

DECISION LIST

COMMUNITY AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 2 NOVEMBER 2004

AGENDA ITEM NO.	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
11	Service Plans, Budget and Council Priorities 2005/06	<p>That the Committee</p> <p>1 Approves the revised 2004/05 budget and draft 2005/06 budget, and submits them to the Resources Committee.</p> <p>2 Approves the elements of the draft Service Plans relating to this Committee's activities, and in particular the new spending pressures identified and submits them to the Resources Committee subject to correction of the reference to CCTV upgrade to show £125,000 as capital expenditure and to the addition to the list of spending pressures of Civil Contingency Bill expenditure-£15,000 (one-off) and Emergency Radio System replacement-£2150 (on-going) (£10,000 capital see item 12).</p> <p>3 Prioritises those spending pressures in key theme order for the information of the Resources Committee and notes the prioritisation analysis contained in Appendix 3.</p>	To further the budget process.	NH
12	Draft Capital Programme	That the Committee approves its 2005-06 draft capital programme as set out in the report for submission to the Resources Committee with the addition	To progress the development of the Committee's 2005-06 draft capital programme	NH

		of the following schemes and projects that it wishes the Capital Strategy Officer Group to evaluate:- £10,000 (radio replacement, civil contingencies), and £16,000 (reorganisation of Community Project Grant Scheme).		
4	Museum Resource Centre - consideration of the minutes of the meeting of the Museum Resource Centre Project Team held on 1 October 2004	That the Minutes be approved and adopted subject to amendment of Minute 4 Recommendation 2 to read “the brief of the Resource Centre Project Team be extended to enable it to consider all options including the storage issue and the viability of the Museum for which a solution should be established by not later than December 2005.”	To enable more work to be carried out on this subject including the question whether there is potential for income generation.	CW
5	Use of Golds Enterprise Zone, Elsenham, for temporary Museum Storage.	That Museum staff should not take any units at Golds immediately, but continue investigating options for a permanent alternative, i.e. Resource Centre or equivalent.	The Committee cannot afford to immobilise a large sum of money to support a grant application for a resource centre. The option of taking one or two units at Golds remains as last resort if severe flooding occurs at Newport again before a permanent solution can be found. Though all cabinets and storage units on the ground floor have now been raised to keep them above likely flood levels, this involves continuing risk to collections from humidity, and to the wooden floor at Newport from repeated saturation. The same interim risk would have applied if the Museum Service had been able to proceed with the Resource Centre project immediately, due to the time such projects take to complete.	CW

6	Thaxted Festival Grant.	That the Council funds the Festival for the next three years to the tune of £2,500 (05/06), £3,000 (06/07) and £3,500 (07/08) subject to the Festival reporting back each year on how the money has been used. f	The Festival provides an economic and cultural focus of international re-known for the district. Comments from Festival attendees suggest that there is a consensus that the Festival should continue and encourage new artists into the musical arena. By continuing to fund the Festival, the Council would be contributing to fulfilling the Quality of Life Plan through encouraging participation by young people in activities in Uttlesford and supporting the continued economic prosperity of the area	AS
7	Community Project Grant Scheme	<p>1 That the former Promotion of Local Centres Grant Scheme be merged into the Community Project Grant Scheme by increasing the budget by £16,000 and ring fencing this amount for use by the four main centres.</p> <p>2 That the existing Community Project Grant Scheme budget of £24,000 capital funding be increased by £16,000 (ring fenced for the four main settlements)</p> <p>3 That all Parish Councils in the District be eligible to apply for funding irrespective of their population size.</p> <p>4 All applicants would be expected to have raised at least 50% matched funding.</p>	To redress an apparent existing inequality in relation to grant provision and to benefit the district financially. All the Town and Parish Councils will be able to lever in monies from other bodies where there has been some pump priming from the Council in the first instance and all projects will be expected to raise 50% matched funding	AS

8	ET Foakes Memorial hall Charity Trust	That the Council provides an ad hoc capital grant of £2,844 to underwrite the shortfall in available funding for essential refurbishment of the toilets in the main part of the Foakes Memorial hall,	<p>The Trust requires £27,125 to progress this scheme and has investigated the possibility of grants from at least 12 relevant bodies of which it has been possible to progress applications to only three</p> <p>(a) Essex County Council – maximum grant of £25% of the costs = £6,781</p> <p>(b) Essex Community Foundation – maximum grant of £10,000 and all other finance must be in place before application. Figure is more likely to be in the region of £2,000 to £3,000.</p> <p>“Awards for All” – maximum grant of £5,000, similarly, all other finance needs to be in place before submitting an application. The Trust has budgetary provision of £8,500 towards the scheme to which they can add £1,000 from reserves. If the Trust received funding from all bodies, there would still be a shortfall of £2,844.</p> <p>Had the Trust been eligible to apply to the Community Project Grant Scheme, it would have been eligible to apply for a grant up to £3,500</p>	AS
9	Multi-Cultural Festival	Members agreed that a Multi-Cultural event be organised in the District during 2005 subject to consultation with appropriate community leaders..	The Comprehensive Performance Assessment guidance encourages local authorities to provide services for hard to reach groups. The event would encourage a diverse range of people to celebrate living in Uttlesford.	GB
10	Essex County Council	That ECC be asked	To clarify uncertainties about Youth	GB

	Youth services	<p>(a) what will be the future use of the Newport and Takeley Youth Club buildings and will the Newport Youth Club will be sold.</p> <p>(b) If the Newport building is to be sold how much of the proceeds will be re-invested in Newport youth provision.</p> <p>(c) What will be the future level of funding from the Youth Service revenue budget for the provision of youth services in Newport and Takeley.</p> <p>(d) what staffing support will be provided for youth service in other premises and how many outreach hours and what method of operation will be used in both Newport and Takeley</p>	Service provision in these parishes.	
12	Bridge End Gardens Task Group – Staffing and Equipment	Members accepted the recommended restructuring of staff at the Bridge End Gardens with associated costs of up to £19,000 to be met from Reserves in 2003/4, and purchase of necessary maintenance machinery at a cost of about £6,000.	To meet staffing and equipment needs during the Gardens’ restoration period and afterwards.	JB