



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

The following decisions were taken in the week ending Friday 4 March 2005 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into force on Monday 14 March 2005. A decision may be called in, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure contained within Part 4 of the Constitution, by Councillors submitting a request in writing to Democratic Services (e-mail: democratic.services @stedsb.gov.uk) by 5 p.m. on Friday 11 March 2005.

A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET – WEEK ENDING 4 MARCH 2005

Item No.	Subject (Forward Plan Ref)	Report No.	Decision	Financial Implications	Reason(s) for Decision	Other Option(s) Considered	Contact(s)
5	St Edmundsbury 2025: Project Outline (Mar05/09)	V548	The proposal for the St Edmundsbury 2025 Project, and associated timetable, as outlined in Report V548, be approved in order to formalise and articulate a broad strategy and the future direction for St Edmundsbury to 2025.	The project will be resourced from within existing budgets.	The project is being proposed to develop a long term vision for the Borough and fulfil actions that will be included in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment Improvement Plan.	As the need to develop a long term vision for the Borough has been identified by the Council itself and is expressed in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment Inspection Report. The option of not undertaking this project has not been considered.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Ann-Marie Howell (01284-757611)
6	Bury St Edmunds Town Council Working Party (Mar05/06): Minutes 16 February 2005	V549	Bury St Edmunds Town Council: request for delegated powers (Report V527) (1) The Town Council be invited to comment on the powers and functions proposed by the Borough Council from Appendix B to Report V527 and set out in minute 11, as the framework for devolution;	The financial implications will not be known until services/responsibilities are delegated to the Town Council.	Since the formation of the Bury St Edmunds Town Council there have been ongoing negotiations to agree powers to be devolved from St Edmundsbury Borough Council to Bury St Edmunds Town Council.	Options involving the powers to be devolved to the Town Council have been ongoing.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Joy Bowes (01284-757141)

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			(2) the Town Clerk be invited to attend the next meeting of the Working Party and report on the Town Council's responses; and (3) the Policy Development Committee be advised of progress after the next meeting of the Working Party.				
7	Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds: Temporary Relocation (Mar05/11)	agenda item 7	Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Community, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Arts & Culture and Leisure & Sport, to continue and conclude negotiations with the Theatre Royal regarding the establishment of a temporary performing venue at an appropriate Council owned site.	Any financial implications will be accommodated within an existing budgets.	The Theatre Royal will be closed for 18 months from September 2005 for major redevelopment work. As part of the partnership with the Theatre Royal, the officers are working to assist in the identification of a suitable location to provide a temporary performance venue. The Theatre Royal has located a fully equipped marquee that has been used by the National Theatre.	Options are still being considered as to where a marquee could be situated, including the Abbey Gardens, Nowton Park and the Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre site.	Andrew Varley (01284-753135) Mike Dawson (01284-757061)
8	Cemetery Memorial Management (Mar05/10)	agenda item 8	Subject to the approval of full Council:- (1) testing and maintenance work for cemetery memorials be approved and that the total cost of £112,000 in 2005/2006 be met by virement of £25,000 from the 2004/2005 Supporting People budget and by creating a provision in the 2004/2005 outturn financed from the Culture, Leisure & Heritage budget underspends; (2) recurring budgetary	The testing and maintenance work for cemetery memorials will cost a total of £112,000 in 2005/2006 and be met from existing resources and from virement from the 2004/2005 Supporting People budget. A recurring	Government guidance to all local authorities has recently been received in respect of the need for the testing and maintenance of memorials in cemeteries. This guidance recommends this work to be undertaken in 2005/2006 and further ongoing routine testing and maintenance will be required in future years.	Not undertaken the testing and maintenance for memorials was not considered as an option.	Terry Clements (01284-827161) Neil Anthony (01284-757064)

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			provision of £20,000 be made from 2006/2007 to meet the ongoing cost of this work; and (3) the Corporate Director for Community be given delegated authority to approve the necessary protocols and procedures associated with this work, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Sport.	budgetary provision of £20,000 to be made from 2006/2007 to meet the ongoing costs of this work.			
9	High Hedges: Implementation of Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 (Mar 05/04)	V550	Subject to the approval of full Council:- (1) The Cabinet notes and adopts the proposed arrangements set out in Report V550; (2) decisions in relation to Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 are delegated to the Head of Planning and Engineering Services; and (3) when the regulations have been received, the Head of Planning and Engineering Services report on the fee to be charged for the investigation of complaints about high hedges.	There is no budget or staffing allocated to this work, and there is no indication of how many complaints are likely to be lodged when the regulations commence. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate the impact or costs of delivering this service before local demand is known. A fee will be payable to the Borough Council to investigate complaints but this has not yet been set.	This is a mandatory service which the local authority will be obliged to provide once commencement regulations are published.	No other options have been considered as this is a mandatory service.	Jeremy Farthing (01440-820763) Patsy Dell (01284-757306)

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11	Local Development Scheme (Mar05/08)	V552	(1) The revised Local Development Scheme attached as Appendix A to Report V563 be submitted to the Regional Government Office by 28 March 2005 for approval; (2) the Head of Planning & Engineering Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment, and the Chairman of the Planning Policy Panel, be given delegated authority to make minor textual changes and factual amendments to the Local Development Scheme prior to it being submitted to the Government Office by 28 March 2005; and (3) the Head of Planning & Engineering Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment, and the Chairman of the Planning Policy Panel, be given delegated authority to make minor amendments to the Local Development Scheme which do not have an impact on the Local Development Scheme milestones.	The implementation of the Local Development Scheme will have major financial implications on revenue budgets. However, provision is being made to accommodate this, including using Planning Delivery Grant where appropriate.	Under the new Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act there is a requirement to produce a Local Development Scheme, which informs how the Borough Council will progress the current Replacement Local Plan to adoption.	Options have been considered by the Planning Policy Panel.	Jeremy Farthing (01440-820763) Ian Poole (01284-757350)
12	Regional Spatial Strategy (Mar05/07)	V553	The comments highlighted in bold in Section 3 of Report V564 form the basis of a response to the East of England Regional Assembly.	Any financial implications will be accommodated in the existing Local Plan budgets.	The East of England Regional Assembly has published the Draft East of England Plan for consultation and require responses by 16 March 2005.	The consultation response has been considered in detail by the Planning Policy Panel.	Jeremy Farthing (01440-820763) Ian Poole (01284-757350)

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13	Car Parking Working Party: Minutes 3 February 2005 (Mar05/02)	V554	<p>(a) Update on Variable Message Signing (VMS) (Report V495) (1) The Cabinet noted progress on the introduction of Variable Message Signing into Bury St Edmunds; (2) funding for the capital costs be sought from the Section 106 Agreement with the developers of the Cattle Market site and the On-Street Parking Account of Suffolk County Council; (3) funding options for the revenue costs be determined; (4) approaches be made to other public car park operators in the town for inclusion in the system; and (5) further consideration be given to the two additional options outlined in paragraph 3.8 to Report V495.</p> <p>(b) The Risbygate Street Car Park (Report V496) (1) An agreement be entered into with Centros Miller to enable the retention of Risbygate Street Car Park for the two year construction period; (2) the pricing regime for Risbygate Street Car Park be altered to reflect the proposed charges for Prospect Row Car Park (on commencement of</p>	<p>Funding for the capital costs will be sought from the Section 106 Agreement with the developers of the Cattle Market site and the On-Street Parking Account of Suffolk County Council. Funding options for the revenue cost are to be determined.</p> <p>By retaining the use of this car park during the construction of the Cattle Market redevelopment would produce an estimated income over the two years period of £150,000.</p>	<p>The purpose of Variable Message Signing is to direct motorists to the most appropriate car park with available capacity to suit their stay. The signs provided on the main traffic routes into the town centre will be linked to the car parks to provide up to date information on available spaces.</p> <p>Maintain as many car parking spaces as possible during the construction period for the Cattle Market redevelopment.</p>	<p>Options have been and will be continued to be considered by the Car Parking Working Party.</p> <p>Various options were considered as to the pricing regime for the car park.</p>	<p>Jeremy Farthing (01440-820763) Jerry Massey (01284-757301)</p> <p>Jeremy Farthing (01440-820763) Jerry Massey (01284-757301)</p>

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			the Cattle Market development); and (3) any income generated from the Risbygate Street Car Park during the two year construction period would, if required, be used to offset the notional rent, provided the rent does not exceed the annual projected parking income.				
15	Local Authority (Capital Finance Accounting) Amendment Regulations 2004	agenda item 15	Subject to the approval of full Council, £23,186,297.39 of set-aside receipts be converted to useable Capital Receipts.	There are no direct financial implementations as this decision is to simplify internal accounting arrangements.	To simplify internal accounting arrangements.	No other options were considered.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Graham Moore (01284-757252)
16	Treasury Management Strategy Statement (Mar05/01)	V555	Subject to the approval by full Council, it is recommended that:- (a) the Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2005/2006, together with the Prudential Indicators be approved; (b) the upper limit on fixed and variable rate exposures be set at 100% and 75% respectively of the Council's total investments; and (c) the upper limit for principle sums invested for more than 364 days be set at £60 million.	It is estimated that in 2005/2006 the Treasury Management activity will generate income of approximately £3,565,000 which is the equivalent to £98.56 for each Council Tax Band D property.	Legislation and best practice requires that the Council considers an Annual Strategy Statement before the beginning of the financial year.	Options were considered involving Section Treasury Services Limited, the Borough Council's Treasury Management Advisors.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) John Hannah (01284-757262)

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18	Planning Delivery Grant: Development Control Staffing Matters	agenda item 18	Posts PLT1421, PLT1420, PLT1426, PLT3990, PLT842 and PLT3987 be made permanent with effect from 1 April 2005, subject to adequate Planning Delivery Grant for 2005/2006.	The posts listed were temporary posts funded by the Government Planning Delivery Grant. By making these posts permanent there will be no significant additional financial liability to the Council.	If the Borough Council is successful in receiving a significant Planning Delivery Grant for 2005/2006 there will be a need to continue employment in these posts by extending existing temporary contracts. However, during 2005/2006 staff in these posts will have completed two years continuous local government service, which would entitle them to a redundancy payment if their employment were to be terminated. On this basis there would be no additional liabilities/payments if their employment was now made permanent. In addition, there is a recognised national shortage of planning staff and by making the post permanent with aid staff retention and also to meet the output targets of the Planning Delivery Grant.	Not to make the post permanent.	Jeff Stevens (01440-762511) Patsy Dell (01284-757306)

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