



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECISIONS NOTICE

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 25 June 2010 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Monday 5 July 2010. 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 pm on Friday 2 July 2010.

A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS ON 23 JUNE 2010

Item No.	Subject (Forward Plan Ref)	Report No.	Decision	Financial Implications	Reason(s) for Decision	Other Option(s) Considered	Contact(s)
6	Asset Management Plan and Capital Management Strategy – Performance Management and Implementation Plans (Jul10/02)	B64	The Implementation Programmes 2010/2011 and the Asset Management Plan Action Plan 2010, as set out in Report B30, be approved.	Resource implications will be considered in detail as part of the Asset Management Process reviews for individual buildings. The financial returns from property help achieve the Council's key strategies and vision. The planned disposals in the current and future years, with adjustments as estimates are updated, are fed into the Council's five year financial model.	The Council, as good practice, has adopted the Asset Management Process for assessing its operational and non-operational property portfolio.	The Asset Management Plan Action Plan is based on considering options for holding the Council's property portfolio.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Betty Albon (01284-757307)
7	Equality Action Plan (Jul10/04)	B65	The new Equality Action Plan for 2010/2011, as set out in Report B28, be approved and replace existing Action Plan.	The review of the Equality Action Plan was undertaken within existing resources.	The Council's Equality Action Plan is constantly reviewed.	Options were considered in detail by the Diversity Group and the Policy Development Committee.	David Ray (01359-250912) Davina Howes (01284-757611)

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8	Taking Vision 2025 Forward (Jul10/11)	B66	The masterplans for Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and the Rural Areas be used as the vehicle for taking forward the St Edmundsbury Vision 2025 document, as detailed in Report B29.	Reviewing the Vision 2025 document was undertaken within existing resources.	The Vision 2025 document was approved by full Council in December 2005 and has been the subject of regular reviews and updates.	Options were considered in detail by the Policy Development Committee.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Patsy Dell (01284-757306)
9	Cabinet Annual Report 2009/2010 and Corporate Plan 2010/2011	B67	Report B67 be approved as the Cabinet's Annual Report for 2009/2010 and priorities for 2010/2011.	Producing the Cabinet's Annual Report and reviewing its priorities for 2010/2011 was undertaken within existing resources.	The Cabinet is required to produce an Annual Report and present its priorities for the forthcoming year.	Detailed contents of the report and priorities were considered in detail by the Cabinet in consultation with the Scrutiny Committees.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Geoff Rivers (01284-757009)
10	Recommendations from the Grant Panel: 8 June 2010 (Jul10/01)	B68	<p>(a) Rural Areas Community Initiatives Fund: Application for Project Funding: 2010/2011 That no grant be awarded to Little Thurlow Parish Council towards the production of a new village book.</p> <p>(b) Recreation, Village Halls and Play Scheme Grants: Applications for Project Funding: 2010/2011 (1) A grant of £4,810 be awarded to Great Thurlow Parish Council towards the cost of the refurbishment of the Sports and Recreation Ground car park and the installation of the new swing;</p>	The Cabinet has awarded grants in excess of £20,000.	The Cabinet has awarded grants on recommendations from the Grant Panel.	Options were considered in detail by the Grant Panel.	Robert Everitt (01284-769000) Cathy Manning (01284-757002)

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			(2) a grant of £7,500 be awarded to Chedburgh Parish Council towards the cost of modernising the village play area; and (3) a grant of £8,000 be awarded to Whelnetham Community Centre Management Committee towards the cost of a new heating system and insulation to the Community Centre.				
11	Recommendation from the Joint Staff Consultative Panel: 15 June 2010 (Jul10/05)	B69	UNITE be no longer represented on the Joint Staff Consultative Panel and that the number of UNISON representatives be set at 8.	Reviewing the membership of the Panel was undertaken within resources.	UNITE Union has no members amongst the Borough Council's Staff.	Options were considered in detail by the Panel.	David Ray (01359-250912) Louise Hammond (01284-757008)
12	Asset Management Plan: Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club (Jul10/08)	B70	(1) The Council sell the freehold interest of the Haberden Sports Ground to Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club; (2) the freehold interest be sold under the provisions of community management and ownership of assets, based on a percentage of market value, at £27,000; (3) a covenant, which restricts the uses of the grounds to community and recreational only, be imposed on the sale as set out in paragraph 4.4.5(c) of Report B70; and (4) it be noted that no loan is required by the club from the Council to pay for the freehold interest.	The resource implications of the Options Appraisal are contained in Exempt Appendix 1. A sale under community management and ownership considerations at £27,000 would result in a loss of annual rent of £2,000, but would attract interest on capital from the purchase price of £400 per annum, rising to £950 per annum in 2011/2012.	It enables a further extension of community ownership of community assets in the Borough.	Full options appraisal is part of the asset management planning process and detailed in the report.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Betty Albon (01284-757307)

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13	Asset Management Plan: Corn Exchange, Bury St Edmunds: Options for Use (Jun10/13)	B71	In view of the budgetary and policy implications and in accordance with the Council's adopted option appraisal process of the asset management plan, which includes community management and ownership of assets, the full Council shall determine whether either of the two formal bids for the leasehold of the Corn Exchange can be accepted, and if so which, subject to the receipt of planning permission and any other necessary consents.	After the deadline for bids on 7 April 2010, the Council carried out an initial scoring assessment of the wellbeing bids. The details of the community bids and commercial bid and the results of the initial scoring assessment are contained in Exempt Appendix 4 to Report B71. The Council has a duty to local taxpayers to ensure the best value is obtained from its property assets. By leasing the Corn Exchange to a tenant, the Council will not incur property running costs estimated at £70,000 a year (which do not include operational costs).	Under its asset management process, the Council agreed in 2004 that the Corn Exchange in Bury St Edmunds would be declared surplus to operational use when the new public venue (The Apex) opens; the income from a new tenant being part of the original business planning for the new venue. On 26 May 2010 the Cabinet agreed to short-list two formal bids for the leasehold of the Corn Exchange.	In order to give all community organisations and commercial operators the opportunity to use the listed Corn Exchange, the Council undertook a wide and targeted marketing exercise and has considered all options.	Sara Mildmay-White (01284-735258) Alex Wilson (01284-757695)
14	Recommendations from the Sustainable Development Panel: 14 June 2010 (Jul10/10)	B72	<p>(a) Braintree Local Development Framework: Submission Draft Core Strategy That the content of Paragraph 3.2 of Report B48 form the basis of representations to be submitted to Braintree District Council in relation to the Braintree Local Development Framework Submission Core Strategy.</p> <p>(b) Local Development Framework: Progress Report</p>	<p>Responding to this consultation was undertaken within existing resources.</p> <p>Responding to the Planning Inspector was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>It was considered imperative that the Borough Council responds to this consultation.</p> <p>It was considered imperative that the Borough Council responds</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p> <p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p>

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			<p>Formal comments concerning the possible change to Wickhambrook in the Core Strategy, as noted in paragraph 2.4 of Report B49, be submitted to the Planning Inspector.</p> <p>(c) St Edmundsbury Borough Replacement Plan 2016 Policy HAV3: Strategic Employment Site, Hanchett End, Haverhill – Draft Concept Statement <i>(This report was also considered by the Haverhill Area Working Party on 10 June 2010)</i></p> <p>(1) Subject to there being no over-riding adverse comments from the landowners and Ward Members, the draft Concept Statement for Hanchett End, Haverhill as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report B42, as amended to include the location plan annotated CS02 (Jan 2010), be approved for public consultation; and</p> <p>(2) the Head of Planning and Economic Development Services be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning, to make any minor factual, grammatical and typographical amendments to the Statement, as appropriate.</p>	<p>The Concept Statement and Consultation is undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>to these comments.</p> <p>A Concept Statement for this development is required for this strategic employment site.</p>	<p>Sustainable Development Panel.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p> <p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p>

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15	Recommendations from Haverhill Area Working Party: 10 June 2010 (Jul10/06)	B73	<p>(a) St Edmundsbury Borough Replacement Plan 2016 Policy HAV3: Strategic Employment Site, Hanchett End, Haverhill – Draft Concept Statement <i>(This recommendation was also considered by the Sustainable Development Panel on 14 June 2010)</i></p> <p>(b) Haverhill Town Centre Management: Supplementary Report on Activities to Animate Queen Street, Haverhill Throughout the Summer 2010 (1) An additional £285 be allocated to provide a revised total budget of £2,985, to enable the remainder of programme between June and September 2010 to be delivered, as detailed in Section 2.5 of Report B43; and (2) this funding be allocated from the overall existing Haverhill Town Centre Management budget.</p> <p>(c) Traffic Regulation Order: High Street, Haverhill That the Head of Property Services and Engineering, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Haverhill and Housing, be given delegated authority to finalise a letter of</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p>A revised total budget has been approved.</p> <p>The response to the Traffic Regulation Order was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p>It had previously been agreed to fund these activities in Queen Street.</p> <p>Restricting access to High Street, Haverhill supports the Borough Council's position of pedestrianising this street.</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Haverhill Area Working Party.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Haverhill Area Working Party.</p>	<p>Anne Gower (01440-706402)</p> <p>Geoff Rivers (01284-757009)</p> <p>Anne Gower (01440-706402)</p> <p>Geoff Rivers (01284-757009)</p> <p>Anne Gower (01440-706402)</p> <p>Geoff Rivers (01284-757009)</p>

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			support to Suffolk County Council (SCC) on behalf of the Borough Council, in respect of SCC's proposal to implement a Traffic Regulation Order restricting vehicle access at certain times of the day in the High Street, Haverhill.				
16	Construction of the Public Venue (The Apex) Fit Out: Final Account	Exempt Report B74	Subject to the approval of Council, that:- (1) the position regarding the background and current progress of the construction of The Apex be noted; (2) urgency powers exercised by the Chief Executive Officer on 28 May 2010 authorised £65,400 on fitting out the first floor area be noted in accordance with Rule 4 of the Budget and Procedure Policy Rules and Rule 2.2 (ii) of the Contracts Procedure Rules; and (3) it be noted that the revised estimated cost for the construction of The Apex in Bury St Edmunds town centre has increased to £18,594,655.	The revised estimated cost of the construction of The Apex has increased to £18,594,655.	Due to a significant number of reasons as detailed in the report, the final account for the construction of The Apex fit-out is greater than the budget.	Options were considered in considerable detail by the Public Venue (The Apex) Working Party and Cabinet.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Mark Walsh (01284-757300)

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