remain
12	01279 812220	Pco1, Cambridge Rd, Stansted CM24 8DA	To remain
13	01279 812875	Pco1, Stoney Common, Stansted	To remain
14	01279 812951	Pco1, Cambridge Rd, Ugley, Bishops Stortford CM22 6HR	To remain
15	01279 850341	Pco1, Brick End, Broxton, Dunmow CM6 2BJ	To be removed
16	01279 850384	Pco1, Church End, Broxton, Dunmow CM6 2BU	To be removed
17	01279 870274	Pco1, The Street, Takeley, Bishops Stortford	To be removed
18	01279 870321	Pco1, Brewers End, Takeley, Bishops Stortford CM22 6SB	To be removed
19	01279 876218	Pco1, St Martins Close, White Roding, Dunmow CM6 1RR	To be removed
20	01279 876224	Pco1, Stortford Rd, Leaden Roding, Dunmow CM6 1QX	To be removed
21	01279 876251	Pco1, Aythorpe Roding, Dunmow CM6 1PT	To be removed
22	01371 810220	Pco810220 Opp 4 Gridiron Villas, Little Bardfield, Braintree CM7 4TW	To be removed
23	01371 820359	Pco1, Bannister Green Villas, Felsted, Dunmow CM6 3NN	To be removed
24	01371 820690	Pco1, Garnetts Lane, Felsted, Dunmow C6 3ED	To be removed
25	01371 830211	Pco1, Debden Green, Saffron Walden CB11 3LX	To remain
26	01371 830399	Pco1, Cutlers Green, Thaxted, Dunmow CM6 2QD	To be removed
27	01371 856311	Pco1, Pulford Place, Stebbing, Dunmow CM6 3RL	To be removed
28	01371 872320	Pco1, Stortford Rd, Little Canfield, Dunmow CM6 1SL	To be removed
29	01371 872385	Pco1, Church End, Dunmow	To be removed

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	Telephone number	Location	Decision
30	01371 872500	Pco1, Berners End, Barnston, Dunmow CM6 1LY	To remain
31	01371 874955	Pco1, The Causeway, Dunmow CM6 2AA	To remain
32	01763 838296	Pco1, Littlebury Green, Saffron Walden CB11 4XE	Being sponsored.
33	01799 523047	Pco1, Orchard Close, Saffron Walden CB11 4DQ	To remain
34	01799 523062	Pco1, Whiteshot Way, Saffron Walden CB10 2AN	To remain
35	01799 530288	Pco1, South Street, Great Chesterford, Saffron Walden CB10 1NW	To remain
36	01799 540413	Pco1, Wicken Bonhunt, Saffron Walden CB11 3UG	To remain
37	01799 540437	Pco1, Wicken Rd, Newport, Saffron Walden CB11 3QD	To remain
38	01799 541992	The Village Hall, Station Rd, Newport, Saffron Walden CB11 3PL	To remain
39	01799 543267	Pco1, Coney Acre, Rickling Green, Saffron Walden CB11 3YQ	To be removed
40	01799 550206	Pco1, Pelham Road, Clavering, Saffron Walden CB11 4PQ	Being adopted
41	01799 550358	Pco1, Langley Upper Green, Saffron Walden CB11 4RU	Being adopted
42	01799 584307	Pco, Steventon End, Ashdon, Saffron Walden CB10 2JE	To remain
43	01799 584394	Pco1, Guildhall Way, Ashdon, Saffron Walden CB10 2HH	To remain
44	01799 599311	Pco1, Lower Green, Wimbish, Saffron Walden CB10 2XH	Being adopted
45	01799 599391	Pco1, Howlett End, Wimbish, Saffron Walden CB10 2XW	To be removed