

## DECISION LIST

### HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 JANUARY 2005

AGENDA ITEM NO.	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
4	Service Plans, Budget and Council Priorities 2005/06	<p>RECOMMENDED to the Resources Committee that::</p> <p>1 subject to part 4 of the recommendation, the base budget for 2005/06 be approved;</p> <p>2 again subject to part 4 below, approval be given to the general approach to spending pressures set out in the report;</p> <p>3 the following items be submitted for consideration, as part of this Committee's contribution to the savings targets for services identified at the Council meeting on 14 December 2004:</p> <p>Homelessness - £1,000</p> <p>Public Conveniences - £400 (the full target of £4,500 being unachievable without a reduction in service provision)</p> <p>Animal Warden - £2,000</p> <p>Pest Control - £3,000; and</p> <p>4 the Committee accepted the validity of the saving target of £17,000 but felt that the possible achievement of this by not agreeing to the new health promotion</p>	<p>The Committee recognised the need to meet the savings targets identified but felt strongly that the weaknesses highlighted in the Best Value Review of the Environmental Health service could not be adequately addressed unless the health promotion post was filled as this would enable the service to function properly in this vital area. It was recognised that the proposed target saving was not being taken from existing budgets. At this stage the Committee could not find any other area of spending that could be reduced to meet the level of saving required to be made.</p>	PO'D, DB & RC

		officer post would inflict serious damage on the Public Health service and requested officers to bring forward further options at a later date to save the sum concerned.		
5	Chartered Institute of Housing Conference 2005	RESOLVED that the Chairman, or Chairman's representative, a senior housing officer, and Mrs J Bolvig-Hansen be authorised to attend the Chartered Institute of Housing Conference in June 2005.	To enable the Council to be fully represented at this event.	RC
6	Common/Single Housing Register	RESOLVED that no further action be taken regarding a common housing register and that officers continue to work with RSLs to address the issues identified in the report.	In view of the resource implications that would flow from a decision to introduce a common register, this was not felt to be a viable option but there were areas of mutual concern that would continue to be discussed with RSLs.	EP
7	Private Sector Housing Capital Programme 2004/05	RECOMMENDED to the Resources Committee that the capital programme for private sector housing be amended in 2005/06 to allow for an additional bid for Disabled Facilities Grant funding from £60,000 to £90,000.	To take account of the increased activity that has taken place in this area of capital spending.	WC
8	Parking at Rowntree Way, Saffron Walden	RESOLVED that the allocated budget of £10,000 to resolve parking problems in relation to 17-27 Rowntree Way be increased to £16,000 to enable the construction of a crossover facility for the four properties concerned, following	Of the two options presented, this appeared to the Committee the best solution to the difficulties that have occurred at this location, bearing in mind the view of Essex County Council.	RC

		further discussion with the occupiers, and that a report back be made in the event that this option did not prove to be viable.		
9	Garage Sites Policy Review	RESOLVED that: 1 a programme of reviewing garage sites be prepared with a view to possible redevelopment; 2 existing tenants be advised accordingly, arrangements be made to review and update 'tenancy' agreements, and that notices of termination be served where appropriate; and 3 a review of charges be undertaken and that no further 'ground rent' lettings be accepted until such time as the review of sites had been completed.	To take advantage of the development potential of these ad hoc sites, some of which could be utilised for affordable housing schemes.	RM
10	Environmental Health costs directly attributable to Stansted Airport	RESOLVED that representations be made to the Government, and to companies that benefit from the services provided by the Council, drawing attention to the financial burden borne by Council taxpayers in Uttlesford resulting from the location of a major international airport at Stansted.	This arose from the consideration, at a previous meeting, of additional costs to be met by the Council in connection with the border inspection post at the airport. Members wished to identify all of the costs devolving upon the environmental health service before making representations.	WC
11	Right of way over land adjacent to 6 Woodside, Rickling	RESOLVED that no right of access be granted to the tenants of this property over the adjoining building plot.	The Council has an obligation to obtain the best possible price for the plot concerned.	RM