

DECISION LIST

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 26 JUNE 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO.	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
7	Items referred from other Committees	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>1 that an additional sum of £32,000 be allocated to the capital programme in 2008/09 for the procurement of the new Thaxted Day Centre.</p> <p>2 that whilst the Committee supported the proposed extension of the national concessionary fares scheme, to enable travel to begin at 9.00 am for those holding passes issued within Uttlesford, a full assessment of costs arising from such an extension should be undertaken by Officers to be</p>	<p>To take into account unforeseen additional costs in procurement of the new Thaxted Day Centre following the discovery of unusually poor ground conditions and of an underground chamber as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) necessary further investigation and consideration of two non-standard design options for piled foundations and an option for a reinforced raft foundation; (ii) other unforeseen items of expenditure: (iii) the resulting insufficient contingency funding necessary for a project of this kind (iv) the greater abortive costs which would be £90,000.00. <p>To move towards increased provision for users of the national concessionary travel fares scheme, whilst taking appropriate steps to avoid financial shortfalls.</p>	<p>DB/MS</p> <p>JM</p>

		<p>reported back to the September meeting of the Environment Committee for approval subject to the identification of an Environment Committee managed budget from which to vires the necessary funds.</p>		
8	<p>Moving the Date of English Local Government Elections to the Date of the European Parliament Elections in 2009</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the Department for Communities and Local Government be informed that the Uttlesford District Council favours the possibility of combining the English Local Government elections in 2009 with the election to the European Parliament and is concerned that local government boundaries should be used for administering such elections, for the reasons set out in the report of the Committee and Electoral Services Manager.</p>	<p>For the reasons set out in paras 6 and 8 of the officer's report.</p>	PS
9	<p>Recommendation for a New Parish of Flitch Green</p>	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>1 An order be made under Section 86 of the Act creating a new parish, and new parish council, of Flitch Green from 1 April 2009, based on that part of the existing parish of Little Dunmow comprising the residential development area known as Oakwood Park, subject to confirmation of the detailed approval of all matters agreed by the Little Dunmow Parish Council for recommendation to the Secretary of State on 23 May 2006</p> <p>2 The name of Flitch Green be adopted for the new parish.</p> <p>3 The new parish boundary to follow the</p>	<p>To complete arrangements for Flitch Green and enable smooth running of electoral, polling and Community Governance matters</p>	PS

		<p>development limits of Oakwood Park and to be defined as follows: 'that part of the existing parish of Little Dunmow comprising land within the area starting from where the parish boundary meets with Felsted parish on Station Road and then following a line along the centre of that road in a north-westerly direction, then in a south-westerly direction along the northern boundary of Oakwood Park, immediately to the south of Gypsy Lane, then in a generally southerly direction along the western boundary of Oakwood Park to the parish boundary where it joins with the River Chelmer'.</p> <p>4 That nine parish councillors be allocated to Flitch Green and seven parish councillors be allocated to the revised parish of Little Dunmow</p> <p>5 That Little Dunmow should continue to have a parish council, and that the electoral arrangements be agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• that seven parish councillors be allocated;• that the term of office of the existing parish councillors elected in May 2007 be terminated with effect from the fourth day after the ordinary election of parish councillors in 2009;• that the ordinary day of election of parish councillors be determined as 7 May 2009; and• that the initial term of office of the elected parish councillors be agreed as two years and that the next election of parish councillors take place on the ordinary day of election in 2011, so that the parish reverts to		
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		<p>the pattern of ordinary parish council elections in Uttlesford.</p> <p>6 That as regards Flitch Green, for the election of parish councillors:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• nine parish councillors be allocated;• that the ordinary day of election of parish councillors be determined as 7 May 2009;• the term of office of the existing parish councillors elected in May 2007 be terminated with effect from the fourth day after the ordinary election of parish councillors in 2009. <p>7 That neither parish should be divided into wards.</p> <p>8 That the preparation of the necessary arrangements to prepare a budget and precept for the new parish be delegated to the Chief Executive, subject to the approval of Council to the eventual precept for 2009/10.</p> <p>9 That arrangements are made to schedule community reviews, taking account of future commitments such as major elections and, to enable the detailed work of electoral and community reviews to be dealt with at member level, an Electoral Arrangements Working Group be established, consisting of five Members, three Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat and one Independent.</p> <p>That the following be adopted as the terms of reference for the Electoral Arrangements Working Group</p>		
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		“To deal with the detailed consideration of all electoral, polling and community governance reviews on behalf of the Finance and Administration Committee and to make suitable recommendations to that Committee as appropriate.”		
10	Draft Statement of Accounts	RESOLVED that the 2007/8 Statement of Accounts be approved subject to audit.	To progress the budget process.	AW
11	Budget Monitoring	RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.	To progress financial monitoring.	AW