

**CABINET
Meeting No. 4**

Tuesday, 8th January 2013

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 46

The following action taken in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 46 is reported. In consultation with the appropriate Executive Councillor(s):-

1. The Corporate Director Adult & Community Services authorised:

- 1.1 248 Hamlet Court Road – Rent Market Value
The increase in rent on the above-mentioned four bedroom parlour house to £117.36 plus £12.03 water rates per week.
- 1.2 Extension of Grounds Maintenance Contract. ISS Facility Services
The extension of the above-mentioned contract for a period of up to three years with a new termination date of 31st December 2015. The price of the contract will reduce by 8% (£80,787) from 1st January 2013 resulting in a base contract value of £929,052, a figure which includes work for a number of school sites.
- 1.3 Protection of Freedoms Bill
Following Royal Assent of the Protection of Freedoms Act, the changes to the time restrictions on marriage and civil partnership ceremonies (currently 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.) at the Council owned approved premises for the times and fees detailed below:
 - Prittlewell Priory Commercial Hires for outside 08:00-18:00
Tuesday - Thursday £690 (currently £600)
Friday - Sunday/Bank Holidays £865 (currently £750)
These fees to apply to the newly introduced time band for ceremonies for 18:00-22:00, last ceremony time of 20:30 in line with the current terms and conditions.

The demand for such ceremonies will be reviewed initially after six months and then annually each September/October.

2. The Corporate Director Enterprise, Tourism and the Environment authorised:

2.1 Southend Borough Council's Weekly Collection Support Scheme Final Bid – Retaining Weekly Residual Collections and Enhancing Weekly Food Waste Collections

The acceptance of the conditional offer of £1.635m to Southend Borough Council from the Department for Local Communities and Government for the above-mentioned scheme.

2.2 Pocket Places for People Grant

The formal acceptance of the funding from the above-mentioned programme for innovative low cost street improvements. The bid in partnership with Sustrans was aligned to support the Southend Central Area Action Plan and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). The Council, as a local partner will need to provide 50% co-funding (approx £43k pa for two years) but can capitalise this sum from the grant funded LSTF budget and will therefore not draw on the Council's revenue funds.

2.3 Supporting Southend Borough Council's Participation in the MedTech Low Carbon Innovation Application to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

The Council's commitment to partnering Anglia Ruskin University, along with Essex County, Harlow and Chelmsford Councils, in delivering the MedTech Low Carbon Innovation Project. The project, led by Anglia Ruskin University, is profiled to run from 2013-15 (24 months activity). The project's total value is £5,240,837 with £2,096,334 being drawn down from ERDF and the rest contributed by match funding through a combination of staff time and activity budget. Southend's contribution to the scheme is profiled to be £18,000 in-kind match funding (staff time spent on developing, promoting and delivering the project) and £10,000 activity match funding which is already in the revenue budget.

3. The Corporate Director Support Services authorised:

3.1 Protection of Freedoms Bill

Following Royal Assent of the Protection of Freedoms Act, the changes to the time restrictions on marriage and civil partnership ceremonies (currently 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.) at the Council owned approved premises for the times and fees detailed below:

- Porters Commercial Hires for outside 08:00-18:00
Monday - Wednesday £710 (currently £600)
Thursday - Sunday/Bank Holidays £820 (currently £700)

Staff £355 (currently £300)

The fee for staff attendance at both privately owned approved premises and Council owned will be as follows:

Weekdays £405 (currently £320)

Saturdays £560 (currently £370)

Sundays and Bank Holidays £615 (currently £420).

These fees to apply to the newly introduced time band for ceremonies for 18:00-22:00, last ceremony time of 20:30 for Council owned venues as 21:00 for privately owned approved premises in line with the current terms and conditions.

The demand for such ceremonies will be reviewed initially after six months and then annually each September/October.