DECISION LIST
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 June 2006

AGENDA ITEM NO.	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
4	Saffron Walden Market Square Proposals	RESOLVED that 1. External funding is found by officers of UDC. 2. ECC agreed to implement the scheme if funding is found. 3. A management scheme is devised after consultation led by Saffron Walden Town Centre Working Group with the Town Council, County Council, Saffron Walden Initiative, local traders and other local community groups. The details of this and a timetable for implementation were to be agreed by the District Council Members of the Saffron Walden Town Working Group on advice of the officers of Town, District and County Councils. 4. The scheme be evaluated 18 months after final implementation and the findings and any recommendations devised by the Group after due consultation be brought back to the Environment Committee for decision.	To create a pedestrian friendly area of the Market Square. Traffic would flow down Market Hill and King Street, along Market Square and then down Market Square. This would allow a permanent pedestrian area for specialist markets, exhibitions, performance arts and/or open air cafes. Members felt this proposal need to be closely monitored.	SM
5	Recycling Implementation Update	RESOLVED that 1. The progress report on the implantation of the three bin	To note that implementation was progressing and on schedule. A new member was needed to be	DB

		recycling scheme was noted. 2. Councillor Hughes be appointed to the Waste/Recycling Project Management Team. 3. The Committee write to David Milliband, the Minister of Environment and ask that he considers offering recycling credits for home composting.	elected after the resignation from Councillor A Dean. To encourage greater use of home composting.	
6	Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement	RESOLVED that the Committee approve the Statement of Community Involvement as amended by the Inspector for adoption by Council in July.	The inspectors examination based on 9 tests were found to be sound.	JM
7	Uttlesford Local Development Framework Local Development Scheme – Revised	RESOLVED that 1. The Committee approve the revised LDS for submission to the Secretary of State. 2. The Constitution Working Group be asked to examine the scheme of delegation to ensure that it is working effectively and that items are only determined by Committees or referred to Council when absolutely necessary	1 - Since the LDS was brought into effect in April 2005 a number of events have impacted on the programme and there have been revisions to reflect these. 2 – Members expressed concern about the workings of the scheme of delegation.	JM and other Lead Officers to check how the scheme of delegation is working
8	Gold Enterprise Zone, Elsenham	RESOLVED 1 that Members note the current situation. 2 that the vacant units be offered to charities rent free, or for a peppercorn rent, and that this is publicised in Uttlesford Life	No action needed.	JM/ RodC/RozM/ TT
9	Economic Development	RESOLVED that an Economic Development Manager be recruited and the overall purpose of the post and key responsibilities were agreed.	This was considered a strong priority for the budget provision in 2006/07.	JM

| 10 | Quarterly Report on Development Control Performance and Planning Delivery Grant 2006/07 | RESOLVED that
1. The improvements in service delivery be noted
2. The position with regard to staffing, recruitment and workload be noted
3. The Committee agreed the areas for the use of Planning Delivery Grant in 2005/06 and delegate authority to apportion costs and spend the grant within the areas set out in the report, and as may be amended by the Committee, to the Executive Managers of Development Services and Finance and Asset Strategy subject to consultation with the Chairs of Development Control and Environment Committees. | Officer were pleased with the improvements that continue in the delivery of development control service and the Council had been formally discharged from the Scrutiny by the Department for Communities and Local Government.. Members' attention was drawn to the recruitment and retention issues facing the planning service, the intensity of the existing and anticipated workload and need for an exit strategy when Planning Delivery Grant expires in 2008. | JM |
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