



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
**DECISIONS NOTICE**

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 22 February 2008 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Monday 3 March 2008. 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@stedsbcc.gov.uk) by 5 p.m. on Friday 29 February 2008.

**A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET ON 18 FEBRUARY 2008**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Subject (Forward Plan Ref)</b>	<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Financial Implications</b>	<b>Reason(s) for Decision</b>	<b>Other Option(s) Considered</b>	<b>Contact(s)</b>
4	West Suffolk House, Bury St Edmunds: Facilities Management (Feb08/10)	Y552	(1) The proposals set out in Section 4 of Report Y552 be agreed; and (2) the Corporate Director of Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Economy and Asset Management and Performance and Organisational Development be given delegated authority to implement all the measures necessary to deliver a single facilities management service for West Suffolk House.	At this stage it is difficult to quantify the financial implications of providing a single facilities management service provider. However, it is clear that by combining delivery and produce a single service provider there will be significant operational savings for both the Borough and County Councils.	West Suffolk House will be jointly owned by the Borough and County Councils and it is considered appropriate that there be a integrated facilities management service.	Other options considered included both Councils undertaking its own facilities management. In the 'longer term' these services could be put out to tender.	Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)  David Ray (01359-250912)  Ivan Sams (01284-757304)

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5	Disposal of Land and Buildings: Financial Procedure Rules and Code of Procedures	Y553	Subject to approval by full Council:- (1) The revised Section 10 of the Financial Procedure Rules, as detailed in Appendix A to Report Y553, be approved for inclusion in Part 4, Rules of Procedure, of the Council's Constitution; and (2) the revised Code of Procedures for the Disposal of Land and Buildings, as detailed in Appendix B to Report Y553 and amended to include an additional paragraph 4.1 (d), be approved.	There are no direct financial implications in revising the Financial Procedure Rules and the Code of Procedures.	The review of these two documents had been undertaken and amendments had been made mainly to incorporate the requirements of the Asset Management process.	Not to review the Rules and Procedures was not considered an option.	Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)  Betty Albon (01284-757307)
8	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2008/2009	Y556	Subject to approval by full Council:- (a) the Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2008/2009, together with the Prudential Indicators, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report Y556, 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 principal sums invested for more than 364 days be set	It is estimated that in 2008/2009 Treasury Management activity will generate income of approximately £2,105,000, which is equivalent to £56 for each Council Tax Band D property. The Council's non-operational property and assets portfolio will generate income of £2,238,850, which is equivalent to	Legislation and best practice requires that the Council considers an Annual Strategy Statement before the beginning of the financial year.	The Council is required to produce an Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential indicators. The assumptions contained within the Strategy were subject to consideration.	Paul Farmer (01284-768777)  Chris Barber (01284-757241)

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			at £65million.	£59.56 for each Council Tax Band D property.			
10	Budget and Council Tax Setting: 2008/2009 (Feb08/01)	Y558	That, Subject to approval by full Council:- (i) the revenue budgets attached as Appendix A, together with the Dynamic Review – Innovation, Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) savings detailed in Appendix C and new revenue requirements summarised in Appendix D be approved; (ii) the revised capital programme attached as Appendix B be approved; (iii) having taken into account the conclusions of the Chief Finance Officer's report including the Risk Assessment (Appendix E), together with the Five Year Financial Models attached as Appendix F and all the other information contained in Report Y558, Cabinet recommends that the level of Band D Council Tax increase for 2008/2009 be 3.4%; (iv) for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 the level of Council Tax increase be no higher than 0.5% below the preceding year's	The Cabinet has recommended an increase in the level of Band D Council Tax of 3.4%, which results in the Council Tax increasing from £166.32 in 2007/2008 to £171.99 in 2008/2009.	The budget is considered to reflect the Council's priorities for the community which has been based on widespread consultation.	Numerous options were considered by various Working Parties, Working Groups, Panels and the Policy Development Committee.	Paul Farmer (01284-768777)  Jerry Massey (01284-757200)

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			September Retail Price Index unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise; and (v) the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Efficiency, be authorised to transfer any surplus on the 2007/2008 revenue budget to earmarked reserves and to vire funds between existing reserves on the basis of the indicative proposals shown in Appendix G.				
11	Designated Alcohol Free Zone in Haverhill (Feb08/09)	Y559	Subject to approval by full Council:- that an order be made to designate a zone in Haverhill where the public consumption of alcohol is banned as indicated on the map attached as Appendix 2 to Report Y559.	The Borough Council's costs in making and publicising this Order will be met from existing budgets.	Concerns had been expressed about the consumption of alcohol in public places in specific areas within Haverhill and the proposal to make an Order to prevent the consumption of alcohol was subject to consultation. 83% of those responding to the consultation process were in support of the proposal.	Other initiatives have been undertaken to reduce the anti-social behaviour within the designated area with varying degrees of success. It was considered that to prohibit the drinking of alcohol within the designated zone would compliment these other initiatives and have a positive impact.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)  Helen Lindfield (01284-757620)
12	Sports and Leisure Development Panel: Recommendations 5 February 2008 (Feb08/05)	Y560	<b>(a) Suffolk Sport Consortium Agreement and Funding Arrangements</b> (1) the Corporate Director for Community, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic	The Borough Council has committed to funding £6,000 in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 for the Suffolk Sport Consortium	This countywide partnership has been developed over some years between all District and Borough Councils in Suffolk and the County Council to support Suffolk Sport and assist in the	Detailed options were considered by the Sports and Leisure Development Panel.	Lynsey Alexander (01284-765054)  Mike Dawson (01284-757060)

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			<p>Services be given delegated authority to approve and sign the Suffolk Sport Consortium Agreement, as outlined in Appendix A to Report Y539, on behalf of the Council; and</p> <p>(2) subject to the approval of the Consortium Agreement, partnership funding of £6,000 be paid to Suffolk Sport in each of the financial years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, the cost being met from the existing sports development budget.</p> <p><b>(b) Abbeycroft Leisure Proposal for a New Dance Exercise Studio at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre</b></p> <p>(1) subject to the approval of works details and funding arrangements, the proposal to develop a new dance exercise studio at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre, as detailed in Exempt Report Y540 be approved in principle; and</p> <p>(2) delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Community in</p>	<p>Agreement, the cost being met from existing sports development budget.</p> <p>There are no direct costs to the Borough Council.</p>	<p>delivery of its aims.</p> <p>This project has been initiated through the extra demand for health and fitness facilities following the closure of Fitness First.</p>	<p>Detailed options were considered by the Sports and Leisure Development Panel.</p>	<p>Lynsey Alexander (01284-765054)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-757060)</p>

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			consultation with the Chairman of the Sports and Leisure Development Panel and the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Sport to approve Abbeycroft Leisure's detailed proposal and allow Abbeycroft Leisure to proceed with the scheme.				
13	Sustainable Development Panel: Recommendations 13 February 2008 (Feb08/06)	Y561	<p><b>(a) Suffolk County Council Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Waste Issues Report</b></p> <p>(i) Suffolk County Council be thanked for consulting the Borough Council on its Waste Issues Report;</p> <p>(ii) the suggested responses contained in Appendix A to Report Y545 be endorsed as the Borough Council's formal response to the Waste Issues Report consultation; and</p> <p>(iii) subject to any revisions proposed by the Sustainable Development Panel, Suffolk County Council be informed that the comments provisionally submitted by officers have been formally approved.</p>	There are no direct financial implications in responding to this consultation document.	Suffolk County Council has published a Waste Issues Report document that provides an opportunity to raise issues relevant to the Review of the Waste Local Plan as part of their Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework.	Not responding to the consultation document was not considered an option.	<p>Peter Stevens (01787-280284)</p> <p>Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>

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			<p><b>(b) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement – Adoption</b> Subject to full Council approval, the recommended changes outlined in the Inspector's binding report are noted and the Statement of Community Involvement, attached as Appendix D to Report Y546 be adopted.</p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications in amending the Statement of Community Involvement to take account of the comments received from the Planning Inspector.</p>	<p>The Council is required to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and this is required to be submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination and, at the same time, undertake formal consultation. All representations received were sent to the Planning Inspector to be considered alongside the submission. The Council has now received the Planning Inspector's report and the SCI will be amended accordingly.</p>	<p>The Council is required to amend the Statement of Community Involvement to take account of the Planning Inspector's observations.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)  Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>
			<p><b>(c) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Core Strategy – Issues and Options Report</b> (i) the draft Issues and Options Report of the St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework Core Strategy, attached as Appendix 1 to Report Y547, as amended to include reference to the Suffolk Community Strategy, and the Sustainability Appraisal, attached as Appendix 2 to Report Y547, be approved for consultation;</p>	<p>The public consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Issues and Options report will be undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>The Council is required to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF) to provide planning guidance for the determination of planning applications and guiding decisions on investment in services and infrastructure. Each component of the LDF has to be subject to public consultation in accordance with the Council Statement of Community Involvement.</p>	<p>The Borough Council has to consult on the elements of the Local Development Framework.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)  Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>

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			<p>(ii) consultation being carried out in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement;</p> <p>(iii) the Head of Planning and Engineering Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning, be authorised to incorporate into the Issues and Options Report and Sustainability Appraisal, prior to publication, any further minor changes as are necessary to update and make any spelling, grammatical, factual, formatting and numbering corrections, provided they do not materially affect the substance or meaning of the reports; and</p> <p>(iv) developers and landowners be invited to submit details of any development sites that they would like considered for inclusion in the Local Development Framework in accordance with the requirements set out in paragraph 3.2 of Report Y547.</p>				
14	Governance of the St Edmundsbury Growth Area	Y562	Subject to approval by full Council:- (1) that St Edmundsbury	The Department of Communities and Local	St Edmundsbury had been designated a Growth Area and was therefore eligible	Not to accept this grant was not considered an option.	Terry Clements (01284-827161)

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	Project		<p>formally accept the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) offer of Growth Area Funding (GAF) as set out in this report of £1,899,591 capital and £128,525 revenue for 2008/2009 and an indicative allocation of £2,659,427 capital and £324,366 revenue for 2009/2011 in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules;</p> <p>(2) Cabinet allocate the Department of Communities and Local Government Growth Area Funds set out above for use as the core budget for the St Edmundsbury Growth Area Programme;</p> <p>(3) Cabinet approve the establishment of a new Growth Area Partnership Board (GAPB) for St Edmundsbury using the structure model as set out in Appendix A, to Report Y562 consisting of 7 members as set out in paragraph 4.4(b) to Report Y562 and that it be adopted by the Council as the appropriate vehicle for</p>	<p>Government has offered Growth Area funding of £1,899,591 capital and £128,525 revenue for 2008/2009. The DCLG has also indicated allocations of £2,659,427 capital and £324,366 revenue for the period 2009/2011.</p>	<p>to bid for funding to the DCLG to help deliver affordable, sustainable housing in accordance with the allocations and targets set out in the adopted St Edmundsbury Local Plan 2016.</p>		<p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p>

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			<p>the initial governance and delivery of the St Edmundsbury Growth Area Programme in the short term. The other potential board partners identified in the report be formally invited to join the GAPB;</p> <p>(4) the Terms of Reference as set out in paragraph 4.4(c) of Report Y562 be approved and that the Growth Area Partnership Board is tasked to make recommendations to Cabinet within the scope of the terms and work programme set out for it; and</p> <p>(5) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to appoint the Growth Area Partnership Board from the appropriate nominations.</p>				
15	Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme	Y563	<p>(1) The Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme (LABGI) investment proposals for 2008/2009, detailed in paragraph 4.7 of this report, be approved; and</p> <p>(2) the transfer of £383,000 LABGI funding to an earmarked reserve for the new public building (Venue) on the</p>	The Council has received a total of £925,000 grant over the past two years.	The Grant funding is being used in accordance with the Council's Economic Development Strategy.	Options were considered in accordance with the Council's Economic Development Strategy.	<p>Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)</p> <p>Andrea Mayley (01284-757343)</p>

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			Cattle Market site, Bury St Edmunds be noted.				
16	Bury St Edmunds Town Centre and Cattle Market Working Party: Recommendations 6 February 2008 (Feb08/07)	Y564	<p><b>(a) The Roundhouse</b> That the Bury St Edmunds Society be advised that it should identify a suitable location, appropriate funding and use for the Roundhouse, but if the issue is not resolved by the time that the Museum of East Anglian Life is notified about its lottery bid, then authority will be sought for the building to go to the Museum.</p> <p><b>(b) Centros Miller: Change in Ownership</b> That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to agree and execute changes to the Cattle Market documentation consequential upon the acquisition of the Miller Group Ltd by Delancey and update the Working Party when this has been completed.</p> <p><b>(c) Cattle Market Redevelopment: Names for New Streets and Squares</b> (1) New Street 1, New Street 2, New Square 1</p>	<p>At this stage, there are no direct financial implications for the Borough Council.</p> <p>There are no direct financial implications in preparing a Deed of Variation to make the necessary changes to the development agreement.</p> <p>The Borough Council undertook consultations on the naming of the new streets and squares which</p>	<p>The Borough Council, along with other organisations, is trying to find the most appropriate location and use for the Roundhouse that was formerly situated on the Cattle Market site in Bury St Edmunds.</p> <p>The Miller Group was acquired by Delancey and this necessitated the documentation in respect of the Cattle Market redevelopment being amended.</p> <p>Two new streets and two squares in the Cattle Market redevelopment in Bury St Edmunds required to be named. Although the right to name them</p>	<p>Options are still being considered.</p> <p>No other options were available to the Council.</p> <p>Numerous options were considered by a panel set up to initially produce a shortlist, the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre and Cattle Market Working</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Jerry Massey (01284-757200)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Joy Bowes (01284-757141)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Jerry Massey (01284-757200)</p>

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			<p>and New Square 2, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report Y542, be named Auction Street, Gosnold Street, Charter Square and Hanchet Square respectively; and</p> <p>(2) an examination be undertaken into the provision of a Heritage Trail and a report be made to the Working Party in due course.</p> <p><b>(d) Public Works Project Status Report</b> The Venue Steering Group identify a programme of measures to mitigate the current position concerning the public building (Venue) including the scope of works, costs and funding and report the outcome to the next meeting of the Working Party.</p> <p><b>(e) Land Assembly: Authority to use Compulsory Purchase Powers</b> The Head of Legal and Democratic Services be given the authority to use the Borough Council's</p>	<p>was undertaken within existing budgets.</p> <p>Tenders had been received in respect of the fit-out for the public building (Venue) on the Cattle Market site. Before the final costs can be determined there is a need for a detailed review of the costs included within the successful tender.</p> <p>There should be no direct costs arising from the serving of a Compulsory Purchase Order in that the developer will indemnify the</p>	<p>rested with Centros Miller, as the developer, it had been agreed that the Borough Council could choose the names, subject to Centros Miller's agreement on the shortlist.</p> <p>The costs of the fit-out had been subject to a detailed tendering process and now the successful tender required detailed review.</p> <p>Other efforts to complete the land assembly requirements for the Cattle Market redevelopment had proved unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Party.</p> <p>Options will be considered during the detailed review of the tenders.</p> <p>The making of a Compulsory Purchase Order was the final option considered within the process of land assembly.</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Mark Walsh (01284-757308)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Joy Bowes (01284-757141)</p>

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			powers of compulsory purchase to complete the land assembly requirements of the Cattle Market redevelopment.	Council to cover its costs of acquiring the land required.			

Joy Bowes,  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services  
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