

DECISION LIST

COMMUNITY AND HOUSING COMMITTEE– 18 JUNE 2009

AGENDA ITEM	ITEM	DECISION	REASON	OFFICER
5	Lead Officer's report	RESOLVED to note the report of the Lead Officer.		DB
6	Holloway Crescent and Holloway Close	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That the Committee authorise officers to pursue the provision of affordable housing at Holloway Crescent and Holloway Close 2 That the Committee agree that an application for planning consent to re-develop the sites is submitted to the Planning Department 3 That the Committee note the comments of the Housing Initiatives Working Group and approve further discussions with Swan Housing Association to ascertain whether a capital receipt can be achieved, and a report on all the issues involved be prepared for the September meeting. 	To enable the delivery of affordable housing.	RM
7	Felsted Public Toilets	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 that a pilot Community Toilet Scheme is pursued as an alternative to existing public toilets at Felsted 2 Members confirm that the Council will withdraw its management and maintenance of the existing public toilets in due course. 	To enable alternative provision of public toilet facilities in Felsted, as renovation of existing facilities would be restricted due to the fact that the facilities are not owned by the Council.	SM

8	Gypsy and Travellers Report	<p>RESOLVED that Members endorse the response to the RSS Gypsy and Traveller Review as set out in the Appendix below:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appendix 1</p> <p>Uttlesford District Council response to RSS Gypsy and Traveller Review</p> <p>Uttlesford District Council's Environment Committee agreed at its meeting on 11th March 2008 that the proposal submitted by EERA to the Secretary of State for 15 additional pitches could be absorbed in the District. This proposed county distribution (draft policy H4) whereby most Districts were asked to provide 15 pitches felt like a fair distribution, balancing the distribution of need with capacity issues.</p> <p>The Council has made provision for 37 pitches in the past and feels that an additional 15 pitches meets the housing needs of gypsy and travellers already resident in the District of Uttlesford. It strongly objects to the proposal that it should have a role in meeting the wider housing needs of those living in both elsewhere in Essex and in Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>Therefore Uttlesford District Council objects the Secretary of State's proposed change 4.5 that the pitch requirement for Uttlesford is increased by 10 to 25.</p> <p>This response is made at officer level at this stage because of Committee cycle dates but it is anticipated that this officer response will be endorsed by the Council's Environment Committee on June 16th.</p>	To endorse the response submitted by officers to the Secretary of State.	SC
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9	Long-term empty homes	RESOLVED that a proposal be made to the Finance and Administration Committee to set up a pump priming capital fund of £50,000 to enable the renovation of long term empty dwellings following the service of Empty Dwelling Management Orders.	To enable implementation of Empty Dwelling Management Orders.	WC
10	Thaxted Centre for the Disabled	RESOLVED that on this occasion, as the budget has already been allocated for 2008/09, Members agree to the Thaxted Centre for the Disabled receiving the full grant payment of £3,500 on the understanding that this is a one-off and does not set a precedent for the future.	To enable the Thaxted Centre for the Disabled to receive the full grant of £3,500.	SH
11	Housing Policy – Garage sites development opportunities	RESOLVED <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 That progress is noted by the Committee 2 that sites at Wimbish and Chrishall and site 1 at Newport be made available for disposal to a Registered Social Landlord partner for affordable housing development subject to planning consent being obtained. 3 in principle, that land be handed over at nil or less than best consideration for affordable housing subject to full financial details being provided to Members in a future report which will detail the actual terms of the sale. 4 that officers carry out further discussions with Newport Parish Council regarding their request to take over site 2 at Frambury Lane, Newport to provide a village car park, and report to the September meeting. 	To pursue the Council's priority of providing affordable housing; to enable further discussion with Newport Parish Council regarding a request to take over one of the sites in Newport.	RM/SC

13	Audit Commission Housing Inspection	RESOLVED to note the progress made in respect of the recommendations from the Audit Commission inspection of Community Housing Services.	To update the Committee.	RM
14	Housing Initiatives Working Group	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to note the Minutes of the Housing Initiatives Working Group 2 to approve the recommendation of the Housing Initiatives Working Group that a review be carried out of the Council's allocation policy and Choice Based Letting scheme to include the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) an assessment of housing need/choice in relation to the housing waiting list b) the Council's allocation scheme c) the viability of expanding the CBL scheme d) housing need in the Uttlesford District 	To inform the Committee of issues considered by the Housing Initiatives Working Group, and to enable a review of the Council's allocation policy and Choice Based Letting scheme, in light of the 2008 audit report.	RM
15	Review of Pest Control Service	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 that the Committee agree to establish a time limited Reference Group to undertake the review of Pest Control by October 2009 2 that the Committee nominate 5 Members to participate in the Task Group, this Group to be advised and guided by the following professionals: Head of Environmental Health, Principal Environmental Health Officer, pest control specialists as required 	To undertake a review of Pest Control Services as a key priority in the Environmental Health Services Divisional Plan.	GS

		3 that the terms of reference included in the report be agreed		
16	Committee Work Programme	RESOLVED that the Committee approve the Work Programme 2009/10, a copy of which is appended.	To agree a work programme.	DB
17	Tenant Forum Minutes	RESOLVED to note the Minutes of the meeting of the Tenant Forum held on 11 May 2009.	To update the Committee on matters considered by the Tenant Forum.	EP

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17 September 2009	12 November 2009	21 January 2010	18 March 2010
			Annual Leisure PFI Presentation
Lead Officer's Report	Lead Officer's Report	Lead Officer's Report	Lead Officer's Report
Budget Monitoring 2009/10	Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13	Revenue Budget 2010/11 (including rent setting and HRA)	
Housing Strategy (Endorsement)	Fees & Charges	2009/10 Budget Monitoring	
Housing Stock			
Area Forum Update 8/9 & 10/9		Area Forum Update 12/1 & 14/1	
Tenant Forum Minutes	Tenant Forum Minutes	Tenant Forum Minutes	Tenant Forum Minutes

Updates required from the following working groups as appropriate

Area Forum Update 8/9 & 10/9	Area Forum Update	Area Forum Update 12/1 & 14/1	Area Forum Update
Housing Initiative Task Group	Housing Initiative Task Group Minutes	Housing Initiative Task Group Minutes	Housing Initiative Task Group Minutes

Minutes			
Museum Management Working Group Minutes	Museum Management Working Group Minutes	Museum Management Working Group Minutes	Museum Management Working Group Minutes
Museum Resource Centre Project Team Minutes 25/6	Museum Resource Centre Project Team Minutes	Museum Resource Centre Project Team Minutes	Museum Resource Centre Project Team Minutes
Olympic Task Group	Olympic Task Group	Olympic Task Group	Olympic Task Group
Sheltered Housing Task Group Minutes	Sheltered Housing Task Group Minutes	Sheltered Housing Task Group Minutes	Sheltered Housing Task Group Minutes