

**DECISION LIST**

**COMMUNITY AND HOUSING COMMITTEE– 21 JANUARY 2010**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>
3	Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting: Minute CH37	<p>RESOLVED that a Task Group be appointed with the following terms of reference and membership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 to consider proposals for the development of Holloway Crescent, Leaden Roding</li> <li>2 a final report to be required within six months</li> <li>3 membership to comprise a total of five Members, three from the administration, one from the Liberal Democrat group, and one from the Independent group.</li> </ol>	To progress proposals for development of the bungalow site at Holloway Crescent.	SW
6	Pest Control Review Group	<p>RESOLVED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 no charges are introduced for the treatment of rats in domestic premises for 2010/11.</li> <li>2 The pest control service remain in-house, and the recommended ways of reducing the net cost of providing the service are adopted, including:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Increasing the charges for, and number of contacts with, commercial premises</li> <li>(ii) Removing the discretionary discount for people aged 65 and over (but retaining it for those in receipt of Council benefits)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3 The effect of removing the concessions to those aged 65</li> </ol>	To determine the appropriate course of action for the future provision of pest control services in the district.	GS

		<p>and over, in terms of hardship, be monitored during the year 2010/11</p> <p>4 Appropriate steps be taken to increase public awareness of the service, for example, in Uttlesford Life, parish magazines, the Phone Book and the Web</p> <p>5 Consideration be given to the practicability of introducing an extra charge for rapid response to requests for the pest control service</p> <p>6 An update to be provided to the Committee six months after implementation of these provisions</p>		
7	2009/10 Budget Monitoring	RESOLVED that the Committee approve the report of the Chief Finance Officer and Director of Operations, the information in the report to be collated into a report covering the Council's corporate financial position to be received by the Finance and Administration Committee on 28 January.	As part of the agreed budget monitoring process.	SJ/DB
8	2010/11 Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget and Rent Levels	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee recommend to Full Council</p> <p>1 the Housing Revenue Account 2010/11 Original Budget as shown in Appendix A to the report</p> <p>2 an average increase in dwelling rents of 1.5%</p> <p>3 an increase in garage rents of 1.5%</p> <p>4 other charges to increase in line with actual costs incurred</p>	As part of the annual budget setting process, to set the 2010/11 Housing Revenue Account budget, and increases in rent levels based upon the DCLG draft 2010/11 housing subsidy determination, and in the event of any changes requiring budgets and rent calculations to be revised, these to be advised to the Finance and Administration	RM/SJ

			Committee and Full Council in February following consultation with the Community and Housing Committee Chairman.	
9	Capital Programme 2009/10-2014/15	RESOLVED  1 that the Committee approve its 2010/11 capital programme as set out in the report, subject to the two amendments to the Appendix set out in the Minute. 2 to note the indicative capital programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15	To agree the capital programme for the next financial year.	SJ/TC
10	2010/11 Fees and Charges	RESOLVED  That the Committee approve the 2010/11 fees and charges as set out in Appendix A to the report.	To agree the fees and charges for the next financial year.	SJ/DB
11	2010/11 General Fund Budget	RESOLVED  That the Committee approve its 2010/11 revenue budget as set out in Appendix A to the report.	As part of the budget setting process.	SJ
12	Temporary accommodation – Stansted	RESOLVED  1 that the garage site in Manor Road, Stansted be used to provide two permanent two bedroom social housing units	To reconsider the original proposal in light of changing circumstances, and to provide an alternative to bed	JS

		2 two units of Council accommodation that are within the proposed Stansted Airport second runway footprint at Molehill Green, Takeley be converted to provide four units of emergency homeless accommodation.	and breakfast accommodation.	
13	Out of hours and weekend sheltered housing service	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>1 to agree the recommendations of the Sheltered Housing Task Group to implement</p> <p>i) a more personalised level of support to sheltered housing service users, including the provision of a 'Handy Person'</p> <p>ii) a full out of hours and weekend response service to all sheltered and Lifeline subscribers by Carecall on a trial basis for one year.</p> <p>2 That the report before the Committee be considered by the Tenant Forum at their next meeting, their comments to be brought forward to the Sheltered Housing Task Group.</p>	To improve the sheltered housing service by offering users support options and improving working conditions for staff; and to take into account the views of the Tenant Forum in the consultation process.	EP
14	Use of Growth Area Funding to Secure Affordable Housing	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>1 officers be authorised to obtain a valuation for the sites for affordable housing in Harlow for the Stansted Area Housing Partnership</p> <p>2 the Committee recommend to Full Council that the sites in Harlow be purchased by this Council for the SAHP development programme for the value determined by the District Valuer, provided that the valuation is satisfactory in</p>	To enable purchasing of affordable housing sites using Growth Area Funding.	SW

		<p>terms of the viability of the scheme as an affordable housing development, and the payment can be successfully claimed back from Harlow Renaissance, the holders of the Growth Area Funding.</p> <p>3 The Committee recommend to Full Council the transfer of the sites to Moat Housing Group, the SAHP delivery partner for the scheme, for a nominal sum.</p>		
16	Greenways Play Area	<p>RESOLVED to approve the transfer of the Big Lottery Funding of £20,000 to Saffron Walden Town Council to upgrade the play area on Saffron Walden Common.</p>	<p>Following objections from a resident near Greenways Play Area to reinstating play equipment, and subsequently no communications from other residents regarding the absence of a play area, to divert resources towards upgrading a play area which is available to a wider catchment area of children.</p>	GB