

## DECISION LIST

### HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING – 26 FEBRUARY 2004

AGENDA ITEM NO.	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
4	Audit of the Imported Food Service by the Food Standards Agency	RESOLVED that the draft action plan, submitted as an attachment to the report to this meeting, be adopted.	The adoption of this action plan is intended to address matters identified in the FSA's audit of the service relating to the importation of Products Not Of Animal Origin, that are dealt with through the cargo handling sheds at Stansted Airport.	GS/WC
5	Housing Grant Assistance to Almshouses	RESOLVED that it be confirmed that current housing renewal assistance was available to the trustees of almshouses where refurbishment or repair was necessary to enable reletting to take place, subject to the criteria in the policy set by the Council in June 2003.	The decision is intended to clarify that the regime of housing assistance to the private sector, adopted in June 2003, incorporates making grants to almshouse trustees. This is necessary to deal with requests from two separate trusts because they do not fall within the legal definition of a landlord and their occupiers are not tenants.	WC
7	Rent Collection Service	RESOLVED that: 1 the rent collection service be discontinued by July 2004 and that discussions take place with all involved tenants to provide for alternative rent payment arrangements; and 2 a review take place of support and visiting arrangements for all vulnerable	The first part of the decision is in recognition of the diminishing number of tenants unable or unwilling to make alternative rent payment arrangements following withdrawal of the general rent collection service in 1995. The second part is intended to review the support offered to all vulnerable tenants following	RC

		and elderly tenants and an interim report submitted to this Committee at it May meeting.	concerns raised by the tenant forum.	
8	Service Plans 2004/05	RESOLVED that the service planning process be noted and the service plans for housing and health services 2004/05 be confirmed.	To enable the specific service plans for 2004/05 to proceed in accordance with the key aims identified.	RC/IO/RS
9	Housing Capital Programme (Supplementary)	RESOLVED that the programme of work, as identified in the report, including refurbishment work at Vicarage Mead, Thaxted, be approved, to be funded from the extra housing related resources available to the Council in the period 2004/07.	To enable planning and implementation of the programme to commence as soon as possible.	RC