



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECISIONS NOTICE

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 18 September 2009 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Monday 28 September 2009. 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 pm on Friday 25 September 2009.

A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

Item No.	Subject (Forward Plan Ref)	Report No.	Decision	Financial Implications	Reason(s) for Decision	Other Option(s) Considered	Contact(s)
5	Empty Homes and Wasted Space Strategy 2009-2011 (Sept 09/09)	A211	Subject to the approval of full Council, (1) Empty Homes and Wasted Space Strategy 2009-2011, as set out in Report A170, be adopted; (2) the sum of £75,000 be set aside from the affordable housing capital allocation for empty homes grants to private owners; and (3) delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Community, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community, to agree the criteria for the Empty Homes Grant Scheme.	£75,000 has been set aside from the affordable housing capital allocation for empty homes grants to private owners.	Local authorities are required to adopt measures to bring the privately owned empty homes back into use as part of their strategic housing approach.	Detailed options were considered by the Policy Development Committee.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Carole Herries (01284-757603)
7	Police and Justice Act 2006 – Implications for Overview and	A213	The terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Paragraph 1.3 of the Overview	Any resultant costs will be borne from existing budgets.	The Police and Justice Act provides that each local authority must designate a 'crime and disorder committee'	Detailed options were considered by the Overview and Scrutiny	David Lockwood (01638-718002) Adriana

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	Scrutiny		<p>and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, be amended to add the following additional terms of reference as 1.3 (f), (g) and (h). The existing terms of reference (f) and (g) will be re-numbered (i) and (j):</p> <p>(f) to act as the crime and disorder committee for the purposes of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and associated regulations, and accordingly</p> <p>(i) to scrutinise the actions undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership and the partners who comprise it, insofar as their activities relate to the Partnership itself; and</p> <p>(ii) to make reports or recommendations to the Council and partner organisations with respect to the discharge of those functions.</p> <p>(g) to consider local crime and disorder matters in accordance with the Councillor Call for Action Protocol.</p> <p>(h) to work collaboratively, as may be appropriate, with the scrutiny function of other local authorities to fulfil the crime and disorder scrutiny function.</p>		to deal with crime and disorder scrutiny.	Committee	Stapelton (01284-757613)

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8	Rural Area Working Party (Sep 09/12)	A214	(a) A Rural Area Working Party be formed, with Terms of Reference and Work Programme as detailed in Section 3 of Report A214; and (b) the Working Party comprise 10 members, with the appropriate number of substitute members, appointed by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services upon the nomination of appropriate Group Leaders.	Any financial implications from the operation of this new Working Party will be borne from within existing budgets.	The Cabinet wished to mirror its commitments to Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill by forming a working party in respect of its commitment to the rural area.	Due to the success of the Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds Area Working Parties, not to form a new Working Party was not considered an option.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Alex Wilson (01284-757695)
11	Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party	Agenda Item 11	(1) The membership of the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party be reduced from 13 to 10 full members, with an appropriate number of substitute members; and (2) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to appoint the members of the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party on the nomination of Group Leaders.	By reducing the number of members on the Area Working Party may result in a reduction in the travel costs of Members and also in printing costs.	Because of the recent revised role of the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party and to be consistent with other Area Working Parties it was considered appropriate to reduce the number of Members on the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.	Not to reduce the number of Members on the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party was considered.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Steven Lincoln (01284-757108)
12	Sustainable Development Panel: 7 September 2009 (Sep 09/08)	A216	(a) 5th Annual Corporate Environmental Performance Report 2008/2009 To adopt the revisions to Corporate Environmental Targets included under the heading of 'Implications' in the relevant sections of Appendix A of Report A178.	There are no direct financial implications in revising the Corporate Environmental targets.	It is good practice to measure actual environmental performance against the targets.	Options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.	Peter Gudde (01284-7570420) Peter Stevens (01787-280284)

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			<p>(b) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Affordable Housing Economic Viability Assessment (a) To approve this document for publication and as part of the evidence base for the St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework; and (b) to authorise that any minor typographic, factual and grammatical changes be agreed by the Head of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning.</p>	<p>The Assessment has been undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>Provides evidence to support the Local Development Framework.</p>	<p>Options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161) Jackie Ward (01284-757364)</p>
			<p>(c) Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Water Cycle Study (a) To approve this document for publication and as part of the evidence base for the St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework; and (b) to authorise that any minor typographic and grammatical changes to the final document be agreed by the Head of Planning and Economic Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning.</p>	<p>The Assessment was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>Provides evidence to support the Local Development Framework.</p>	<p>Options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161) Chris Rand (01284-757352)</p>

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			<p>(d) Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury Infrastructure and Environmental Capacity Study Subject to the correction of minor typographic, spelling and factual changes, the findings of the study be published as part of the evidence base for preparing the Local Development Framework.</p> <p>(e) Suffolk County Council Waste Core Strategy: Final Consultation (1) Subject to the addition of the words 'is capable of supporting a residual waste treatment facility' at the end of the penultimate paragraph of Section 4.6 of the report, the contents of Report A182 form the basis of a response to the Suffolk County Council Waste Core Strategy: Final Consultation; and (2) the Head of Planning and Economic Development be asked to write to Suffolk County Council expressing this Council's concern at the lack of robustness and justification of the policies and proposals in the Waste Core Strategy.</p>	<p>The study was undertaken within existing resources.</p> <p>The cost of responding to this consultation document was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>Provides evidence to support the Local Development Framework.</p> <p>It was considered imperative that the Council responded to this important consultation document.</p>	<p>Options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p> <p>Options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p> <p>Peter Stevens (01787-280284)</p> <p>Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>

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			<p>(f) Local Development Framework Site Allocations Document: November 2008 Issues and Options Consultation Document – Conformity of Sites</p> <p>The Schedule, contained as Appendix A to Report A183, be published and that those people who commented on the November 2008 round of the Site Allocations Document be informed as to the conformity of the sites with the Submission Core Strategy.</p>	The cost of undertaking this consultation was within existing resources.	Part of the Local Development Framework process.	Options were considered by the Sustainable Development Panel.	Terry Clements (01284-827161) Ian Poole (01284-757350)
13	Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 7 September 2009 (Sep 09/03)	A217	<p>(a) Neighbourhood Parking Scheme: Zone F, Southgate Corridor, Bury St Edmunds</p> <p>(1) The Zone F scheme be modified by the introduction of permit holder only bays as shown on the plan, Paper A175, with the retention of limited waiting bays also as shown; and</p> <p>(2) the operation of the revised scheme to be reviewed after 12 months.</p> <p>(b) Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Management: Proposed Business Improvement District (BID)</p> <p>(1) Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Management be</p>	<p>Any financial implications arising from this decision will be borne within existing budgets.</p> <p>The actual costs associated with the BID can be split into publicity and ballot costs of £17,800 and implementation costs of £25,100. Town Centre</p>	<p>The Zone F Neighbourhood Parking Scheme operates in the Southgate corridor area of Bury St Edmunds. Unlike most of the other neighbourhood schemes operated by the Council this scheme did not have any permit holder only bays.</p> <p>The Council has a responsibility to provide some legal and information support for the BID process in addition to being responsible for organising the BID ballot and acting as the billing authority,</p>	Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party. Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.	Terry Clements (01284-827161) Steve Boor (01284-757323) Nigel Atikens (01284-735258) Andrea Mayley (01284-757343)

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			supported in its endeavours to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) for Bury St Edmunds town centre; and (2) the Borough Council supports funding arrangements, as set out in Section 4 of Report A177.	Management has confirmed that it will repay the implementation costs once the revenue is received. Publicity and ballot costs can be initially funded by the Council's Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) funds. However, additional avenues of funding have been sought.	should the BID be successful.		
14	Haverhill Area Working Party: 10 September 2009 (Sep 09/05)	A218	Millfields Way, Haverhill: Development and Sale Proposals (1) the development and sale proposals in respect of the disposal of land to the north of Millfields Way, Haverhill, as detailed in Report A200 be approved; (2) the duty under s123 of the Local Government Act 1972 be relaxed in accordance with the powers provided in the General Disposal Consent 2003, if necessary, as detailed in Section 8 of Report A200. (3) acceptance of the bid be delegated to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Members with responsibility for Asset Management and Haverhill;	Until the site is actually sold the exact financial implications are not known but is expected to exceed the estimated value of £50,000 as contained within the Disposals Programme.	The sale will be dealt with in a way which enables the subsequent development to be an exemplar project for the Council in achieving high standards of sustainability.	Other options may be considered, dependent on whether planning permission is given for this use.	Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258) Betty Albon (01284-757307)

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			and (4) details of the planning design brief be presented to the Haverhill Area Working Party together with details of similar schemes.				

Joy Bowes,
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18 September 2009