



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

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 19 September 2008 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Monday 29 September 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@stedsbc.gov.uk) by 5 p.m. on Friday 26 September 2008.

**A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2008**

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5	Responding to the Staff Survey (Sep08/08)	Z228	The potential Key Action Areas arising from the Staff Survey, as set out in Appendix A to Report Z190, be approved.	Any financial implications arising from the implementation of this decision will be undertaken within existing budgets.	The results of the staff survey have been analysed and considered in order to provide a framework of key areas and actions to be further developed to address the issues raised.	Not to address the issues arising from the Staff Survey was not considered an option.	David Ray (01359-250912)  Louise Hammond (01284-757008)
7	National Fraud Strategy	Z230	The draft National Fraud Initiative (NFI) and Data Matching Strategy, as set out in Report Z203, be approved.	Any financial implications arising from the implementation of this decision will be undertaken within existing budgets.	The NFI Strategy is a new strategy produced to ensure the Council has procedures in place to meet recent changes in legislation in relation to Data Matching and the prevention of detection of fraud.	Not to produce a NFI Strategy was not considered an option.	Paul Farmer (01284-768777)  Jon Snares (01284-757239)

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8	Discretionary Rate Relief Review for Charitable and Non Profit Making Organisations	Z231	The Policy for granting discretionary rate relief for charitable and non-profit making organisations be amended as set out in Section 1.6 of Report Z204.	There are no direct financial implications to the Borough Council in amending the procedures relating to discretionary rate relief.	The Scheme was last amended in 2007 and it has become apparent that if fully implemented the Grant Panel would have to consider a significant number of applications which would make it "unworkable". Therefore these revised procedures will mean that the majority of the decisions will revert back to the Chief Finance Officer.	Options were considered in detail by the Grant Panel.	Paul Farmer (01284-768777)  Liz Watts (01284-757252)
9	Delivering a Sustainable Budget 2009/2010	Z232	The proposed changes to the Dynamic Review- Innovation, Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) process, set out in Section 1.3 of Report Z208, be approved.	The implications of the decision will not be known until the budgets for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 are finalised.	A review has been undertaken into the Council's Budgetary Process which will take account of the potential impact of the Local Government Review and the possibility that the 2009/2010 Budget will be St Edmundsbury's last budget.	Options were considered in detail by the Policy Development Committee.	Paul Farmer (01284-768777)  Liz Watts (01284-757252)
10	The Service Plan and Budget Development Process	Z233	The process and timetable for the development of the 2009/2010 Service Plans and Budget, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report Z209, be approved.	There are no financial implications as the decision sets a timetable for the budget process.	Good practice dictates that a timetable is required to develop the Service Plans and Budget Development Process.	Options were considered in detail by the Policy Development Committee.	Paul Farmer (01284-768777)  Liz Watts (01284-757252)
11	Service Delivery Review: Panel Review of Terms of Reference	Z234	(1) In the interests of efficiency, the Service Delivery Review Panel be disbanded and any future work be dealt	There are no direct financial implications in disbanning the Service Delivery Review Panel.	It was concluded that the work of Service Delivery Review Panel had now either been completed or surpassed	Detailed Options were considered by the Policy Development Committee.	David Ray (01359-250912)  Liz Curtis-Woods (01284-757681)

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			<p>with as detailed in recommendations 2 to 5 below;</p> <p>(2) responsibility for future customer access strategic recommendations be retained by the Policy Development Committee;</p> <p>(3) future review recommendations on service process and system redesign be retained by the Policy Development Committee;</p> <p>(4) the responsibility for assessment of future opportunities for joint working, including business case development, be retained by Cabinet, with the option to ask the Policy Development Committee to examine a particular issue if relevant; and</p> <p>(5) responsibility for advising on issues affecting the development of the Western Way Project in Bury St Edmunds be retained by the West Suffolk House Joint Committee and Cabinet</p>		<p>by other events and, in the interests of efficiency, the Service Delivery Review Panel be disbanded.</p>		

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			where appropriate.				
12	Boundary Committee Review of Suffolk: Borough Council's Response	Z235	The Borough Council's approach to responding to the Boundary Committee's consultation on options for local government reorganisation in Suffolk be considered by full Council on 23 September 2008 on the basis outlined in Report Z235.	The Borough Council, in consultation with partners, is still analysing the financial implications for the options for unitary local government in Suffolk.	The Council was invited to submit options for unitary local government in Suffolk by the Boundary Committee.	Options have been developed over an extensive period of time and by various bodies.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Mike Dawson (01284-729009)
13	Grant Panel: 9 September 2008 (Sep08/05)	Z236	<p><b>(a) Grant Policy: Rural Areas Community Initiatives Fund</b> Appendix A as amended, attached to Report Z212 as the revised Guidelines and Procedures covering the Rural Areas Community Initiatives Fund be approved, and becomes the revised Appendix A to the Grant Policy.</p> <p><b>(b) Recreation, Village Hall and Play Scheme Grants Scheme</b> <b>(1) Barrow cum Denham Parish Council</b> Subject to planning permission and</p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications in revising the Guidelines and Procedures.</p> <p>£10,000 was awarded from the approved budget.</p>	<p>The Guidelines and Procedures required amending following previous revision.</p> <p>Recommendation from the Grant Panel.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Grant Panel.</p> <p>The Grant Panel considered the application in detail.</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Steven Lincoln (01284-757108)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-729009)</p>

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			<p>discussions being held with Environmental Health and Housing Services regarding potential noise nuisance issues, £10,000 be awarded to Barrow cum Denham Parish Council towards the cost of building a new skate and BMX park in Barrow;</p> <p><b>(2) Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council</b></p> <p>Further consideration of the application submitted by Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council be deferred to enable the officers to further establish the terms of the Section 106 Agreement connected with the planning permission granted to the Havebury Housing Partnership on 4 September 2008, which required the provision of play equipment in Stanningfield;</p>	<p>No funding has yet been allocated.</p>	<p>Recommendation from the Grant Panel.</p>	<p>The Grant Panel considered the application in detail.</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-729009)</p>

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			<p><b>(3) Thurlow, Bradley and District Pre-School</b> £10,000 be awarded to Thurlow, Bradley and District Pre-School towards the cost of the new pre-school building; and</p> <p><b>(4) Stansfield Village Hall Management Committee</b> £10,000 be awarded to Stansfield Village Hall Management Committee towards the cost of the renovation and refurbishment of the village hall.</p>	<p>£10,000 was awarded from the approved budget.</p> <p>£10,000 was awarded from the approved budget.</p>	<p>Recommendation from the Grant Panel.</p> <p>Recommendation from the Grant Panel.</p>	<p>The Grant Panel considered the application in detail.</p> <p>The Grant Panel considered the application in detail.</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-729009)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-729009)</p>
16	Asset Management Plan: 6 Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds (Sep 08/13)	Z239	Subject to the approval of full Council, the Council accept the revised Bury Town Trust proposals for the sale of 6 Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, with a simultaneous leaseback of the ground floor and basement.	The resource implications will remain the same as previously agreed except:- (1) the Council will benefit from a rent free period of £15,000 for approximately 1 year; (2) the Council will forego interest on the capital receipt until the Trust is able to sell the first flat; and (3) the Council will share 50:50 any profit made by the Trust when the upper floors are sold.	The Council had previously determined that 6 Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds was, using the Asset Management process, surplus to the Borough Council's requirements and agreed to sell the property to the Bury Town Trust.  However, due to the lengthy consultation process in obtaining Listed Building Consent, with such bodies as English Heritage, consent had only recently been	Previously the option was explored to sell 6 Angel Hill with vacant possession and use the capital receipt or interest on that receipt to relocate the Tourist Information Centre and Shopmobility services to suitable alternative Freehold or Leasehold premises. At that time, that option was not cost effective and this remained the case.  The Council could market the residential development opportunity	Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)  Betty Albon (01284-757307)

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				The sale and leaseback will still result in longer term savings on property running costs	obtained. In the meantime, the residential market had declined considerably and therefore the Trust requested a review of some of the details of the arrangements.	on the open market but because of the current poor market conditions it was unlikely that there would be much demand for the property.	
18	Sustainable Development Panel: 19 August 2008 (Sep08/07)	Z240	<p><b>(a) 'Building for Life' Policy</b>  (1) The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) 'Building for Life' criteria be used forthwith as a tool for the consideration of the design quality of proposals for new housing schemes in St Edmundsbury; and  (2) any housing schemes funded by the Growth Area Fund should meet the 'very good', 'Building for Life' standard.</p> <p><b>(b) Proposed Second Runway at Stansted Airport</b>  (1) The Borough Council objects to the proposal to construct a second runway at Stansted Airport on the following basis:-</p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications in the Council using the 'Building for Life' criteria as a tool for the consideration of the design quality of proposals for new housing schemes in St Edmundsbury.</p> <p>There are no direct financial implications in responding to consultation on the proposed second runway and associated projects at Stansted Airport.</p>	<p>This initiative includes guidelines to help house builders and local planning authorities to improve the design quality of new homes. The guidance is aimed at meeting the requirements of Planning Policy Statement 3 (Housing). Furthermore one of the core output indicators required in future annual monitoring reports for Local Development Frameworks is that new build completions on housing sites should reach 'Building for Life' criteria.</p> <p>The Council has been consulted on the proposed second runway and associated projects at Stansted Airport and as there will be some impact on the Borough it was considered</p>	<p>Detailed options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p> <p>Details options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p> <p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>

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			<p>(a) that although the existing and potential economic benefits to the Borough, and especially Haverhill, are recognised, the Borough Council remains unconvinced of the need for further expansion over and above the maximum use of one runway;</p> <p>(b) there remains a lack of commitment from the airport operator to create direct and attractive links to the airport from the St Edmundsbury area by public transport and that, should consent be granted for this proposal, there should be a requirement to provide an improved service from the Borough's main towns; and</p> <p>(c) that the Council has already strongly objected to the proposed revisions to airspace recently proposed by National Air Traffic Services (NATS) and, in the case of this proposal, does not believe that sufficient</p>		<p>appropriate for the Borough Council to comment.</p>		

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			<p>work has been undertaken to assess the capacity of the airspace that serves the airport, including the need for additional aircraft holds and the potentially unacceptable impact on the environment and residential amenity of residents of St Edmundsbury.</p> <p>(2) the Borough Council be represented by the officers at the 'called-in' Planning Public Inquiry to present the Council's objections; and</p> <p>(3) a letter be written to Stansted Airport requesting an explanation for the recent increase in noise levels in the south of St Edmundsbury.</p> <p><b>(c) Suffolk County Council Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Minerals Specific Site Allocations Submission August 2008</b></p> <p>(1) Suffolk County Council be thanked for consulting the Borough Council on its Minerals</p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications in responding to the Suffolk County Council consultation document.</p>	<p>The Borough Council considers that there will be an impact on the Borough Council and therefore a response is required.</p>	<p>Detailed options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Peter Stevens (01787-280284)</p> <p>Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>

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			<p>Specific Site Allocations Submission document; and  (2) the suggested responses, contained in paragraph 3.6 of Report Z177, be approved as the Borough Council's formal response to the consultation on the Minerals Specific Site Allocations Submission document.</p> <p><b>(d) Forest Heath Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Final Policy Option Consultation August 2008</b></p> <p>Forest Heath District Council be informed that St Edmundsbury Borough Council:-  (1) supports the proposed settlement policy that seeks to accommodate the majority of new housing development in the market towns and key service centres as detailed in paragraph 2.5 of Report Z178;  (2) supports the use of the joint Employment Land Review to inform the District Council's</p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications in responding to the consultation undertaken by Forest Heath District Council.</p>	<p>The Borough Council considers it appropriate to respond to the consultation as there are implications for the Borough.</p>	<p>Detailed options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)   Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>

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			employment policy; and (3) seeks more evidence that the proposed retail floorspace requirements will not have a detrimental impact on the retail economy of towns in St Edmundsbury.				
19	Suffolk County Council Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Waste Issues and Options Report August 2008	Z241	(1) Suffolk County Council be thanked for consulting the Borough Council on its Waste Issues and Options Report; and (2) Subject to the inclusion of the following amendments proposed by the Sustainable Development Panel, the suggested responses contained in Appendix A to Report Z224 be approved as the Borough Council's formal response to Suffolk County Council's Waste Issues and Options Report consultation, as part of its Minerals and Waste Development Framework:- (a) in respect of Issue 6, the following sentence be inserted at the beginning of the	There are no direct financial implications in responding to the consultation undertaken by Suffolk County Council.	The Borough Council statutory consultee on the Suffolk County Council documents and is to raise issues with the County Council.	Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Panel.	Peter Stevens (01787-280284)  Ian Poole (01284-757350)

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			response, 'The Borough Council considers there is insufficient evidence to favour a particular option;' and (b) in respect of Issue 14, Question 18, the response be amended to read, 'The Borough Council agrees, in principle, to the concept of Waste Resource Parks, but the identification of sites should be subject to meeting the criteria relating to the general considerations relevant to the establishment of all waste management facilities, as detailed in Issue 3, Option 1.				
20	Tackling Climate Change in Suffolk: Development of the CRed Suffolk Climate Change Partnership	Z242	That, subject to the approval of full Council:- (1) the CRed Suffolk Climate Change Partnership (CRed Suffolk) be formally adopted by St Edmundsbury Borough Council as the appropriate mechanism for co-ordinated climate change action across Suffolk; (2) new delivery and governance proposals	Council will fund the CRed Suffolk Climate Change Partnership of £2,857 in 2008/2009 and £12,857 per annum for the following 3 years.	The Council has already agreed to support partnership working across Suffolk to address the climate change challenge. This county-wide partnership called the CRed Suffolk Climate Change Partnership (CRed Suffolk) has been operating successfully since December 2006.	Not to continue support for the CRed Suffolk Partnership was not considered an option.	Peter Stevens (01787-280284)  Peter Gudde (01284-757042)

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			identified in the report to Suffolk Chief Executives' Group, attached as Appendix A to Report Z242 be supported; and (3) funding of £2,857 be identified from current balances to support the Partnership for the remainder of 2008/2009 and £12,857 a year be found from existing budgets for three years covering Local Area Agreement				
21	Refreshed St Edmundsbury Growth Area Partnership Programme of Development	Z243	(1) That Cabinet agrees and supports the submission of the refreshed Programme of Development for the Growth Area Fund on 1 October 2008; and (2) the document attached as Appendix A to Report Z243 be noted as work in progress with approval of the final submission to be delegated to the Acting Corporate Director for Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation.	The Borough Council has been allocated £2.02 million funding from the Government for 2008/2009 and a combined provisional allocation of £2.85 million for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.	The Government has now asked Growth Areas to submit a refreshed Programme of Development by 1 October 2008 in order to secure the provisional growth area fund allocation and potentially secure additional funding from the Government Growth Area Fund reserve of £172 million.	Not to bid for this Government Funding was not considered an option.	Terry Clements (01284-827161)  Patsy Dell (01284-757306)

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22	Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 11 September 2008 (Sep04/04)	Z244	<p><b>(a) Revised Layout of Junction: Barons Road/Wilks Road, Bury St Edmunds</b> Subject to a satisfactory outcome to the Suffolk County Council Safety Audit, the revised layout of the junction of Barons Road/Wilks Road, Bury St Edmunds as shown in the plan attached as Appendix A to Report Z215, be approved.</p> <p><b>(b) St Andrews Street South, Bury St Edmunds: Street Furniture Proposals</b> The following street furniture is approved for use in St Andrews Street South, Bury St Edmunds as detailed in Report Z216:- (1) the Fuyro street light and column detailed in paragraph 4.7; (2) stainless steel bollard as detailed in paragraph 4.8; (3) stainless steel litter bins as detailed in paragraph 4.9; (4) Abril Escofet bench as shown in paragraph 4.10;</p>	<p>The Borough Council undertakes works on an agency basis for the Suffolk County Council.</p> <p>The estimated cost of the street furniture is contained within the overall agreed budget for the Scheme of £565,000.</p>	<p>Alterations to this junction are required as a result of the redevelopment of the Hardwick Industrial Estate for residential use.</p> <p>The St Andrews Street area of Bury St Edmunds requires refurbishment as a result of the redevelopment of the Cattle Market Site.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Steve Boor (01284-757323)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Steve Boor (01284-757323)</p>

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			<p>(5) stainless steel cycle stands similar in style to those used on Angel Hill as noted in paragraph 4.11;</p> <p>(6) planting to be included as detailed in paragraph 4.12; and</p> <p>(7) road sign mounting posts and backing to be black as detailed in paragraph 4.13.</p> <p><b>(c) Cattle Market Redevelopment, Bury St Edmunds: Revised Impact Management Strategy</b> The revised Impact Management Strategy, attached as Appendix A to Report Z217, be approved.</p> <p><b>(d) Former Roy's of Wroxham Store, Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds</b> That the Corporate Property Officer be authorised to undertake negotiations with the developer selected by Stockland Halladale for the purchase of the former Roy's of Wroxham store, with a view to:-</p>	<p>There are no financial implications in revising the Impact Management Strategy document.</p> <p>There are no direct financial implications in the Area Working Party receiving a presentation from the potential developer of this site.</p>	<p>The original Impact Management Strategy was compiled in 2005. As the redevelopment of the Cattle Market progressed different priorities have emerged and therefore the Impact Management Strategy was revised.</p> <p>The former Roy's of Wroxham Store has been vacant for approximately two years and refurbishment of the site would enhance the street scene.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Carol Rowntree (01284-757683)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Betty Albon (01284-757307)</p>

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			(a) a presentation being made by the developer to a forthcoming meeting of the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party of the refurbishment and construction proposals; and (b) following the presentation, a recommendation be made to Cabinet.				
23	Haverhill Area Working Party: 28 August 2008 (Sep08/06)	Z245	<p><b>(a) Location of temporary NHS GP led Health Centre on St Edmundsbury Borough Council Car Park rear of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Withersfield Road, Haverhill</b></p> <p>(1) officers open formal discussions with Suffolk Primary Care Trust to determine Heads of Terms for a ground lease to install portable buildings and all necessary infrastructure in the car park area to the rear of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Haverhill; and</p> <p>(2) a review be undertaken as to the feasibility of allowing all day parking in the</p>	The exact terms of the Ground Lease to install portable buildings and necessary infrastructure in the car park has yet to be determined, however it is anticipated that the Primary Care Trust would pay a ground rent in the order of £575 per annum.	The Borough Council had already given support in principle for the development of a GP led Darzi Health Centre in Haverhill. The Primary Care Trust was looking for a short term site until a permanent building could be identified and brought into commission.	Other options were considered by the Haverhill Area Working Party.	Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)  Patsy Dell (01284-757306)

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			<p>Lower Downs Slade Car Park, Haverhill.</p> <p><b>(b) Queen Street, Haverhill Enhancement Scheme: Use of Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) For Queen Street Shop Front/Shop Signage Improvement Grant Scheme</b></p> <p>(1) £25,000 Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) funding be allocated towards the funding of the Shop Fronts/Shop Signage Improvement Scheme in connection with the Queen Street Enhancement Scheme; and</p> <p>(2) the Economic Development team approach Suffolk County Council to request that it provides £25,000 match funding towards the scheme.</p> <p><b>(c) Queen Street, Haverhill Enhancement Scheme: Consultation Process</b></p> <p>(1) the consultation</p>	<p>£25,000 has been allocated from the Borough Council's Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Funding towards the funding of the shop fronts/shop signage improvement scheme. Suffolk County Council will be asked to contribute £25,000 to the Scheme.</p> <p>The consultation process would be undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>It was considered appropriate that the Borough Council offer an incentive to the traders in Queen Street in order to enhance the appearance of this area of Haverhill.</p> <p>As with all major projects the Borough Council is keen to involve the community through formal public consultation.</p>	<p>Other options were considered by the Haverhill Area Working Party.</p> <p>The methods of consulting with the community were discussed by the Haverhill Area Working Party.</p>	<p>Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)</p> <p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p> <p>Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)</p> <p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p>

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			<p>process in respect of the Queen Street Enhancement Scheme, detailed in Section 3 of Report Z183, be approved; and</p> <p>(2) the questions contained in the consultation response form be based on Appendix A to Report Z183, amended to take into consideration comments received from members of the Working Party, and approved by the Acting Corporate Director for Environment in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Working Party.</p> <p><b>(d) Queen Street, Haverhill Enhancement Scheme: Proposals for Public Art</b></p> <p>(1) the establishment of a new Public Art Working Group on a 'task-and-finish' basis for the specific purpose of advising on, recommending and commissioning public art as part of the Queen Street Enhancement</p>	<p>A budget for public art in Queen Street was established at a maximum of £20,000, which would be allocated from the overall scheme budget of £490,000.</p>	<p>The Borough Council supports the use of public art in major schemes and it was considered appropriate to establish a new Public Art Working Group to undertake the detailed task of identifying the most appropriate forms of public art. A budget was allocated to give the Group an indication of the funding available.</p>	<p>Other options were considered by the Haverhill Area Working Party.</p>	<p>Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)</p> <p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p>

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			<p>Scheme, as detailed in Section 2 of Report Z184, be approved;</p> <p>(2) the Terms of Reference for the Public Art Working Group be approved by the Area Working Party;</p> <p>(3) Councillors Mrs Richardson and Mrs Rushbrook be the Area Working Party representatives on the Public Art Working Group and Councillor Mrs Rushbrook be Chairman;</p> <p>(4) the Area Working Party be given delegated authority to appoint individuals and representatives of organisations to the Public Art Working Group;</p> <p>(5) the budget for public art in Queen Street be established at a maximum of £20,000, as detailed in Section 3 of Report Z184, as part of the overall scheme budget of £490,000; and</p> <p>(6) a further report be submitted to the Working Party outlining the issues involved in</p>				

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			establishing a new, longer term advisory Public Art Panel, as an action following the adoption of the Haverhill Town Centre Public Realm Design Framework.				
24	Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS): Free Swimming Programme	Agenda Item 24	(1) It be noted that the Acting Chief Executive utilised his delegated powers, as contained within the Council's Constitution, to accept the grant of £33,664 for free swimming opportunities for the over-60s; and (2) delegated authority be given to the Head of Leisure Services, in consultation with the Portfolio for Culture and Sport and Abbeycroft Leisure, to determine acceptance of the grant for under-16s, and to submit applications to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for capital schemes if appropriate.	The Borough Council has already accepted a government grant of £33,664 for free swimming opportunities for the over 60s and is exploring the opportunity of obtaining further funding for swimming for the under 16s and capital scheme.	The Borough Council sees the acceptance of grants for swimming activities as part of its corporate priority to improve the safety and well-being of the community.	Not to apply for grants to improve the well-being of the community was not considered an option.	Lynsey Alexander (01284-765054)  Neil Anthony (01284-757064)
25	Havebury Housing Partnership: Changes to Transfer Agreement (Sep08/12)	Exempt Report Z246	(1) Havebury Housing Partnership's (HHP) request to amend the Transfer Agreement be deferred and HHP be requested to contact the	There are no direct financial implications for the Borough Council at this stage as further information is being collected.	The level of refurbishment of the properties in question was agreed at the time the Borough Council's housing stock was	Another option was for the Council to grant the request to amend the Transfer Agreement.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)  Carole Herries (01284-757603)

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			Society of Mortgage Lenders to ascertain the likelihood of tenants being able to obtain a mortgage if the properties were fully refurbished; (2) HHP also be requested not to consult with the tenants until (1) above had been completed and the response analysed; and (3) the officers also examine the possibility of tenants obtaining a mortgage on fully refurbished properties.		transferred to the Havebury Housing Partnership and a 'promise' made to the tenants. Therefore, the Borough Council wishes to ensure that the 'best' was being done for tenants who were in situ at the time of transfer.		
26	Asset Management Plan: Nowton Court, Bury St Edmunds	Z247	(a) Nowton Court, Bury St Edmunds and garden be declared surplus to the Council's requirements; and (b) the sale of the long leasehold interest of Nowton Court and garden to Euronite Ltd be approved, on the terms outlined in the report and in the Exempt Appendix 2 attached.	The income received through rent from the ground lease of Nowton Court is nil, therefore selling the freehold will not impact on the five year financial model. The realisation of capital receipts through the sale of poorly performing ground releases, including Nowton Court and garden, has already been assessed by the Council in June 2008.	The approved Asset Management processes established by the Council have been applied to the Nowton Court ground lease. Based on this assessment the freehold of Nowton Court and garden was declared surplus to Council's requirements.	The Asset Management Process considered the following options:- (a) to retain; (b) to consider the feasibility of alternative uses or use with partners, to better meet the Council's property objectives; and (c) to sell and relocate capital to better achieve corporate objectives.	Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)  Betty Albon (01284-757307)

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