

DECISION LIST

COMMUNITY AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 JANUARY 2004

AGENDA ITEM NO.	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
3	C&L minutes 28.10.03 Minute 18 resolution 4	Councillors Morson, Loughlin and Menell form a Task Group to hear and consider presentations on work by organisations in receipt of Contributions Fund allocations.	To review the work and role of the recipient bodies before agreeing new three year agreements from 2005/06.	SMc
4	Best Value Review of Day Centres – Final Report and Improvement Plan.	Approval of the Final Report and Improvement Plan resulting from the Best Value Review of Day Centres.	Members accepted the Plan including the amendments from Scrutiny Committee 1.	SMc
5	Thaxted Guildhall – amended budget arrangements.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That subject to the approval of the Resources Committee the day to day costs of Thaxted Guildhall, payable to Thaxted Guildhall Management Committee, be funded by an index linked grant for a three year period. 2 The budget for the grant to the Management Committee from 2004/05 be £4,500, index linked. 3 That subject to the approval of Resources Committee the cost of repainting the Guildhall be funded from reserves within the year applicable to the repainting cycle. 4 The Management Committee and officers approach English Heritage, The National Trust, and other appropriate bodies for financial support, and that officers work with the Management Committee to promote increased use of the Guildhall and report on progress to 	Members had heard the detailed presentation given by the Chair and Treasurer of the Management Committee, which showed the efforts already made by them to forecast and meet the financial exigencies. They also heard representations by local ward Members and accepted their view that the Guildhall was a landmark of the District which should be preserved. The three year award was in line with the Community and Leisure Committee's grants policy.	SMc/DD

		the Committee in six months' time.		
6	Thaxted Festival Grant Request – Supplementary Information	Members decided on a grant of up to £2,000 to the Thaxted Festival Foundation and to redirect the budget allocated for the Young Musician of the Year Festival into the Youth and Arts Development budget to support the development of music projects for young people, in accordance with the revised Leisure and Cultural Strategy.	Members took into consideration detailed information about the costs and benefits of the Thaxted Festival and the probability that the Thaxted Festival Foundation would not support the Young Musician of the Year Festival, so it was unlikely to happen. They considered that the small budget would be better used on music projects requested by young people across the District.	SMc
7	Policy Priorities and Budgets.	<p>(1) The submitted draft revenue estimates for 2004/05 were agreed for submission to the Resources Committee, subject to the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) £5,000 saving from redistribution of tasks within the current Community and Leisure team to include those proposed for the leisure officer post, and creation of a part-time lower graded post instead of a leisure officer post. (ii) £1,700 saving from changes to staffing at Bridge End Gardens (iii) £2500 saving from a reduced grant to the Thaxted Festival Foundation, with the grant up to £2000 for 2004/05 payable on basis of no cuts to the educational projects (iv) in addition to (iii) above £1,250 saving from the Leisure and Cultural Grants Scheme (v) £1,500 saving from the Contributions Fund. (vi) £1,500 saving from the Community Partnership Fund. (vii) £1,000 income from increased 	To make savings as required by the Council, whilst minimising impact.	SMc/POD

		<p>charges for Community and Leisure activities.</p> <p>(viii) £1,000 saving from reducing the Youth Initiatives budget.</p> <p>(ix) £2750 increased costs payable to the Thaxted Guildhall Management Committee</p> <p>(2) Financial support was not agreed for Birchanger TIC.</p>		
8	Capital Programme 22004/05 - bids	Item deferred to next meeting of the Resources Committee.		IO
9	Performance Management System 2003/4	Arrangements agreed and noted that performance review data will be reported to Scrutiny Committees and that any under performance will have a rescue package incorporated in the report.	Members found the report very clear and easy to understand.	IO
10	Leisure and Cultural Grants Scheme	Members approved the request of Scrutiny Committee 1 that the upper limit for these grants be increased from £400 to £500.	Members had regard to the recommendation of officers that the available budget would support this move and it was in keeping with the Scrutiny Committee's views on Council grants policy.	SMc
11	Bridge End Gardens Task Group – Staffing and Equipment	Members accepted the recommended restructuring of staff on the Bridge End Gardens Project and purchase of necessary maintenance machinery at a total cost of £6,000.	To meet staffing and equipment needs during the Gardens' restoration period and afterwards.	JBB