



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 4 November 2005 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Monday 14 November 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 November 2005.

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

Item No.	Subject (Forward Plan Ref)	Report No.	Decision	Financial Implications	Reason(s) for Decision	Other Option(s) Considered	Contact(s)
5	Report from Overview & Scrutiny Committee: 26 October 2005 – Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Improvement Plan	W342	The Chief Executive be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Performance & Organisational Development, to update the plan to reflect the additional actions needed to address issues arising from the Use of Resources Self-Assessment.	None. The Use of Resources process is intended to improve value for money for taxpayers.	Following the CPA inspection in September 2004, a number of issues were identified for improvement, which formed the Council's Improvement Plan. This needs to be amended, where necessary, to reflect the Use of Resources Self-Assessment.	To not update the plan. However amendments and improvements are ongoing.	Mary Martin (01440-763943) Adriana Stapleton (01284-757613)
6	Report from Policy Development Committee: Interim Review on Progress of Dynamic Review – Innovation, Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) 2 Savings Targets	agenda item 6	(1) The position regarding the achievement of the DR-IVE 2 targets be noted; and (2) recommendations from the Car Parking Working Party in respect of changes to car parking fees be forwarded to the Policy Development Committee on 23 November 2005 in order that they can be	The Council is committed to the DR-IVE 2 process. Therefore all category A-D savings ideas need to be progressed.	To ensure the Borough Council addresses its DR-IVE 2 targets.	None.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Graham Moore (01284-757252)

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	for 2006/2007 (Nov05/05)		considered with the recommendations from the Budget Panel.				
8	Joint Procurement Officer	agenda item 8	Subject to the approval of full Council:- (1) subject to approval and funding by Forest Heath and Babergh District Councils, a new shared post of Procurement Officer (Scale 8) be created and appointed in 2005/2006, initially on a temporary one year contract; (2) the costs of continuing the new shared post in 2005/2006 of £18,000 be met by way of a supplementary estimate to be funded from the General Fund Working Balance; and (3) the part-year cost in 2006/2007 be incorporated in base budgets as part of the budget-setting process.	The new post has been job evaluated at grade 8. The cost for one year to St Edmundsbury would be £15,500. The cost in 2005/2006 would need to be met by way of supplementary estimate from the General Fund Working Balance.	To implement the challenging Procurement Action Plan, the Borough Council has invested in designated staff resources, training programmes and joint projects with its partners. As part of the programme, an experienced procurement specialist was employed on a temporary contract specifically to target and deliver savings. This successful initiative can be shared with partners to increase the potential benefits at a lower cost to the Council.	To not appoint a Procurement Officer.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Mark Walsh (01284-757308)
9	Joint Staff Consultative Panel (Nov05/10)	W344	Single Status Agreement: Standby and Callout Payment Agreement The Standby and Callout Payment Agreement be adopted as detailed in Appendix A to Report W326. Equality and Diversity in Employment Policy The Equality and Diversity in Employment Policy be adopted as detailed in Appendix A to Report W327.	As discussed by the Joint Staff Consultative Panel.	To ensure the position regarding standby and callout payments is clear to employees and for the Borough Council to have an adopted Policy regarding equality and diversity issues.	As discussed by the Joint Staff Consultative Panel.	Jeff Stevens (01440-762511) Louise Hammond (01284-757008)

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10	Public Drinking: Designation Order (Nov05/06)	W345	Subject to full Council approval, the 'St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Order 2005' be approved.	The Council would need to allocate resources for the erection of several signs to draw the attention of the public to the effects of the order.	To prevent anti-social drinking and related problems in Bury St Edmunds town centre to the extent possible.	The Council could decide not to adopt the 2001 Act powers. However, the existing byelaw does not give the Police the power to confiscate alcohol and is therefore not very effective. Furthermore, the 1997 byelaw lapses in September 2006.	Frank Warby (01284-704138) Joy Bowes (01284-757141)
11	Affordable Housing Capital Programme (Nov05/04)	W346	(1) £150,000 for Hales Barn, Haverhill be allocated from the Council's £2 million affordable housing capital programme allocation; and (2) subject to the approval of full Council, receipts from the sale of the site at Acacia Avenue, Bury St Edmunds be ring fenced to be allocated for future affordable housing schemes in the Borough.	From the allocated £2 million, a total of £1,419,000 has been committed to deliver 35 units of affordable housing. The additional £150,000 required for Hales Barn could be met from the £581,000 remaining in the capital programme allocation. If agreed, the receipts from the sale of Acacia Avenue could be added to the remaining affordable housing capital budget.	There are currently over 4,000 people registered on the West Suffolk Housing Register and the results of the Council's recent Housing Requirements Study show a demand for mixed tenures across St Edmundsbury. Both the Hales Barn and Acacia Avenue schemes would assist in delivering such a mix.	If the Hales Barn scheme was not funded by the Council then the affordable housing planned for the site may not be delivered in the foreseeable future. When the site at Acacia Avenue is sold the capital receipts could be allocated in accordance with corporate priorities or be returned to the affordable housing capital programme allocation to be re-allocated.	Frank Warby (01284-704138) Niki Hollingworth (01284-757604)

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12	Leisure Centres Liaison Group (Nov05/08)	W347	<p>Abbeycroft Leisure: Annual Grant 2006/2007 (1) the approach of endeavouring to reduce the grant to Abbeycroft Leisure as part of the Council's DR-IVE process be approved; and (2) the timetable for determining the grant be noted.</p> <p>University Campus Suffolk, Bury St Edmunds Campus That the car parking issues at the Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre be initially considered as part of the scheme to develop the University Campus and that any future car parking requirements be considered as and when the issue has been resolved as a matter of urgency.</p>	As discussed by the Leisure Centres Liaison Group.	To considered the grant as part of the wider DR-IVE process and to address car parking issues.	As discussed by the Leisure Centres Liaison Group.	<p>Andrew Varley (01284-753135)</p> <p>Neil Anthony (01284-757064)</p>
13	Concessionary Bus Fares: Free Travel (Nov05/11)	W348	<p>(1) It be noted that the Borough Council must implement a concessionary fare scheme offering free bus travel within St Edmundsbury from 1 April 2006; (2) subject to the receipt of the necessary grant to meet the additional costs, this minimum scheme be extended to the operation of a county-wide all day free bus travel scheme for those aged over 60 and for the disabled from 1</p>	The additional costs of a county-wide all day scheme are estimated to be £307,000. The current indications are that these costs should be funded by extra grants from central government, and therefore no additional costs	A minimum scheme will be a statutory requirement. Government announced that nationally the additional costs of the free travel initiative would be met by extra grant. Based upon the initial proposed method of grant distribution, the Borough Council would receive reimbursement for the additional costs incurred. However, with the option	It is a statutory requirement that, as from 1 April 2006, local authorities offer a free fare bus travel scheme for those aged over 60 and for the disabled.	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>John Hannah (01284-757262)</p>

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			<p>April 2006; (3) if applicable, the operation of the scheme as detailed in (2) above from 2006/2007 be reviewed when long term funding is known; and (4) it be noted that a growth bid will be made for funding the approved scheme in the event that the Government grant does not cover the additional costs of implementing this statutory requirement.</p>	<p>should fall to the Council Tax payer.</p>	<p>proposed, continuity with the current countywide all day scheme would be maintained and this would also help reduce potential confusion amongst users.</p>		
14	<p>Planning Delivery Grant and Local Plan Reserve Fund: Revised Investment Priorities 2005/2006 (Nov 05/12)</p>	W349	<p>(1) A sum of £25,000 be allocated from the Local Plan Reserve for a retail study of St Edmundsbury; (2) the revised estimates for expenditure on previously agreed work areas to be funded from the Planning Delivery Grant (PDG) and the Local Plan Reserve (LPR), as detailed in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.5 of Report W349 be endorsed; and (3) any overspends on these items be funded from the Local Plan Reserve, and any underspends be returned to the Local Plan Reserve.</p>	<p>There are no additional costs for the Council Tax payer arising from the investment. All costs would be met from the existing Local Plan Reserve and Planning Delivery Grant.</p>	<p>To ensure that the Planning Delivery Grant is used to improve the delivery of planning services within the Authority and to assist the delivery of the Council's priorities.</p>	<p>Report W66 established broad priorities for investment and stated that a wide range of options had been considered in terms of identifying the Planning Delivery Grant and Local Plan Reserve investment strategy.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161) Jerry Massey (01284-757302)</p>

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15	Planning Policy Panel (Nov05/07)	W350	<p>Redeposit Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan Policy FC3 – Development Near High Voltage (600v and above) Overhead Power Lines</p> <p>The approach in responding to representations made regarding Policy FC3 and paragraph 11.20 as detailed in Report W281 be approved.</p>	There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations which were discussed at the Planning Policy Panel.	To ensure that the Borough Council has an agreed response to representations regarding Policy FC3 at the Local Plan Inquiry.	The Panel considered the options open to the Council.	Terry Clements (01284-827161)
			<p>Redeposit Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan Policy BSE6 Station Hill, Bury St Edmunds</p> <p>The amended criteria outlined in the tabled paragraph 4.2 of Report W282 (except the reference to 'significant' in iv) be put to the Local Plan Inquiry Inspector for inclusion in Policy BSE6 of the Local Plan.</p>	There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations which were discussed at the Planning Policy Panel.	To ensure that the Borough Council has an agreed position on Policy BSE6 regarding Station Hill, Bury St Edmunds at the Local Plan Inquiry.	The Panel considered the options open to the Council.	Ian Poole (01284-757350)
		W352	<p>Response to Forest Heath District Council Local Development Framework Consultation on Core Strategy and Development Policies Issues and Options</p> <p>(1) a representation expressing concern about the Watermark proposal be submitted to Forest Heath</p>	There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations which were discussed at the Planning Policy Panel.	To ensure that the Borough Council's views are expressed to the relevant parties.	The Panel considered the options open to the Council.	

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			<p>District Council; and (2) a meeting be convened with officers from Forest Heath District Council and Suffolk County Council to consider the potential sub-regional implications of the development and the likely impact on St Edmundsbury.</p> <p>Station Hill, Bury St Edmunds That the proposed approach be endorsed.</p> <p>Stansted Airport: Growing the Airport on the Existing Runway (1) BAA Stansted be thanked for making a presentation to the Planning Policy Panel; (2) BAA Stansted be informed of the Borough Council's concerns.</p>	<p>There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations which were discussed at the Planning Policy Panel.</p> <p>There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations which were discussed at the Planning Policy Panel.</p>	<p>To agree on the best way forward regarding the redevelopment of Station Hill, Bury St Edmunds.</p> <p>To ensure the Borough Council's views are passed to BAA Stansted for future consideration.</p>	<p>The Panel considered the options open to the Council.</p> <p>The Panel considered the options open to the Council.</p>	
16	Haverhill Area Working Party (Nov05/02)	W353	<p>Haverhill Marketing Strategy (1) the brief for a marketing strategy, attached as Appendix A to Report W286 be approved; (2) the officers proceed with procuring the necessary consultancy and report back</p>	The financial implications were discussed by the Haverhill Area Working Party.	To progress the overall redevelopment of the Haverhill town centre within the Masterplan Vision.	The Working Party considered the options open to the Council.	<p>Jeff Stevens (01440-762511)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-757060)</p>

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			<p>on progress; and (3) the arrangements for approving the Haverhill marketing brand and strategy, as set out in paragraph 6.2 of Report W286, as amended to include a representative of the local business community on the interviewing Panel, be approved.</p> <p>Masterplan Vision: Project Structure, Work Programme and Governance (1) the Project Structure and Officer Project Team that has been established to support this project, as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of Report W287, be noted; (2) the Work Programme as detailed in Appendix A to Report W287 covering the period to April 2006 be approved; and (3) regular updates on the progress of the project be given to the Haverhill Partnership.</p> <p>Masterplan Vision: Resources (1) a Haverhill Masterplan Vision Project Implementation Reserve be established and the sums of £10,000 and £8,000 be vired to the Reserve from</p>				

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			<p>the Planning Delivery Grant allocation and the underspend on the Home Improvement Agency budget for 2005/2006 respectively; and (2) a £30,000 contribution to the Reserve be considered as part of the budget setting process as a non-recurring growth item for inclusion in the 2006/2007 budget.</p>				

Joy Bowes, Head of Legal and Democratic Services
 4 November 2005